



COLLETTE
VACATIONS

California Coast



Highlights....

San Francisco • Yosemite National Park • Monterey • 17 Mile Drive • Big Sur • Hearst Castle • Solvang • Santa Barbara • Los Angeles • San Diego

9 Days • 9 Meals: 5 Breakfasts • 4 Dinners

COLLETTE EXPERIENCES

- ★ Stay in Yosemite National Park and receive firsthand experiences of its towering waterfalls and unique rock formations.
- ★ Travel 17 Mile Drive, the scenic bypass lining the Pacific Ocean, and see such landmarks as the Lone Cypress Tree, the flat top evergreen symbolic of Pebble Beach.
- ★ Explore the quaint village of Solvang, known for its Danish architecture, bakeries, windmills and shops.
- ★ A 2-night stay in San Diego at the end of your trip includes a perfect balance of sightseeing and leisure time.

Day 1: Arrive San Francisco, California - Tour Begins

Welcome as you join us on a scenic journey along California's amazing coast. Your tour begins in "the City by the Bay," San Francisco. Enjoy the ambiance of this lively city, known for its ethnic diversity and unique history.

Day 2: San Francisco

A local guide showcases the popular landmarks of San Francisco, including the Twin Peaks, the Golden Gate Bridge and Chinatown. Later, enjoy some leisure time to explore Fisherman's Wharf where you may sample cracked crab and the renowned sourdough French bread. Shop in lively Union Square or visit Ghirardelli Square, once the site of one of the largest producers of chocolate in the country. For a true local experience, ride the famed cable cars up and down San Francisco's thrilling hills as you sightsee. *Today dinner will be included.*

Day 3: San Francisco - Yosemite National Park

Today you wind through the majestic Sierra Nevada Mountains en route to one of Mother Nature's greatest masterpieces, Yosemite National Park. While camping at the park in 1903, President Teddy Roosevelt called Yosemite "the most beautiful place in the world." Yosemite's amazing waterfalls, unique rock formations, deep valleys, Alpine meadows and groves of beautiful trees will leave you awestruck as they did Ansel Adams, who lived in the park while taking his famous portfolio of striking photographs. Upon arrival, join your fellow travelers on an open-air tram* to view sites such as Yosemite Falls, Half Dome and El Capitan, as well as learn about the park's history, geology, and wildlife.

Day 4: Yosemite National Park - Monterey

Travel to Monterey, the city often called the greatest meeting of land, sea and sky. Monterey is home to the famed 17 Mile Drive, also known as one of the most breathtaking coastlines in the world. Along the drive you will pass through the Del Monte Forest and see such famous sights as the Lone Cypress Tree, perhaps the most photographed tree in the world; Seal Rock, where the seals may actually bark at you; and the Pebble Beach Golf Course. Next, travel to Old Monterey, the place where California's statehood began in 1849, filled with lovingly restored historic buildings and Spanish adobes. An afternoon arrival will allow you time to independently explore charming Old Monterey and shop at Cannery Row, made famous by John Steinbeck. *Today breakfast and dinner will be included.*

Day 5: Monterey - Solvang

Journey 90 miles along the Big Sur Coast, flanked by the Santa Lucia Mountains and the sea sprayed, rocky Pacific, for a trip that will surely take your breath away. Upon arrival in San Simeon you will visit one of the world's greatest showplaces, the palatial mountaintop retreat of Hearst Castle, built by newspaper magnate William Randolph Hearst. **Tour the Castle, built on a 40,000 acre ranch that Hearst frequently camped on as a child. Now a National Historic Landmark, Hearst was constantly building and rebuilding what he simply called "the ranch." As a result, the estate was not completed during Hearst's lifetime, and was later donated to the State of California in 1957. Explore some of its 165 rooms and 127 acres of gardens, terraces, pools and walkways.** Later, arrive at the quaint Danish village of Solvang, in Santa Barbara County, known for its old-world architecture and flower-lined streets. *Today breakfast and dinner will be included.*

Day 6: Solvang - Santa Barbara - Solvang

Founded in 1911 by a group of Danish educators, Solvang's flower-lined streets and European shops and bakeries are the perfect setting for a morning stroll. Later, you'll leave for Santa Barbara, famous for its breathtaking setting and natural beauty fused from the dramatic mix of mountains, valleys, beaches, islands and the sea. Some free time allows you to explore the downtown area laced with pedestrian-friendly sidewalks and paseos, with the Santa Ynez Mountains as a lovely backdrop. You may prefer to grab a pedicab (Santa Barbara's

answer to the rickshaw) or hop aboard an eco-friendly electric shuttle to the waterfront area famous for Stearns Wharf which has been a part of the scene since 1872. *Today breakfast will be included.*

Day 7: Solvang - Los Angeles - San Diego

This morning, continue on your coastal journey to glittering Los Angeles, the "City of Angels," and home to Universal Studios, as well as a host of your favorite musical and film celebrities. **During your tour of Los Angeles, visit Graumann's Chinese Theatre, where nearly 200 movie stars have left their hand and foot prints, and see the popular Hollywood Walk of Fame.** Tonight, arrive in California's second largest city, San Diego. Known for its ideal climate, 70 miles of pristine beaches, and world-class attractions, San

Diego is bordered by the Pacific Ocean, Mexico, the Anza-Borrego Desert and the Laguna Mountains. *Today breakfast will be included.*

Day 8: San Diego

This morning, join a local guide for a comprehensive tour including downtown, the Gaslamp Quarter, Balboa Park, Coronado Island and Old Town San Diego. The afternoon is yours to experience San Diego at your leisure. Tonight, join your fellow travelers for dinner at a great local restaurant. *Today breakfast and dinner will be included.*

Day 9: San Diego - Tour Ends

Your tour ends today, but the memories will stay with you forever.

Experience It!

The Big Sur Coast

Witness the drama of the Big Sur coast unfolding right before your eyes...waves crashing onto the rocky shore...rolling hills giving way to massive cliffs...mile after mile of amazing scenery. Join us on an unforgettable adventure along California's most picturesque roadway. Early settlers in Monterey often referred to the region where they lived as "El Sur Grande" or "the Big South." The term "Big Sur" is a simple mixture of English and Spanish. The Big Sur region is a 90-mile stretch of land that parallels Highway 1, starting in Carmel and ending in San Simeon. This scenic route serves up one of the most breathtaking drives in all of North America. This is where the mountains meet the sea. Wind your way along the jagged coastline and take in a view you will not soon forget.

YOUR ITINERARY AT A GLANCE

Day 1, 2	Westin St. Francis, San Francisco, CA or Marriott Fisherman's Wharf, San Francisco, CA
Day 3	Yosemite Hotel, Yosemite National Park, CA
Day 4	Portola Hotel & Spa, Monterey, CA
Day 5, 6	Hadsten House, Solvang, CA
Day 7, 8	Sheraton Suites San Diego at Symphony Hall, San Diego, CA or Courtyard by Marriott Liberty Station, San Diego, CA

On some dates alternate hotels may be used.

Please Note:

Air rate and schedule are applicable for groups of 10 or more traveling on the same flights and dates.

To complete your vacation, we include roundtrip airport-to-hotel transfers when purchasing Collette airfare with your tour. If you have arranged for your own air, we are pleased to provide you the option of *purchasing* these transfers. Please note that all transfers will leave at pre-scheduled times.

*The tour through Yosemite may be conducted on your motorcoach rather than the open air tram (depending upon the weather).

This tour requires average physical activity. You should be in good health, able to climb stairs and walk reasonable distances, possibly over uneven grounds and cobblestone streets.

IMPORTANT RESERVATION INFORMATION

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