

California and the Canyons

Factbox	
Prices start from :	£ 2,649
Travel between :	30 Aug 19 and 30 Aug 19
Board Basis :	As per Itinerary
Duration :	7 nights
Book by :	15 Aug 19
Includes :	Flights from London with American Airlines Airport taxes 7 nights accommodation as per itinerary Tours, excursions & activities as per itinerary



Detailed Itinerary

Highlights: Los Angeles - Prescott - Grand Canyon - Las Vegas - Yosemite National Park - San Francisco

Other departures: Manchester -£2749, Birmingham - £ 2749, Bristol - £ 2849, Norwich - £ 2899, Newcastle - £ 2799, Edinburgh - £2799, Glasgow - £2749

Hotels:

Los Angeles - Fairfield Inn & Suites by Marriott Los Angeles LAX/EI Segundo 3*

Prescott - Quality Inn or similar 2*

Grand Canyon - Red Feather Lodge or similar 2*

Las Vegas - Bally's Las Vegas Hotel & Casino 3*

Yosemite National Park - Yosemite View Lodge or similar

Tours & Activities:

- Walk the Grand Canyon rim trails or hike into the Canyon
- Watch the Grand Canyon sunrise or sunset
- City tour of San Francisco
- Walk across the Golden Gate Bridge
- Visit to incredible national parks - Yosemite and Grand Canyon
- Visit to two UNESCO World Heritage Sites
- Enjoy a stay on the Las Vegas Strip
- Get your kicks on Route 66
- Take in the towering granite peaks of Yosemite Park

Itinerary:

Day 1: Los Angeles

Welcome to Los Angeles, or 'The City of Angels', as it is also known. Stroll along the coast to Santa Monica Boulevard to ride the famous ferris wheel and take in the city views. With the California sunshine on your face you'll have a welcome meeting at 18:00 hrs in the hotel lobby to meet your tour leader and fellow traveling companions.

Overnight: Fairfield Inn & Suites by Marriott Los Angeles LAX/EI Segundo

Accommodation: Hotel included

Meals included: Meals paid locally

Day 2: Prescott

Today you journey across California and through the Mohave Desert to Prescott in Arizona. Take time to explore the old town and Whiskey Row a place where dusty cowboys could once enjoy a drink or two in one of the 40 odd saloons. Today, Whiskey Row is still a vibrant centre of activity in downtown Prescott, and while the number of saloons has decreased greatly in the last century, you'll be at no loss to find a great place to eat or people watch. Court House Square is beautiful and in the summer month's there is often live music and bustling markets to enjoy here.

Overnight: Quality Inn or similar

Accommodation: Hotel included

Meals included: Meals paid locally

Day 3 - 4: Grand Canyon (South Rim)

Leaving early, you make your way towards Grand Canyon National Park for the ultimate desert showstopper! Crossing the eastern entrance of the canyon, you'll catch your first glimpse at Desert View. This incredible spectacle is difficult to comprehend, even as you stand at the rim or hike down into the canyon. Carved over several millennia, this huge wonder of nature is 277 miles long, up to 18 miles wide and over one mile deep. Snaking through the canyon floor is the mighty Colorado River, which runs 1,450 miles through seven US states and two Mexican states.

In your free time, we highly recommend a scenic helicopter flight over the canyon which offers a perspective that you cannot see by visiting on foot. Also recommended is the IMAX Theater's film, Grand Canyon: The Hidden Secrets, at the National Geographic Visitor Centre, which'll give you an excellent overview of the area and how it developed. Alternatively, stroll the easy meandering South Rim Trail, hike your way down the more challenging trail to Plateau Point, or simply relax at the canyon's edge and enjoy a spectacular sunset over one of the world's most incredible natural wonder.

Overnight: Red Feather Lodge or similar

Accommodation: Hotel included

Meals included: Meals paid locally

Optional Activities:

Helicopter flight: US\$284

IMAX Theater: US\$15

Day 5: Route 66 - Las Vegas

En route to Vegas, you travel a section of the original Route 66 and visit the quirky town of Seligman, a stop-off that's full to brim with Americana wares and the perfect place for some souvenir shopping. Continue your journey until you enter hedonistic 'Sin City', which really must be seen to be believed! Las Vegas is the fastest growing city in the United States and is renowned as the 'tacky capital of the world' - home to pirates and pyramids, weddings and water fountains. Upon arrival enjoy a driving tour down the famous Las Vegas Strip and see first-hand the casinos and hotels that make this desert city tick. Vegas really comes alive at night with casinos, shows and the Bellagio Fountain's regular water displays. This city is a real spectacle!

Overnight: Bally's Las Vegas Hotel & Casino**Accommodation:** Hotel included**Meals included:** Meals paid locally**Optional Activities:**

Limo ride: US\$25-\$30

Roller coasters: US\$25-\$40

Day 6 - 7: Yosemite National Park

Yosemite National Park sits nestled in the Sierra Nevada Mountain range of Northern California. Here green forest meets granite walls measuring several thousand feet in height. Rock climbers come to Yosemite from all over the world to scale the rocks whilst hikers get to walk to the base of some of the largest waterfalls in the world. As you explore the park keep your eyes peeled for varied wildlife such as deer, elk, and if you're lucky, bear. After a visit to see the amazing Giant Sequoia Trees, Yosemite Valley beckons, offering the chance to cycle, take a dip in the Merced River or wander the meadows. The views are breathtaking from every vantage point - the granite formations of Half Dome, El Capitan and Cathedral Rocks are sure to be forever etched in your mind.

Overnight: Yosemite View Lodge or similar**Accommodation:** Lodge included**Meals included:** Meals paid locally**Optional Activities:**

Bike rental: US\$12-\$34

Float trip on the Merced River: US\$31

Day 8: Yosemite National Park - San Francisco

Leave Yosemite's towering Sequoias behind and make your way towards the 'City by the Bay', where your tour ends. Don't despair, you still have time for an orientation tour around the city including the Haight-Ashbury area and its throwback to the 1960's, plus the chance to walk across the famous Golden Gate Bridge. Completed in 1937, this iconic suspension bridge stretches for 1.7 miles and is one of the most photographed bridges in the world. Another 'must do' in San Francisco is the offshore prison of Alcatraz where you can learn all about the infamous inmates and their failed escape attempts. To do this you'll need to book directly with Alcatraz Cruises in advance for the day after your tour finishes.

This tour ends at our gateway hotel at approximately 17:00 hrs. We recommend booking post tour accommodation if time allows. If you are planning to fly tonight, please do not book a flight that departs before 21:00 hrs.

Accommodation: None included. Tour ends at 17:00 hrs**Meals included:** Meals paid locally