

# San Francisco Wine and Nature Road Trip

## HIGHLIGHTS

•San Francisco •Napa Valley • Lake Tahoe •Yosemite •San Francisco

## ITINERARY

### **San Francisco**

Fly to San Francisco from the UK and arrive to the 'Bay City'. We recommend a stay in the Hotel RIU at Fisherman's Wharf, a waterfront neighborhood and visitor destination that includes seafood restaurants, Pier 39 with its sea lions, Madame Tussauds Wax Museum, and many other attractions. This hotel also includes breakfast as standard so provides great value.

Enjoy a day in San Francisco, hop aboard a famous cable car to see the sights while enjoying one of the city's iconic experiences. Take a ferry to Alcatraz Island (pre-book this online) to get an up-close look at the notorious federal penitentiary (now part of the National Park Service). Climb up Telegraph Hill to take in panoramic city views from the top of Coit Tower, and stroll down winding Lombard Street. If time allows, join a walking tour or cycle across the Golden Gate Bridge.

### **San Francisco to Napa Valley**

Pick up your rental car and leave San Francisco behind to Napa.

### **Napa Valley**

The bustling city of Napa, on the banks of the Napa River, is celebrating a glamorous reinvention. There was a time not so long ago when the town was a sleepy residential area with strip-mall-style shopping centers. Yet an influx of celebrity-chef restaurants, upscale lodgings, manicured parks and river walks, and dozens of tasting rooms have redefined the area as a luxury destination. Take a deep dive into Napa winemaking history at the free-admission 1881 Napa Wine History Museum & Tasting Salon, which offers Cabernet tastes after you take in the winemaking exhibits. More information on Napa Valley wineries can be found [here](#).

### **Lake Tahoe**

Lake Tahoe has an endless selection of hiking trails and bike routes. Three of the more popular hiking trails include the gentle Fallen Leaf Lake hike, perfect for families; the Skyline trail, accessed by a lift for hikers looking for an exciting challenge; and the Rubicon Trail, situated along the shorelines providing hikers with amazing photo opportunities. Following an active morning and afternoon, you will have plenty of dining options to choose from with many locally owned restaurants offering a unique environment and signature dishes.

### **Lake Tahoe – Yosemite**

Continue on to Yosemite National Park, designated a UNESCO World Heritage site, which covers over 1,000 square miles and provides visitors with exciting wildlife, stunning waterfalls, giant sequoias and an unforgettable experience.

### **Yosemite**

A range of trails await in Yosemite. The Yosemite Valley has a wide and smooth path allowing you to calmly enjoy the natural landscape and beautiful scenery; or take on a new rewarding challenge by hiking Yosemite Falls trail. This is one of Yosemite's oldest trails and leads hikers up to the top of the tallest waterfall in North America. Pack lots of water and snacks to keep you energized throughout this experience. You do not need to reach the top to enjoy the amazing views of Yosemite Valley, Half Dome and Sentinel Rock are both perfect for your enviable Instagram post.

### **Yosemite – San Francisco**

Spend the morning soaking in the smells and sounds of Yosemite, before you slowly make your way back to San Francisco. Spend the afternoon exploring Oakland's waterfront before crossing over the bay and settle back into San Francisco for your last overnight.

### **Depart San Francisco**



Return your hire car to the airport prior to your flight back to the UK. Alternatively, why not fly onwards to another US city such as Las Vegas or New York before flying home.

**This itinerary is an example of one of our most popular California road trips. Dates, durations, hotels, and activities are flexible and our experienced travel agents can build an itinerary perfectly suited to you.**

**Drive Times:**

San Francisco to Napa Valley = 1 Hour

Napa Valley to Lake Tahoe = 3 hours

Lake Tahoe to Yosemite = 4 hours + 15 minutes

Yosemite to San Francisco = 3 hours + 15 minutes