

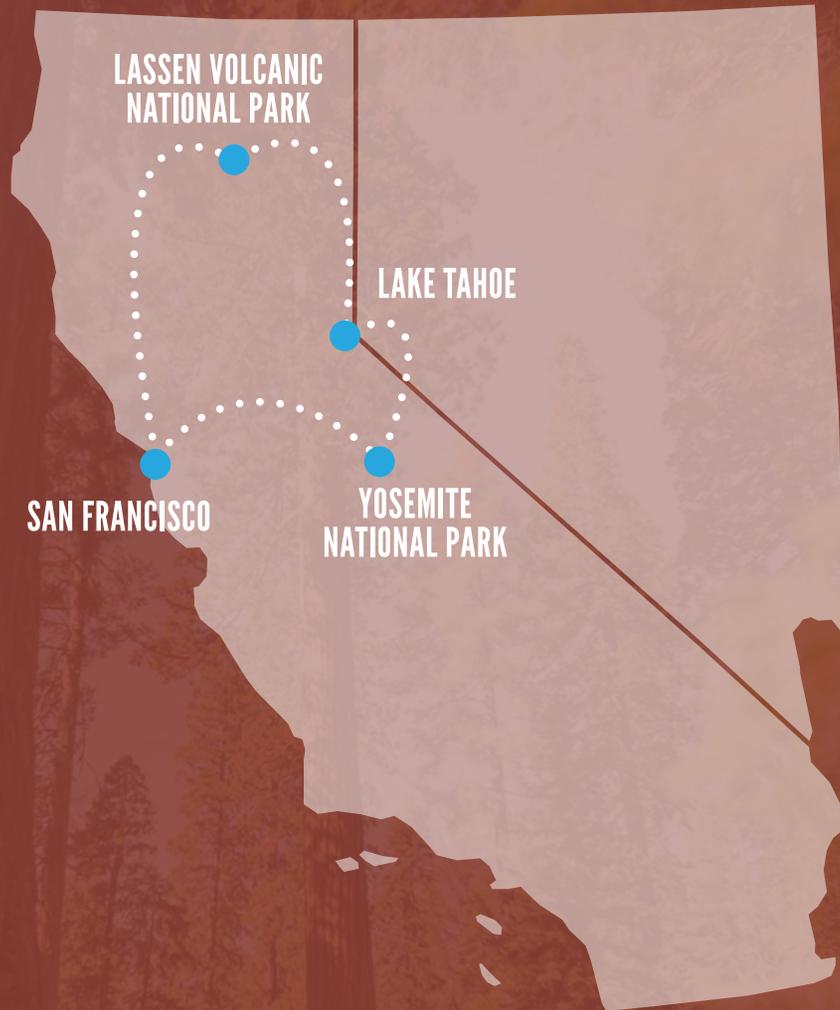


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GUIDES**
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GIANT TREES AND ANCIENT FORESTS

CALIFORNIA – NEVADA

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San Francisco to Lassen Volcanic National Park, California

3 hours and 47 minutes / 379km

Lassen Volcanic National Park, California to Lake Tahoe, California/Nevada

3 hours and 8 minutes / 251km

Lake Tahoe to Yosemite National Park, California

2 hours and 36 minutes / 199km

Yosemite National Park to San Francisco, California

3 hours and 8 minutes / 268km



SAN FRANCISCO, CALIFORNIA

It's certainly possible to walk up and down San Francisco's famous hilly streets, but why not hop aboard a cable car instead? You'll rest your legs and see the sights while enjoying one of the city's iconic experiences. Spend time at **Fisherman's Wharf**, a waterfront neighborhood and visitor destination that includes seafood restaurants, **Pier 39** with its sea lions, Madame Tussauds Wax Museum, historic ships and other attractions. Climb up **Telegraph Hill** to take in panoramic city views from the top of **Coit Tower** and stroll down winding **Lombard Street**. If time allows, join a free walking tour across the **Golden Gate Bridge**. Dine on delicious ethnic cuisine in some of the city's diverse neighborhoods, including Chinatown, the largest Chinatown outside of Asia. Fifteen miles (24 km) north of the city, **Muir Woods National Monument** is literally a monument to trees – specifically an old-growth forest of coastal redwoods that are between 600 and 800 years old and stand about 250 feet (76 meters) tall. There are dozens of trails, but try the six miles (10 km) leading through **Pinchot Grove** and **Cathedral Grove** and along Redwood Creek. Plan your visit for a weekday and arrive in early morning to experience the forest at its quietest and most magical. Muir Woods is part of the **Golden Gate National Recreation Area** that spans three counties in the San Francisco Bay area. Take a ferry tour, or explore by bicycle from Sausalito. Extend the day and visit **Point Reyes National Seashore**, a short journey farther north, where you can hike in the hills or along the beach. Keep an eye out for whales and harbor seals.

Accommodation: San Francisco, California

