

Tom's Christian Tours

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Northern California

September 7-19, 2020

\$3,650.00 per person/two in a room

Day 1 --Monday, September 7--We will begin our tour with an afternoon departure by boarding a Lamers coach for our shuttle to Chicago O'Hare Airport. The shuttle coach will stop at the following locations: **Green Bay, Appleton, Oshkosh, Fond du Lac, Lomira, Allenton and Milwaukee.** We will spend the night near O'Hare Airport. A good night's sleep will have us eager for a morning departure to San Francisco.

Day 2--Tuesday, September 8--(B,L) In Chicago we will board our non-stop flight to San Francisco. At the San Francisco airport, we'll be met by our deluxe coach and driver who will be with us during our touring of California. Our first taste of San Francisco will be a **"Welcome to California" late lunch** (included) on Pier 39 at Swiss Louis. After that we'll have free time on Pier 39. We will begin our three night stay at a beautiful hotel at Fisherman's Wharf. **Night in San Francisco.**

Day 3 --Wednesday, September 9--(B) Today a step-on guide will meet us and show us the highlights of San Francisco, including such places as **Pacific Heights, Palace of Fine Arts, Golden Gate Bridge, Presidio, Golden Gate Park, Twin Peaks, Haight Ashbury District City Hall, Nob Hill and more.** Time will be made for a lunch stop in the Italian district. We will then take a ride on the famous **San Francisco cable cars** (included in price). The late afternoon and evening are yours to explore. **Night in San Francisco.**

Day 4 --Thursday, September 10--(B, L) We will **take the Bay Cruise and Alcatraz tour this morning.** Then we will drive across the Golden Gate Bridge to the quaint shopping city of Sausalito. After an **included lunch** and time for shopping, we will head back into the city. You may **walk the Golden Gate Bridge--**the entire distance of about a mile across or do a portion and ride the bus over. A short drive will bring us back to our hotel. **Night in San Francisco.**

Day 5--Friday, September 11--(B) We will say goodbye to San Francisco and head to the **Sonoma Valley where a visit to a winery** will include wine tasting and the opportunity to purchase wine. We will have a picnic lunch at the vineyards. A short drive will bring us to the historic city of Sacramento. Here a step-on guide will show us **the highlights of Sacramento.** We will stop in Old Sacramento for your opportunity to have dinner. **Night near Sacramento in Rancho Cordova.**

Day 6--Saturday, September 12--(B, L) Today we'll drive to beautiful **Lake Tahoe** where we'll do a **lunch cruise on the lake**, including Emerald Bay. Then we will enjoy a **gondola ride** for an impressive overview of Lake Tahoe. **Night in Bridgeport.**

Day 7--Sunday, September 13--(B,L,D) Today we'll travel to **Yosemite National Park**, seeing the crest of the **Sierra Nevada Mountains**, the magnificent valley of the **Merced River, Mirror Lake, and Yosemite Falls**. In Yosemite, we'll be treated to the two-hour tram ride through the heart of the park, including photo opportunities at famous landmarks and waterfalls and the chance to discover the abundant animal and plant life. There will also be an **included lunch** at the Yosemite Lodge. We will round out the day with an included pizza party in the hotel. **Night in Clovis.**

Day 8--Monday, September 14--(B, D) Another day of magnificent scenery awaits us today as we drive into **King's Canyon and Sequoia National Parks**. We'll be awed by the towering, 3000-year-old Sequoias and magnificent forests of Sugar and Ponderosa Pine. Stay alert for black bears and elk. An **included dinner** awaits us at our lodge. **Night in Sequoia National Park.**

Day 9--Tuesday, September 15--(B,D) We'll have a leisurely morning in Sequoia National Park taking time to inhale the fresh air of the wilderness. Today's drive will take us through Visalia on our way to the San Simeon area and the California coast. An **included dinner** at our ocean side hotel rounds out our day. **Night in San Simeon.**

Day 10--Wednesday, September 16--(B, L) This morning in San Simeon we'll tour the **Hearst Castle**, the estate of newspaper publisher, William Randolph Hearst. The grounds and dwellings are located on a 1,600-foot mountain, named La Cuesta Encantada, "The Enchanted Hill," overlooking San Simeon and the Pacific Ocean. We will enjoy an **included lunch** at the visitor center. This afternoon we will take a coastline drive past the towering cliffs and thundering surf of **Big Sur, if road conditions allow.** **Night in Monterey/Marina.**

Day 11--Thursday, September 17--(B) Today we will visit the **Monterey Bay Aquarium** with the largest aquarium window in the world. Also in Monterey, we'll have free time **on Cannery Row** to shop and find lunch on our own. This afternoon we'll sit back and enjoy the the famous, **17-mile drive** along the Monterey Peninsula, a scenic highlight of the area. We will also make a stop at the famed Pebble Beach Golf Course. **Night in Monterey/Marina**

Day 12--Friday, September 18--(B,L) A short drive this morning will bring us to **Felton, home of the Roaring Camp and Big Trees Narrow Gauge Railroad**. This six-mile, 75-minute ride through the giant redwoods will delight all. This afternoon will find us in **San Jose for an overview tour of the Winchester Mystery House**, a house so complex with 160 rooms, 2000 doors, 13 bathrooms, 10,000 windows, 47 fireplaces, blind closets, secret passageways, and 40 staircases, that even the owner and servants needed maps to find their way. **Night in San Jose.**

Day 13--Saturday, September 19--(B) This morning we'll drive to San Francisco International Airport, where we'll board our plane for our flight home. **A shuttle bus will meet us and take us to our drop-off locations, the same as the pick-up locations.** Night in home sweet home.

* **The tour price per person** with double occupancy is \$3,650. Single occupancy is \$5,100, triple occupancy is \$3,200 and quad occupancy is \$3,000.

Included meals indication: (B)=Breakfast, (L)=Lunch, (D)=Dinner