



Overview

CALIFORNIA'S HISTORIC TRAINS

Regional Discoveries

Tour Code - 8630

10 days San Francisco to San Francisco
San Francisco, Santa Rosa, Fort Bragg, Sacramento, Merced, Monterey

All inclusive prices starting at: \$1399

This holiday is an absolute must for train enthusiasts! Travel through vineyards and wineries aboard the Napa Valley Wine Train, visit the historic Railroad Square in Santa Rosa and journey into the Redwoods on the Skunk Train - built in 1885 as a logging railroad. Relive the days of Butch Cassidy and the Sundance Kid aboard the Sacramento Rivertrain and visit the California State Railroad Museum, widely regarded as one of North America's finest railroad museums. Travel from Monterey on a 100-year-old steam train on the Roaring Camp Railroad towards San Francisco, famous for its steep hills and cable cars.

Meals

Breakfast - 0

Lunch - 2

Dinner - 0

Standard Features

SIGHTSEEING: San Francisco; orientation tour in Sacramento; Napa Valley Wine Train, Korbel Winery, Skunk Train, Sacramento RiverTrain, California State Railroad Museum, Monterey, Roaring Camp Railroad. Inside visits as shown in UPPERCASE in the tour description, including admission charges when applicable.

SCENIC HIGHLIGHTS: Sausalito, Napa Valley, Yosemite National Park, Carmel, 17-Mile Drive.

GUIDES: Services of a professional Tour Director.

TRANSPORTATION: Three scenic train journeys; private, deluxe air-conditioned motorcoach while touring.

HOTELS: Twin-bedded rooms with private bath or shower, hotel taxes, service charges, and tips for baggage handling. Listed hotels or equivalent.

OPTIONALS: Customise your holiday with a range of convenient optional excursions.

Itinerary

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Day by Day

Day	Description
1	SAN FRANCISCO. Welcome to San Francisco! Enjoy time at leisure to relax or to do some independent exploring. Your Tour Director is on hand this evening to answer any questions.
2	SAN FRANCISCO. This morning, explore the famous "City by the Bay" on our included sightseeing tour. See the Golden Gate Bridge, China Town, Fisherman's Wharf, and Nob Hill. This afternoon is at leisure to discover more of this vibrant city on your own. Shop the stores of Union Square, ride one of San Francisco's famous cable cars, or enjoy a bay cruise. Your Tour Director will have suggestions for the best places to shop and dine.
3	SAN FRANCISCO - SAUSALITO - SANTA ROSA. Today our first stop is Sausalito, the jewel of San Francisco Bay. There's time to stroll the charming streets, take in the breathtaking views, browse through the unique boutiques, or enjoy the plaza area. Later, view the scenic Napa Valley in style aboard the NAPA VALLEY WINE TRAIN. On board you'll enjoy an elegant 3-course lunch. Sit back and relax as you pass many of the region's notable vineyards and wineries. We overnight in Santa Rosa, the largest city in California's wine country. (L) Note: Departure 0920 will enjoy dinner aboard the Napa Valley Wine

Train, instead of lunch.

4**SANTA ROSA - FORT BRAGG.**

This morning is at leisure in Santa Rosa. Why not visit historic Railroad Square, containing the old Northwestern Pacific Railroad depot and the former Petaluma and Santa Rosa Railroad depot. Walk among these notable buildings that are now home to a bustling shopping and dining district. You may also want to visit the Charles M. Schulz Museum, dedicated to the artist who created Charlie Brown and the Peanuts comic strip. See the workshop where Snoopy, Peppermint Patty, Lucy, and the rest of these lovable characters came to life. This afternoon we'll visit the Korbel Winery and enjoy a CHAMPAGNE CELLAR TOUR. You'll see where the world-famous Korbel Champagnes were first made more than 100 years ago, visit the antique vaults, and learn the history of the Korbel legacy. Your tour ends with a tasting of this bubbly libation. We then travel along historic Highway 1 and overnight in the coastal town of Fort Bragg.

5**FORT BRAGG - SACRAMENTO.**

This morning we take a leisurely journey into the Redwoods, criss-crossing the Noyo River and into the Coastal Mountain Range on the Historic SKUNK TRAIN. Built in 1885 as a logging railroad, the Skunk line began as a means of moving massive redwood logs to the sawmills of the coast. Steam passenger service started in 1904 but was discontinued 20 years later when the self-powered, yellow "Skunk" rail cars were inaugurated. The little trains were quickly nicknamed for their original gas engines, which prompted folks to say, "You can smell 'em before you can see 'em". Moving at a leisurely pace you'll have plenty of time for taking photos of the exhilarating journey. Afterward, we continue to Sacramento, a former Gold Rush town and now capital city of California. Our orientation tour includes Old Sacramento, the downtown area, the Governor's mansion, and State Capitol.

6**SACRAMENTO.**

Today we'll have a thrilling adventure as we travel aboard the SACRAMENTO RIVERTRAIN and relive the days of Butch Cassidy and the Sundance Kid. In addition to Western-themed characters, the train will stop for a delicious barbecue followed by an old-fashioned gunfight along the shores of the Sacramento River. Travel through scenic countryside, past farms and fields. A highlight of the trip is when we pass over the Fremont Trestle. This 8,000-foot-long bridge is the longest wooden bridge in the West. Later this afternoon, we visit the CALIFORNIA STATE RAILROAD MUSEUM, widely regarded as one of North America's finest railroad museums. The museum offers lavishly refurbished trains, engaging exhibits, and special events throughout the year. (L)

7**SACRAMENTO - YOSEMITE NATIONAL PARK - MERCED.**

The highlight of today is a visit to YOSEMITE NATIONAL PARK, one of America's first wilderness areas. Located in Central California's Sierra Nevada mountain range, Yosemite National Park encompasses an incredible 1,170 square miles of breathtaking natural splendour. During your time here you may want to enjoy an open-air tram ride, rent a bicycle, visit the Ansel Adams photography studio, join a trail ride, or just relax with a picnic lunch.

8**MERCED - 17-MILE DRIVE - MONTEREY.**

Today, travel to California's picturesque coast. Enjoy a visit to the lovely town of Carmel, a popular retreat for writers, artists, and celebrities. A highlight of today's journey is the spectacular 17-MILE DRIVE to Monterey, with views of Cypress Point, famous Pebble Beach Golf Course, and the tenacious Lone Cypress. Upon arrival in Monterey, enjoy a sightseeing tour that includes a visit to historic Fisherman's Wharf and Cannery Row, made famous by John Steinbeck's novel. During your free time, explore the unique shops and galleries, watch the sea lions and otters, or visit the world-famous Monterey Bay Aquarium.

9**MONTEREY - SAN FRANCISCO.**

This morning's journey is on the ROARING CAMP RAILROAD and the 100-year-old steam train. Travel over trestles, through redwood groves, and up a winding narrow-gauge grade to the summit of Bear Mountain. Once at the summit it is your choice to return down Bear Mountain by train or by walking trail with a trained guide. Upon arrival at Roaring Camp there's time to explore the old-fashioned general store, the opera house, depot, and covered bridge. This afternoon we return to San Francisco. Tonight, join us for an optional farewell dinner, a perfect ending to your California holiday.

10**SAN FRANCISCO.**

The vacation ends today with guests departing on individual schedules. Transfers are provided to San Francisco International Airport.

Dates/Prices

NB: All prices listed are per person

MAY 2010

	Start Date	End Date	Availability	Twin Share	Single
GD	17 May 2010	26 May 2010	Open	\$1399 US	\$1810 US

JUNE 2010

	Start Date	End Date	Availability	Twin Share	Single
GD	14 Jun 2010	23 Jun 2010	Open	\$1439 US	\$1850 US

JULY 2010

	Start Date	End Date	Availability	Twin Share	Single
	26 Jul 2010	4 Aug 2010	Open	\$1439 US	\$1850 US

AUGUST 2010

	Start Date	End Date	Availability	Twin Share	Single
	9 Aug 2010	18 Aug 2010	Open	\$1439 US	\$1850 US

SEPTEMBER 2010

	Start Date	End Date	Availability	Twin Share	Single
	6 Sep 2010	15 Sep 2010	Open	\$1399 US	\$1810 US
	20 Sep 2010	29 Sep 2010	Open	\$1399 US	\$1810 US

OCTOBER 2010

	Start Date	End Date	Availability	Twin Share	Single
	4 Oct 2010	13 Oct 2010	Open	\$1399 US	\$1810 US

ACCOMMODATION PRICES

Pre & Post Tour	City	Start Date	End Date	Single Price	Twin Price	Triple Price
PRE	San Francisco	1 Jan 2010	31 May 2010	\$125 US	\$74 US	\$67 US
PRE	San Francisco	1 Jun 2010	30 Sep 2010	\$131 US	\$77 US	\$69 US
PRE	San Francisco	1 Oct 2010	31 Dec 2010	\$125 US	\$74 US	\$67 US
POST	San Francisco	1 Jan 2010	31 May 2010	\$125 US	\$74 US	\$67 US
POST	San Francisco	1 Jun 2010	30 Sep 2010	\$131 US	\$77 US	\$69 US
POST	San Francisco	1 Oct 2010	31 Dec 2010	\$125 US	\$74 US	\$67 US

OPTIONAL CHARGES

Type	Name	Price
OPTIONAL	Gratuity	\$90US

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**Force Majeure: French for "act of God; an inevitable, unpredictable act of nature, not dependent on act of man. Used in insurance contracts to refer to acts of nature such as earthquakes or lightning."

*** Availability**

- **Open** - There is at least one seat available on this departure date and can be confirmed to you via your travel agent at the time of booking. Please note availability may be subject to change and is updated on this website at 24 hour intervals.
- **On Request** - All seats allocated to the Australasian market have been sold for tours that marked on request. However seats MAY still be available from another Cosmos office worldwide. These seats can be requested and normally take 2 business days after a booking has been made to be confirmed.

Optional Tours

To help plan your leisure time, as well as your pre-tour budgeting, here is a list of optional excursions that may be offered on this tour. Availability is subject to sufficient participation, weather conditions, seasonal suitability, group interests, and general feasibility for your tour. Please note prices may be based on the previous year and are subject to change. Full terms and conditions are contained in the important travel documents.

Cost	Description
25 USD	<p>Name:MONTEREY BAY AQUARIUM Location:MONTEREY Details:Explore the wonders of our ocean planet in nearly 200 galleries and exhibits at one of the world's finest aquariums. Highlights include a million-gallon indoor ocean with giant bluefin tuna, sharks, sea turtles, stingrays and barracuda; plus the largest jellyfish exhibits anywhere.</p>
38 USD	<p>Name:EVENING IN CHINATOWN Location:SAN FRANCISCO Details:Explore this vibrant historic section of San Francisco that houses the largest Chinese community outside of Asia. Included in this evening's agenda is a lavish four-course dinner in an authentic Chinese restaurant. This evening will include a short walking tour of Chinatown plus a ride on San Francisco famous Cable Cars.</p>
26 USD	<p>Name:ROCKET BOAT Location:SAN FRANCISCO Details:Get blown away on this 30-minute high-speed tour of the City's historic waterfront. Sail past the sea lions, zoom to the Bay Bridge, fly down to ATandT Park, scream past Treasure Island, and breeze by Alcatraz on the way back to PIER 39. This exciting ride pauses occasionally to allow passengers to catch their breath and capture unique sightseeing and photo opportunities unavailable on other tours. Rocket Boat, it's an extreme adventure powered by biodiesel fuel. A blast on the Bay that is not to be missed.</p>

Tour Map

