

## DETAILED ITINERARY

# Americas> North America > USA > USA (West coast)

**AED** 10,590/- per person, prices are based on twin sharing.

**Duration:** 8 Days / 7 Nights.

**Destinations:** Los Angeles, Las Vegas, Grand Canyon, San Francisco.

### 1 DAY

Arrival at Los Angeles Airport



Welcome to United States of America

On arrival at Los Angeles International Airport, you will be met by our local representative and you will be transferred to the hotel.

The day is free, for you to explore the city at your own pace.

Los Angeles is a sprawling Southern California city and the centre of the nation's film and television industry. Near its iconic Hollywood sign, studios such as Paramount

Pictures, Universal and Warner Brothers offer behind-the-scenes tours. On Hollywood Boulevard, TCL Chinese Theatre displays celebrities' hand- and footprints, the Walk of Fame honors thousands of luminaries and vendors sell maps to stars' homes.

Overnight in Los Angeles.

## 2DAY

### Los Angeles

Today morning your will visit Universal Studios on the full day tour. Enjoy a day at Universal Studios with no waiting time to enter the studio. You will embark on a guided tram ride for fun and thrills as you tour Hollywood's biggest movie studio.

Overnight in Los Angeles.

## 3DAY

### Los Angeles

In the morning proceed for a Half Day Los Angeles City Tour. This tour visits the towering skyscrapers of Downtown Los Angeles the city center. There, you will see the Dorothy Chandler Pavilion, where the academy awards are held, Hollywood Bowl, world famous Chinese Theatre via Hollywood Blvd., where you will gaze at the Walk of Fame and view hundreds of foot and handprints of stars such as Marilyn Monroe, Eddie Murphy and many more. Next we will cruise the Sunset Strip on our way to Beverly Hills and Bel Air where you will see a dazzling array of STARS' HOMES, and well-groomed parks, manicured gardens and Hillside Estates.

Overnight in Los Angeles.

## 4DAY

### Los Angeles - Las Vegas

Today morning you will check out and transfer to Las Vegas. Upon arrival check in at the hotel. The rest of the day is free at leisure.

Las Vegas, in Nevada's Mojave Desert, is a resort city famed for its vibrant nightlife, centered on 24-hour casinos and other entertainment options. Its Main Street and focal point is the Strip, just over 4 miles long. This boulevard is home to themed hotels with elaborate displays such as fountains synchronized to music as well as replicas of an Egyptian pyramid, the Venetian Grand Canal, and the Eiffel Tower.

In the evening you will experience night life of Las Vegas by joining the Evening tour. Travel down to the fabulous Las Vegas Strip to see Vegas' finest resorts. From the comfort of your motor coach, experience the city lights and spectacular water fountains of the Bellagio, the Pirate Ships at Treasure Island, the majesty of Paris and Venice, see erupting Volcanoes at the Mirage in this unforgettable evening city tour. Enjoy, up close and personal, some of the city's most interesting venues. Enjoy the famous Freemont Street Experience city light show.

## 5DAY

### Las Vegas

Today will be a free day for you to relax in your hotel, or there are a variety of OPTIONAL TOURS that you can choose from.

#### **Optional tours you can book with us**

- 1) Grand Canyon South Rim Bus Tour.
- 2) Lake Mead Dinner Cruise.

Overnight in Las Vegas.

## 6DAY

### Las Vegas - San Francisco

In the morning get ready to check out and transfer to airport for your onward flight to San Francisco. Upon arrival check in at your hotel and the day is free to relax.

San Francisco, in northern California, is a hilly city on the tip of a peninsula surrounded by the Pacific Ocean and San Francisco Bay. It's known for its year-round fog, iconic Golden Gate Bridge, cable cars and colorful Victorian houses. The Financial District's Transamerica Pyramid is its most distinctive skyscraper. In the bay sits Alcatraz Island, site of the notorious former prison.

Afternoon proceed for a city sightseeing tour. Scheduled stops include Vista Point at Golden Gate Bridge, Twin Peaks with its panoramic view of the city from above (weather permitting) and other photo opportunities recommended by our most experienced driver-guides. Selected highlights include the Civic Center, Mission Dolores, Castro District, Twin Peaks, Union Square, Golden Gate Park, Nob Hill, Cable Cars, Chinatown, North Beach, Coit Tower, Fisherman's Wharf, Marina District, Palace of Fine Arts, The Presidio, Cliff House, Pacific Ocean, The Ferry Building, Bay Bridge, Alcatraz Island, Angel Island, Treasure Island, Golden Gate Bridge and more.

Overnight in San Francisco.

## 7DAY

### San Francisco

Today morning you will explore the California through Monterey, Carmel and 17 Mile Drive tour. California's rugged Central Coast can both humble and inspire. Our route down Highway 1 through Half Moon Bay and the seaside town of Santa Cruz features one spectacular view after another. Pass through the Salinas Valley, the "artichoke capital of the world and to Monterey. Scheduled stops include Steinbeck's Cannery Row in Monterey, vista points along the 17-Mile Drive, Pebble Beach, Seal Rock and the legendary Lone Cypress. We also visit the art gallery/restaurant district of Carmel. Crossing from the historic to the futuristic, our return trip takes us through Silicon Valley, the High Tech Capital of the United States.

Overnight in San Francisco.

## 8DAY

### San Francisco / End of trip

The day is free until checkout time. The driver will pick you up and drop you to the airport for your onward flight.

## TOUR COST, TERMS & CONDITIONS

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The rates are subject to availability at the time of booking request. in Govt taxes, or hotel charges a surcharge, or BAR rates (Best available without notice). The exchange rate is subject to change. Please ensure permits & valid passport. The best source of visa information is the



If you are interested in going ahead with this booking, we would require form of cash or cheque:

- 30 days to 21 days prior to departure date: 50%.
- 21 days to 01 days prior to departure: 100%.
- Prices in this quotation are subject to availability. Al-Tayer Hotel higher standard based in the event of non-availability at the time



Please ensure that the names given to us for reservations match the names on the tickets. Airlines and travel companies are very particular about name changes. Mismatched names can result in travel delays or cancellations. We strongly recommend travel insurance as part of your package – we can help you choose the right policy – please let us know if you wish us to add this to your package.

## INCLUSIONS & EXCLUSIONS

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### INCLUSIONS



Flights

Economy class airfare from Dubai / Los Angeles / San Francisco / Doha



Accommodation

3 nights accommodation in Los Angeles based on double room occupancy  
2 nights accommodation in Las Vegas based on double room occupancy  
2 nights accommodation in San Francisco based on double room occupancy



## Transportation

Arrival transfer from Los Angeles airport to hotel on private car.  
Departure transfer from San Francisco hotel to airport on private car.



## Sightseeing

Sightseeing tours based on seat on coach.



## Meals

None.



Complimentary travel insurance.



All airline and hotel taxes.

## EXCLUSIONS



- Visa fees.
- International airport departure tax.
- Meals not mentioned in the itinerary.
- Items of personal nature viz. telephone calls, drinks, laundry
- Except all above mentioned in inclusion.

## TRAVEL TIPS

**USA**-The U.S. is a country of 50 states covering a vast swath of North America, with Alaska in the northwest and Hawaii extending the nation's presence into the Pacific Ocean. Major Atlantic Coast cities are New York, a global finance and culture center, and capital Washington, DC. Midwestern metropolis Chicago is known for influential architecture and on the west coast, Los Angeles' Hollywood is famed for filmmaking.

**Trip Planning:** The planning stage of your trip can be instrumental in its success and an enjoyable part of the experience itself. You have a world of options...and plenty to consider.

**Entry and Exit formalities:** Visitors must hold a passport valid for at least six months & beyond at the time of entering the country. Some nationalities can obtain visa on arrival and for nationalities who requires visa please refer to the US consulate website: <https://ceac.state.gov/genniv/>

**Transportation:** Figuring out how to get around is one of your biggest pre-trip decisions. Get our holiday expert best advice on deciding between your options. Based on your trip itinerary, our experts will help you choose wisely. You'll also find a wealth of practical travel tips.

**Money:** Use your money wisely. Know the best time to use cash or card — and how to avoid unnecessary fees either way — as well as tipping etiquette, and how shoppers can take advantage of VAT refunds.

**Phones and Technology:** Phones and other smart devices can be huge time-savers...or expensive distractions. Get our tips for making the best use of technology during your trip, and for calling home with or without your own phone.

**Packing Light:** On your trip you'll meet two kinds of travelers: those who pack light and those who wish they had.

**Sleeping and Eating:** Your hotel and restaurant choices can be a matter-of-face chore...or they can provide rich opportunities to connect with locals and their culture.

**Health & Hygiene:** Take comfort: Doctors, hospitals, laundrettes, and bathrooms aren't that different. Dealing with them can even be part of the fun of travel.

**Sightseeing & Activities:** Once you're on the ground, the real fun begins...but it pays to have a thoughtful plan. Our experts will help you get oriented to your surroundings, use your sightseeing hours wisely, and find your way off the beaten path.

### **Things do & see:**

**New York City-**The city that never sleeps is one of the most amazing cities in the world. There's nothing you can't do or see here. From amazing museums and art galleries to theater to restaurants to Central Park, everything about New York is amazing. It's big, crowded, and fast-paced but also full of little neighborhood shops and character.

**Memphis-**Gritty, industrial, and a bit run down, Memphis appears like its best days are behind it, but don't let the rough exterior fool you — the city is still home to some



killer food and a vibrant blues music scene. Additionally, there's Graceland (Elvis's home) for fans of the King, a big waterfront for walking, and the phenomenal, detailed, and moving Museum of Civil Rights (it's huge, so don't rush it!). I enjoyed the city more than I expected and was disappointed when I had to leave. To use a cliché, it's a hidden gem!

**Austin**-The warm weather, the lively honky-tonks and live music, funky house bars on Rainey Street, amazing hiking and biking trails, and tons of outdoor activities...Austin has it all. Thanks to everything from the growing food truck population to the flagship Whole Foods store with the incredible salad bar (grilled pineapple!), I eat — and eat well — nonstop. The Austin campus of the University of Texas provides a youthful vigor to the city, and its liberal attitude attracts a diverse and eclectic population.

**Asheville**-Asheville is Portland in the North Carolina mountains: full of tasty craft beer, food, and hipsters. I liked the area a lot, including its proximity to some wonderful and scenic mountain hikes such as the Carolina Mountain Trail. Moreover, the town has a lot of parks for those wanting something closer — and be sure to check out the Asheville Botanical Gardens near the university campus. The beautiful Smoky Mountains are a short drive away, and the gigantic Biltmore estate, the largest privately owned home in the US and once home to George Vanderbilt, is on the outskirts of the city.

**Dive the Pacific Coastal Drive**-The drive up the Pacific Coast is considered one of the most scenic in the world. I have to agree. I didn't travel the whole coast, but the portion I drove (San Francisco to Portland) was incredible: sheer cliffs, forests descending to the shoreline, miles of beaches, and giant redwoods. It's jaw-dropping all the way. Be prepared to make slow progress, as you'll be pulling over frequently to stop, hike, and admire the view. I especially liked Bandon and Coos Bay, Oregon and Mendocino, California.

**Redwood National Park**-Along the Pacific Coast is Redwood National Park, a large expanse of giant redwood trees filled with picnic areas, places to camp, and miles upon miles of hiking trails. Trails range from easy to strenuous, and there are many loops that head out to nearby beaches. It's utterly beautiful, awe-inspiring, and humbling in every way.

**Glacier National Park**-Even though I visited when most of the park was still closed (it was too early in the year and there was still snow around), I was still stunned by the area: gorgeous snow-topped mountains rising high into the sky; a beautiful, still lake in which to admire those mountains and large glaciers; and hiking trails galore. It was the most mind-blowing place I saw on my trip, and I can understand why everyone raves about it

**Denver**-The mile-high city (not least because marijuana is legal there), Denver has a mix of outdoor ruggedness and big-city living. It has a huge craft beer scene, excellent restaurants (including, Sushi Sasa, one of my favorite sushi restaurants in the world), a large international airport with lots of connections, and proximity to the mountains (and the Republic of Boulder). It's clean, and the locals are incredibly friendly. There are few cities in the US I want to live in, but I love Denver enough to say that it's one of them.

**Natchez**-I was most surprised by this Mississippi city. I didn't know anything about it, but Natchez was recommended as a place to see historic 19th-century homes, built by isolated plantation owners wanting to get away in the summer and interact and socialize with each other. As cotton became king, the houses became ever larger and more elaborate. Now, they are historic monuments, and you can tour them while

enjoying a view of the Mississippi River. It's far off the beaten path — and my favorite discovery from my last road trip.

**Surreal Savannah**-Sitting on Georgia's coast, Savannah escaped the wrath of the Civil War, allegedly because Sherman thought it was too pretty to be destroyed. With streets lined with Spanish moss-covered trees, large and inviting parks, and a bustling waterfront, Savannah is a wonderful place to experience the slow pace of the Old South. I had visited this city many, many years ago, but its beauty, Southern comfort food, and tranquility stuck with me over the years.

**Nashville's music scene**-A little bit country, a little bit tech, Nashville is one of the fastest-growing cities in the US and rightly so. It's got a wonderful music scene (duh), a growing cocktail bar scene, and some down-home Southern restaurants. There's not a lot of "touristy stuff" to do here, but what makes this city one of my favorites are the music, the food, the wildly friendly and happy people, and the positive energy the city seems to exude. When you're here, plan to spend a few hours at the Tennessee State Museum.

**San Diego**-Forever warm and sunny, San Diego's weather creates a permanently happy population that's friendly and outgoing and that loves the outdoors — from hiking, days at the beach, or running...and they are always happy to show people their city. The downtown Gaslamp area — as well as the famous Pacific Beach — is full of trendy seafood restaurants, bustling bars, and some seriously life-changing taco stalls. I love San Diego.

**California Wine Country**-California is home to some of the best wine in the world, and a visit to the Sonoma and Napa Valley regions will reward you with some fine dining in addition to the wine. Take the short trip from San Francisco and learn to appreciate wine! *Tip: Sonoma is cheaper than Napa.*

**Lake Tahoe**-Though the water level of the lake, as well as the flora and fauna around it, is sadly depleted due to the California drought, Lake Tahoe is still nonetheless impressive and beautiful. Ringed by tiny mountain communities, this is a terrific place for hiking and boating in the summer and skiing in the winter.

**Montana**-A lot has been written about how stunning Montana is, but it's all wrong. It's even better than words can describe. It's the most crazy-beautiful state I've ever been to, filled with wondrous mountains and hills as far as the eye can see. The people are super cool, welcoming, and outdoorsy, too. If I had to pick a favorite state, it would be Montana. I just love Montana.

**Cape Cod**-I spent a lot of summers on the Cape since it's where New Englanders escape for the summer. You'll find plenty of small beach towns along the coast (Provincetown and Hyannis being the most famous but I also love Chatham, Falmouth, Wellfleet, and Brewster). If you're looking for seafood, beaches, boardwalks, and that perfect family vacation, visit the Cape!

**Portland**-is incredible. I would move there if it had a bigger airport with better connections. Here you'll find an impressive food truck scene, cool bespoke bars and cocktail lounges, a craft beer scene that's religion to residents, relaxing parks (including a peaceful Japanese garden), a vibrant art scene, and hiking in the nearby

mountains. Portland is just an awesome city, especially in the summer when the weather is perfect and there are festivals and events galore, like the World Domination Summit and the Portland International Beerfest.

**Explore Deadwood**-Tucked away in western South Dakota, this town was famous during the Old West days, noteworthy enough to be the focus of an HBO series. Sort of kitschy and re-created, it's nonetheless a very cool place where you can experience a taste of the old frontier days. It's also conveniently located near the Black Hills and Mount Rushmore.

**Kansas City**-I really loved this city, which features some of the world's best BBQ, a lively downtown, and cutting-edge technology like Google Fiber. There's also a detailed and enlightening jazz museum here, as well as the eye-opening Negro Leagues Baseball Museum (that was the actual name; I'm not being racist). I wish I could have spent more time, but that's just more reason to come back.

**Grand Canyon**-Words can't accurately describe how great the Grand Canyon is. It's breathtaking in all ways. Make sure you hike down the bottom. Most people just look out at the canyon but it's vast size and beauty is best appreciated with a hike down to the Colorado river.

**National parks**-America has thousands of national parks. These parks highlight the best of the American wilderness. Yellowstone, Yosemite, Glacier, the Smokey Mountains, Rocky Mountain Park, the Badlands – the list goes on and on and on. Make sure you visit as many national parks as you can to get a sense of the grand and diverse landscape that is the United States.

**Chicago**-One of my favorite cities in the world, Chicago is full of amazing architecture, great parks, good food, and great nightlife. It's a tamer version of New York and even more pretty. (The Chicago-style of architecture is world famous!)

**Mardi Gras and jazz in New Orleans**-Finally recovering from Hurricane Katrina, this French-influenced city has great food and even better music. A must for any jazz or blues fan. If you plan on **celebrating Mardi Gras here, book early**. Hotels fill up.

**Hawaii**-Closer to Asia than the United States, Hawaii is America's piece of South Pacific paradise – white sands beaches, clear blue water, tropical jungle, and great surf. You can often get fairly cheap packages out of California.

**Boston**-The birthplace of the revolution, no one leaves Boston disappointed. It's a big city, but its lack of high-rises, as well as its cobblestone streets and brick building, give the city a more neighborhood feel than most others. It's often considered America's most European city. It has history, culture, food, and beauty. The Freedom Trail is especially great. (I was born in Boston so it holds a special place in my heart.)

**Nation's capital: Washington DC**-America's capital is where you'll find all the museums and institutions you'd ever want to see in order to get a glimpse into the history and politics of America. It's a very international city too given the large number of international embassy workers in the area.

**Mt. Rushmore**-Visit this historic monument in South Dakota. It's a lot smaller than you think it would be, but it makes a good stop off while driving and the surrounding mountains and parks make for good hiking opportunities.

**Disney World**-Sure, it's cheesy. Yes, it's built for kids. True, it's not authentic. But despite all that, Disney World is still a fun time and they have a lot of rides for adults too. I recently went back as an adult and there's a lot to do there: they have some good restaurants, and Paradise Island has a good nightlife. If you are in Florida, take a stop for a few days. Indulge your inner child.

**Appalachian Mountains**-Stretching the east coast of America, these mountains offer great hiking, camping, and trekking. If you think you can handle it, hike the Appalachian trail which covers the entire mountain range.

**The Great Lakes**-The Great Lakes are like miniature oceans. They have great sailing, boating, fishing, and beach opportunities. Perfect for those traveling during the summer.

**Put-In-Bay**-One of the coolest, not so hidden places in the US is this group of islands in Lake Erie. Widely known to midwesterners (but unknown to most everyone else), South Bass Island is home to Put-in-Bay, where midwest hospitality meets Caribbean vibes (you ride around in golf carts and bars have sand as floors). My favorite spot is Mojito Bay, an outdoor tiki bar with sand floors and swings for bar seats that offers up more than 25 different mojitos. These places get very wild on the weekends too. It's like Miami in Ohio.

**Road trip**-America is a vast and beautiful country. The only good way to see this, the landscape and the small towns that populate most of the country is with a road trip. I highly suggest renting a car and driving across the US. It's an amazing experience.

