

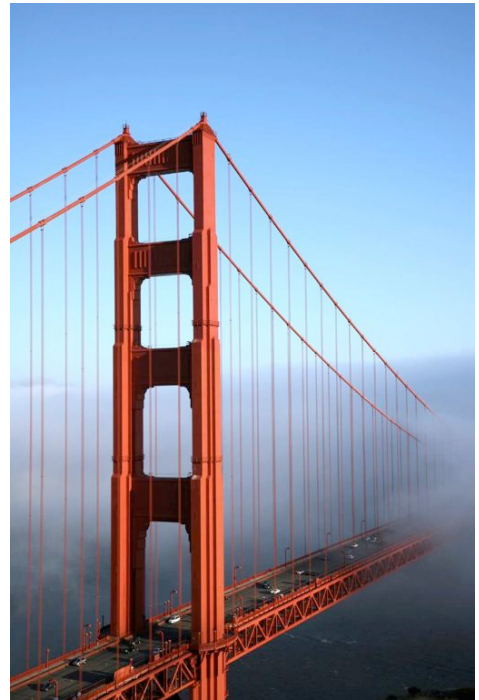


Presents: A California Wine Adventure

Day One: San Francisco

Welcome to California! Upon arrival into San Francisco, gather your luggage from the baggage claim area and meet your BART train outside of the main terminal to travel by commuter rail to Union Square, downtown San Francisco. Get ready for an incredible California Wine Adventure!

For the next few days, you will be spending your time in the heart of San Francisco, the idyllic “Golden Gate City.” Your four-star hotel is located in the heart of Fisherman’s Wharf, San Francisco’s most popular destination. Known for its historic waterfront, delicious seafood, spectacular sights and unique shopping, Fisherman’s Wharf offers a wide array of things to do for everyone. Fisherman’s Wharf offers some of the most incredible views of the San Francisco Bay, the Golden Gate Bridge and the cityscape. Relax with a cocktail in your hotel’s outdoor living room, complete with fire pits. Take a swim in the heated outdoor pool or consider a workout in the fitness room. The brand new sleek lobby lounge is a great place to enjoy a snack or drink. A world of opportunity to experience the razzle-dazzle of one of North America’s most recognized cities is at your footsteps!



This evening, dinner reservations can be made upon request at one of the city’s top restaurants, if you desire.

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Day Two: San Francisco at Leisure

Relax - the entire day is yours to design! San Francisco has unparalleled history, popular culture, breathtaking beauty and renowned attractions, and the best way to experience this is by getting outside and exploring the best of what "The City" has to offer.

You may want to consider visiting a few of the following city attractions to highlight your experience while here:

Hop on over to PIER 39, San Francisco's premier Bay Area attraction - a festival marketplace with more than 110 stores, 12 bay view restaurants, and a variety of fun-filled attractions including: the world-renowned sea lions, street performers and live daily entertainment.



Visit the nearby *Aquarium of the Bay*, where you can meet 20,000 amazing marine animals as you walk through 300 feet of crystal clear tunnels.

Or, you may want to hop aboard one of the famous San Francisco Cable Cars. Travel up to the top of Nob Hill and Telegraph Hill for the most incredible 360° panoramic views of "The City." Hop over to Chinatown and enjoy a Far East inspired lunch of dim sum and Cantonese noodles. Your trip may seem incomplete without an exciting ride through the historic streets of San Francisco aboard this visitor favorite!



This evening, recommendations can be made for dining out, music, and entertainment options within a short walk of your hotel. You may want to experience dining at one of the many award-winning restaurants located just adjacent to the hotel; many overlook the beautiful San Francisco Bay and the Embarcadero, all of which serve some of the freshest seafood and California cuisine in the entire city.

Day Three: San Francisco at Leisure

Once again, spend the entire day at leisure exploring this incredible cosmopolitan city on your own. Considering your hotel has an ideal location central to everything, be sure to make the best of your time!

For your consideration, we have included a visit to *Alcatraz Island* as part of your daily activities. Take an exciting ride on the National Park Services private boat and enjoy an educational first-hand tour of this legendary prison. Most people know that Alcatraz was once a world-famous federal penitentiary, but the island's history before and after the penitentiary era is less well known. For example, few realize that it was also the site of the first American lighthouse on the West Coast and that the island served as a huge harbor defense fort during the Civil War. After the fort became obsolete, the U.S. Army turned the island into a grim military prison. Following the closing of the penitentiary, Alcatraz became the site of an American Indian protest movement that would change modern American history. An evening tour of this historic landmark is highly recommended! Space is limited, so be sure to make your request to *Wine Tours of the World* well in advance.



Restaurant recommendations can be made for you at your request, however step right outside of your hotel and you will find many excellent choices. Chinatown is within a short walk, and there are many terrific wine cafés and bistros in the vicinity serving the best seafood and California cuisine. Tomorrow, you will depart for California Wine Country, so you may wish to make it an early evening.

Day Four: Travel to Sonoma Wine Country

Enjoy a hearty breakfast this morning because today you will depart for California Wine Country to enjoy a full day of wine tasting at two prestigious wineries, in addition to a tour and tasting of the best olive oil of the region, en route to your hotel in Santa Rosa.

The first stop of your amazing California Wine Adventure will be at one of Sonoma Valley's most distinguished wineries, located in the Carneros grape-growing region. This winery was created as a way to share a love of good food, wine and Italian heritage with visitors from around the world. Dedicated to the marriage of wine and food, it offers visitors a true

taste of Tuscany in Sonoma Valley. Today, you will enjoy a vintage tour and tasting to learn about the history of the winery and its winemaking techniques. Your tour will conclude with a sampling of four different wines along with a variety of imported Italian cheeses for your delight. Make plans to enjoy lunch at the winery's delicatessen on your own.



Next, you will have the opportunity to visit another local Sonoma winery and one of California's top producers of sparkling wines. Owned by a well-known family whose wine experience is rooted in 19th century Spain, the winery is a vibrant blend of Catalan and California mission design, inspired by the family's 11th century farmhouse in Sant Sadurni d'Anoia, Spain. The grapes are grown on 335 acres of estate vineyards, marked by warm days, cool nights, summer fog and a long growing season. After your tour, enjoy a still and sparkling wine tasting on the winery's spectacular terrace, a sun-drenched veranda overlooking the vineyards.

The final stop of your afternoon will be to Sonoma County's first, and only, olive mill for a tour and tasting of their award-winning olive oils. Created in 1995 by two California olive growers and producers who were inspired by the olive pressing facilities of Italy and Southern France, this olive mill is dedicated to making only the finest California Extra Virgin Olive Oil for its customers. You will enjoy a private tour of the mill, where the knowledgeable staff will guide you through the milling process step by step. November is a particularly good time to see the pressing take place firsthand! After the tour, delight in a tasting, where the Tasting Bar will have up to eight fresh California olive oils available to sample.



Upon completion of your afternoon wine tour, you will be escorted to your four-star inn located in Santa Rosa, which is the heart of Sonoma County. This property is a hidden retreat nestled amidst acres of lush vineyards and beautiful gardens. The spacious rooms of the inn offer soothing views of pastoral vineyards and lush gardens. Inside, guests will note high ceilings and French Provencal décor. Upon arrival, guests will receive a complimentary bottle of wine, and each morning, a continental breakfast buffet is served in the dining room for your delight. This evening,

after you have had time to unpack and relax, you may dine at any one of the fabulous restaurants found in the surrounding area. Bon Appetit!

Day Five: Redwoods & Sonoma Wine Tour

This morning, start your Wine Country Experience off by driving over to Armstrong Redwoods State Park, located just minutes away in Guerneville. Armstrong Redwoods preserves 805 acres of the stately and magnificent *Sequoia sempervirens*, commonly known as the coast redwood. The serene, majestic beauty of this Grove is a living reminder of the magnificent primeval redwood forest that covered much of this area before logging operations began during the 19th century. The Grove offers solace from the hustle and bustle of daily life, offering the onlooker great inspiration and a place for quiet reflection. The reserve includes a visitor center, a large amphitheater, self-guided nature trails, and a variety of picnic facilities. The best way to experience the dramatic affect of the towering redwoods is to take a short, easy stroll along several level trails, highly accessible to each visitor of the park. Be sure to pack yourself a picnic to enjoy lunch today among the splendor of the Redwoods!



Following your focus on the natural beauty of the area, your next wine experience can be found at a vineyard property that is home to a 47-acre estate located in the Laguna Ridge area of the Russian River Appellation. Long recognized as a gem of the Russian River Valley, the vineyard possesses superb qualities for growing world-class Pinot Noir and Chardonnay. A culmination of the estate's location, soil composition, long, cool growing season, dramatic elevation changes, and clone and rootstock selections make this a prized vineyard. Originally planted in 1971, the vineyard has some of the oldest Pinot Noir and Chardonnay vines planted in the Russian River Valley today.

Next, a spot has been reserved for Ferrari-Carano's winery tour, hosted by the friendly and knowledgeable staff of this award-winning vintner in Healdsburg. Stroll through their exotic gardens. Visit their pristine vineyards up close. Catch the winemaking team or cellar crew hard at work on the crush pad, in the winery's cellars or tank rooms. View Don and Rhonda Carano's personal wine cellar, and visit the Enoteca Lounge and Villa Fiore Tasting Rooms. You will hear about Ferrari-Carano's history on how Don and Rhonda first came to Sonoma County on a wine buying trip and just fell in love with the area. After the tour, you

are invited to taste wines at the Villa Fiore Tasting Bar or in the Enoteca Lounge. Mondo Vino!



Following your afternoon adventures, prepare to board the Napa Valley Wine Train for a sunset dinner through Napa Valley, which includes a wine tasting aboard! Check in time for the train is 5:45 p.m. with departure at 6:30 p.m. For the 3-hour ride, you will be seated in the Vista Dome Car, which is a 'circa' 1950's glass domed Railcar, beautifully appointed in velveteen high-backed chairs for maximum comfort and elevated dining. The Vista Dome Car has its own specialized kitchen for freshly preparing the daily and special event menus. During your journey, you will experience perfect views of the manicured vineyards and unique architecture of Napa Valley's wineries.

*Please note: Jackets are suggested for dinner while on the Napa Valley Wine Train.

Upon completion of your wine tour, you may drive yourself back to your hotel to enjoy the rest of the evening at leisure. Dinner recommendations can be made upon request.

Day Six: Napa Valley, Calistoga and St. Helena

A passion for great food accompanied by terrific wine will be uncorked for you today! After breakfast this morning, enjoy a lovely, scenic drive through Napa Valley to the spa town of Calistoga.

Your tour begins at a brand-new Napa winery which first opened its doors to the public in April 2007. The owner claims to have spent nearly all of his resources (about 30 million dollars) and the last 14 years building the medieval replica castle on the vineyard grounds. The masonry, ironwork and woodwork were fashioned by hand using old world crafting techniques. Building materials included 8,000 tons of locally quarried stone and some 850,000 bricks imported from Europe. Beneath



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the castle lies a labyrinth of caves some 900 feet in length which are part of a two-acre barrel cellar and tasting room where visitors can taste the wines, all of which are only sold at the Castle.



Next, you will have a chance to discover the beauty of downtown St. Helena, walking about at leisure while you get to know first-hand what makes this one of Napa County's favorite destinations. Discover historic homes and gardens on less-traveled streets. Savor superb artisan foods, wines and chocolates at specialty food shops, bakeries and bistros. Whether you are looking for flavorful olive oil,

hand-made chocolates, rare antiques or one of a kind gifts and apparel, you will find a dazzling array of shops to suit your interests. Here in St. Helena, you will certainly discover what makes this vintage little Napa town such a wonder!

Lunch today can be enjoyed at the old-fashioned, yet historical drive-in, Taylor's Refresher. Try a rare Ahi Tuna burger with sweet potato French fries, or a signature burger accompanied with garlic fries or homemade onion rings. "Refresh" yourself with one of their delicious shakes, malts or root beer floats! You may even order a premium glass of Napa Valley wine served straight from the retro kitchen. This will be a lunch you will never forget!

Later this afternoon, a cooking demonstration has been arranged to complement your Wine Country experience. Step into a Culinary Institute of America (CIA) classroom kitchen and meet the chefs, food purveyors, and winemakers that make Napa County the penultimate food and wine destination. Your cooking school creates a relaxed, festive environment for everyone, from beginners to seasoned chefs alike. You



will participate in an observation-style class, where local ingredients will be prepared for your immediate recognition.



Finally, you will enjoy another tour and tasting at a winery owned by celebrated movie director and producer, Francis Ford Coppola. In 2005, this state-of-the-art winery was unveiled amid the legendary Sacrashe Vineyard in the hills of Rutherford which is dedicated to making single vineyard and limited-production wines. The estate vineyards encompass more than five hundred acres of classic Bordeaux varietals; Cabernet Sauvignon, Merlot, and Sauvignon Blanc. As winegrowers, they have a strong respect for the environment and a commitment to cutting-edge technology to yield the highest quality grapes.

Or as a second option, one of the selected wineries you could visit today has a tasting salon that is inspired by the great literary, political and culinary salons of 18th-century Paris, where zealous discourse fueled creativity and imagination. The Salon's eight coveted seats offer guests that rarest of opportunities: to relate to wine and one another, unrushed, with a level of comfort, care and attentive hospitality unknown in traditional tasting venues. Every tasting in the Salon is an intimate gathering that celebrates wine and those who flock to it. This formal tasting is focused on the more prominent varietal wines produced by this vineyard, paired with artisan cheeses and a signature Bonbon made by Vosges Haut Chocolat of Chicago. The science, the art, the magical and the whimsical are common denominators that frequently coalesce in the course of any given tasting experience at this fun and fascinating Rutherford winery.

After a complete day of activities, be sure to make your final evening in Wine Country a memorable one! Recommendations for a farewell dinner can be made at your request.

Day Seven: Departure

This morning, enjoy the final hours of your trip to California Wine Country by doing some last minute souvenir shopping or by enjoying a cup of coffee and a warm croissant at a local bakery.



In preparation of your flight home, be sure to pack away all of the memories you've earned from your celebrated travel adventure in remarkable California Wine Country!

INCLUDED:

Day One:

Overnight 4-star Hotel Accommodations in San Francisco

Day Two:

Overnight 4-star Hotel Accommodations in San Francisco

Day Three:

Alcatraz Tour ** please specify interest in either the daytime or evening tour

Overnight 4-star Hotel Accommodations in San Francisco

Day Four:

Rental car, mid-size, for four days including unlimited mileage

(2) Wine Tastings in Sonoma Valley including fees

(1) Olive Oil Tour and Tasting in Sonoma Valley including fees

Overnight 4-star Hotel Accommodations in Sonoma Valley

Day Five:

Breakfast

(2) Wine Tour and Tastings in Russian River Valley including fees

Napa Valley Wine Train, including Vista Dome dinner

Overnight 4-star Hotel Accommodations in Sonoma Valley

Day Six:

Breakfast

(2) Wine Tour and Tastings in Napa Valley including fees

Cooking Demonstration at Culinary Institute of America

Overnight 4-star Hotel Accommodations in Sonoma Valley

Day Seven:

Breakfast

NOT INCLUDED:

Prices do not include costs of obtaining passports, visas, inoculations, excess baggage charges, all items of a personal nature such as drinks, laundry, telephone calls and cables, internet access, meals not specified in the itinerary, personal and baggage insurance, local airport taxes and tips to waiters, hotel staff, tour conductors, sightseeing drivers and guides. Gratuities: Tips to tour guides, waiters, hotel staff and baggage handling are not included and are at the tour participant's discretion. Guidelines for gratuities will be provided with final tour documents.

- Most meals, unless otherwise noted on itinerary, or room service charges
- Intercontinental flights
- Tips to drivers and guides
- Porterage at arrival
- Luggage handling fees at hotels
- Travel insurance
- Excessive baggage or shipping charges
- Storage and/or transportation of excess baggage
- Charges for extra meals, transport, sightseeing service or other optional additions to your itinerary are your responsibility and must be paid locally.
- Excess time beyond contracted service carried out at the request of the passenger for driver, guide service, vehicle charges, etc.
- Additional wait time or additional service due to delayed or cancelled airline flight
- Any items not specified under inclusions

PLEASE NOTE: Every effort will be made to confirm your requested sightseeing tour as outlined in the itinerary; however, individual wineries, museums, estates, etc. can change their hours of operation at short notice. In the event that a particular tour closes on the day or time of your visit, your guide will offer alternative arrangements.