

California Historic Trains

10 DAYS – FLY TO AND RETURN FROM SAN FRANCISCO

What an experience, riding the rails on four of California's historic trains. From the giant redwoods and the rugged coastline, to the fertile valleys and historic gold rush towns, your tour turns back the clock and affords countless awe-inspiring views of California's beautiful and varied landscape.

Aboard the Sierra Dinner Train experience rail travel at its finest with delicious food and unspoiled scenery. Journey on a splendidly restored 1915 Pullman train car as you travel through picturesque Napa Valley at an unhurried pace. Enjoy the Sacramento River Train as it meanders its way along the Sacramento River over the longest wooden trestle in the West. Crisscross over the Noyo River and cut through the coastal mountains to towering redwood forest aboard the Skunk Train.

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1 HOME CITIES to SAN FRANCISCO, CALIFORNIA: (2 nights) Your *Exciting California Holiday* begins as you board your jet and fly to San Francisco, the beautiful "City by the Bay."

2 SAN FRANCISCO: Board your coach and join a local expert for a GUIDED TOUR of the city. Highlights include FISHERMAN'S WHARF, the famous CABLE CARS, the GOLDEN GATE BRIDGE and a panoramic view of the city from the imposing TWIN PEAKS. The afternoon is yours to explore the city at your leisure. Hop on a cable car, take a ride to the trendy Haight Ashbury area or enjoy the sights at Fisherman's Wharf...the opportunities are endless. Tonight, take in a fabulous view of San Francisco as you enjoy dinner at a restaurant on Fisherman's Wharf overlooking the bay and the Golden Gate Bridge. *Meals included: dinner.*

3 SAN FRANCISCO to OAKDALE to SONORA: (2 nights) Today travel east through California's central valley to ride the first of the four historic trains. Board the SIERRA RAILROAD, built in 1897 to connect the Gold Country – view unspoiled scenery, relax in luxurious cars and enjoy a fabulous lunch. Travel to Sonora, your home for the next two nights. In its 1848 Gold Rush heyday, Sonora was the cosmopolitan city attracting people from all over the world. *Meals included: lunch.*

4 SONORA to YOSEMITE to SONORA: A scenic drive brings you into the awe-inspiring YOSEMITE NATIONAL PARK. Your tour through Yosemite features amazing waterfalls, unique rock formations, deep valleys, alpine meadows and pristine wilderness that will leave you absolutely awestruck. *Meals included: breakfast, dinner.*

5 SONORA to JAMESTOWN to SACRAMENTO: (3 nights) Travel to Jamestown to visit RAILTOWN, an 1897 state historic park featuring turn-of-the-century locomotives and railcars. This has long been a popular spot for movie makers. "High Noon," "The Virginian," "Petticoat Junction" and "Back to the Future III" are among the many movies and television

shows filmed here. Arrive in Sacramento where a LOCAL GUIDE introduces you to this beautiful city, beginning where Sacramento itself began



Napa Valley Wine Train.

– at SUTTER'S FORT. View the HISTORIC GOVERNOR'S MANSION where Ronald Reagan once resided and the STATE CAPITOL building. Continue through OLD SACRAMENTO's preserved historical district featuring over 60 restored gold-rush era buildings, wooden sidewalks, cobblestone streets and antique gas lamps. Step back in time and experience what life was like when thousands of "49ers" flocked here to gather supplies before heading to gold country during the California Gold Rush. This evening you will enjoy a fine dining experience on the DELTA KING, an authentic 285 foot riverboat christened in 1927 and now a stationary restaurant on the Sacramento River. *Meals included: breakfast, dinner.*

6 SACRAMENTO to LAKE TAHOE to SACRAMENTO: Travel over the SIERRA NEVADA MOUNTAINS to the resort gambling town of Lake Tahoe. Upon arrival, enjoy a narrated cruise of spectacular Lake Tahoe aboard the M.S. DIXIE II PADDLEWHEELER. You will have a quick visit to a nearby casino to try your luck or enjoy some shopping before returning to Sacramento. *Meals included: breakfast.*

7 SACRAMENTO to WOODLAND to SACRAMENTO: Travel to Woodland and board the SACRAMENTO RIVER TRAIN to experience a "GREAT TRAIN ROBBERY" complete with a Cowboy BBQ picnic-style lunch by the river. The Sacramento River Train boasts a sparkling gold interior reflecting the area's Gold Rush heritage and follows the scenic route along the Sacramento River. Be on the lookout for robbers and gunfighters! Return to Sacramento for leisure time to relax, revisit Old Sacramento to shop or visit the renowned railroad museum on your own. *Meals included: breakfast, lunch.*

8 SACRAMENTO to NAPA VALLEY to FORT BRAGG: Arrive in Napa Valley to board the NAPA VALLEY WINE TRAIN, a splendidly restored 1915 Pullman train car and travel through the picturesque NAPA VALLEY at an unhurried pace. Blend this with innovative cuisine provided by a gracious staff, an education on wine tasting and beautiful scenery, it's certain to be a highlight of your trip. Later, arrive in Fort Bragg, once a booming logging town now serving as the hub for state parks and reserves. Surrounded by the natural beauty of Northern California's spectacular REDWOOD FORESTS and the Pacific Ocean, you'll surely enjoy this unique experience. *Meals included: breakfast, lunch.*

9 FORT BRAGG to SAN FRANCISCO AIRPORT AREA: The 121-year old SKUNK TRAIN is the most popular attraction on California's north coast and is considered one of the best scenic trains in North America. Enjoy the journey as the track winds along the Noyo River and through coastal mountains and towering redwoods. A picnic boxed lunch will be served on board. This evening join your fellow passengers for a farewell dinner. *Meals included: breakfast, lunch, dinner.*

10 SAN FRANCISCO to HOME: Depart for home with many wonderful memories to enjoy for years to come.



2011 DEPARTURE DATES
10 Days: July 17 September 18

Airfare included

PRICES STARTING AT

\$3,459⁰⁰ twin

Additional dates available
Some departures – itinerary varies

DAY YOUR ITINERARY AT A GLANCE

- 1, 2 SAN FRANCISCO, CA: Marriott at Fisherman's Wharf
- 3, 4 SONORA, CA: B.W. Sonora Oaks Inn
- 5 - 7 SACRAMENTO, CA: Holiday Inn Capital Plaza
- 8 FORT BRAGG, CA: Emerald Dolphin Inn or Surf Motel and Gardens
- 9 SAN FRANCISCO, CA: Crowne Plaza

HIGHLIGHTS

- 14 meals: 6 breakfasts, 4 lunches and 4 dinners
- San Francisco
- Sonora
- Railtown State Historic Park
- Sacramento
- Sacramento River Train
- Fort Bragg
- Sierra Railroad
- Yosemite National Park
- Lake Tahoe
- Napa Valley Wine Train
- Skunk Railroad

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