



2024 CALIFORNIA EXPERIENCE

DATES OF TOUR: Thursday, Sept 5th – Thursday, Sept 12th of 2024

TOTAL PARTICIPANTS: 45 + 2 tour leaders Group Leaders = 47

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DATE	LOCATION	TIME	ITINERARY INFORMATION	URL: ettours.com/healey24
DAY 1, THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 5 TH :	OMAHA AIRPORT	6:00 AM	Meet as a group at the Omaha Airport and Check in with Southwest Airlines	

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SOUTHWEST AIRLINES 7:30 AM Depart on **SOUTHWEST FLIGHT 1057**

DENVER AIRPORT 8:05 AM Arrive at **DENVER INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT**

SOUTHWEST AIRLINES 10:50 AM Depart on **SOUTHWEST FLIGHT 2243**

SAN FRANCISCO 12:20 PM Arrive in San Francisco

Driver as of 8/27/2024
Nan Zhang

LUX BUS AMERICA

Following collection of your luggage, your Travel Coordinator will call the motorcoach to the curb to load luggage.

- Includes 110 v outlet
- DVD player
- PA System
- Restroom for emergencies
- 3-point Seat Belts
- Wi-fi

**DAY 1,
THURSDAY,
SEPTEMBER 5TH
CONTINUED:**

**DEPART FOR GOLDEN GATE
BRIDGE**

Depart for Golden Gate Bridge where you will walk across the bridge on the Pedestrian Walk to the Golden Gate Bridge Park and meet your motorcoach on the other side. (Dependent on weather conditions and parking for motorcoach)

LUNCH ON OWN
- Presidio

After you reach the Golden Gate Visitor Center, enjoy a break for late lunch on your own.

- Round House Cafe
- Presidio Pop Up Food Trucks (until 3 pm)

MEET MOTORCOACH

3:30 PM Meet your motorcoach and continue to your hotel for check in for tonight.

Guests: be prepared to provide credit card for incidentals

HOTEL ZEPHYR

250 Beach Street
San Francisco
415.617.6565
- 23 kings
- 1 double/double bedded room
- Driver not staying at hotel

4:00 PM Arrive at your hotel.

- Premium high-speed internet
- Two complimentary bottles of water on arrival
- In room coffee/tea
- 24-hour fitness room
- Newspapers in lobby based on availability

Driver and coach off duty for evening. Take all possessions from coach

FREE TIME

Free time to rest, explore the area, dinner on own, prior to meeting at the Alcatraz City Cruise for our evening Cruise to Alcatraz.

DINNER ON OWN

You must certainly try something in the Pier 39 area. Seafood and many other choices.

ALCATRAZ CITY CRUISES

Pier 33, Alcatraz Landing

Guided headphone tour

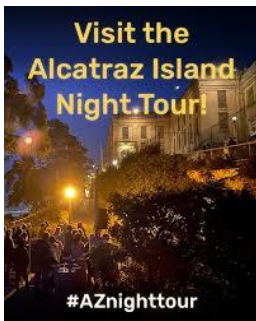
6:00 PM Arrive at least 30 minutes prior to sail time

6:30 PM SAIL TIME

Allow at least 2 ½ to 3 hours to sail to the Island, explore and return to Pier 33. The cruise to the island takes 15 minutes each way. Return ferries depart every ½ hour. Please check departure schedule to ensure you are viewing the proper seasons departure times. Dress warmly according to temps

HOTEL ZEPHYR

9:30 PM Return to the hotel at your leisure. There is plenty of night life going on Pier 39 to entertain you if you wish.



**DAY 2,
FRIDAY,
SEPTEMBER 6TH:**

HARD ROCK CAFÉ
39 Pier #256

6:45 AM Walk to your private breakfast.
7:00 AM Your breakfast buffet includes a fresh fruit medley, scrambled eggs, pancakes, pastries, bacon, breakfast potatoes, soft drink, coffee or tea

CHECK OUT OF HOTEL

7:45 AM Return to the hotel and check out of hotel, pay any personal bills.
8:00 AM Load luggage on the motorcoach

**Picking up across
from Macy's**

DEPART FOR GUIDED TOUR
Guide: Lorraine

8:30 AM This morning you get the chance to see Downtown San Francisco with the help of a step-on tour guide that will tell you about all the important history and sights to see in the area. Learn about the Presidio, Coit tower, and more.

END TOUR

11:00 AM End tour in Chinatown for a lunch break on your own.

**GOODBY TO SAN
FRANCISCO**

12:15 PM Meet your motorcoach and depart for Clarksburg. (89 miles)



KIRCHHOFF WINES
40770 Waukeena Road
Clarksburg, Ca 95612
www.kirchhoffwines.com

2:30 PM You will be hosted for a vineyard and winery tour. Enjoy charcuterie, tea, lemonade and wine tasting of 3 – 5 wines for those that are interested. Wear comfortable walking shoes and sun hats are advised.

CONTINUE TO SACRAMENTO

4:30 PM Following your wine tasting and vineyard tour of your friends in Clarksburg, board your motorcoach and depart for Sacramento. (15 miles)

**THIS IS A 21+
CRUISE, PLEASE
BRING ID TO
BOARD**

CITY EXPERIENCE
1206 Front St, Sacramento

5:30 PM BOARDING TIME
6:00 PM SAILING TIME on the Capitol Hornblower, sightseeing of Old Town Sacramento on the River
7:30 PM DEBARKATION

**Guests: be prepared
to provide credit
card for incidentals**

EMBASSY SUITES
100 Capitol Mall
Sacramento Ca 916.326.5000

8:00 PM Following your river cruise, meet your motorcoach and check into your hotel for the evening.
(11 kings, 13 double doubles DRIVER NOT STAYING AT HOTEL)
Driver and coach off duty for evening. Take all possessions from coach

SNACKS, LATE DINNER
- **Use Jassby card (\$25)**

You might wish to wander out and visit the streets of Sacramento. Many locations near your hotel or in your hotel for drinks, snacks or even a late-night dinner.

EMBASSY SUITES

Back to the hotel as you wish.

**DAY 3,
SATURDAY,
SEPTEMBER 7TH:**

BREAKFAST AT HOTEL

Enjoy your made to order Embassy Suites breakfast this morning.

CHECK OUT OF HOTEL

8:30 AM Pay any personal bills. Load Luggage and depart for Lake Tahoe.

Guide meeting you to direct you to lunch

KINGS BEACH

11:15 AM Pick up your lunch on your own prior to meeting the guide.
- Choose from Jason's Beach Side Grill (recommended by guide)
- Or one of the 5 or 6 nearby establishments.

- **Convergence of 267 and 28**

AROUND TAHOE TOURS

NOON Your guide will meet you at Kings Beach following your lunch break. Enjoy stops at Cal Neva Resort (100 years old and hear the history. Travel through Incline Village and then into Sand Harbor State Park. Continue to Cave Rock and Logan shoals. Finish up with a city tour of South Lake Tahoe.

- **Chris**

Guests: be prepared to provide credit card for incidentals

BEACH RETREAT/LODGE

4:00 PM End tour at your resort and check into your lodge

3411 Lake Tahoe Blvd
South Lake Tahoe, 96150
530.541.6722

(21 kings, 4 double/doubles)

Get ready for your dinner cruise.

DEPART FOR ZEPHYR COVE

5:20 PM Meet your motorcoach and depart for your evening event.

Gratuity on meal pre-paid
Alcoholic beverage gratuity on own

ARAMARK

6:00 PM **MS DIXIE II with a 3 COURSE MEAL** (choose from Ribeye Steak, Copper River Salmon, Frenched Chicken Breast or Wild Mushroom Ragout. Includes rolls, baby lettuce and dessert (no pre-selection is required)

Zephyr Cove
760 Highway 50 Zephyr Cove

ALCOHOLIC DRINKS ADDITIONAL - ON OWN

This dinner cruise offers an unforgettable evening cruise complete with famous Tahoe sunsets, breathtaking views, local cuisine and live music



RETURN TO HOTEL

9:00 PM Following your dinner cruise on Lake Tahoe, meet your motorcoach and return to the hotel

**DAY 4,
SUNDAY,
SEPTEMBER 8TH:**

**CONTINENTAL BREAKFAST
AT HOTEL - Sidelines**

7:00 AM Enjoy your included Continental Breakfast this morning consisting of a Fruit Display (VE, GF) Pastry Display (V) Yogurt Parfaits (V) Toast Station with Assorted Breads, Butter and Jams (V) Served with fresh coffee, herbal teas, orange juice, grapefruit juice and cranberry juice.

CHECK OUT OF HOTEL

8:30 A, Pay any personal bills. Load Luggage and depart for your morning activity to say goodbye to Lake Tahoe.

3 miles from hotel

**HEAVENLY MOUNTAIN
GONDOLA**

9:00 AM **info from Aramark PENDING**
Pick up tickets from Gondola Ticket Window

123 miles

Rest Stops on own

Arrive at Yosemite National Park

YOSEMITE NTL PARK

It will be too early to check in to your lodge so start exploring on your own

LUNCH ON OWN

Degnan's Kitchen in Yosemite village (shuttle stop # 4)
Basecamp Eatery (shuttle stop #8)

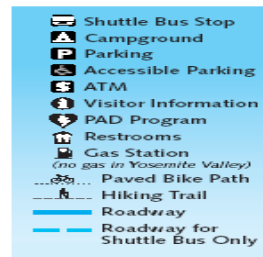
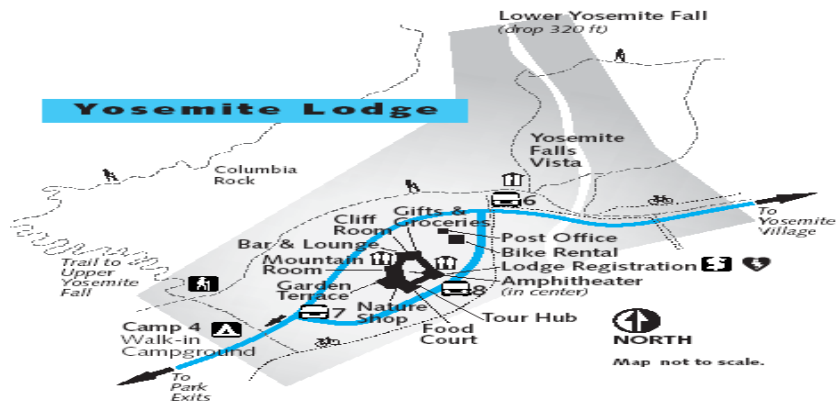
**Be Respectful
Take Nothing but
Pictures; leave
nothing but
Footprints
Help Wildlife stay
alive and wild**

AFTERNOON OPTIONS

- Bike
- Hike
- Use Shuttle for overview of the park
- Hop on – hop off at your personal choice of destination

Bike Rentals is a great way to see Yosemite with 12 miles of designated bike paths. Or you might wish to do some hiking such as Sentinel Dome or Taft Point (easy trails) Mist Trail to Vernal Fall is a Moderate hike. Mist Trail to top of vernal Falls, Four Mile Trail OR Panorama Trail, (all Strenuous hikes) Lower Yosemite Fall Trailhead (shuttle Stop 6) 1 mile loop easy Cooks Meadow Loop – easy shuttle stops 5, 9 or 11

HIGHLY SUGGEST DOWNLOADING National Park Apps for more detailed info to plan your day for today and for tomorrow.



**DAY 4,
SUNDAY,
SEPTEMBER 8TH
Continued:**

**Guests: be
prepared to provide
credit card for
incidentals**

DINNER
- **Mountain Room**
Use Jassby Card (\$75)

5:00 PM Meet for your dinner reservations 48 @5 PM (divided into groups of 8).
Featuring 34-foot floor to ceiling windows for surrounding views and wrought
iron chandeliers from sugar pine timbers.

MEET AT MOTORCOACH
- **Yosemite Valley Lodge**
- *16 double doubles*
8 kings

6:30 PM Meet as a group at the Lodge, collect your luggage and check in to your rooms
Lodge Amenities include shuttle access, Limited Wi-Fi, gift shop, outdoor
Amphitheatre, activities desk, onsite bike rentals (seasonal)
Room amenities include hair dryer, Mini fridge, coffee maker, television,
toiletries, all rooms nonsmoking,
Lodge Rules: Quiet hours from 10 pm to 7 am, no cooking in rooms, do not
leave food out in rooms, scented items should be in sealed containers, windows
closed (to reduce bear activity)

EVENING ON OWN

Enjoy sunset at approx. 7:30 pm while on your own exploration of Yosemite.

YOSEMITE VALLEY LODGE

Return to the lodge at your leisure.

**DAY 5,
MONDAY,
SEPTEMBER 9TH:**

BREAKFAST
- **Mountain Room**

9:30 AM **GROUP RESERVATION:** Your breakfast buffet consists of assorted Danishes,
fresh cut fruit, breakfast potatoes, scrambled eggs, bacon and sausage,
includes coffee, tea and orange juice

FREE MORNING
- **Prior to breakfast**

You have until 11 am (hotel check out time) to explore last minute trails or even
a shuttle loop.

CHECK OUT TIME

11:00 AM Check out of hotel, pay any personal bills.

LOAD LUGGAGE

11:15 AM Load Luggage and enjoy a few more hours of the beautiful Yosemite Valley.

YOSEMITE VALLEY LODGE

Lunch on own before leaving the valley.

FREE TIME

Following lunch, you might wish to visit the Yosemite Cemetery or the Yosemite
Museum. Shuttle bus to both

DEPART

3:30 PM Board your motorcoach and depart to Fresno, CA.

DINNER ON OWN
RIVER PARK SHOP CENTER
71 Via La Plata

6:00 PM Prior to checking into your hotel, enjoy a stop at River Park Shopping Center.
Choose from Applebee's, Barrelhouse Brewing Company, Café Rio, Carl's Jr,
Chipotle, Dave and Busters, Five Guys, J Pot hot pot, Fuwa Fuwa Souffle and
Café, Panera Grill, PF Chang's, Texas de Brazil and more.

**DAY 5,
MONDAY,
SEPTEMBER 9TH**
Continued:

Guests: be prepared
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TOWNEPLACE SUITES
7127 North Fresno St
Fresno, Ca

25 1-bedroom suites

8:00 PM Meet your motorcoach and depart for your hotel.
Arrive at your hotel and check in for the evening.

- Pool/jacuzzi
- BBQ area for evening relaxing
- Fitness center

**DAY 6,
TUESDAY,
SEPTEMBER 10TH:**

BREAKFAST INCLUDED
- Opens at 6:00 am

Enjoy your included breakfast this morning at the hotel. **(Bonus Breakfast)**
- Please note dining room only seats 15 at a time, stagger your times or take your breakfast to your suite to dine.

CHECK OUT OF HOTEL

8:00 AM Check out of hotel, pay any personal bills, load your luggage.

RIVER PARK SHOP CENTER
- Panera
- 7780 North Blackstone
Ave

Depart to pick up a sack lunch **(Bonus Lunch)** for later and possibly pick up pastries to go (on your own).

DEPART FOR Kings/Sequoia

8:30 AM Board your motorcoach and continue to SNP. (1 ½ HRS)

**KINGS CANYON
SEQUOIA NTL PARK**

10:00 AM **Your Tour Guide** comes to you with a Bachelor of Science for biology with related minor degrees from UConn. Spent 6 years working with black bears in Connecticut. Moved to Sequoia and Kings Canyon Ntl Parks in 2014. He dived his time between working with black bears for the parks and his tour business. Recently has become a published photographer. See his work in Sequoia Parks Conservancy KNP Complex Fire Report.

1.25 WALK TIME
1.0 LUNCH
1.45 TOUR

TOUR GUIDE
Big Trees Tours
Scott Reinhardt

Continue into Kings Canyon Entrance Station (the only route a coach bus can enter the parks and see the sequoias from) Kings Canyon AND Sequoia National Park. Start with General Grant Tree for a bathroom break, followed by a 30-minute ADA path leading you between amazing sequoia trees. See the fallen tree used as a saloon. Pictures at the base of the General Grant Tree. Continue to your lunch spot at the Columbine picnic area. Explore the meadow. Continue to General Sherman Tree through the wide range of habitats in the Sierra Nevada range. Enjoy an ADA hike to the General Sherman Tree. The world's largest tree by volume. Time permitting with the guide, visit the King's Canyon Visitor Center.

**1 for guide
1 for driver**

LUNCH BOX During tour

Educational Tours will be providing a BONUS box lunch today during your tour. Choose from 6 choices of ½ salad ½ sandwich combo with chips and a cookie.

**DAY 6,
TUESDAY,
SEPTEMBER 10TH**
Continued:

END TOUR

2:00 PM Say goodbye to your knowledgeable tour guide who was able to direct you into two National Parks for the best stops/views.

204 MILES

CONTINUE TO CAMBRIA

Be ready for a rest while you travel to the coast from Inland.

DINNER ON OWN

6:00 PM Stop in Cambria for a dinner break on your own prior to going to the hotel

- Many choices on the 600 Main Street area
- Or in the 2200 Main Street area

Pick up breakfast snacks

You might wish to pick up breakfast snacks for tomorrow am to put in your fridge in the room.

Guests: be prepared to provide credit card for incidentals

FIRESIDE INN

6700 Moonstone Beach Dr
Cambria
805.927.8661

7:30 PM Meet your motorcoach and depart for the hotel for check into your beachfront hotel. (15 kings and 9 double/doubles)

- Pool/Lounge
- Snacks/Beverages in lobby / Wi-fi/Mini refrigerator

BOARDWALK

Be sure to check out an evening stroll on the Boardwalk across from your hotel.

**DAY 7,
WEDNESDAY,
SEPTEMBER 11TH:**

BREAKFAST ON OWN

Breakfast on own either in your room, or on your private patio seating

CHECK OUT OF HOTEL

8:00 AM Check out of hotel, pay any personal bills, load your luggage on the motorcoach.

10 MILES

DEPART FOR SAN SIMEON

Board your motorcoach for the short trip to Hearst Castle

Hearst Castle

750 Hearst Castle Rd
San Simeon

**HEARST CASTLE
Visitor Center**

Start tour at Visitor Center for the 5-mile ascent to the top aboard the Hearst Castle Bus (approx. 15 minutes)

9:00 AM Check in for Grand Tour

9:40 AM Grand Rooms Tour includes Assembly room, Refectory, Billiard Room, Theatre, Gardens, Neptune Pool and Roman Pool



**DAY 7,
WEDNESDAY,
SEPTEMBER 11TH**
Continued:

GRAND TOUR

The tour is 70 minutes long and includes approx. 140 steps, both up and down and a 2/3-mile walk and a 15-minute shuttle ride back to Visitor Center.

ROMAN POOL

11:15 AM End tour and catch the bus back to the Visitor Center

LUNCH ON OWN

Stop for lunch on own at Chiefs Gallery Café at the visitor center.

153 miles

**DEPART FOR CARMEL BY
THE SEA**

12:30 PM Board your motorcoach and depart inland for the drive to Carmel and Monterey.
(the road thru Big Sur has been closed to large motorcoaches)

**ARRIVE AT CARMEL BY THE
SEA**

3:15 PM Arrive at Carmel by the Sea enjoy some down time exploring this quaint little town and little shops.

CONTINUE TO MONTEREY

4:30 PM On arrival in Monterey, spend some time visiting Historic Cannery Row on your own. The colorful historical oceanside streets will delight you. Old Fisherman's Wharf has something for everybody.

Return menu
selection to tour
directors

BUBBA GUMPS

720 Cannery Row
Monterey, 831.373.1884
831.373.1884

6:30 PM Enjoy your group dinner at the iconic restaurant in honor of Forrest Gump, better study up on the movie trivia for the games. Choose from: Alabama Chicken Linguine, Coconut Shrimp, Half Rack of Ribs and Chicken Combo, Captains Fish and Chips, Fried Shrimp, with side salad and dessert.

CONTINUE TO HOTEL

- 50 miles

7:45 PM Following dinner, continue to your hotel for the night.

Guests: be prepared
to provide credit
card for incidentals

DREAM INN

175 West Cliff Drive
Santa Cruz, Ca
831.460.5007

8:45 PM Arrive and check into your hotel for overnight.
- Heated pool/hot tub
- Morning newspaper in lobby
- Complimentary Wi-Fi / each room has a mini fridge
- Direct access to Cowell Beach

5 KINGS
20 DOUBLED BEDDED
ROOMS

EVENING ON OWN

Enjoy your hotel amenities overlooking the ocean.

**DAY 8,
THURSDAY,
SEPTEMBER 12TH:**

BREAKFAST CASH

Use your Jassby cash card to get breakfast this morning. (\$25)

- **At hotel**
- **Or at airport**

HOTEL CHECK OUT

7:45 AM Check out of hotel and pay any personal bills. Load luggage on the motorcoach

DEPART FOR SAN JOSE
- **41 miles**

8:00 AM Board your motorcoach and depart for San Jose and your return flight home.

SAN JOSE AIRPORT

9:00 AM Arrive at the San Jose airport and check in with Southwest Airlines

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SOUTHWEST AIRLINES

11:00 AM Depart on **SOUTHWEST AIRLINES flight 364**

LAS VEGAS

12:35 PM Arrive in Las Vegas

SOUTHWEST AIRLINES

2:40 PM Depart on **SOUTHWEST AIRLINES flight 148**

OMAHA

7:25 PM Arrive in Omaha



EDUCATIONAL TOURS ♦ 1079 EAST RIVERSIDE DRIVE ♦ SUITE 101 ♦ ST. GEORGE, UT ♦ 84790 ♦ PHONE 435-656-4849 ♦ FAX 435-656-4852

BASE DRIVER AND GUIDE GRATUITIES HAVE BEEN INCLUDED – PLEASE CONSIDER TIPPING ADDITIONAL FOR EXTRAORDINARY SERVICE

GRATUITIES ON ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES HAVE NOT BEEN INCLUDED