



Rails and Sails of the Sierra Nevada

featuring San Francisco, Lake Tahoe and the Sacramento Southern Railroad

Departure Date: September 22, 2025



DAY 1 Arrive in San Francisco: Arrive in San Francisco and transfer to your lodging in the Fisherman's Wharf area. Meet your Tour Manager in the lobby at 6:00 p.m. for dining suggestions.

DAY 2 San Francisco Touring and Bay Cruise: Embark on a guided tour of San Francisco and see many of the landmarks that made the city known throughout the world. See Union Square, Twin Peaks, Golden Gate Park, Chinatown and the world's most crooked street, Lombard Street. In the afternoon, set sail on a narrated San Francisco Bay cruise,

taking in the city's waterfront, Fort Mason, the Presidio, Alcatraz and the Golden Gate Bridge. Tonight, dinner is on Fisherman's Wharf capping off a memorable day. **Meals: B, D**

DAY 3 Ride the California Zephyr through the Sierra Nevada Range: This morning, board Amtrak's famed *California Zephyr* for the scenic ride through the beautiful Sierra Nevada Mountain Range with their rugged mountains and lush forests. Arrive Truckee, Nevada where you board your waiting motorcoach for the drive to the year round resort area of Lake Tahoe which boasts casinos and great entertainment for evening fun. Upon arrival, check into the hotel where dinner awaits. **Meals: B, D**

DAY 4 Virginia City Mine Tour and Carson City: Begin the day in Virginia City, once a thriving, vibrant metropolis of 25,000 residents because of the Comstock Lode, a rich deposit of silver ore discovered in 1859. At the Chollar Mine experience the real working conditions of a Comstock miner on a guide-led visit down the old mine tunnel. Spend some free time in Virginia City with its wooden sidewalks, historic buildings and lively saloons. Then, make a stop in Carson City at the Nevada State Railroad Museum. See the extensive collection of locomotives, rolling stock, artifacts, photographs and memorabilia directly related to railroads and railroading in Nevada. **Meals: B, L**

DAY 5 Lake Tahoe Cruise: This morning view the scenery from the water with a cruise on the turquoise waters of Lake Tahoe, the largest and second deepest Alpine lake in North America. From the deck of the MS *Dixie II*, view castles and mansions tucked between inlets and picturesque points while enjoying an included lunch. En route to Sacramento, take in the spectacular mountains, breathtaking forests and sparkling clear waters along the way. At the California State Capitol Building, see its extensive collections of statues, paintings and portraits.

Meals: B, L

DAY 6 Old Sacramento, Baker Family Wines and the Sacramento Southern Railroad: Today, a local guide conducts a narrated tour of Old Sacramento, designated a National Historic Landmark District. Then, visit the California State Railroad Museum to learn the importance the “iron horse” played in connecting California with the rest of the nation. Climb aboard the Sacramento Southern Railroad for a journey along the scenic Sacramento River pulled by a historic steam or diesel locomotive. At the Baker Family Winery, taste the fruits of Major League Baseball’s Dusty Baker’s labors outside the dugout. Tonight, your Tour Manager hosts a special farewell dinner. **Meals: B, D**

DAY 7 Return Home: Your tour ends with a group transfer to the Sacramento International Airport for flights home after 11:00 a.m. **Meal: B**

HOTEL ACCOMMODATIONS

- Days 1 and 2** – RIU Plaza Fisherman’s Wharf, San Francisco, California
- Days 3 and 4** – Harvey Lake Tahoe Hotel and Casino, Lake Tahoe, Nevada
- Days 5 and 6** – Embassy Suites or DoubleTree Hotel, Sacramento, California

Rooms for the night before and after the tour are available. Cost for a room in San Francisco is \$499, and in Sacramento is \$399, tax and breakfast included.



FOR RESERVATIONS OR INFORMATION CONTACT:

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Tour Highlights

- 11 Meals: 6 breakfasts, 2 lunches and 3 dinners
- Round trip airport transfers
- Spend two nights in San Francisco with narrated city tour
- Narrated bay cruise to see Alcatraz and the Golden Gate Bridge
- Ride the famed *California Zephyr* for a scenic ride through the beautiful Sierra Nevada Mountain Range
- Spend two nights in Lake Tahoe boasting casinos and great entertainment for evening fun
- Visit the once bustling Virginia City and tour the 1859 Chollar Mine
- See the Nevada State Railroad Museum in Carson City
- Leisurely lunch cruise on the turquoise waters of Lake Tahoe aboard the MS *Dixie II*
- Tour Old Sacramento and the California State Capitol Building
- Visit the California State Railroad Museum
- Ride the Sacramento Southern Railroad along the Sacramento River

Departure Date	Per Person Twin	Single Room add
September 22, 2025	\$3,799	\$1,229

Includes airport transfers and roundtrip airfare from Billings Montana

Travelers Protection Plan (TPP) – \$349 per person

This nonrefundable fee waives all cancellation fees when we are notified of cancellation one day before the tour departs. If you must leave the tour early due to personal illness, illness or death of a member of your immediate family, TPP guarantees full refund for any unused services after the departure of the tour. Other benefits include medical expenses for illness and injury, emergency transportation, 24 hour hot line, and lost or stolen baggage assistance. Return air transportation is included ONLY if your air tickets were provided by Mayflower Cruises & Tours. If you purchase the optional Travelers Protection Plan (TPP), you will be refunded all payments, including deposit amount, less the TPP premium amount.

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- 61 days or more: Deposit Amount
- 60 to 31 days prior: 20% of tour cost
- 30 to 15 days prior: 30% of tour cost
- 14 to 1 day prior: 40% of tour cost
- Day of departure or early departure from tour: 100% of tour cost
- No refund on unused portions of the tour



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