
GEEO ITINERARY

WESTERN USA- Summer

Day 1: San Francisco Arrive at any time.

Arrive at any time today, but we highly recommend coming in at least a day early so you have time to see the sites of San Francisco. We typically have a group meeting at the hotel around 6:00 p.m. Upon arrival at the hotel, please check the notice board for information about the group meeting. During the group meeting, the leader will outline the trip itinerary and answer questions.

Day 2: San Francisco/Yosemite National Park Take in some sights of San Francisco. Stop at the Golden Gate Bridge. Drive towards the Sierra Nevadas. Stop to try some produce en route to Yosemite National Park.

Head out on an orientation of San Francisco to take in some final sights. What trip to San Fran would be complete without seeing the Golden Gate Bridge? Depending on time, step foot on this famous red suspension bridge or find a great viewing point to take some photos. On a clear day, you can see the San Francisco skyline, Alcatraz and the Bay Bridge to one side and the Pacific Ocean on the other. Drive past some iconic attractions of the city as we head towards the Sierra Nevadas. California's Central Valley is one of the most productive agricultural regions in the United States. Nestled in between California's Coastal Range and the Sierra Nevadas, the region is known for its fruits, vegetables, and nuts. Stop in the heart of the valley to sample some of the seasonal favorites. Approximate travel time: 7 hrs by private vehicle with Wi-Fi

Day 3: Yosemite National Park Discover Yosemite's peaks, granite domes, and giant sequoias. Marvel at majestic waterfalls, lakes, and meadows.

We spend today in Yosemite. Picturesque valleys, vast wilderness, powerful waterfalls, elusive wildlife, ancient sequoias, and more than 16 types of granite make up this internationally recognized national park. Hike the trails, get up close to ancient rock formations, and take panoramic photos of this gorgeous landscape. Keep an eye out for black bears, deer, and coyotes.

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Day 5: Sierra Nevada to Las Vegas Visit a land of extremes in Death Valley NP. Explore Las Vegas and stroll along the famous Vegas Strip. Your evening is free to enjoy the amazing food and nightlife.

We descend from the mountains into Death Valley. This is one of America's most extreme locations - from sand dunes and desert, to badlands, towering peaks, and a basin that actually registers below sea-level, this is sure to be an unforgettable stop. Hottest. Driest. Lowest. There's a bit of everything here on the border of California and Nevada. Later in the day we will check into our Las Vegas hotel and stroll along the famous Vegas Strip. Your evening is free to enjoy the amazing food and nightlife. Approximate travel time: Varies depending on the route

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Day 7: Las Vegas/Bryce Canyon National Park Visit Zion, Utah's oldest national park. Explore towering cliffs and massive canyon walls. Hike diverse and exciting trails. Head to Bryce Canyon.

We drive from Vegas to Zion National park. Admire monumental sandstone cliffs of cream, pink, and red that tower into the sky. Experience diverse plant and animal life in this narrow slot canyon as the park transitions from desert to forest. Gaze at the awe-inspiring beauty of the high plateaus, striking towers, temples, mesas, and the earth's tallest-known sheer sandstone walls. Lace up your hiking boots and journey through the incredible landscape of Zion National Park. With terrain that goes from desert to forest, elevations that range from 1,130m (3,700 ft) to 2,630m (8,726 ft) above sea level, and diverse weather—the hikes at Zion vary greatly. Depending on group condition and interest, the guide will propose different hikes. Possibilities include: Middle Emerald Pool, Watchman Trail, and Angels Landing. Afterward we drive to Bryce Canyon and arrive just in time to witness one of the most spectacular sunsets in the Southwest. Approximate travel time: 4.5 hrs by private vehicle with Wi-Fi

Day 8: Bryce Canyon National Park/Lake Powell Explore Bryce Canyon National Park on trails among the amphitheaters and multi-colored rock pinnacles called hoodoos before heading to Lake Powell. Opt for a barbecue dinner and a sunset horseback ride.

This morning we will explore Bryce Canyon. See a sight like no other at this giant forest of stone made up of a collection of massive natural amphitheaters. This park contains hundreds of thousands of eroded spires, pinnacles, and other shapes as far as the eye can see. Afterward we head to Lake Powell where you can opt for a barbecue dinner and a sunset horseback ride. Approximate travel time: 3 hrs by private vehicle with Wi-Fi

Day 9: Monument Valley Visit the Glen Canyon Dam and take a short hike to Horseshoe Bend, shaped by the Colorado River. Discover one of the most majestic places on earth, Monument Valley. Explore on a 4x4 tour led by a Navajo guide.

Visit the concrete arch Glen Canyon Dam, the second-largest dam of its kind in North America, built to provide hydroelectricity and flow regulation on the Colorado River in Northern Arizona. Then take a short hike (1 hr) to this spectacular horseshoe-shaped meander of the Colorado River. Stand atop steep orange-colored sandstone cliffs and look out at Horseshoe Bend. Peer down more than 300m (1,000 ft) at the emerald river below. We then drive to Monument Valley and explore this magical and sacred place by 4x4. See magnificent colors, miles of mesas, buttes, and pinnacles that make Monument Valley a truly wondrous experience. Approximate travel time: 2.5 hrs by private vehicle with Wi-Fi

Day 10: Grand Canyon National Park (L, D) Depart Monument Valley and stop for lunch at a local Navajo food truck. Enter the Grand Canyon National Park and drive along the south rim and stop for views. Opt to take a short hike.

Depart Monument Valley in the morning and stop for lunch just outside the Grand Canyon. Get off the beaten track for an authentic Navajo meal that gives back to the community at the Native Grill Food Truck. Although the Grand Canyon is one of the most popular destinations to visit in the USA, the Indigenous community living on Navajo land captures less than 7% of the \$1.5 billion that this region sees annually. Your meal stop at this family-owned enterprise benefits 50 community members directly,

with ripple effects throughout Navajo Nation. We then enter the park and drive along the south rim of the canyon for a great first impression. Marvel as the Grand Canyon unfolds before you. Don't get too close. The land drops almost straight down for more than 1,000m (3,280 ft) into the serpentine canyons below! The gorge is filled with rocky buttes, sheer limestone cliffs, and deep canyons all arrayed in a rainbow of colors. We continue further into the park and where you can opt to take a short hike into the canyon (weather permitting) or wander along rim trail to admire the views. We'll head to the rim of the Grand Canyon at sunset. Point your camera in any direction and capture memorable shots as the shifting light plays off the layers of red, yellow, and brown rock. This is truly one of the great wonders. Approximate travel time: 3.5 hrs by private vehicle with Wi-Fi

Day 11: Grand Canyon National Park/Lake Havasu City Travel to Sedona for lunch and check out the stunning landscape with a short hike overlooking the red and orange cliffs. Continue on and stop for dinner on historic Route 66. Stay in Lake Havasu City for the night.

Travel to Sedona for lunch. Stop for a visit to the town of Sedona. Surrounded by red sandstone formations, this area is known to attract spiritual seekers to the energy vortexes around town. With a vibrant art community, gourmet cuisine, and beautiful landscapes, enjoy time in this alternative desert community. Then take a trip back in time to the birthplace of Route 66. Established in the early 1900s as the first transcontinental highways in the U.S, Route 66 has a lot of history on it's original length of almost 2,500 miles. Starting in Chicago, Illinois and traveling through Missouri, Kansas, Oklahoma, Texas, New Mexico, and Arizona, before ending at the ocean in Santa Monica California. The creation of the Interstate system bypassed the majority of Route 66, creating ghost towns along it's original route, though there are a few iconic Americana towns still delivering experiences from the past. Check out the historic general store, original motels, and don't forget to get your kicks! Approximate travel time: 6-7 hrs by private vehicle with Wi-Fi

Day 12: Joshua Tree National Park/San Diego Make a quick stop to see a bit of London spanning across the Colorado River. Then head to Joshua Tree National Park, for a hike amongst the boulders and yuccas. Continue to San Diego, where sun, sand, food, and fun all await in this beautiful beach city.

This morning we visit the famous London Bridge. From spanning the Thames to crossing the Colorado River, the 1800s London Bridge was shipped from England to Lake Havasu City in the late 1960s. Then head to Joshua Tree National Park, for a hike amongst the boulders and yuccas. Discover the rugged rock formations and iconic Joshua trees that gave this National Park it's name. Go for a hike, keep a sharp eye out for desert wildlife, and take in the incredible scenery. Continue to San Diego, where sun, sand, food, and fun all await in this beautiful beach city. Tonight we'll experience the Gaslamp Quarter District with numerous pubs and nightclubs. Approximate travel time: 2.5-3 hrs by private vehicle with Wi-Fi

Day 13: San Diego Enjoy free time to explore or just sit back and relax in the sun and sand.

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Day 14: San Diego/Los Angeles Cruise through Orange County and along the incredible Pacific coastline to Los Angeles. See the stars on the most famous sidewalk in Hollywood on an orientation to the area. Drive through Beverly Hills and check out Rodeo Drive.

Cruise through Orange County and along the incredible Pacific coastline to Los Angeles. See the stars on the most famous sidewalk in Hollywood on an orientation to the area. Drive through Beverly Hills and check out Rodeo Drive. Discover why Santa Monica Pier and Venice Beach are highlights of Los Angeles. Opt to rent a bike. Approximate travel time: 2 hrs by private vehicle with Wi-Fi

Day 15: Los Angeles Depart Los Angeles at any time.

Depart Los Angeles at any time. We highly recommend booking post-accommodation to fully experience this famous city. Want more adventure? Book two or more GEEO trips in the same year and receive a discount! GEEO will give you 10% off of the lesser value program(s) (up to 3 programs). If you don't see a program that interests you that pairs with this trip, but still would like to extend your time abroad, let us know. We will work with you to find a non-teacher trip from our tour operator's much larger catalog. Even better, if you are an educator, we can offer still offer you a discounted price on the trip you choose!