

California is one of the most diverse states in the US that you could visit. City breaks, coastal trips, desert escapes, and mountain adventures... California offers your clients a wide variety of trips to choose from. You can easily mix and match a variety of experiences in one incredible itinerary.

Nothing is as iconic than taking a classic California road trip. Home to some of the world's most renowned thoroughfares, including coastal Highway 1 and the terminus of historical Route 66, the majestic views and rich history found on these iconic trips draw thousands of visitors to the Golden State every year.

In addition to these classic, "bucket list" trips, California offers travelers seemingly endless adventures. Visitors can explore the wild "Lost Coast" in the state's most northern counties, stargaze beneath dark skies on a road trip through the desert, walk amongst four types of volcanoes on a journey to Lassen Volcanic National Park, marvel at the untouched scenery of the Eastern Sierras along Route 395, and discover California's missions along the famous El Camino Real, spanning from San Diego to San Francisco.

The state's expansive coastline, ancient forests, rugged mountain ranges and vast deserts mean that there is something to fulfill everyone's road trip dreams!



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GEOGRAPHIC DESCRIPTION

California has a Mediterranean-type climate characterized by general sun and warmth with rain mainly in the winter. Climate varies greatly based on elevation and distance from the ocean. Rainfall varies from 80 inches in Del Norte County (North Coast) to as low as 3 inches in Imperial County (Desert).

There are five main climatic zones that exist in the state:

COASTAL: This area contains most of the state's population. The population varies greatly up and down the coast.

DESERT: Characterized by great variations in temperature, both daily and annual, along with very little rainfall.

FOOTHILL: 1,000 to 3,000 feet in elevation with climate similar to valley regions but with more rain and less fog.

MOUNTAIN: This is the sole region for heavy snow, accented with fairly cold winters and bright, sunny summers.

VALLEY: Characterized by high temperatures and low humidity in the summer and low temperatures and high humidity in the winter. Both the Sacramento and San Joaquin Valleys exhibit this type of climatology.



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TRANSPORTATION

California has four major gateways – Los Angeles International Airport (LAX), San Francisco International Airport (SFO), John Wayne Airport (SNA), San Diego International Airport (SAN) and over 140 other airports that support seasonal and year around flights.



NATIONAL MONUMENTS

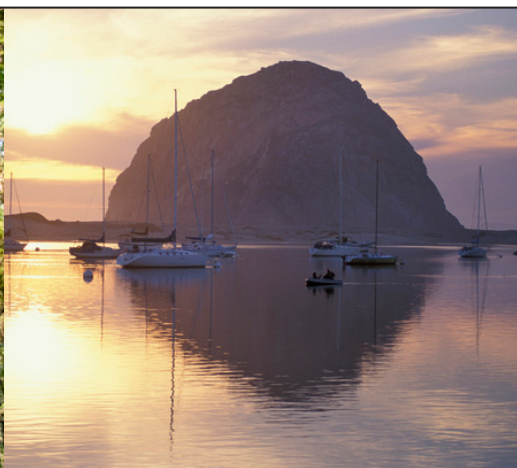
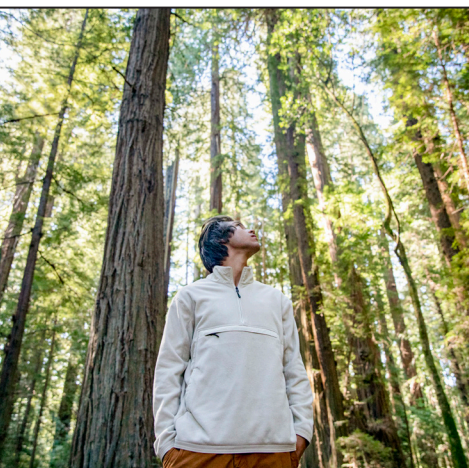
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 Mojave
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CALIFORNIA TRIP IDEAS

If you want to learn all about California road trips, how to plan them, and what to see along the way, check out Visit California's comprehensive [Road Trips Hub](#) on [visitcalifornia.com](#). You can find trip ideas from classic road trips and national parks adventures, to foodie and family fun itineraries. This site is full of all the trip inspiration you'll need to plan your perfect trip to the Golden State!



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