

California – Coast & Wineries



Trip Summary

Bike across the famous Golden Gate Bridge, hike by some of the tallest trees in the world, kayak the tranquil waters of Tomales Bay, and tour some of the best wineries in all of Napa. Although most commonly known for its wine production, California's Wine Country is home to some of the most beautiful scenery, delicious food, and exciting history you will find anywhere. Hike, bike, paddle, and taste your way through central-coastal California on this tried and true six-day adventure!

Itinerary

Day 1: Golden Gate Bridge / Muir Woods

Your guides will pick you up at your San Francisco hotel this morning and take you right to your first adventure! • Ride the new bike path through Presidio National Park along San Francisco Bay and across the famous Golden Gate Bridge • Following a delicious lunch prepared by your guides, get a true idea of this area's beauty as you hike by giant Redwood trees, some of the tallest and oldest trees in the world • Check into the Point Reyes Seashore Lodge where you will be staying the next two nights • Don't let the words Farm House throw you off, Point Reyes's restaurant will serve an organic, farm-fresh meal tonight that's sure to please even the most sophisticated palate • *Overnight at Point Reyes Seashore Lodge or similar (L, D)*

Day 2: Tomales Bay

Today, get ready to explore the beautiful and protected waters of Tomales Bay by kayak • Take a quick lesson, then head out on the water and keep your eyes peeled for seals, bat rays, and other marine life • Take a break for a beach lunch before jumping back in your kayak or hiking the area for the rest of the day • Back at our base, we'll conclude a magnificent day with an Oyster Barbecue overlooking Tomales Bay • *Overnight at Point Reyes Seashore Lodge or similar (B, L, D)*

Day 3: Marin / Sonoma / Jack London State Park

This morning we'll mount our bikes for a spectacular ride through the rolling ranchlands of Marin and Sonoma Counties • After a picnic lunch, we'll head into Sonoma Valley where we will hike for an afternoon through the historic Jack London State Park • Our hike will take us past old vineyards and the homestead of Jack London • One more adventure awaits as you take a quick bike ride to the Olive Press where you can observe the making of olive oil, and also taste and purchase the fresh made oils • After checking in at Cottage Grove Inn, where you will stay for the rest of the trip, you will have a chance to explore this area and eat at one of the many amazing restaurants as you have the whole night to yourself • *Overnight at Cottage Grove Inn or similar (B, L)*

Day 4: Napa Valley

Fill up with a warm breakfast before heading out for your morning bike ride • Cruise past vineyards, ranches, and placid lakes as you pedal Silverado Trail • Enjoy a picnic lunch before hopping back on your bike to continue your scenic ride past some of California's best wineries • A favorite of the Napa Valley locals, Pizzeria Tra Vigne will serve you up a delicious dinner of pizza, pasta, or many other Italian delights! • *Overnight at Cottage Grove Inn or similar (B, L, D)*



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Day 5: Beringer / Bothe-Napa Valley / Coyote Peak

At last you will get to go behind the scenes of what California is best known for, its wine! • Take a tour of the 1876 Beringer Vineyards, arguably one of the most beautiful wineries in Napa Valley • This afternoon, a picnic will be followed by a hike to Coyote Peak in Bothe-Napa Valley State Park • End your day by touring another amazing winery before dining at Tra Vigne for supper • The sister restaurant of last night's Pizzeria Tra Vigne, this neo-Italian restaurant will offer you an authentic wine country experience for your farewell dinner • *Overnight at Cottage Grove Inn or similar (B, L, D)*

Day 6: San Francisco

On your last morning, the group will have the option to squeeze in one more adventure before heading home • Spend a little bit more time enjoying this amazing area before shuttling back to San Francisco where you will be dropped off at your hotel or the San Francisco airport for your departure home • *No overnight (B)*

***Trip itineraries are subject to change without notice due to road, trail, ocean, weather and other factors outside of our control, for the safety and enjoyment of our guests, as deemed necessary and appropriate by Austin Adventures.*

Activities

Hiking: 3 to 10 miles per hike, easy to moderate terrain.

Biking: 6 to 25 miles per ride, easy to moderate terrain.

Kayaking: Calm waters & instruction provided; no experience necessary.

Winery tour and Wine Tasting: No experience necessary.

Discovery: Known around the world for its beauty and amazing wine production, Napa Valley is full of amazing food, wine, and scenery. From the Golden Gate Bridge to the towering Redwoods of the Muir Woods, California's Wine Country has an abundance of new and exciting things for you to discover. Paddle the calm, clear waters of Tomales Bay, learning from your professional kayaking instructor all there is to know about Oyster farming, a major industry in the region. Did you know that the climate of the Muir Woods National Monument is consistently cool and moist year-round? The old-growth redwoods are regularly shrouded in a coastal marine layer fog that encourages vigorous plant growth. Learn the story of one of the first wineries in Napa Valley, founded by Jacob Beringer in 1868 when he heard rumor that the rocky hillside soil and fertile valley floor resembled that of vineyards back home in Germany. Photograph the wild coastal beaches and headlands, estuaries, and uplands of Point Reyes National Seashore, designated as the cleanest beach in California. Discover the Golden State with the experts in adventure travel!

Austin Adventures guides are experienced facilitators and regional experts. They will take the time to explain the details of each activity, answer any question and demonstrate the use of all equipment. Each activity has been carefully planned to include options for all levels. Most importantly, Austin Adventures guides will help you select the distance that's right for you.

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Distinctive Accommodations

Nights 1 & 2: Point Reyes Seashore Lodge or similar

Built in 1988 and designed to complement the turn-of-the-century architecture of the quaint Town of Olema, the Point Reyes Seashore Lodge borders the Point Reyes National Seashore Park on Olema Creek. Central to all the wonders of Point Reyes and Tamales Bay, the San Francisco Bay Area, and the Napa-Sonoma Wine Country, the lodge is the perfect base for adventure. After a day of hiking and biking, sit by a cozy fire in your room, relax in a whirlpool tub, or simply settle into an Adirondack chair in the backyard and watch the creek flow by. Stroll along the pathways through the tranquil lush lawns and flower gardens or share a bottle of wine with some local cheeses or fresh-baked cookies and tea from the breakfast room.

Nights 3 – 5: Cottage Grove Inn or similar

Tucked away in a grove of Elm Trees, the Cottage Grove Inn is the ideal place for peace and seclusion in the charismatic wine country village of Calistoga. Whether you relax on your private porch or curl up with a book by your fireplace, your cottage will have everything you need to make your stay as comfortable as possible. King beds with plush down bedding, overstuffed chairs in front of wood burning fireplaces, porches with rocking chairs, and deep soaking Jacuzzi tubs for two are all features of each of the cottages. The Inn is just a short stroll to restaurants, cafes, boutiques and galleries. The Cottage Grove Inn wants to make your stay relaxed and memorable.

Meals

The hallmark of an Austin Adventures vacation is our exceptional dining. All meals: breakfasts, lunches, snacks, dinners, refreshments and receptions – except one dinner on your own – are included as indicated by itinerary. (B = Breakfast, L = Lunch, D = Dinner). Alcoholic beverages and related gratuities are not included in the trip price.



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Arrival and Departures

Please plan on arriving at least one day prior to your trip departure. Day one of your itinerary starts at 7:00 am or 7:20 am, depending on your hotel. Your trip ends with a drop-off at either the San Francisco airport (4:00 pm) or your post-trip hotel (4:30 pm).

Trip Price

\$3,998 (\$880 Single Supplement).

Trip Length

6 days/5 nights

2020 Dates

September 27 – October 2

October 4 – October 9

October 11 – 16

Host City

San Francisco, California

Airport code: SFO

Reservations & Availability

1.800.575.1540

*Whet your appetite and your interests in and
around Napa and Sonoma Valley*

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Trip Reservations

Reservations, Deposits and Balances Due

To make a reservation, contact Austin Adventures with your choice of trip and dates. A \$500 per person deposit is required to confirm your reservation. **Some Custom and International programs may require additional deposits.** Full payment is required at the time of booking if your trip departs within 90 days. Choose one of the following contact methods:

Toll free: 800.575.1540

Phone: 406.655.4591

Online: austinadventures.com

Email: reservations@austinadventures.com

Mail: Austin Adventures, P.O. Box 81025, Billings, MT 59108

* You may also book your Austin Adventure with your preferred travel professional.

** We accept most major credit cards and personal checks (U.S. funds made payable to Austin Adventures). Please do not send cash.

Included in the Trip Price

- Double occupancy rooms with private baths.
- All meals: breakfasts, lunches, snacks, dinners – except one dinner on your own – refreshments and receptions.
- Fully trained, first-aid certified professional guides and knowledgeable local partners.
- Bikes, helmets and other necessary equipment – all safe and well maintained.
- Vehicle support and land transportation during the trip.
- Austin Adventures T-shirt, water bottle, luggage tags and luggage service.
- Pre-departure and packing information.
- Incidental expenses such as taxes, dining and housekeeping gratuities, local partner and expert gratuities and national park entrance and permit fees.

Not Included in the Trip Price

- Gratuities to Austin Adventures guides.
- Alcoholic beverages and related gratuities.
- One dinner on your own.
- Pre-and post-trip accommodations and associated expenses.
- Air and land transportation to/from host cities.
- All types of personal insurance.
- Personal expenses.

Pre-departure Information

After receiving your reservation and deposit, we'll send you a pre-trip planner with general information about the area you'll be visiting, a packing list, exercise guidelines, a guest information questionnaire and a liability release agreement for you to sign and return within 10 days.



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Private Custom Trips

Maybe your vacation schedule doesn't fit our list of trips and dates. Or perhaps you'd prefer a slightly different itinerary or level of luxury and activity. A Custom Adventure is the perfect answer. You pick the date and destination and brief us on the size of your group, what activities you want, your "must haves" and just how you like to relax and unwind. No detail is too small, no idea too outrageous. Our staff of experts will help create a tailor-made vacation that's just right for you and your group. In short, if you can dream it, we can make it happen.

Room Occupancy, Single Supplements, and Shared Room Assignments

All trip prices are based on double adult room occupancy. Each additional person in a room receives a 10% discount (not combinable with other discounts). Single rooms are available for an additional charge. If you are traveling alone and wish to share a room and you inform us of this at the time of booking (a minimum of 90 days prior to departure) we will attempt to find a suitable roommate for you. On most trips, if we are unable to accommodate your request, you will receive a private room and be assessed 50% of the customary single supplement.

Minimum Age

The minimum age on our non-family designated adult and teen adventures is sixteen years old.

Cancellations and Refunds

The following cancellation policies and cancellation fees are in effect:

***As with deposits on some international and custom programs, refund schedule may vary, speak with your Adventure Consultant for details.

Cancellation 91 days or more before trip departure – Full trip payment refunded less a \$300 per person administration fee

Cancellation 61-90 days before trip departure – Full trip payment less 25% per person is refunded

Cancellation 31-60 days before trip departure – 50% of the trip payment is refunded

Cancellation 0-30 days before trip departure – No refund is given

Our Guarantee

Exceeding your expectations is our number one priority. In the unlikely event that you are dissatisfied with something during your trip, immediately notify your guide(s). If he or she is unable to resolve the issue, call our main office and give us the details of the problem, and a chance to correct it. We will do our best to find a resolution. If we are unable to do so during your trip, we will work with you upon your return home to arrive at a fair and equitable solution, including up to a full refund.