

# California Discoveries

## explore Pacific Coast Highway 1



### Day 1 Fly to San Francisco

Depart the UK for San Francisco arriving late afternoon. Start your exploration of the 'City by the Bay' with a stroll around the quaint shops of Pier 39 and Fisherman's Wharf (Hotel: *Four Seasons 3nts*)

### Days 2 & 3 San Francisco

Take a trip on the cable car for great views of the city or cruise to the infamous island prison of Alcatraz. Dine in Chinatown, browse the shops of Union Square or 'bike the bridge' crossing the Golden Gate Bridge over to the artists' haven of Sausalito.

### Day 4 San Francisco to Carmel/Monterey

This morning collect your car and head south along the rugged Pacific coastline through Santa Cruz and its beach boardwalk and on to historic Monterey and picturesque Carmel-by-the-Sea. Delight in the coastal splendour of the '17 Mile Drive' with its windswept cypress trees, visit Cannery Row immortalised by John Steinbeck and watch sea lions and otters frolicking in the waters surrounding the Monterey Bay Aquarium (Hotel: *La Playa, Carmel 2nts*)

### Day 5 Carmel/Monterey to Santa Barbara

Even more breathtaking views greet you today as you hug the Pacific coastline past the jagged cliffs of Big Sur and on to the town of San Simeon for a visit to William Randolph Hearst's intricate castle atop Enchanted Hill. Then it's on through cool pine forests to Morro Bay and Pismo before cutting through mountains to Solvang and the charming Spanish style town of Santa Barbara (Hotel: *Bacara 2nts*)



Santa Barbara

### Day 6 Santa Barbara

At the foot of the Santa Ynez Mountains sophisticated Santa Barbara offers plenty to do from browsing the unique museums, shops and galleries to the more adventurous pursuits of scenic whale watching trips, wine tasting tours and outdoor activities including golf and horse riding.

### Day 7 Santa Barbara to Los Angeles

It's just a short drive south via lively Ventura Harbour, the beautiful beaches of Oxnard, exclusive Malibu and trendy Santa Monica down into glittering LA (Hotel: *Beverly Wilshire 3nts*)

### Days 8, 9 & 10 Los Angeles/Anaheim

Shop in fashionable Beverly Hills and Rodeo Drive, stroll the Hollywood Walk of Fame, head out to bohemian Venice Beach for a spot of rollerblading or take

your pick from countless thrilling theme parks including Disneyland, Universal Studios Hollywood and Knott's Berry Farm.

### Day 11 Los Angeles - return to UK

Time for a quick visit to the J.P Getty Museum before you drop off your rental car at Los Angeles International airport for your return flight home, arriving the following morning.

#### Driving Distances

Los Angeles								
350	Carmel/Monterey							
467	290	Lake Tahoe						
383	188	100	Sacramento					
96	255	508	391	Santa Barbara				
205	150	290	290	105	San Luis Obispo			
307	203	159	172	329	220	Yosemite		
425	100	182	87	325	220	184	San Francisco	