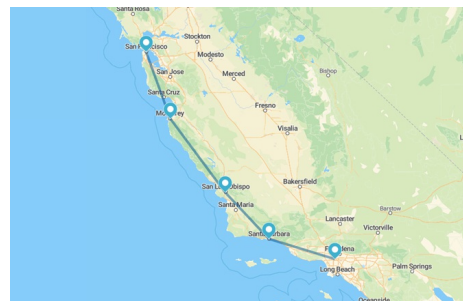




US, 9 Days · Tailor-made by car

Californian Coast Route, from Los Angeles to San Francisco

Explore the coast of California with overnight stays in its main cities. The road trip kicks off in Los Angeles, where you can feel like a movie star at Universal Studios or walk the Walk (of Fame). You'll drive along the Californian coast, lined with spectacular cliffs, sea lions basking in the sun and landmark beaches. You'll get to discover places such as Santa Barbara, (known as the California Riviera for its beautiful beaches), San Luis Obispo and its famous mission, and Monterey with its prestigious aquarium. The tour ends in the ever-popular San Francisco, which boasts one of the most beautiful bays in the world. Drive across the Golden Gate Bridge, visit the former Alcatraz prison and stroll through the city's exciting and vibrant neighbourhoods. Wine lovers will also have the chance to visit Sonoma and Napa, places covered by mile after mile of Californian vineyards.



URBAN

Departure date: Departures from May 2026 till May 2027

From: Dublin, Shannon, Cork

Travel details

● DAY 1 · CITY OF ORIGIN - LOS ANGELES

Flight departure from the city of origin to Los Angeles. Upon arrival, pick up your rental car and spend the rest of the day getting to know the city. LA is the largest city in California and one of the most important metropolises in the whole of America. It includes the city of Los Angeles itself and also Long Beach, Santa Monica, West Hollywood, Beverly Hills and Malibu. Everything will seem familiar, and you'll soon realise that you recognise the city from the movies. City Hall, for example, is one of the most famous buildings in all of LA for having been the headquarters - among others - of the "Daily Planet," the newspaper where Superman worked. Just around the corner are the Cathedral and the Walt Disney Concert Hall, a spectacular building. Just 5 minutes from here, two of the most typical neighborhoods in all of Los Angeles begin: Chinatown and Little Tokyo. You'll be transported from the United States to China and Japan in the blink of an eye. Make sure you stroll along the Walk of Fame and look out for the star in honour of your favourite actress or actor, but keep your eyes peeled as you'll have a good chance of bumping into them in the flesh throughout the day. From here, you can make your way over to Beverly Hills. Before arriving at the city's most luxurious neighbourhood, stop off en route at the Sunset Strip for a bit of shopping. If you're a "Pretty Woman" fan, very near here is 9500 Wilshire Blvd the location of the hotel where Julia Roberts and Richard Gere shared a room. Overnight stay in Los Angeles.

● DAY 2 · LOS ANGELES

The city of Los Angeles, especially the Hollywood area, is intrinsically linked to the history of cinema. So, today you can set aside part of the day to learn about the ins-and-outs of the industry known as the 'Seventh Art'. Besides photographing the most famous sign in the city, a highly recommended activity is a tour of Universal Studios. You'll find gigantic film studios, theme park attractions and live shows. It's huge, and to get your money's worth, you'll need between six and eight hours. As for the attractions, one of the firm favourites of visitors is The Wizarding World of Harry Potter. Get ready to be whisked off to Hogwarts! Another must-see is Simpsons Land, full of the places where everyone's favourite yellow family live their lives. Universal has churned out huge blockbusters over its hundred-year-plus existence, so you can drive through 'Jurassic Park', be Rick Grimes for a day in 'The Walking Dead', discover a day in the life of the 'Minions', get up close to 'Shrek', and even play at being a 'Transformer'. The range of things to do within the park is endless, but remember to take a tour the studios themselves. You'll see legendary sets where movies such as 'Psycho' or 'Jaws' were filmed. As for the live shows, there'll be epic battles and lots of special effects. At the end of your day here, head down to the Sunset Strip and revel in the most bohemian and cosmopolitan neighbourhood of Los Angeles. It's an ideal place to dine and have a couple of drinks. Overnight stay in Los Angeles.

● DAY 3 · LOS ANGELES - SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA COAST - SANTA BARBARA

Departure to the southern coast of California, where you'll find the city of Santa Barbara, known as the California Riviera for its beautiful beaches and sheltered waters that offer an ideal environment for swimming, yachting or sunbathing. Soak up the captivating atmosphere of the city as you head to the County Courthouse. This is a fascinating visit both for its architecture and for the views it commands over the city. When it's time to eat, the best place to savour exceptional freshly-caught seafood, and at a good price, is Stearns Wharf. It's also the perfect place for spotting seals, pelicans and other types of birds. Santa Barbara is famous for its beaches. Butterfly Beach is one of them, but you can also choose Miramar or Carpintería, both idyllic havens. Some days you can spend sunbathing surrounded by sea lions, while others you can spend swimming among dolphins. Whatever you decide, you'll always enjoy a healthy and family-friendly atmosphere that will turn a beach day into an exceptional experience. If you're a fan of landscaping, make sure you take the two-hour guided tour through Lotusland, the best gardens in the whole of California. It's essential to book in advance because this is one of the top attractions in Santa Barbara. (Note: Admission not included). And did you know that dozens of celebrities live in Santa Bárbara and walk through the streets every day without being noticed? If you're on the ball and good at recognising faces, you should spot the odd one. For dinner, head over to the Funk Zone, the city's coolest and most cosmopolitan neighbourhood. Overnight stay in Santa Barbara.

● DAY 4 · SANTA BARBARA - SAN LUIS OBISPO

Departure to the central coast of California. En route, we recommend stopping at Solvang, the Lompoc valley and Santa Maria before arriving in San Luis Obispo to visit the mission and the fabulous Hearst Castle. As you'll see, San Luis Obispo is not a very big town, so after freshening up at your hotel, you can head straight downtown to Marsh Street and Higuera Street, two parallel thoroughfares agglomerating the social life of San Luis Obispo. Out of curiosity, check whether the drive-in is still open and which movie is being shown that night. Watching a movie from your car is an amazing experience! Overnight stay in San Luis Obispo.

DAY 5 · SAN LUIS OBISPO - MONTEREY

Departure to the beautiful and picturesque Monterey. Upon arrival, head downtown for breakfast at Cannery Row followed by a stroll along the main shopping street of Monterey. Afterwards, you can head over to the Pacific Grove area, where you can play golf on one of the world's most impressive courses, visit one of the oldest lighthouses in the United States, or simply unwind on Lovers Point Beach or Asilomar State Beach. Kayaking and surfing are the two quintessential sports in the area, and you'll have no problem finding stores that rent out equipment for you to live it up on the waters of Monterey Bay. The abundant marine fauna, mile after mile of deserted beaches and delightful villages dotted along the coast make this place one of California's greatest attractions. As lunchtime approaches, make your way over to the Old Fisherman's Wharf, where boats sail out to see whales and dolphins, and home to some of the area's most alluring restaurants. You'll always be guaranteed a great atmosphere, excellent culinary offerings and privileged views of the sea lions. (Note: Whale-watching trips set out every day from the wharf. Greys pass through the bay from mid-December to April, while blues and humpbacks are visible from May to November. Tour not included). Another compelling option to enjoy the marine universe is a visit to the city's aquarium. Experts rate it among the best in the world, so if you're interested, set aside around three hours as it's huge and also absolutely fascinating. (Note: Admission not included). It will blow you over, both for the diversity of species on show and the infrastructure giving them shelter. It's like wandering through an underwater city. Back outside, you can choose where to bid farewell to the sun until tomorrow. Spanish Bay or the Asilomar Coastal Trail are two perfect locations for sundowners. This time of day is one of the liveliest in Monterey. Insider tip: when you book your trip, make a reservation at the city's most fashionable restaurant to make sure you get a good table and enjoy an unforgettable evening. Overnight stay in Monterey.

DAY 6 · MONTEREY - SAN FRANCISCO

Wake up refreshed for the fascinating day that lies ahead today. Departure to San Francisco, cultural capital of the West Coast and home to one of the most beautiful bays in the world. You can start off by going to the Financial District and photographing the Transamerica Pyramid building from all angles. From there, you can saunter down to the port and begin visiting the "piers". There are forty in total and the most interesting one is Pier 39, where a colony of sea lions bask in the sun unaware that hundreds of tourists are waiting for their slightest move to take the perfect photo. Boats set off from the piers towards Alcatraz, one of the most famous trips in the city. Whether you decide to set sail or not, the area around "Pier" 39 is home to one of the city's liveliest neighbourhoods: Fisherman's Wharf. It is the old fishing district that has been transformed into must-visit venues for locals and tourists alike in search of a great atmosphere and lots of fun. You can eat around here and then spend the afternoon exploring three of the city's neighbourhoods: the hippie district of Haight-Ashbury; Castro; and Mission. The three are totally different from one another, but each one will truly captivate you. To round off a perfect day, you can marvel at the Powell-Hyde cable car turnover or drive down Lombard Street, known as the crookedest street in the world. You'll be snaking your way past Ferraris, mega-mansions and celebrities, so take it slow and don't get too dizzy! Throughout the day, you'll experience fabulous views, excellent restaurants and a chic yet genuine atmosphere that have turned the city into one of the most fascinating places on the planet. Overnight stay in San Francisco.

● DAY 7 · SAN FRANCISCO

Today, you can further explore the delights of San Francisco. First stop is the Golden Gate Bridge. You can cross it on foot, by bike or by car. We suggest driving your car so you can see what lies beyond the bridge. You'll have seen the Golden Gate dozens of times at the cinema, but it will still impress you. For your information, it has a suspension span of 1,970 metres, three lanes in each direction and two towers soaring 745 feet into the sky. It's the only way out of San Francisco to the north, where our next stop lies. Sausalito is a pocket-sized but charming city, with the main attraction being its 400-plus floating homes. The views from here are incredible, so park up your car and walk around for as long as you want. A little further north of Sausalito is Point Reyes National Seashore, where you can see whales migrating up to Alaska, the largest seal colony on the entire Californian coast and groups of elephant seals, one of the most difficult animals to observe in freedom. If you're a lover of good wine, we recommend getting back on the road for the next stop. An hour north of Sausalito (on the 101 and 121) are Sonoma and Napa, with miles and miles of Californian vineyards eagerly awaiting your arrival. There are wineries that organise tastings and tours of their facilities. Choose which one you fancy before going, because you may have to book a place in advance. On the way back to San Francisco, you can skirt the city and pass by the universities of Berkeley and Oakland. Berkeley is the birthplace of hippies, statement T-shirts and marijuana smokers, who have been advocating free love since the 1960s. There are places where you can practise yoga at free will, organic markets... Visiting the university is a must, as it is in Oakland, just ten minutes away on Martin Luther King Jr Way. Oakland is less hippie and more "hipster". It's a modern and lively city. As it has much lower rents than in San Francisco, some of the best chefs have moved here. So, you'll definitely eat well in Oakland. The first stop should be Jack London Square. The city's offbeat and bohemian atmosphere is perfectly reflected here. Looking out to sea, or San Francisco Bay to be exact, you can savour a delicious glass of Californian wine, which has taken the world by storm over the last decade. You can round off your visit touring Old Oakland, with its Victorian heritage and laid-back atmosphere, where you'll see locals eating together and stumble across non-profit bookstores. Depending on the spell cast on you by Oakland, you can admire the sunset from Point Bonita Lighthouse, in the Marin Headlands Park. If you arrive in time and feel like it, you can cross the Golden Gate Bridge again. Another option is to drive up to the Twin Peaks mountains for the breathtaking views and then head down for dinner in San Francisco. Overnight stay in San Francisco.

● DAY 8 · SAN FRANCISCO - CITY OF ORIGIN

Arrival at the airport with enough time to drop off your rental car and flight back to the city of origin.

Night on board.

● DAY 9 · CITY OF ORIGIN

Arrival. End of the trip and our services.

Your trip includes

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- ✓ Return flight.
- ✓ Stay in selected hotel in Los Angeles.
- ✓ Selected meal plan in Los Angeles.
- ✓ Stay in selected hotel in Santa Barbara - Ca.
- ✓ Selected meal plan in Santa Barbara - Ca.
- ✓ Stay in selected hotel in San Luis Obispo - Ca.
- ✓ Selected meal plan in San Luis Obispo - Ca.
- ✓ Stay in selected hotel in Monterey - Ca.
- ✓ Selected meal plan in Monterey - Ca.
- ✓ Stay in selected hotel in San Francisco.
- ✓ Selected meal plan in San Francisco.
- ✓ Rent-a-car.
- ✓ Amount of the supplement for collection and return of the vehicle in a different office.

Your trip doesn't include

Your trip doesn't include:

✗ Electronic Authorization (ESTA/ETA) to enter in US.

✗ Resort fee US.

✗ Possible toll charges.

✗ Insolvency protection.

✗ Admission tickets to parks.

Destinations Visited

Los Angeles



Santa Barbara - Ca



San Luis Obispo - Ca



Monterey - Ca



San Francisco



Important remarks

- Tips in US are a common practice.

- Generally in US the accommodation in the triple rooms have two double beds or one double and one single bed and the quadruple accommodation has two double beds.

- Driving in the USA: 1.Overtaking on the right is not only legal but everyone does it. And the sooner you get used to roads with more than five lanes, the better. 2.It is legal (and mandatory) to turn right on a red light when there is a signal to do so. 3. With regard to parking, make sure you check when you can park on the street and never park in front of a fire hydrant (even though there are no signs prohibiting it). If there are lines painted on the road to mark out parking spaces, leave the car right in the middle of them, however huge the gap may seem. Be especially careful in the centre of big cities and don't let the parking meter go over by even one minute (check before paying because there are days of the week or certain times when you don't have to pay). 4.Beware of tolls. They will be indicated with the words toll or turnpike and don't usually have a barrier, so you can drive through them without realising and then receive a fine a few weeks later. Don't drive in FasTrak Only lanes and make sure you have some cash on you, as some tolls are cash-only. 5.Unless you want a ticket and a stern chat from a Highway Patrol Officer, it's best not to drive more than five or ten miles above the maximum speed allowed for the road. If the police end up stopping you, keep your hands on the steering wheel and in sight at all times and don't even think about trying to be funny. 6.We recommend signing up to roadside assistance services and a GPS when you hire a car.

- Consult the entry restrictions and additional requirements for people who have previously traveled to destinations such as Cuba, Iran, Iraq, Yemen, Syria, etc.

- Hotels may charge a Resort Fee charge that must be paid directly at the destination. The amount can vary between approximately \$15 and \$65 per room per night. This charge is indicative and may be modified depending on the establishment's policy.

- Check-in time at the hotel on the day of arrival depends on each establishment, but in no case will it be before 3:00 p.m., unless otherwise indicated.

- The proposed excursions and tours for each day are purely suggestions, as you can tailor the trip to suit your times, tastes and needs.
- A credit card is considered a guarantee, so sometimes you will need one for check-in at hotels.
- Hotels usually have cots available. Otherwise, babies will have to share a bed with an adult.
- To pick up your rental car, you'll need a credit (not debit) card in the name of the person who made the booking, who must also be the named driver of the vehicle.
- Consult the necessary documentation to enter the destinations visited and for transit in the countries where air stopovers are made.