

# California Rail Discovery



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A crimson bridge, cable cars, a sparkling bay, and streets lined with elegant Victorian homes—San Francisco is undeniably one of the world's great cities. Reason enough to join us on a spectacular seven day journey through Northern California on the California Rail Discovery. A tour of the “City by the Bay” will show the city's many highlights & features a San Francisco Bay Cruise for spectacular views of the Golden Gate Bridge, Alcatraz and the beautiful skyline. Relive history as you roll through the Napa Valley onboard vintage Pullman railcars. Drive through Old Sacramento, a unique 28-acre National Historic Landmark District that lives in homage to California's Gold Rush of 1849. Continuing your travels, board Amtrak's California Zephyr, which heads east into the spectacular snow-capped Sierra Nevada Mountains.

## TOUR HIGHLIGHTS

- San Francisco City Tour
- Muir Woods
- Napa Valley Winery Tour & Tasting
- Sierra Nevada Rail Journey
- California State Railroad Museum
- Two Cruise Experiences
  - # San Francisco Bay Cruise
  - # Lake Tahoe Paddle Wheeler Cruise
- Old Sacramento Waterfront

- Virginia City, NV
- Reno & National Auto Museum
- Two Night Stay in San Francisco
- Three Night Stay in Lake Tahoe

## INCLUSIONS

- Roundtrip Airfare - IAH
- 6 Nights Accommodations
- 9 Meals: 6-Breakfasts & 3-Dinners
- Sightseeing per Itinerary
- Admissions per Itinerary
- Hotel Transfers
- Professional Tour Director
- Motorcoach Transportation
- Baggage Handling at Hotels
- Travel Protection Plan

## ITINERARY

### **DAY 1: ARRIVE SAN FRANCISCO**

Today board your flight bound for the San Francisco Bay Area for your California Rail Discovery. Upon arrival meet your Tour Director and transfer to your hotel to begin a two night stay in one of the world's most beautiful cities, San Francisco. "The City by the Bay" highlights fascinating museums, world-class cuisine & amazing shopping. Tonight enjoy a Welcome Dinner with your fellow travelers at a popular restaurant in the Fisherman's Wharf/Pier 39 area. (D) Overnight: San Francisco

### **DAY 2: SAN FRANCISCO CITY TOUR & BAY CRUISE - MUIR WOODS**

Today enjoy a San Francisco City Tour to see the Civic Center area, Chinatown, Golden Gate Park, Union Square, Seal Rocks & Pier 39. Experience a San Francisco Bay Cruise featuring views of the Golden Gate Bridge, Alcatraz & the city's skyline. This afternoon cross over the Golden Gate Bridge enroute to visit Muir Woods National Monument to see some of the oldest & the tallest Redwood trees in the world. Later enjoy time at leisure to browse the storefronts along Fisherman's Wharf, sample a chowder filled sourdough bread bowl or take a Cable Car ride. (B) Overnight: San Francisco

### **DAY 3: NAPA VALLEY WINERY - OLD SACRAMENTO WATERFRONT**

This morning travel into California's famous Napa Valley, where hundreds of wineries prosper and stop for a Winery Tour & Tasting to sample some local wines while learning about wine making. While Napa is best known for its prodigious Cabernet Sauvignon production, growing conditions are favorable for a wide range of grapes. This afternoon travel to Sacramento and arrive at the Old Sacramento Waterfront to visit the California State Railroad Museum to see beautifully restored railroad cars and locomotives that illustrate rail history in California and the West. Old Sacramento was the commercial hub of the Gold Rush Era & is filled with shops, restaurants and entertainment venues yet retains 1800's charm with original storefronts and wooden sidewalks. Later check into your hotel for an overnight stay in the "River City". Tonight join your fellow travelers for dinner at a local restaurant in Sacramento. (B,D) Overnight: Sacramento

### **DAY 4: SACRAMENTO - SIERRA NEVADA RAIL JOURNEY - LAKE TAHOE**

This morning board an Amtrak Train for a Sierra Nevada Rail Journey through the beautiful snow capped Sierra Nevada Mountains to the Lake Tahoe area. Disembark your train in Truckee and board your motorcoach to drive to the spectacular year round resort area of Lake Tahoe to spend the next three evenings in the popular and revitalized South Lake Tahoe/Stateline area. (B) Overnight: Lake Tahoe

#### **DAY 5: RENO - VIRGINIA CITY**

This morning travel through historic Carson City, capital of the Silver State of Nevada enroute to Reno and see the iconic 'The Biggest Little City in the World' sign. Visit Reno's famous National Automobile Museum, recognized as one of the top auto museums in the world featuring the original Harrah Auto Collection of gaming pioneer Bill Harrah. Then visit Virginia City, site of the Comstock Lode and once the richest place in the world. The famous Old West town was once the west's mining metropolis and featured notable residents Mark Twain & Bret Harte. Return to your Lake Tahoe hotel for an evening at your own pace. (B) Overnight: Lake Tahoe

#### **DAY 6: LAKE TAHOE CRUISE**

Today enjoy a Lake Tahoe Paddle Wheeler Cruise for spectacular views of the picturesque Sierra Nevada Mountains and Emerald Bay which features the 1929 Nordic-style mansion Vikingsholm. Later enjoy some leisure time in the Lake Tahoe area. Maybe take a stroll down to the lake, do some shopping, take a gondola ride up the mountain or experience the amenities of your hotel. Tonight's Farewell Dinner will be at a local restaurant in the area. (B,D) Overnight: Lake Tahoe

#### **DAY 7: LAKE TAHOE - SACRAMENTO AIRPORT**

This morning transfer to the Sacramento Airport & fly home with wonderful memories of your California Rail Discovery. (B)

### **AVERAGE TEMPERATURES & WHAT TO PACK**

#### **Average Temperatures:**

San Francisco

High: 67° degrees F; Low: 53° degrees F

Lake Tahoe

High: 73° degrees F; Low: 44° degrees F

#### **What to Pack?**

To fully enjoy the outdoor events, music festivals, and sightseeing San Francisco has to offer during the summer, there are a few important things you'll need to pack. With a bit of preparation, the best of the city will be ready for the taking. Summer never gets super hot. Surprise: You still should have a jacket.

- Light weight jacket for the wind, the shade, and cool nights.
- Long pants: Still not quite warm enough for shorts/skirts. You can bring them if you'll be exploring more inland/ nearby cities outside of SF, where it does actually get warm.
- Sandals or comfy shoes: it's not really hot enough where you NEED sandals but at least your toes won't be freezing off.
- Swimsuit unnecessary unless you're swimming indoors or somewhere in the nearby cities where you're going to be wearing those shorts and skirts. If you want a dip in the ocean, get a wetsuit!

## TRIP DETAILS

- Dates: June 7-13, 2023
- Length of Trip: 7 Days
- Vendor: Premier World Discovery
- [California Rail Tour Brochure \(PDF\)](#)
- [Book Now!](#)
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