

California Wine Country

San Francisco ✦ Napa ✦ Sonoma

Day 1 (Dinner)

Today we fly to the famous *city by the bay*, **San Francisco, CA**. Check into the beautiful **Argonaut Hotel** for two nights. You'll love the plush and stylish nautical décor of this luxury, four-diamond boutique hotel. After getting settled in your room, get out and explore as the excitement of Fisherman's Wharf, Ghirardelli Square and the Cannery are just steps from your hotel! Enjoy a *wine reception* at the hotel and then join your fellow travelers for dinner at **The Franciscan**, well known for its delicious food and fabulous views of the San Francisco Bay, Alcatraz and Angel Island.

Day 2

Today you will have the entire day to explore San Francisco as you wish! You will be given an all-day ticket for the **Open Top Sightseeing "hop on/hop off" bus** that makes stops at 21 locations throughout the city. Rise early to begin your day or sleep in and catch the bus whenever you are ready. Sit "up top" if the weather is fine and enjoy the best views of the city or take a seat inside as you ride to the wonderful sights, attractions, museums, galleries and neighborhoods of San Francisco. You'll even have the opportunity to walk across the Golden Gate Bridge. The possibilities are nearly endless!

Enjoy the hotel's *wine reception* at 5:00 and then dine in one of the many great restaurants near our hotel. Live music can easily be found in a variety of venues. The atmosphere is always festive in San Francisco! Take a stroll to Pier 39 or enjoy a cable car ride. Your tour director will be on hand to help make your day and evening perfect!

Day 3 (Gourmet Box Lunch, Dinner)

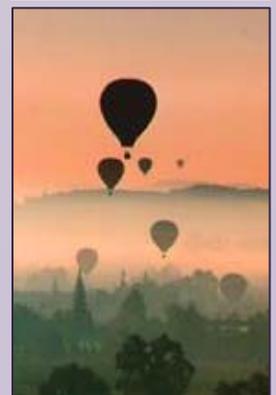
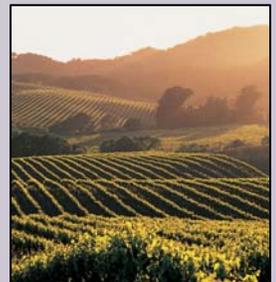
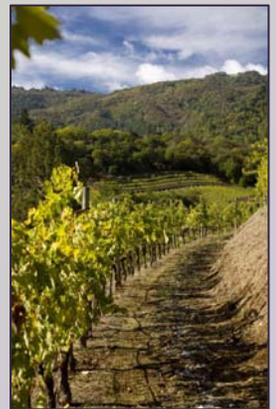
Bid farewell to San Francisco this morning and travel north into the beautiful tapestry that is **California Wine Country!** Your first stop will be at the **Benziger Family Winery**, located in the heart of Sonoma Valley. On a **vineyard tram tour**, take a close-up look at the Biodynamic vineyards that are carefully tended with the most eco-responsible methods available. Visit the fermentation facility, crush pad and barrel caves and then taste Benziger's award-winning wines. Your visit will culminate with a delicious, gourmet box lunch served on Benziger's beautiful terrace with magnificent views of the surrounding countryside.

In the picturesque town of **Sonoma** you can stroll through **Sonoma Plaza**, a National Historic Landmark strewn with sprawling shade trees. Admire the carefully preserved adobe buildings that now house a wide variety of boutiques and stores brimming with artisan-made gifts, luxury goods, jewelry and much more. Your next stop will be the **Jacuzzi Family Vineyards**. Amidst magnificent pieces of Italian art, Venetian-style glass chandeliers and handmade furnishings you will sample Jacuzzi Family Vineyards flavorful wines. Jacuzzi is also home to **The Olive Press**, California's most highly awarded producer of extra virgin olive oil, which offers a unique and educational experience through their tasting bar, gourmet shop and on-site, olive pressing facility, where visitors can watch olive oil being made.

Later this afternoon check into the lovely **Hilton Garden Inn** where the chic lobby décor will instantly have you feeling the essence of Napa Valley. Relax, get in a work-out, check your emails or shop at the **Napa Premium Outlet Mall** for tremendous buys at Ann Taylor, Coach, and other great stores. This evening our group will enjoy delicious Italian cuisine at the **Ristorante Allegria** in downtown Napa.

Day 4 (Breakfast, Lunch)

Enjoy a full day today in the exquisitely beautiful **Napa Valley Wine Country**. This morning we will take a tour of **The Culinary Institute of America** and then there will be time to browse through the *Spice Islands Market Place*. Next, we're on our way to the **V. Sattui Winery**, a beautiful and popular, family-owned vineyard and winery. Explore the great store here filled with goodies and gifts to take home. Have fun at a wine tasting session and enjoy an extensive gourmet **picnic lunch** (complete with



wine, of course) under massive oak trees. This afternoon **limousine service** will be provided for you to create your own "winery hopping" experience. From the best known "Estate" cellars to the small family owned "boutique" wineries, your experienced limo driver/guide will take you off the beaten path and show you a Napa Valley few people ever see. Wrap up your tour with a visit to charming **Yountville** before you return to the hotel for a relaxing evening.

Day 5 (Breakfast)

This morning you'll visit the Tuscan-inspired **Viansa Winery and Marketplace**. Viansa is situated high upon a hilltop, providing breathtaking views of the surrounding valley - you will feel like you are in Italy! Browse through the winery's extensive marketplace that features fresh products made with Viansa wines and other natural ingredients. You'll also find other unique items including Italian pottery, glassware, decanters, plates and bowls, paintings, and gift baskets. Then travel to **Sausalito** to stroll through this lovely upscale village before departing for the airport for your flight home.

Tour Includes:

- ❖ Deluxe motor coach transportation throughout the tour
- ❖ Four night's hotel accommodations and baggage handling
- ❖ Two breakfasts, two lunches and two dinners
- ❖ All activities and admissions as listed in the itinerary
- ❖ Services of **Cruises and Tours Worldwide** tour director

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