

Western Wonders Tour Packages| Vacations with Cosmos®

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From the gorgeous national parks to the thrilling cities, this western U.S. tour through California, Arizona, and Nevada features natural wonders, scenic drives, deep canyons, and sparkling waterfalls—not to mention fun in some of the world’s most famous cities. Your tour starts in Los Angeles, ends in San Francisco, and overnights along the way in Palm Springs, Scottsdale, Williams, Las Vegas, Selma, Sonora, and San Francisco. You’ll visit two of the West’s most famous and beautiful national parks, Grand Canyon National Park in Arizona, and Yosemite National Park in California. Stroll the Grand Canyon’s South Rim and stand in awe as you look out at the stunning vistas. In Yosemite National Park, have your camera ready for the giant granite domes, cascading waterfalls, lush forests, and more. But that’s not all...you’ll also witness spectacular scenery along the way. Between Scottsdale and the Grand Canyon, you’ll see Arizona’s Oak Creek Canyon, known as one of America’s most beautiful drives and home to brilliantly hued cliffs and rugged spires of sandstone, and you’ll stop in Sedona, with the massive red-rock formations that make the area famous. Between Williams and Las Vegas, watch for Joshua trees, a member of the Yucca family, which can grow to be more than 40 feet tall and live to be 300 years old. Between Las Vegas and Selma, you’ll see the vast Mojave Desert. Enjoy included sightseeing in Los Angeles and San Francisco. Free time in each city—including Las Vegas—gives you time to explore on your own or to take optional excursions. Perhaps consider a ride on San Francisco’s historic cable cars, enjoy an outing to Alcatraz Prison, the federal penitentiary that once housed Al Capone and other notorious criminals, or take an optional excursion to walk through the soaring 600-year-old redwoods of Muir Woods—the choice is yours! Breathtaking scenery, exciting cities, scenic drives, and more...this western U.S. tour is a perfect vacation for savvy, value-minded travelers.

To know more about the visas for this vacation, [click here](#)



Tour Highlights

Notes:

On vacations that include an overnight stay in Las Vegas, at least one member of the traveling party must be 21 years of age or older.



World Heritage Sites are designated by the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization (UNESCO) for having cultural, historical, scientific or other form of significance. The sites are judged to contain cultural and natural heritage around the world considered to be of outstanding value to humanity.

The following UNESCO World Heritage Sites can be seen or visited on this vacation:

- Yosemite National Park
- Grand Canyon National Park

Meals

3 Breakfasts

Itinerary

Day 1

LOS ANGELES Welcome to Los Angeles! Your Tour Director is on hand late this afternoon to answer any questions.

Day 2

LOS ANGELES Begin the day with a sightseeing tour of Tinseltown. Drive through Hollywood and see the world-famous TCL Chinese Theatre. An historic gem, this cinema (formerly, Grauman's) has hosted some of the most exclusive movie premieres in Hollywood history. See the Dolby Theater, the first permanent home of the glamorous Academy Awards, and the Hollywood Walk of Fame where iconic terrazzo stars grace block after city block of Hollywood Boulevard. Explore The Original Farmers Market, with more than 80 shops and restaurants then head to the Santa Monica Pier and the ultimate Southern California beach. The remainder of your day is at leisure; your Tour Director will have suggestions for further exploration of the city.

Day 3

LOS ANGELES–PALM SPRINGS Journey to the desert oasis of Palm Springs. Ever since Hollywood stars first came here in the 1930s, laying claim to ranch-style estates and holding up in elite hotels, the clean, dry air and sunshine have made Palm Springs irresistible.

Day 4

PALM SPRINGS–SCOTTSDALE AREA Travel through cacti-covered desert toward Old Town Scottsdale, where Western storefronts create an aura of the past. Afterward, enjoy free time to explore a taste of the Old West with Western bars, wooden beams, wagon wheels, and abundant cowboy hats, you'll feel like you've traveled back in time to the era of outlaws and saloons.

Day 5

SCOTTSDALE AREA–SEDONA–GRAND CANYON NATIONAL PARK–WILLIAMS First stop today is a visit to the red rocks of Sedona, a center for Southwestern and New Age arts. Climb through Oak Creek Canyon with its weather-sculpted formations of dramatic, color-tinted crags. Then pass by the San Francisco Mountains and beautiful pine forests to the South Rim of Grand Canyon National Park and be awed by the grandeur and stunning vistas of this natural wonder of the world. See the canyon from the sky aboard an optional helicopter flightseeing excursion for thrilling views of the canyon's flame-colored walls plunging 6,093 feet into the Colorado River. Stay overnight in Williams, a picturesque mountain town with Route 66 as its main street.

 Breakfast

Day 6

WILLIAMS–LAS VEGAS Cross the old Mojave, that still has traces of century-old ghost towns set in the natural beauty of the desert. Look out for Joshua trees, a species of the agave family that grows to 40 feet high and can live for more than 300 years. Arrive in the man-made oasis in the Nevada desert that is Las Vegas, a fantastic city of feverish gambling, neon lights, and entertaining shows. An orientation tour upon arrival shows off many of the themed casino resorts along the colorful "Strip." This evening, consider a night on the town with an optional Brazilian steakhouse dinner and find your inner Rat Pack at "Vegas! The Show," to relive the iconic performances of Sinatra, Elvis, and more legends who made Las Vegas the "Entertainment Capital of the World."

 Continental Breakfast

Day 7

LAS VEGAS The day is free for exploring on your own. Perhaps try your hand at the blackjack table, check out some of the over-the-top hotel lobbies, or lounge by the pool. Your Tour Director will also have plenty of activities to choose from and will recommend favorite restaurants and shopping areas.

Day 8

LAS VEGAS–SELMA Departing the neon lights of Las Vegas, we continue across the desert landscape of Nevada before crossing into California. See the vast Mojave Desert, which covers one-fifth of California. Pass through some of the state’s most productive agricultural land and overnight in Selma in the central San Joaquin Valley.

Day 9

SELMA–YOSEMITE NATIONAL PARK–SONORA This morning, we enter Yosemite National Park, a wonderland of spectacular lakes, giant granite domes, towering pinnacles, cascading waterfalls, and lush forests. See magnificent Half Dome, El Capitan, and Bridal Veil Falls. Afterward, drive to Sonora.

Day 10

SONORA–SAN FRANCISCO This morning, we continue west to the “City by the Bay” San Francisco, famous for its cable cars. After lunch, included sightseeing takes in the spectacular Golden Gate Bridge, Nob Hill, and bustling Fisherman’s Wharf.

 Breakfast

Day 11

SAN FRANCISCO The day is free for you to explore more of this fascinating city. Perhaps visit legendary Alcatraz Island, explore bustling Chinatown, or go on an iconic cable car ride. Take your adventures higher with an optional walk through the soaring 600-year-old redwoods of Muir Woods or view the stunning cityscape on a scenic San Francisco Bay Cruise.

NOTE:

Consider advance ticket purchase for Alcatraz Island with the National Park Service.

Day 12

SAN FRANCISCO Your vacation ends this morning. You may choose to extend your vacation with extra nights and explore San Francisco further.

Tour Director

With Cosmos, there's no better way to get to know your destination than through the eyes of your Tour Director. Averaging over a decade... we'd like you to meet a Tour Director, who is representative of the type of expert that will be with you on your vacation.

JOHN PLOSZAJ

Escorting tours for more than 15 years

" My favorite things to do include travel and meeting wonderfully interesting people from around the world. Luckily, I get to do both as a Tour Director! What I love most about my job is the chance to be an ambassador for the United States. To see the smiles on my travelers' faces at the end of a tour and to know they had a great time and learned a little something about our country is priceless."



KEN HARTFORD

Escorting tours for more than 15 years

" The West has been my home since I was born, and its incredible diversity has kept me engaged since my earliest memories. It is a world of iconic places and undiscovered gems waiting to be explored. Experience the bustle of its cities and the serenity of its open spaces, hear the stories of its people, and embrace the wonder of its beauty. No matter who you are or where you come from, there is something about the West that will never leave you."



RANDY SCHUSTER

Escorting tours for more than 20 years

" Being a Tour Director has afforded me the opportunity to travel more than I would have ever dreamed. During my many years as a Tour Director, I have had the opportunity to lead tours in Australia, New Zealand, Costa Rica, Hawaii, and the Western U.S. I am extremely proud of my home state of California. Come with me on tour and I will show you the unique beauty, ethnic diversity, tempting local cuisine, and, hopefully, help you spot a celebrity or two!"



Accommodation

LOS ANGELES

WESTIN BONAVENTURE

Hotel as shown or similar

Superior First-Class

Free Wifi

PALM SPRINGS

PALM SPRINGS COURTYARD

Hotel as shown or similar

First-Class

Free Wifi

SCOTTSDALE

HOLIDAY INN & SUITES PHOENIX AIRPORT NORTH

Hotel as shown or similar

First-Class

Free Wifi

WILLIAMS

LA QUINTA INN AND SUITES-GRAND CANYON AREA

Hotel as shown or similar

Superior Tourist-Class

Free Wifi

LAS VEGAS

SAHARA LAS VEGAS

Hotel as shown or similar

Moderate Deluxe

Free Wifi

SELMA

HOLIDAY INN SELMA SWAN-COURT

Hotel as shown or similar

Superior Tourist-Class

Free Wifi

SONORA

HERITAGE INN YOSEMITE-SONORA

Hotel as shown or similar

Tourist Class

Free Wifi

SAN FRANCISCO

PARC 55 SAN FRANCISCO

Hotel as shown or similar

Superior First-Class

Free Wifi

Optional Excursions

Contact your Travel Consultant for more information.

Price Ranges

\$ (\$50 USD and under)

\$\$ (\$51 - \$100 USD)

\$\$\$ (\$101 - \$150 USD)

\$\$\$\$ (Over \$150)

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