

Wendinger Travel invites you to
come along to

Northern California & the Oregon Coastline

Featuring the Columbia River, Giant Redwoods &
Yosemite National Park

August 6 - 16, 2024

\$3,175 Per Person



Spokane, WA

Tuesday, August 6

Our tour begins with a one-way flight to Spokane, Washington to discover Northern California & Oregon, the land of rugged shoreline, through the Redwood Empire, historical sites, rivers, parks, and yes...casinos! Our motor coach will meet us at the airport in Spokane. This afternoon, we will travel just outside the city and a picturesque community greets us with a narrated Coeur d'Alene Lake Cruise and time for shopping to follow. Our evening stay will be at the Davenport Grand Hotel downtown Spokane, Washington by the Riverwalk.

Wednesday, August 7

After breakfast, we will travel to the city of Kennewick, where the mighty Snake River enters into the Columbia River. Our luncheon stop will be in The Dalles, one of the oldest inhabited locations in North America where Native Americans gathered and traded for 10,000 years. Lewis and Clark camped here in October of 1805. After lunch, we will continue to follow the Columbia River seeing sights such as the Bonneville Lock & Dam, Multnomah Falls, and the Columbia River Gorge. Our overnight accommodations will be at the Hyatt Place in Portland, OR.

Portland, OR

Thursday, August 8

We will start our day in "The City of Roses", with a stop at the International Rose Test Gardens. There are over 10,000 rose bushes of approximately 650 varieties that are in bloom as you stroll through the garden among some of the best aromas that roses have to offer. Our lunch stop today is the scenic town of Newport, a quaint old fishing town nestled along the beautiful Yaquina Bay. While having lunch, you can be entertained by the sea lions sunning themselves on the docks in town. Our afternoon route clings to the coast as it goes south, sometimes tight roping high above the water and other times running alongside the shore. The Sand Dunes await us this afternoon for a thrilling ride on a giant sand dune buggy across the beautiful white sandy beaches of Oregon. Our day will end as we travel south for a relaxing evening at the Mill Casino Hotel overlooking Coos Bay.

Coos Bay, OR

Friday, August 9

After our breakfast buffet and a short drive, we have planned an exciting Rogue River Jet Boat Ride. The Rogue River Canyon abounds in a variety of wildlife including sea lions, bald eagles and more. The afternoon, we will continue down the rugged coastline of Oregon, making a stop at the gift shop of Paul Bunyan and Babe, his blue ox. Today will be our first exposure to the Redwoods Empire, with a drive through Redwood National Park, which boasts the tallest trees in the world, reaching 368 feet and up to 12 feet in diameter. Our evening stay is at the Humboldt Bay Inn at Eureka, California in the heart of the lumber country.

Eureka, CA



Saturday, August 10

The day will be filled with the wonderful scenery and amazement of the California Redwoods. Our first stop will be at the "picturesque tree" where people drive their cars through the trunk of the hollowed out tree, dating back to the year 2,000 B.C. Continuing on, our travels take us into giant towering Redwood forests passing through the "Avenue of Giants" where we are dwarfed by trees that average from 500 to 700 years old. This afternoon, we will travel on Highway 101 through "Wine Country" stopping for a wine tasting before crossing the Golden Gate Bridge into San Francisco for a two-night stay at Hotel Caza located on Fisherman's Wharf. We will have a photo stop at the bridge to view its vast span, tremendous towers, and sweeping main cables and its iconic color.

San Francisco, CA



Half Dome, Yosemite National Park

Sunday, August 11

San Francisco, CA

After breakfast, we have a “real San Francisco treat”, with a ride on the famous Cable Car, followed by a city tour with a step-on guide. After lunch at the ever-popular Fisherman’s Wharf, we’ll board a ferry to “The Rock”, the former federal penitentiary. In 1934, Alcatraz became the maximum-security prison for Mafia criminals and high risk convicts including island residents such as “Machine Gun” Kelly, Al Capone and “Birdman” Stroud! After our experience to Alcatraz, we’ll escape to our hotel for an evening of relaxation.

Monday August 12

Carson City, NV

As we leave the Bay area, our journey takes us to Yosemite National Park, our attraction for today, where glaciers transformed the rolling hills and meandering streams. Abraham Lincoln set aside this breathtaking scenic area to become a national park in 1864, home to majestic rock and it’s formations such as Half Dome and El Capitan. For lunch, we will have the opportunity to shop and browse in the Yosemite Village. As we leave the park, we will travel east towards the Capitol city of Nevada, Carson City, for our overnight stay at the Courtyard by Marriott, steps away from an array of dining selections and gaming fun at a casino.

Tuesday, August 13

Elko, NV

A great place to start your day is the picturesque town setting of Bonanza. With a 2-1/2 mile, 20-minute narrated tour giving you a brief sneak at history of Virginia City while seeing the landmarks and views the historic town has to offer. The remainder of the day we will travel east towards Elko, NV for our overnight stay at the Holiday Inn Express, where a welcome reception awaits our arrival.

Wednesday, August 14

Rock Springs, WY

After breakfast, we will continue traveling eastward to Utah’s capital and also the most populous city in Utah. Salt Lake City was also the host of the 2002 Winter Olympic Games. The Salt Lake Tabernacle is an architectural marvel famous for its remarkable acoustics, which you will witness with a visit to the Mormon Tabernacle and Temple Square. After our time in Salk Lake City, we board the bus and head to our evening destination at the Holiday Inn Express of Rock Springs, WY.

Thursday, Aug. 15

Keystone, SD

Our route today follows the Oregon Trail with a stop in Casper, Wyoming, at the National Historic Trail Interpretive Center. The Trails Center commemorates Native American history, early explorers, and the travel corridor of the Oregon, Mormon, California, and Pony Express trails, as well as the Bridger and Bozeman trails through hands-on, interactive exhibits in seven galleries and an 18 minute multi-media program. Our home for the evening will be at the foothills of Mount Rushmore at the Ramada Inn of Keystone. After dinner, a visit to Mount Rushmore will include the museum & gift shop, time to watch the production in the theater, and culminating the evening with the illumination of the majestic 60-foot faces of four U. S. presidents gazing out over South Dakota’s Black Hills. As the sun sets and patriotic music plays, the sculpture gives new meaning to this iconic monument of freedom.



Friday, August 16

Home

After breakfast, as we travel our last leg of our vacation together, we thank our driver for a safe journey, we bid farewell to our traveling “family”, and we hope that you have experienced a truly enjoyable vacation that included the incredible scenery and culture of California and the Oregon Coastline. We’ll enjoy an included lunch buffet at Pizza Ranch while traveling home to Minnesota.

Your Trip Includes:

- Eleven days deluxe motor coach transportation
- One-way airfare - departing from Minneapolis
- Ten nights accommodations double occupancy
- Baggage handling of one suitcase per person
- Breakfast each morning
- Narrated Coeur d’Alene Lake Cruise
- International Rose Test Gardens
- Sand Dune Buggy Ride
- Rogue River Jet Boat Ride
- Step on Guide and Trolley - San Francisco
- Ferry & Admission to Alcatraz Island
- Yosemite National Park
- Tour of Virginia City, NV
- Salt Lake City Mormon Tabernacle & Campus Tour
- Trails Interpretive Center - Casper, WY
- Evening illumination of Mount Rushmore
- Fully Escorted



Tour Price: \$3,175 per person based on two persons sharing a double room. Single accommodations are \$1,132 additional charge.

Deposit and Payment: A deposit of \$400.00 per person is required to secure your reservation. Full payment is due **May 6, 2024**. Credit cards are accepted. A 3.3% processing fee will be added.

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