



# Northern California Family Adventure

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## Overview

On this 11-day custom family adventure venture off to a land of golden hues, giant sequoias, rugged cliffs, and ocean views. Begin your journey in the metropolitan city of San Francisco, rich in history, art and culture. Then discover the wildly scenic, glacially sculpted Yosemite Valley, deep in the heart of the Sierra Nevada Mountains. Yosemite is considered one of the crown jewels of the National Park System. Get out on the trail, taking in the highlights: Half Dome, El Capitan, all three of North America's tallest waterfalls, the "Wild and Scenic" Merced River, and the otherworldly Sequoia groves. Continue to Monterey where you will witness marine wildlife and explore the charming seaside towns.

## What To Expect



### ACTIVITIES

Personally tailored adventures, hand-picked with your desired activity level in mind. Each activity is designed and operated to our highest standards.



### LODGING

A variety of comfortable and ideally located accommodations carefully selected with your travel style and budget in mind.



### CLIMATE

Temps on the coast tend to be cool, with some fog and wind expected even in summer. Inland temps can be quite warm, but will be cool in the evenings.

## Details

Arrive: San Francisco, California

Duration: 11 Days

Depart: San Francisco, California

Activity Level:



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## Day 1

### Arrive San Francisco

Upon arrival in San Francisco, you will be met by a private driver who will escort you to your overnight accommodations.



**Accommodation:** The Argonaut or Similar



**Transportation:** 15 minute private transfer

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## Day 2

### Exploring San Francisco and Muir Woods

Meet your private MT Sobek guide this morning for a full day tour of San Francisco and Muir Woods. Known for its diverse population, liberal atmosphere, and gorgeous location, San Francisco is a hip and exciting metropolitan city. Spend the morning exploring the city with your private guide, your day will be completely customized to fit your interests. See the cities famous "Painted Ladies", explore Chinatown, Ghiradelli Square, Fisherman's Wharf and the stunning Embarcadero. This afternoon travel across the Golden Gate Bridge through the rugged coastal mountains of Marin County, to discover ancient groves of Giant Redwoods while walking the nature trails through Muir Woods. Here you will experience the majesty of the famous coastal Old Growth Redwoods. You will return to the hotel in the late afternoon.



**Accommodation:** The Argonaut or Similar



**Transportation:** Private vehicle touring



**Meals:** L

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## Day 3

### Bike the Golden Gate Bridge-Visit Alcatraz

Today you will experience the infamous Alcatraz Island home to the abandoned prison and the oldest operating lighthouse on the West Coast. Your tour begins with a short ferry ride to "The Rock" where you will explore the prison blocks, cells and outlying buildings that once made up the most infamous prison in the United States. Learn about the islands history as well as some of the most notorious inmates. After visiting the prison, explore the island on your own before taking the ferry back to the mainland.

This afternoon, you will have a guided bike ride along San Francisco's stunning waterfront. You will ride on the mostly flat National Park Bike Path through Fort Mason, the Marina, Presidio National Park, and onto the iconic Golden Gate Bridge. You will cross the bridge on the sidewalk with stunning views of the city and bay, followed by a 10 minute downhill ride taking you right into the charming bayside town of Sausalito. We recommend spending some time exploring Sausalito before taking your bikes on the ferry and returning to San Francisco.



**Accommodation:** The Argonaut or Similar



**Transportation:** Shared biking tour and public tour of Alcatraz

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## Day 4

### Drive to Yosemite National Park

After checking out of your hotel this morning, secure your rental car and drive to your overnight accommodations near Yosemite National Park.



**Accommodation:** Rush Creek Lodge or Similar



**Transportation:** 4 hour drive

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## Day 5

### Exploring Yosemite National Park

Meet your private MT Sobek guide this morning for a full day tour of Yosemite National Park. Yosemite is best known for its waterfalls and the spectacular valley, but it is also a shrine to human foresight, the strength of granite, the power of glaciers, the persistence of life, and the tranquility of the High Sierra. Within its nearly 1,200 square miles, you can find deep valleys, beautiful meadows, towering giant sequoias and vast wilderness. Today you will explore the highlights of the park including the major waterfalls, rock formations and portions of the high country. Your guide will seamlessly incorporate short walks or a guided hike into

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your day allowing you to truly immerse in Yosemite's spectacular beauty. You will return to the hotel in the late afternoon.



**Accommodation:** Rush Creek Lodge or Similar



**Transportation:** Private vehicle touring



**Meals:** L

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## Day 6

### Rafting the Merced River

This morning you will drive to the nearby town of El Portal where you will meet for a full day whitewater rafting adventure on the Merced River. The Merced tumbles and twists out of Yosemite Valley, gradually mellowing into a raftable whitewater river just 4 miles below the town of El Portal. Offering abundant whitewater confined by a narrow corridor, the river offers one of the best whitewater rafting experiences in California. NOTE: Minimum age varies throughout the season depending on water levels.



**Accommodation:** Rush Creek Lodge or Similar



**Transportation:** 1.5 hour drive (45 minutes each way)

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## Day 7

### Rock Climbing in Yosemite National Park

Rock climbing in Yosemite National Park is legendary and today you will have the opportunity to experience it with a private climbing guide. Whether this is your first time climbing or are a seasoned expert, you will learn Yosemite-specific techniques to help you get more from your climbing experience and stay safer. Throughout the day, you will be climbing and rappelling under the watchful eye of your private guide.



**Accommodation:** Rush Creek Lodge or Similar



**Transportation:** Private rock climbing instruction

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## Day 8

### Hike in the Giant Sequoias-Drive to Monterey

This morning, meet your private MT Sobek guide for an afternoon hike in one of Yosemite's Giant Sequoia groves. Giant sequoias are the largest known trees living on earth and grow only on the western slope of the Sierra Nevada at elevations between 4,500 to 7,000 feet. They are closely related to California's coast redwoods, the tallest trees on earth. There are three groves of ancient Giant Sequoias in Yosemite National Park and several in the surrounding area. Your guide will choose the grove to best fit the current conditions and ability level of your group.

You will have the afternoon free to relax or explore more of Yosemite on your own.

Following your hike, drive to your overnight accommodations in Monterey.



**Accommodation:** Intercontinental The Clement Monterey or Similar



**Transportation:** Private customizable hiking and 4 hour drive

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## Day 9

### Visit the Monterey Bay Aquarium

This morning you will have a private VIP tour of the nearby Monterey Bay Aquarium. Here you will have the opportunity to see playful sea otters, hundreds of species of fish, mesmerizing jellies and other awe-inspiring creatures that call the ocean home. Your expert guide will lead you through the Aquarium to explore the most popular exhibits and some exclusive areas behind the scenes so you can learn more about the aquarium. Along the way you will also learn about the different ocean habitats and some of the critical issues affecting ocean health. Your guide will also share some favorite animal stories and show you how the aquarium cares for more than 35,000 plants and animals. The non-profit Monterey Bay Aquarium's mission is to inspire conservation of the ocean. Following your tour, you will have free time to explore the Aquarium on your own.

You will have the afternoon free to relax or explore more of the area on your own.



**Accommodation:** Intercontinental The Clement Monterey or Similar



**Transportation:** 1 hour private tour

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## Day 10

### Kayaking on Elkhorn Slough

This morning you will head to nearby Moss Landing on Monterey Bay where you will meet for your private kayaking excursion. Elkhorn Slough is well known for its diverse marine wildlife; during your two hour kayaking you will see sea otters, harbor seals, sea lions and a variety of marine birds. The calm waters of the Slough make it the perfect destination for family kayaking.

You will have the afternoon free to relax or explore more of the area on your own. You may consider strolling the quaint streets of nearby Carmel by the Sea.



**Accommodation:** Intercontinental The Clement Monterey or Similar



**Transportation:** Private kayaking

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## Day 11

### Depart San Francisco

After checking out of your hotel this morning, you will drive to the San Francisco Airport, return your rental car and board your homebound flight.



**Transportation:** 2.5 hour drive

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## The Argonaut

Ideally located in Fisherman's Wharf, The Argonaut is inspired by the rich history and adventurous spirit of San Francisco. The hotel is in the historic Haslett Warehouse, a grand building with exposed brick, Douglas fir beams, rough-hewn plank floors, and loads of seaside character. The generously sized rooms are infused with history, nautical prints, and upscale amenities. The on-site Blue Mermaid Restaurant features delicious, Earth-friendly prepared cuisine with a great ambiance.

## Rush Creek Lodge

Rush Creek Lodge is a superbly designed property located at the West Entrance of Yosemite National Park. The décor is inspired by the breathtaking expanse of nature surrounding its 20-acre wooded hillside setting. All rooms have been thoughtfully designed and tastefully appointed with modern amenities like comfy beds, feather pillows, gourmet coffee brewers, games, and books. Relax after the day's adventures in the outdoor pool and hot tubs or cozy up around the fire pit for stargazing and s'mores.

## Intercontinental The Clement Monterey

The InterContinental Clement Monterey overlooks the sapphire waters of Monterey Bay on Cannery Row. The beautiful waterfront hotel features the perfect mix of urban energy, modern luxury and coastal charm. The well-appointed rooms and suites offer state-of-the-art technology, marble bathrooms with soaking tubs and separate showers and in-room Nespresso coffeemakers. The hotel also features a business center, spa and the on-site C Restaurant and Bar which has panoramic bay views, serves fresh seafood, premium meats and local produce.

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Total Trip Price From: \$14,780.00 (\$3,695.00 per person based on quad occupancy). A 25% non-refundable deposit is due upon acceptance of services. Final payment is due 95 days prior to departure.

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#### **PRICE INCLUDES**

- Accommodations as noted in the itinerary,
  - including all taxes and resort fees
- Meals as noted in the daily itinerary by B, L, D with taxes and gratuities
- All special equipment required for activities
- Final electronic documentation package
- Trip logistics, operations and monitoring during travel
- Complimentary Basic Medical and Evacuation Travel Protection Plan (TripMate Plan F485M)
- All tours, transfers and activities as detailed in the itinerary

#### **PRICE DOES NOT INCLUDE**

- Additional meals not noted in the daily itinerary
- Entry fees to National Parks, museums and other attractions when not accompanied by a guide, unless listed on inclusions
- Airfare, airport taxes or baggage fees for all flights
- Optional activities and spa services
- Personal expenses such as medical immunizations, laundry or souvenirs
- Discretionary tips for guides, drivers and resort staff
- Optional travel protection
- Rental car

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