



St Martin's School trip to West Coast U.S.A.

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About your destination

West Coast USA

Currency: US Dollar


Language: English

Best time to visit: March – May and
September - November

Other interesting facts:

- Population: 53.7 million
- The time zone: GMT – 8 hours
- Famous landmarks include Grand Canyon, Death Valley, Yosemite, Muir Woods, San Francisco, Los Angeles and Las Vegas
- ATM's readily available throughout the city stops


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A photograph of the Golden Gate Bridge in San Francisco, illuminated by warm sunset light. The bridge's red-orange towers and suspension cables are prominent against a sky with soft orange and yellow hues. The water below is a deep blue.

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Day One

- Meet your coach at school and transfer to the airport in London
- Flight to San Francisco, meet coach and transfer to accommodation
- Check in, then free time to explore the local area
- Dinner in Applebee's restaurant
- Overnight – Hostelling International Fisherman's Wharf



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Day Two

- Breakfast in hotel
- Alcatraz cruise and visit
- Guided walking tour incl. San Francisco Earthquake tour
- California Academy of Sciences - Earthquake Exhibit and Shake House experience
- Dinner at Wipeout Grill Restaurant Pier 39
- Overnight – Hostelling International Fisherman's Wharf



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Day Three

- Breakfast at accommodation, check out and transfer to Yosemite.
- Check in to accommodation in Yosemite
- Self guided or Ranger guided tour of Yosemite
- Dinner in a local restaurant
- Overnight - Best Western Plus Yosemite Way Station



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Day Four

- Breakfast in hotel
- Transfer to Bakersfield via Sequoia National Park
- The trees in this park are on average 84m tall / about 300 feet tall, amazingly they are not the tallest trees in the world.
- Continue to Bakersfield accommodation and check in
- Dinner at Black Angus Steakhouse
- Overnight Four Points by Sheraton Bakersfield

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Day Five

- Breakfast at hotel and check out
- Transfer to Las Vegas via Death Valley
- During the summer Death Valley is one of the hottest and driest places in Earth with an average temperature of 30°C and no rainfall during the months of June, July and August
- Arrive Las Vegas and check into accommodation
- Dinner at a local restaurant
- Overnight – Hampton Inn Tropicana



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Day Six & Seven

- Breakfast at hotel
- Grand Canyon Legacy base tour and Hoover Dam visit
- Dinner at hard Rock Café Las Vegas
- Evening coach tour of the Las Vegas Strip to watch the Fountains of the Bellagio Hotel's Water and Lights show
- Overnight – Hampton Inn Tropicana Las Vegas
- Breakfast and checkout
- Transfer to Los Angeles via Ontario Mills Outlet Shops
- Dinner at Bubba Gumps Santa Monica
- Overnight – Hostelling International Santa Monica Pier



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Day's Eight & Nine

- Breakfast at hotel
- Check out of Hostelling International Santa Monica Pier
- Transfer to Six Flags Theme Park
- Private transfer back to airport for flight home
- Overnight on plane back to UK
- Meet coach at airport and transfer back to school

Aims & benefits of your trip

Aims

- To gain a deeper understanding of human and physical geography, sustainability and the effects of tourism
- To learn about plate tectonics, faults and earthquakes
- To study the management of tectonic hazards
- To study canyons, valleys and meandering rivers

Benefits

- **Educational:** Find out more about tectonic plates and earthquakes and learn about the effects of tourism on the communities and natural environments
- **Personal:** An experience of being away from home; personal organisation, co-operating & working with others in a variety of environments
- **Enjoyment:** Making new friends and forming strong bonds with classmates
- **Development:** An experience which can broaden the mind and inspire future trips and study options

What's included?

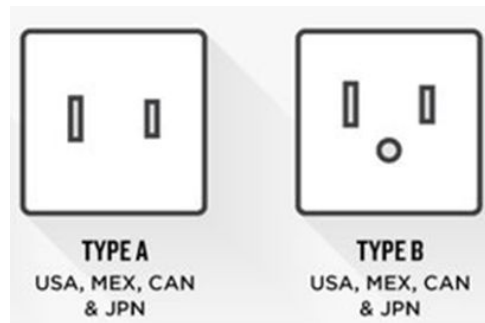
- ✓ Full specification executive coach
- ✓ Breakfast and dinners
- ✓ Hostels and 3* Hotel accommodation
- ✓ Excursions and entrances
- ✓ 24-hour support



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Good to know

- Tour includes English driver and executive, air-conditioned coach throughout
- Please provide extra money for souvenirs or any added extras
- Average daytime temperature is between 14°C & 18°C so ensure to pack summery clothes for the hottest part of the day, layers for the evenings, waterproof clothing and comfortable shoes for walking in
- West Coast USA is **8 hours** behind the UK
- Electrical sockets are types A & B as shown below:





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- Pay your first deposit to secure your place

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