

19 Day Pacific Coast

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1 CONWAY, ARKANSAS

We begin our exciting journey west by traveling through Tennessee and across the mighty Mississippi River into Arkansas. We are filled with excitement of the days ahead. We will check into our hotel for the night in Conway, Arkansas.

2 OKLAHOMA CITY NATIONAL MEMORIAL AND MUSEUM

Leaving Arkansas, our only diamond state, we head on west to Oklahoma, "The Sooner State". We will visit the Oklahoma City National Memorial and Museum; a memorial in the United States that honors the victims, survivors, rescuers, and all who were affected by the Oklahoma City bombing on April 19, 1995. We spend the night in Oklahoma City.

3 ALBUQUERQUE, NEW MEXICO

This morning we enter the Texas panhandle before entering New Mexico. We will see a big change in the land today before we reach Albuquerque making a brief stop in Old Town where Albuquerque began. You will see the adobe type buildings which were first used when the Spanish arrived. Overnight accommodations await us in Albuquerque.

4 PAINTED DESERT / PETRIFIED FOREST / WILLIAMS, ARIZONA

Today we continue into Arizona stopping at the Painted Desert and the Petrified Forest. The 93,493 acres of the Petrified Forest include the most spectacular display of petrified wood in the world. You are looking at tree trunks of solid stone that range in age up to 160 million years old. The Rainbow Forest Museum depicts the process in detail. We continue to Williams, Arizona for a two night stay.



5 GRAND CANYON RAILROAD / GRAND CANYON NATIONAL PARK

The excitement begins at the historic 1908 Williams Depot. Before the train departs you can enjoy a wild west shootout featuring the Cataract Creek Gang in an outdoor theater, visit the free railroad museum or browse through the gift shops. On hearing the train whistle pierce the fresh morning air, we board the vintage streamliner to begin our journey. Uniformed coach attendants provide you with white-gloved courtesy and service. Aboard the train, enjoy the tunes of strolling musicians who conduct sing-a-longs, an old west train robbery and the antics of western characters as they recreate train travel as it was in the early 1900's. The train arrives at the historic 1910 Grand Canyon Depot. It is among the three remaining log depots still in operation in the United States. On arrival at the Grand

Canyon, we will take a narrated motorcoach rim tour to the most scenic overlooks of the canyon to enhance your visit. Guests are escorted to vistas like Mojave Point, Pima Point, The Abyss and Hermits Rest. A buffet lunch is included at Maswik Lodge. After our visit to the Grand Canyon we reboard the train for our return trip to Williams for our last night. **L**

6 PASADENA, CALIFORNIA

It's a short drive this morning through Arizona into the Golden State of California, the third largest state by area after Alaska and Texas. Accommodations await us in Old Pasadena for a two night stay. Old Pasadena is a shopping and dining district known for its Victorian and art deco buildings. Evening is free to explore Old Town Pasadena.



7 GUIDED TOUR OF LOS ANGELES AND HOLLYWOOD AND RICHARD NIXON PRESIDENTIAL LIBRARY

Experience the most comprehensive Los Angeles tour! Walk in the footsteps of some of Hollywood's most renowned celebrities at Mann's Chinese Theatre. Explore Santa Monica's 3rd street Promenade with its many café's and unique shops on the Santa Monica Pier. Tour includes: Los Angeles, Hollywood, Beverly Hills, Sunset Strip, Farmers Market and The GROVE. After lunch at the Farmer's Market we will visit the Richard Nixon Presidential Library. After lunch, it's a short drive to Yorba Linda to visit the Richard Nixon Presidential Library situated on nine acres in southern California just fifteen minutes from Disneyland. It includes a replica of the Lincoln Sitting Room in the White House's family quarters as it was decorated during President Nixon's time in office. This exhibit shows the room where President Nixon made many of his most crucial decisions. An exploration of the space program during the Nixon presidency, featuring an astronaut's space suit, the telephone President Nixon used to call Neil Armstrong and Buzz Aldrin on the Moon, and an actual Moon rock are also displayed. The 1967 Lincoln Continental limousine used by Presidents Johnson, Nixon, and Ford is on display, as well as a reconstruction of President Nixon's post-presidential office in his home in Park Ridge, New Jersey and a replica of the East Room of the White House. One of the highlights of a trip to the Richard Nixon Presidential Library and Museum is the chance to step aboard Army One--the helicopter used by Presidents Kennedy, Johnson, Nixon, and Ford extensively restored and now on permanent display at the library. His birthplace is also located on the grounds. Dinner included this evening. **D**



MOTORCOACH

8 RONALD REAGAN PRESIDENTIAL LIBRARY / SAN LUIS OBISPO, CALIFORNIA

This morning we travel to the Simi Valley to visit Ronald Reagan's Presidential Library which rests on a majestic hill overlooking the breath-taking topography of Southern California. In a storied career that spanned more than five decades, Ronald Reagan inspired Americans to act and achieve even more than they imagined. His legacy thrives at The Reagan Library where events and exhibits rediscover his values, actions and spirit of determination. View a full-size replica of the White House Oval Office, the office in which President Reagan never took off his suit jacket. Walk onboard the actual Air Force One aircraft, which flew seven U.S. presidents. After lunch we continue to San Luis Obispo, California for our next overnight.



9 CARMEL / PEBBLE BEACH AND 17-MILE DRIVE SAN FRANCISCO, CALIFORNIA

We continue to Carmel and Monterey where we take the 17-Mile Drive, a scenic road through Pebble Beach and Pacific Grove on the Monterey Peninsula, much of which hugs the Pacific coastline. It passes famous golf courses, mansions and scenic attractions, including the Lone Cypress, Bird Rock and the 5,300-acre Del Monte Forest of Monterey Cypress trees. San Francisco, a city surrounded by the Pacific Ocean and San Francisco Bay, known for its hilly landscape, year-round fog, iconic Golden Gate Bridge, cable cars and colorful Victorian houses. San Francisco is our destination for a two night stay.

10 GOLDEN GATE / SAN FRANCISCO SIGHTSEEING TOUR



From the Bay Bridge and Treasure Island to the far side of the Golden Gate Bridge, the most beautiful bridge in the world, our city tour this morning will see it all. One of the most photographed locations in San Francisco, Alamo Square's famous "postcard row" at Hayes and Steiner Streets is indeed a visual treat. A tight, escalating formation of Victorian houses is back-dropped by downtown skyscrapers, providing a stunning contrast. Other sites on our tour are Union Square, Lombard Street, the Golden Gate Bridge, Nob Hill, Chinatown, Coit Tower, Grace Cathedral, Haight-Ashbury, the Presidio and more as time permits. Dinner is included this evening in the Fisherman's Wharf area. **D**

11 AVENUE OF THE GIANTS / EUREKA

"I left my heart in San Francisco." You'll be singing and humming this song as we leave this fascinating city. Today we proceed north through redwood forests traveling the 33 miles of scenic "Avenue of the Giants" on the way to Eureka. We make a picture stop at the Carson Mansion, former estate of pioneer lumberman William Carson. One of the most written about and photographed Victorian houses in California, and perhaps in the United States, the Carson Mansion epitomizes the range of possibilities for eclectic design expression that created this American style of architecture. California's motto is "Eureka", I found it! We spend the night in Eureka, the port for the largest fishing fleet north of San Francisco Bay. Dinner is included this evening at the historical Samoa Cookhouse. As the last surviving cookhouse of the west, all meals are still served "lumber camp" style. **D**

12 REDWOOD NATIONAL PARK / COOS BAY, OREGON

As we travel north along the rugged Pacific coast we will make several photo stops. Stops will be made in Redwood National Park, where the redwood trees are so tall they actually block out the sun from the forest floor. Redwood National Park encompasses 110,232 acres. Within its boundaries are the 34,780 combined acres of Del Norte Coast, Jedediah Smith and Prairie Creek Redwoods state parks. In addition to dense forests of coast redwoods, the park embraces marshland, beaches, rugged coastline, rivers, streams, prairies and oak woodlands. Our destination today is Coos Bay, Oregon the international port that ranks among the world's largest wood products exporting centers.

13 OREGON SAND DUNES NATIONAL RECREATION AREA SALEM / PORTLAND

This morning we visit the Oregon Sand Dunes National Recreation Area where we get on a dune buggy for a thrilling ride over miles of sand. Call it America's answer to the grand Sahara nestled between the Oregon's Coast Mountains and the Pacific Ocean. Well, not quite, but it does resemble the African wonder. We travel through Salem, the capital of Oregon, on our way to Portland for overnight.





14 MULTNOMAH FALLS / BONNEVILLE DAM / FISHLOCKS & LADDERS / COLUMBIA RIVER GORGE / BAKER CITY, OREGON

Today, we follow the footsteps of Lewis and Clark as we tour the Columbia River Gorge. We'll see Mt. Hood, Oregon's highest peak, dominating the horizon of the forest-covered slopes of the Cascade Mountains. We'll also see spectacular Multnomah Falls, tumbling some 620 feet, the tallest waterfall in Oregon, and considered the second tallest waterfall in the USA. We visit Bonneville Dam and see its fishlocks and ladders. In the spring and fall huge runs of salmon, steelhead and other migratory fish use the ladders to continue upstream and spawn. We continue to Baker City, Oregon for the night.

15 BOISE AND TWIN FALLS, IDAHO / EVIL KNEIEVEL MONUMENT OGDEN, UTAH

We continue this morning to Boise, the capital of the Gem state of Idaho situated on the Boise River. We make a quick photo stop at the Idaho State Capitol Building. Our next stop is at Twin Falls where Evel Knievel tried and failed to jump across the Snake River Canyon in a steam-powered rocket. At the city's visitors center, just south of the Perrine Bridge over the canyon, some of Knievel's supporters have erected a monument to their hero with a carved likeness of the rocket motorcycle. It's a short drive into the Beehive state of Utah to Ogden, for the night.

16 SALT LAKE CITY TEMPLE SQUARE / CHEYENNE WYOMING

It's a short drive to the Great Salt Lake, the largest salt water lake in the Western Hemisphere, and the fourth-largest terminal lake in the world. After a photo stop at the lake we continue into Salt Lake City, Utah's high-elevation capital, bordered by the waters of the Great Salt Lake and the snow-capped peaks of the Wasatch Mountain Range.

Downtown's 10-acre Temple Square, headquarters of the Mormon Church, is home to the majestic, 19th-century Salt Lake Temple and the neo-Gothic Assembly Hall. The acclaimed Mormon Tabernacle Choir performs in the square's domed Tabernacle. After our visit to Temple Square and lunch, we continue to Cheyenne, Wyoming for our next overnight. Cheyenne is the capital of Wyoming; it's also considered America's rodeo and railroad capital. Wyoming's State Capitol, a classically designed building of Corinthian architecture resembling the National Capitol in Washington D.C., is located in the heart of Cheyenne.

17 OLE'S BIG GAME STEAKHOUSE / GREAT PLATTE RIVER ROAD MONUMENT / LINCOLN

This morning we travel to Paxton, Nebraska for lunch included at Ole's Big Game Steakhouse before continuing to Kearney, Nebraska where we visit the Great Platte River Road Archway, a museum of and monument to Nebraska's and the Platte River Valley's role in westward expansion. The Archway is directly over Interstate 80. We continue to the Lincoln area for the night. **L**

18 KANSAS CITY / INDEPENDENCE / ST. LOUIS, MISSOURI

Today our travels take us through Nebraska and into the "Show Me State" of Missouri. We will be stopping in the Kansas City or Independence area for lunch before continuing to the St. Louis area for our last night of the tour. We will make a photo stop at the awesome Gateway Arch. It was from this area that many of the early pioneers embarked on their journey into the unknown west.

19 HOMEWARD BOUND

We will leave for home today with many wonderful memories of our trip West. The Great Pacific Coast of the United States is a place of subtle beauty and constantly changing landscapes. Thank you for traveling with Knoxville Tours!

5 MEALS INCLUDED

B - Breakfast • L - Lunch • D - Dinner

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