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Your Proposal

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Use today to explore your local area.

July 28 - Tuesday

Drive over to San Diego Airport and leave your car behind...

TBC

Private car transfers to your hotel

Check in to the Bellagio

O - By Cirque Du Soleil

July 29 - Wednesday

Transfer to your pick up point for your next adventure

Check in at canyon river tour

Day 1

July 30 - Thursday

Day 2

July 31 - Friday

Day 3

Transfer back to Las Vegas to collect your car.

Check in to Under Canvas Zion

Zion National Park

August 1 - Saturday

Explore the park today at leisure

August 2 - Sunday

Drive over to Bryce Canyon

Check in to Stone Canyon Inn

Bryce Canyon

August 3 - Monday

Explore the Canyon at leisure today

August 4 - Tuesday

Drive over to Williams Az, where you'll be based for two nights

Check in to your second stay at Under Canvas.

Antelope Park

August 5 - Wednesday

Day at Leisure or Exploring

August 6 - Thursday

Drive over to Flagstaff airport and drop off your car

Flagstaff to Colorado Springs

Collect your last car

Colorado Springs

Boulder City - Colorado

Check in to the St Julien Hotel and Spa for the last few days of your trip

August 7 - Friday

Why not visit nearby Royal Gorge Region

August 8 - Saturday

Your last full day

August 9 - Sunday

Spend the last day at a leisurely pace

July 12 - The Journey Begins



Denver - San Francisco

We have focused on early morning domestic flights from Denver and we have booked you some incredible seats to watch the Baseball game taking place in San Francisco that afternoon!

What an incredible way to begin..

We've organised a car to collect you from the airport to take you to your hotel, where we've made sure they can receive your luggage and check you in before the usual check in time, to ensure you're not late for the game!

It's about a 40 minute walk to Fishermans Wharf, and it's a beautiful one, so you might want to allow yourself a little more time.



Check in at Hotel Zetta

We have chosen this hotel, because of: it's great location for exploring, it's incredible reviews and it's funky, fashionable decor (I know your daughter is a big fan of Instagrammable places) and this won't disappoint.



July 13 - Monday

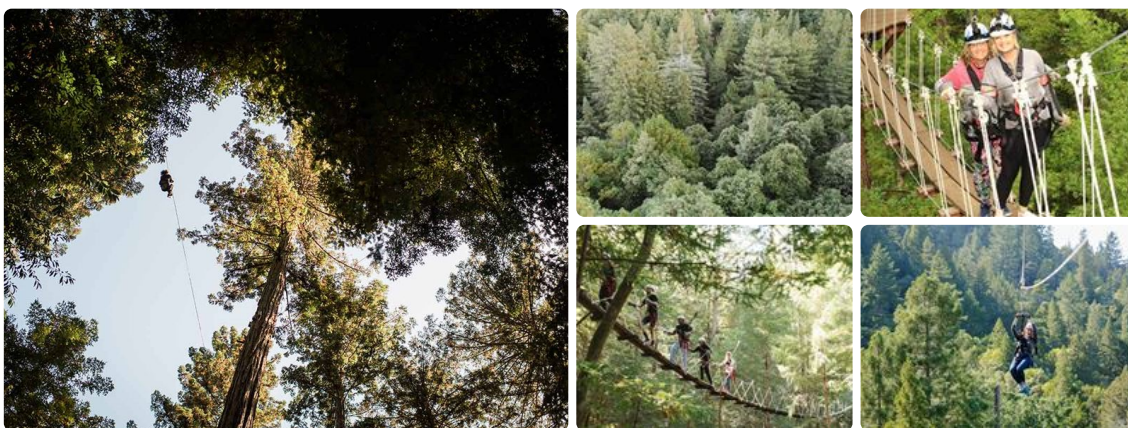


Sonoma Zip Wiring across the Tree Tops!

We have organised transfers to and from this wonderful birthday event - which will take place in the morning and will last approx 2.5 hours.

Our Tree Tops Course is our fastest, highest and longest course. Fitted with a specially-designed harness, you'll reach speeds of up to 40 miles per hour on our fastest zips.

On other elements of the course, you can savor breathtaking views of the majestic Redwood forest at a more leisurely pace. 7 zips, 2 sky bridges and a rappel round out this adventure, along with a guide who will help you see the Redwoods like you've never seen them before.



July 14 - Tuesday



Muir Woods, Sausalito and Alcatraz Island Day trip

Spend the day travelling over to Muir Woods, spend time with the beautiful Giant Redwood Trees, then over to Sausalito Boardwalk and on to Alcatraz for a tour of this sombre and chilling historical destination.

We can organise bicycles for the day, if you'd like to cycle there. The Golden Gate bridge may be a little congested, so we recommend pushing / rather than riding your bikes for this part, but is otherwise a very enjoyable method of transportation to Sausalito.

Alternatively, we can organise transport for you, or suggest a route.



July 15 - Wednesday



Pick up your full size SUV and depart from San Francisco.

We recommend you take an Uber to the airport, rather than collect from Downtown, as it can take hours for the downtown branch to get a full size SUV, whereas at the airport, they'll have them on standby.

Or we can arrange a car for you all.



Drive to Yosemite, via a couple of necessary pit stops..

Drive first, over to San Jose and visit Silicon Valley. Approximate drive time 1 hour 15.

Then make your way over to Santa Cruz Boardwalk. This timeless beachfront amusement park is crammed with thrill rides, games, and deep fried ooey-gooley treats.

Soar high above the beachfront in candy-colored Sky-Glider carts, descend into the spooky depths of the Haunted Castle, and go screaming over heart-racing drops on the historic Giant Dipper roller coaster. Approximate drive time to Santa Cruz 1 hour.

Final drive over to Yosemite will take approximately 4 hours



Check in at Rush Creek Lodge

This multiple award winning lodge has its foundations firmly in not only the beating heart of Yosemite, but also in its incredible Youth programme, which teaches valuable life skills to the under-served youth community of the Bay area. The service they provide here will have you wanting to return time and time again, as will the breathtaking views.



July 16 - Thursday



Day Exploring The Wonder that is Yosemite

Not just a great valley, but a shrine to human foresight, the strength of granite, the power of glaciers, the persistence of life, and the tranquility of the High Sierra.

First protected in 1864, Yosemite National Park is best known for its waterfalls, but within its nearly 1,200 square miles, you can find deep valleys, grand meadows, ancient giant sequoias, a vast wilderness area, and much more.

As the wildflowers fade and the waterfalls start to slacken, vacationers arrive. Yosemite weather is usually warm to hot in summer. It rains once in a while, most as afternoon thundershowers, particularly in the higher elevations.

We can book an organised tour for the first day, so you can get your bearings, if you'd like us to.



July 17 - Friday



Drive back over to the Famous - Carmel By the Sea.

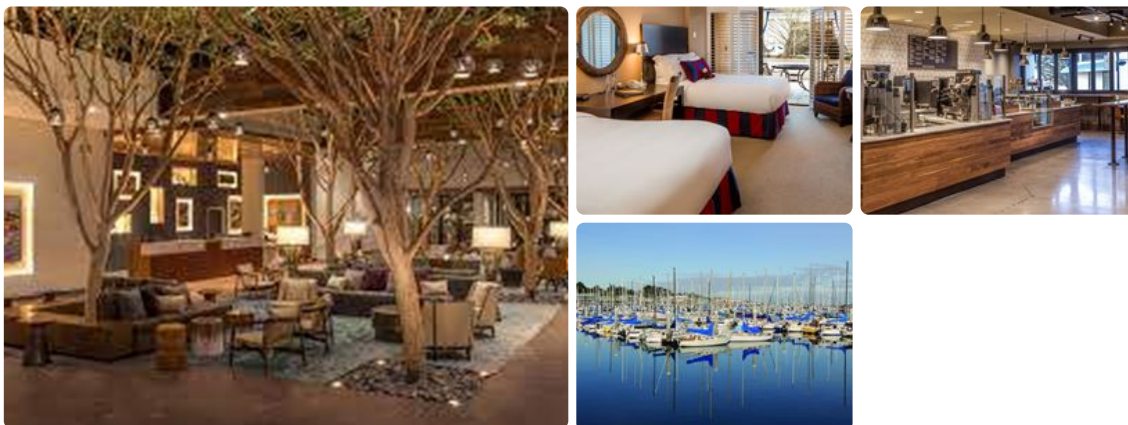
Approximate drive time 4 hours.



Check in at Hotel Portola

It's all right here! Take a step away from the ordinary and toward the excitement of Central California's Monterey Bay. The Portola Hotel & Spa, a unique Monterey Bay hotel, is surrounded by boutique shopping and fine dining destinations, spectacular coastal trails and beaches, and the rich historical setting of Old Monterey.

Our waterfront hotel overlooking Monterey Bay boasts an ideal location near Carmel-by-the-Sea, Big Sur, Carmel Valley, 17-Mile Drive, and the world-class Pebble Beach Golf Course.



July 18 - Saturday



Visit the Monterey Bay Aquarium

The mission of the nonprofit Monterey Bay Aquarium is to inspire conservation of the ocean.

A leader in ocean conservation and education, the Monterey Bay Aquarium is considered by many to be the best in the world. Behind that reputation is a fantastic staff with remarkably diverse skills, all dedicated to earning and keeping that honour.



Cannery Row

With its picturesque charm and colorful history, Cannery Row captivates visitors from all over the world.

The unique appeal of this fabled street is what makes Cannery Row the most popular vacation destination on California's Central Coast. With luxurious waterfront hotels, enticing restaurants and captivating boutiques, Cannery Row is the ideal place to soak up the culture and beauty of Monterey Bay.



July 19 - Sunday



Carmel to San Luis Obispo - Known locally as SLOCal

This next drive takes approximately 2.5 hours



Check in at Granada Hotel San Luis Obispo

Having stayed here myself, I can vouch for it's reviews. The bedrooms are cool, with a fantastic industrial edge, and the proximity to local amenities is ideal.

A historic 17 room boutique hotel in Downtown San Luis Obispo, Granada is conveniently located within walking distance of downtown shops and restaurants, Cerro San Luis Obispo Mountain, and San Luis Obispo wine country.



San Luis Obispo

San Luis Obispo is a city in California's Central Coast region. On Mission Plaza, the Mission San Luis Obispo de Tolosa is a 1700s Spanish mission with a museum. Nearby, pieces of chewed gum cover the walls of Bubblegum Alley.

Vendors selling produce, flowers and food take over Higuera Street for the Downtown SLO Farmers' Market. The San Luis Obispo Museum of Art focuses on work by contemporary California artists.

Also, something us Brits don't often get the chance to see - A Drive in Movie Theatre!



July 20 - Monday

SLOCal to Santa Barbara

This drive will take approximately 1.5 hours.

Santa Barbara

There are seaside escapes. Then there's a gentle crescent of California coast connecting breathtaking beaches, soaring mountains, verdant vineyards, elevated enclaves and eclectic communities.

Where the sea and mountains feel as one, the sun feels more golden, and the valleys overflow with a bounty of colour.

Santa Barbara has neighbourhoods that differ in style.

From Montecito and its array of celebrity houses, to Summerland which is a surfers paradise. Santa Barbara is all about kicking back and drinking it in - especially the wine.



Check in at Simpson House Inn

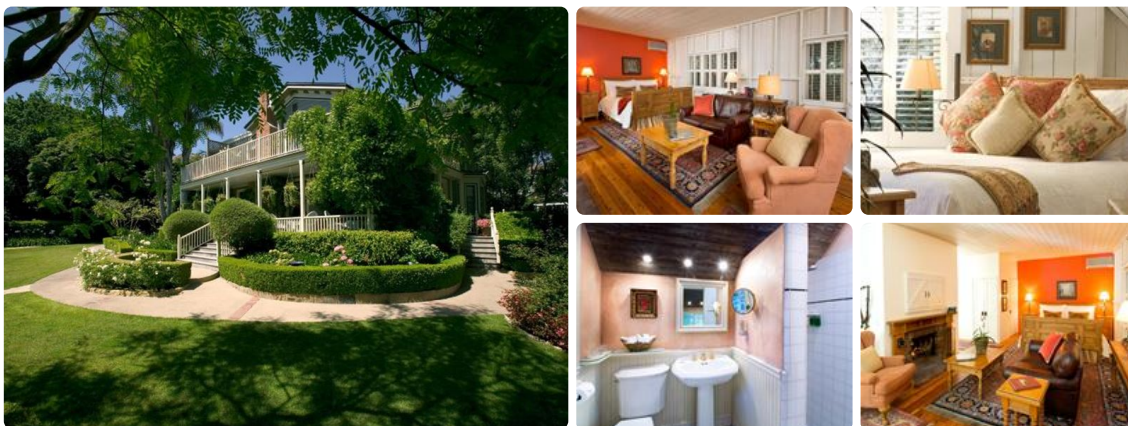
The inn is boutique in size, but lavish in luxury accommodations and amenities. It personifies Victorian-era gentility and inspired perfection, and prides itself on providing world-class creature comforts and stellar personal service in a blissful setting. This is your perfect choice for being pampered and spoiled.

Enter this secluded sanctuary and you will be transported to the gracious, elegant world of Victorian England. The estate, ensconced in a residential neighbourhood and surrounded by an acre of spectacular English gardens, envelops you in an intimate and enchanting hideaway.

Exploring Santa Barbara is convenient and simple from here. Historical downtown, with plenty of restaurants, shopping, and theaters, is a five-minute walk away. Visit the Presidio, the Courthouse, or the Urban Wine Trail. Hop on the trolley for a 10-minute ride to the oceanfront where you'll find palm-lined beaches, Sterns Wharf, and the Funk Zone.

The Simpson family built the Manor House in 1874 in the 'Italianate Victorian' style. It was painstakingly renovated after changing hands for 50 years and, once opened, received the Structure of Merit award. In 1992 the House and gardens were declared an Historic Landmark. Today, the Inn includes the Carriage House Suites and English Garden Cottages, maintaining its characteristic Victorian heritage.

Enjoy an iced tea or glass of wine on the Manor House veranda or your private deck or patio with views of the perfectly groomed gardens. Inviting sitting areas offer peaceful tranquility, interrupted only by the pleasant melody of the fountains or antics of an occasional squirrel. Succumb to temptation...read, take a nap...or just relax and do nothing.



Simpson House Inn

121 East Arrellaga Street, Santa Barbara, CA, US, 93101
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July 21 - Tuesday



Santa Barbara to Santa Monica

This drive will take you approximately 1.45 hours.

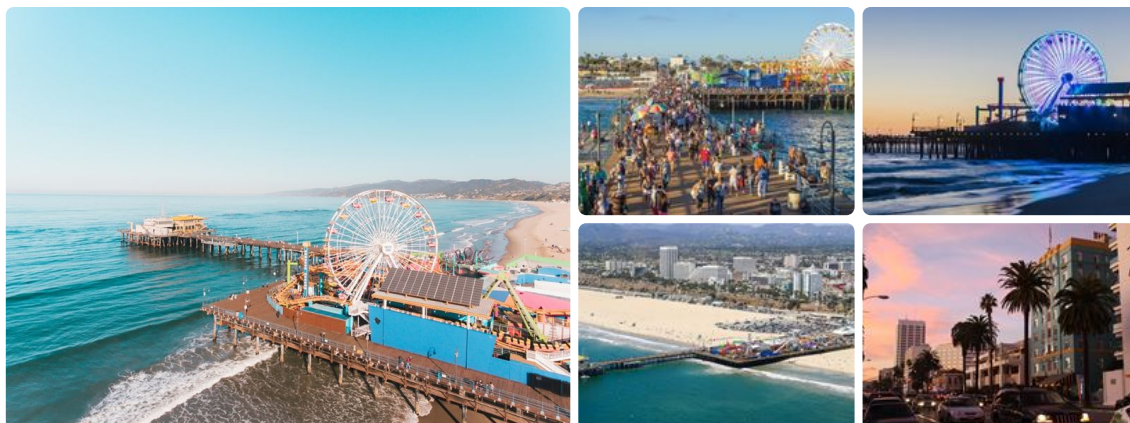
You'll follow route 101 until you get near to El Rio, where I suggest you take Route 1. It's the most scenic and only takes about 15 minutes more.

Santa Monica

We're going to use Santa Monica as your base to explore LA. Nearby to SM, you have Malibu and Venice Beach (Muscle Beach), which is definitely worth grabbing a chai tea latte and doing some people watching. There's skateboarders, rollerskaters and all kinds of characters in this area.

Be conscious of what you take out with you. Don't keep phones in your back pockets or wallets etc as LA in general is often a pickpockets dream. It's a faster pace here, and there's a whole different energy to the one you experienced in SLOCal.

It's Rock and Roll, it's Lively and it's Vibrant and the beach was made famous by that oh so cheesy series, Baywatch.



Malibu

Stretching for more than 30 miles along the Pacific and Highway One, Malibu has achieved almost mythological status among California beach towns. Hollywood stars and top athletes live in oceanfront homes here, under an elegant veil of privacy on long strands of beach, and enjoy front-row seats for surfing and unforgettable sunsets.

While it may sound exclusive, there is plenty of Malibu magic for visitors to access.

The perfect aesthetics stretch beyond the beach, too. The Getty Villa—the original home of the Getty Museum, which opened in 1974—focuses on Ancient Greek and Roman Art. And for wearable art—and perhaps to spot one of the local celebs—browse the shops at the Malibu County Mart and Malibu Lumber Yard, two upscale retail centres located next to one another.

Afterward, grab a bite at Malibu Farms, the organic café and restaurant that sits right on the pier. Or browse the fresh catches—and try one of the famed ahi tuna burgers—at Malibu Seafood, right across from Dan Blocker Beach.

Venice Beach is also located here. Don't miss the guys all working out in the sunshine!



Check in to Loews Santa Monica

In the heart of Southern California's most renowned neighbourhood of sand and surf lies the Loews Santa Monica Beach Hotel. With spacious, coastal-themed rooms, a pool with panoramic ocean views, and fire pits to enjoy those summer sunsets, you'll experience your very own endless summer.

The Loews Santa Monica Beach Hotel is famed for its location, sitting beach-side on Ocean Avenue with sweeping views of Santa Monica City, the Santa Monica Pier and Santa Monica Beach. Its central location puts the hotel within walking distance of Third Street Promenade and Main Street, all of which consist of local shops, restaurants and tourist attractions. Major freeways for onward travel are within a five to 10-minute drive of the hotel.

The property has a natural and airy feel, inspired by the nearby Pacific coastline. Unlike other Loews properties, this grand hotel feels quaint and boutique, with an oceanside theme that permeates through its plush, wooden décor, several fireplaces and alfresco bonfires. The colour palette is of sand, cream and pale blue, with floor-to-ceiling windows with views of Santa Monica Beach and pier. It's Hamptons meets casual, Southern California.



Fancy Some Adventure?

You have choices...

Ok Plot spoiler - Tomorrow, you have a day in LA planned, with WB Studio Tour commencing early am. Then you'll have time to explore LA and hit all the major sites before (either) retiring to bed or driving around the Hollywood Hills to find that night time light show from up high known as downtown LA.

However, I digress...

The adventure I speak of?

If you are willing to leave Santa Barbara early enough and drop all your bags off at your hotel, we can get you day passes to Universal Studios in Hollywood!

It'll be a tiring day, but when you lay your head on your pillow that evening, it'll be with massive smiles and you'll sleep like a log.



July 22 - Wednesday

Los Angeles

Home of Beverly Hills, Hollywood and a whole lot more.

We suggest taking the time to visit the Hollywood Walk of Fame and seeing all the famous handprints. Beverly Hills Rodeo Drive is also super cool to see, especially if you've seen the movie *Pretty Woman*. It does feel iconic, to get that shot of the Beverly Hills Road Sign, not to mention the HOLLYWOOD sign that we've all seen throughout our lives in movies and tv shows.

It's also very cool to drive around the Hollywood Hills and spot the celebrity houses. Or just enjoy the view back down to LA - this view best enjoyed at night.



Warner Bros Studios Tour

Today also, we thought it would be tons of fun and just wrong if we didn't book you all on a tour to see the Warner Bros Studios up close and personal.

Designed for our biggest film and TV fans, our six-hour Deluxe Tour offers an insider's look into the movie-making process.

Your Deluxe Tour includes all the elements of the Studio Tour plus visits to the Costume Department, the Property Department and Warner Bros.' Commissary Fine Dining Room for an exquisite lunch.

The Deluxe Tour includes all the elements of the Studio Tour, plus exclusive access to even more behind-the-scenes areas. Standard studio tour attractions include:

Big Bang Theory Set / Backlots and soundstages / DC Universe - the Exhibit / The Wizarding World of Harry Potter / The Batmobile Collection / Central Perk Cafe and the Friends Set.

All this plus additional features, like a visit to the costume department.

WOW. Right!



July 23 - Thursday

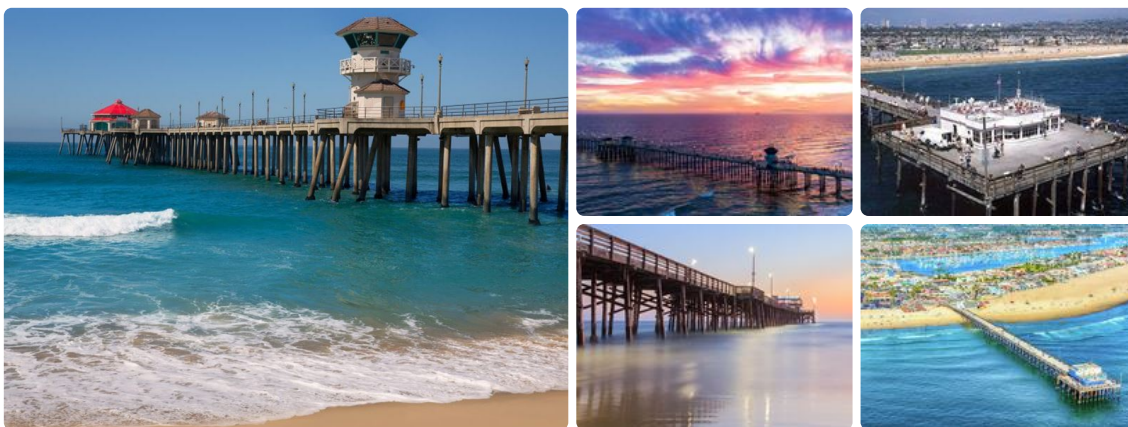


Take the morning

You've got time. You've got nowhere to be in a hurry. So why not visit the places you may not have had to visit yet, before setting off on your next journey - over to Laguna Beach (with a few necessary pit stops).

Santa Monica to Laguna Beach is approximately 1.15 hours drive.

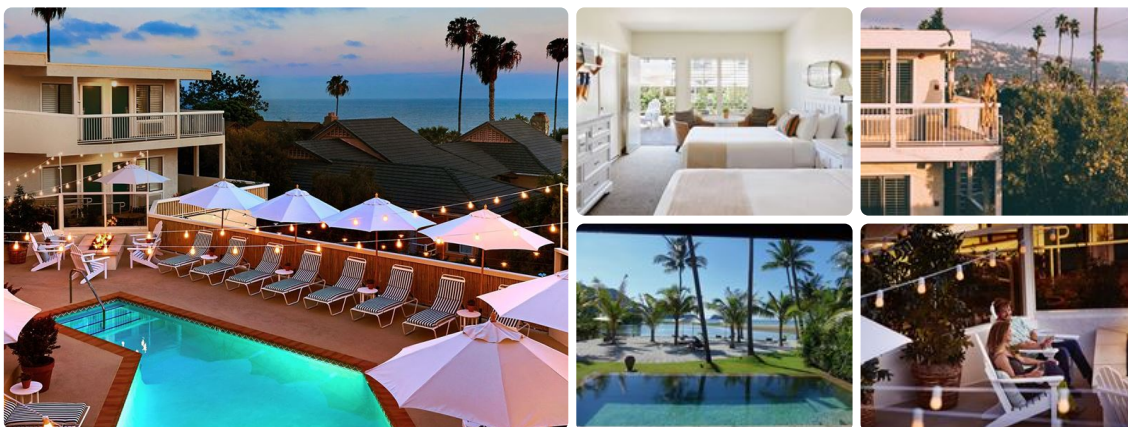
I suggest a pit stop at Huntington Beach and then another just down the road at Newport Beach Pier - to get some delicious food at Ruby's Diner perhaps. It gets super busy though, so be sure to get there earlier or slightly later than the usual lunch time.



Check in to Laguna Beach House

I adore this place. I have spent a few nights here myself, enjoying the views of the sea from my room... You'll love the proximity to Main beach and downtown Laguna Beach. This Beach House is exactly as you would imagine a Californian B&B to be. A contemporary seaside retreat with beautiful and appropriate decoration inside and out.

Whatever the flavor, we've got your cravings covered. Whether it's coffee at daybreak (essential), complimentary wine hour by the firepit, or cookies and milk before bedtime - you'll love the vibe here.



Laguna Beach

The artist colony of Laguna Beach is one of Orange County's hidden gems, located halfway between Los Angeles and San Diego. The city's topography is unique to other California coastal cities with its seven miles of coves and beaches where visitors can explore sea caves, tide pools, ocean side bluffs, natural tide pools and of course, sandy beaches, all within city limits.

Laguna Beach also boasts the most beachfront lodging options in all of California, making it an ideal spot for a beach getaway.

Beyond the beach, the city is home to more than 20,000 beautiful acres of protected wilderness, making it an optimal location for adventurous exploration. From world-renowned mountain biking trails for all levels of expertise, hundreds of miles of hiking, dramatic vistas, verdant hills and marine sanctuaries, there's no limit of new places to discover during a visit to Laguna Beach.

Pack your flip flops and surfboard or hiking shoes and water bottles, either way, Laguna Beach and all its options are awaiting your arrival.



July 24 - Friday



Take it Easy

Enjoy your day. Relax on the beach and eat great food.

Laguna beach is a great place to regroup and relive all your adventures thus far... There's so much more to come.

July 25 - Saturday



Laguna Beach to San Diego

This drive will take you approximately 1.5 hours



San Diego

Full of beauty, charm, coast and excitement, San Diego has it all.

We will base you in a city hotel for a different perspective this time.

San Diego's communities are all wander-worthy, and their dynamic medleys of outdoor activities, arts and culture, dining and shopping opportunities reflect the rich diversity of the San Diego region.

From downtown's trendy East Village, to the laid-back community of Ocean Beach, to the luxury enclave of La Jolla, the following are a few of San Diego's colourful neighbourhoods.

GASLAMP QUARTER: SCENE AND BE SEEN

As the historic heart of downtown San Diego, the 16½-block Gaslamp Quarter combines Victorian-charm with urban living to create a lively dining, entertainment and shopping district.

- You'll find some of San Diego's best dining in the Gaslamp Quarter.
- The Gaslamp is a great location for combining dinner with a night on the town.
- Tucked away in the Gaslamp Quarter's Victorian architecture are plenty of local boutiques and speciality stores to keep you busy. Add a little panache to your style with a new fedora, or hat of many other shapes, at Goorin Bros Hat Shop, and watch Cuban master cigar rollers at work before savouring one of your own at the Cuban Cigar Factory, a Gaslamp tradition since 1995.

EAST VILLAGE: VIBRANT URBAN LIFE

The revitalisation of this warehouse district in downtown San Diego was ignited in 2004 with the opening of Petco Park, the San Diego Padres' baseball stadium.

- Diners can sample a diverse selection of cuisine in many hip downtown settings.
- Stylish shopping in the East Village ranges from Wild Dove Boutique featuring contemporary and edgy but always feminine fashions in soft, eco-friendly fabrics to 5&A Dime, which serves up the latest men's and women's urban street wear.

LITTLE ITALY: A DELICIOUS PLACE FOR FOOD AND CULTURE

Little Italy in downtown San Diego is a quaint and lively neighbourhood filled with outdoor patio cafes, restaurants, pubs, art galleries, boutique shops and the beautiful Amici Park.

- India Street, Little Italy's main thoroughfare, is lined with restaurants featuring the neighbourhood's namesake cuisine.
- Kettner Street is filled with new, delicious restaurants.
- Along Fir Street, a number of colourful cottages house boutiques that offer ultra-stylish clothing, accessories and shoes.
- Along India Street, shoppers can find a diverse selection of art galleries and design stores, while the Kettner Art & Design District offers unique shops and gallery spaces featuring modern art, contemporary home furnishings and more.

HILLCREST: AN ECLECTIC HOTSPOT

The hub of San Diego's LGBT community, Hillcrest is an uptown neighbourhood located just minutes from downtown and next to Balboa Park, where visitors can experience the city's openness, warm hospitality and diversity throughout the year.

- Hillcrest's food scene includes a variety of restaurants.
- Shopping along the main thoroughfares, University Avenue and the tree-lined Fifth Avenue, includes trendy boutiques and shops stocked with used books, vintage and designer clothes, records, unique novelty items and more. Highlights include Flashbacks and Luigi Vera for the hippest in retro clothes.

NORTH PARK: HIPSTER HAPPENING

This eclectic neighbourhood, east of Balboa Park, offers a dynamic mix of coffee houses, cafes, retail shops, art galleries and the city's most up-and-coming restaurant row, complemented by a dynamic local craft beer scene.

- Notable restaurants include The Smoking Goat, which serves French-inspired bistro food using sustainable ingredients.
- For spirit connoisseurs, Seven Grand is a whiskey-centric bar offering more than 140 varieties, served in a hunting lodge-inspired setting complete with mounted deer and studded leather upholstery.
- Music lovers can catch great live music in a red-decked cathedral hall at The Observatory. Once a venue for opera and dramatic theatre in its colourful past life, its acoustics make it a strong place to catch a touring rock or pop group.

SOUTH PARK AND GOLDEN HILL: INDIE CULTURE ABOUNDS

Located just outside of downtown, Greater Golden Hill is home to the blossoming neighbourhoods of Golden Hill and South Park, havens for independent shops, galleries and restaurants featuring innovative menus, complemented by the region's award-winning craft beer.

- Diners in Golden Hill and South Park have no shortage of creative cuisine options. KINDRED offers an all-vegan menu, kombucha on tap, and a signature cocktail program using house-made syrups, soda and bitters, with a special focus on amari.
- Crafts, local art, unique fashions and one-of-a-kind treasures that can't be found at any mall make shopping a treat in Golden Hill and South Park. Make Good offers everything from gently used name-brand clothing to handmade art and accessories from San Diego designers.

BARRIO LOGAN: LIVELY HISPANIC CULTURE

Originally a refuge for Mexican residents fleeing the revolution in the early 20th century, Barrio Logan today is both the epicentre of San Diego's Hispanic community and a welcoming neighbourhood where young urbanites and artists are spurring a creative renaissance.

- For the freshest handmade tortillas in San Diego, head to Las Cuatro Milpas, an unassuming eatery known for having some of the city's best Mexican food.
- From Mexican street art to the most cutting-edge galleries, Barrio Logan's art scene is one of San Diego's most intriguing.
- Located in the heart of Barrio Logan, La Bodega is a community art gallery that features eclectic artist creations from local up-and-coming and world-renowned artists alike.

UNIVERSITY HEIGHTS: WARM AND WELCOMING

Surrounded by historic and renovated craftsman-style homes, University Heights is a neighbourhood that embraces San Diego's love for quirky and lively dining, shopping and nightlife. Adjacent to Hillcrest, University Heights is hip yet friendly and welcomes everyone with creative tastes to its main thoroughfare, Park Boulevard, home to popular eateries, shops and lounges.

- A local dining landmark, the Parkhouse Eatery can be easily spotted by its large neon clock rising above Park Boulevard and the long line of patrons waiting for a table during their legendary weekend breakfast.
- At Folk Arts Rare Records, analog music enthusiasts can find folk, blues, jazz, show tunes, rhythm and blues, rock 'n' roll and a vast inventory of 78 rpm records.

NORMAL HEIGHTS: ABNORMALLY FUN

Neighbouring University Heights and home to unique antique stores and quirky coffeehouses, Normal Heights takes pride in creating a free-spirited environment where resident artists and hippies prove that what's "normal" in San Diego is a fun-loving attitude.

- Normal Heights celebrates live music day and night with annual music festivals as well as live music venues booking up-and-coming artists throughout the year.
- Dining options are anything but cookie cutter in Normal Heights. Both vegetarians and omnivores love DaoFu, whose Vietnamese menu features chicken curries and housemade tofu, and all entrees come with a salad and dessert included.
- Satisfy your sweet tooth with creamy homemade ice creams in flavors like Mexican chocolate and blueberry cheesecake at Mariposa Ice Cream Shop.

OLD TOWN SAN DIEGO: WHERE HISTORY MEETS ENTERTAINMENT

San Diego's first "downtown." Old Town marks the site of the first Spanish settlement on the U.S. West Coast and features 12 acres of Mexican lore and historical sites, colourful shops.

- The Whaley House is one of only two officially designated haunted houses in California.
- Known for colourful Mexican cuisine, Old Town's dining is lively and vibrant.
- Shopping in Old Town reflects the history of the 1800s and captures the essence of San Diego's colourful past. Enjoy freshly made taffy and other old-school sweets at Cousin's Candy, make your own candle at Toby's Candle Shop or peruse the millinery wares at the Johnson House.
- In the centre of Old Town, guest can find the Old Town Market Place, an open-air courtyard with a variety of carts and shops that sell handcrafted trinkets, clothing and accessories traditional to the Mexican culture.

OCEAN BEACH: A LAID-BACK BEACH TOWN

With perpetual sun, swaying palms and sparkling surf, the funky neighbourhood of Ocean Beach, referred to locally as O.B., is the epitome of Southern California beach culture.

- With hundreds of antique dealers in six malls, the Ocean Beach Antique District, located along Newport Avenue, offers the largest concentration of antique and collectable dealers in San Diego County.
- O.B. is home to diverse eateries, many with views of the beautiful Pacific Ocean and featuring open patios that welcome man's best friend.

PACIFIC BEACH/MISSION BEACH: THE BEACH AND THE BEAUTIFUL

Pacific Beach, referred to locally as P.B., is a seaside mecca and surfer's paradise for college students and the younger set with boisterous bars, cafes and casual restaurants aplenty. Located just south of P.B. and connected by a three-mile boardwalk, Mission Beach is another popular surf spot and hip hangout for the younger set.

- Throughout the year, the boardwalk connecting P.B. and Mission Beach features an endless parade of hard bodies and other beach goers walking, running, biking, inline-skating and just hanging out in the sun.
- Located along the boardwalk in Mission Beach, Belmont Park features the "Giant Dipper" wooden roller coaster, a National Historic Landmark.
- Lined along P.B.'s main streets, Grand and Garnet Avenues are a plethora of restaurants, thrift stores, vintage clothing stores, boutiques and tattoo parlors.

LA JOLLA: THE JEWEL OF SAN DIEGO

The treasures of this Mediterranean-style village make La Jolla one of the most sought-after vacation destinations in Southern California.

- La Jolla's beautiful beaches and coastline provide endless opportunities for outdoor recreation.
- La Jolla is one of San Diego's most desirable shopping districts and is known for its variety of speciality shops and boutiques that feature top designers and luxury items from around the world.
- Sometimes called the "Rodeo Drive of San Diego," Prospect Street overlooks the ocean and is lined with small boutiques, antique emporiums and art galleries. Bird Rock offers an upscale, eco-friendly environment for posh shopping that boasts everything from an organic coffee shop and green nail salon, to designer boutiques adorned with fashionable shoes, bags and bikinis, to upscale children's clothing boutiques.
- Combining spectacular ocean views with award-winning menus that focus on farm-fresh organic ingredients, La Jolla's restaurants offer some of San Diego's finest dining experiences.



Check in to the Palomar San Diego

You'll be resting your heads in this multi-award winning Kimpton Hotel in Downtown San Diego.

There's no need to pinch yourself as you walk through the grand lobby doors of Kimpton Hotel Palomar, because this is as real as it gets.

This boutique hotel is located within walking distance to all of San Diego's hot spots, and offers a welcome oasis of urban chic design, delightfully chill spaces from the lobby living room to the roof-top outdoor pool, and a vibrant, social Mexican restaurant, guest rooms and suites offer spectacular views of downtown San Diego, with several boasting floor-to-ceiling windows.

Mix in our eager-to-serve team, and you have the perfect elements for your San Diego hotel stay.



July 26 - Sunday



San Diego Zoo

We have booked tickets for the whole family to enjoy this fantastic zoo.

The world famous San Diego Zoo is a non-profit wildlife sanctuary home to more than 3,500 rare and endangered animals representing more than 650 species and subspecies, and a prominent botanical collection with more than 700,000 exotic plants. It is located just north of downtown San Diego in Balboa Park.

You can take a safari of your choosing... Just be sure to give yourself the day.



July 27 - Monday



Use today to explore your local area.

July 28 - Tuesday



Drive over to San Diego Airport and leave your car behind...



TBC

Domestic flight from San Diego to Las Vegas

An approximate hours flight away - saving you almost 6 hours in the car.

Also, essential, to get you to Vegas in time for...

O - By Cirque de Soleil!!!



Private car transfers to your hotel



Check in to the Bellagio

This hotel is one of my favourites on the LV strip. Not least because of it's emotive water fountains that produce such incredible displays, using lights, music and of course, water - combined, to make a magical experience that you'll delight in.

As we've booked 'O' tickets for the whole family, we felt it better to accommodate you in the same hotel. That way, you'll have plenty of time to freshen up after your shower - in time for dinner and your show!

The rooms at the Bellagio, are as you would expect - palatial! We have made sure you have a great view and while you're here, I recommend you eat at Spago - Wolfgang Puck's restaurant. We can make reservations for you nearer the time if you wish.



O - By Cirque Du Soleil

Soaring above, submerged below. A show to rival all others.

Rated the best thing to do in Las Vegas

Official Trailer: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=8JUgCC9mh0A>



July 29 - Wednesday



Transfer to your pick up point for your next adventure

We will advise guests on reservation instructions for the designated Las Vegas hotel when you book your river trip



Check in at canyon river tour



Day 1

Meet the trip host at the designated hotel in Las Vegas. Board the shuttle to the airport for the charter flight to the Bar 10 Ranch.

Arrive in time for lunch and an orientation with the entertaining and hospitable ranch staff. After settling in, there is time for horseback riding, ranch history and stories, clay pigeon shooting, an optional ATV tour, and other activities.

Enjoy a hearty dinner and a charming country western show. Fall asleep under the starry sky.



July 30 - Thursday



Day 2

Wake up to coffee and a hearty breakfast, then say goodbye to the Bar 10. Board a helicopter and descend into the canyon where guests meet the river guides, pack gear into dry bags, and shove off for a rafting adventure.

Soak up awe inspiring Grand Canyon vistas and experience thrilling whitewater rapids. At midday, lunch is prepared on a sandy beach along the river.

After a full day, it will be time to set up camp and relax while sharing stories with new friends. As the sun sets over the walls of the canyon, appreciate the sounds of the river as you fall asleep.



July 31 - Friday



Day 3

Enjoy a riverside breakfast amidst the Grand Canyon backdrop. Pack up camp, load the rafts, and head out for more fun! A few more hours of rafting and exploring all the canyon has to offer.

After lunch, guests say goodbye to the guides and transfer to a jet boat for a scenic ride through the final miles of the Colorado River. A bus will be waiting at Pearce Ferry to take you to Las Vegas, arriving by late afternoon.



Transfer back to Las Vegas to collect your car.

Drive over to Zion National Park - This drive takes approximately 2.5 hours.



Check in to Under Canvas Zion

Recognized in 'Top 40 Resorts in the US – Midwest & West' by *Condé Nast Traveler*, Under Canvas Zion is located upon 196-acres of remote desert terrain just 20 miles from the entrance to Zion National Park and the charming town of Springdale. Operating under wide-open desert skies in Virgin, Utah, Under Canvas' safari-inspired glamping destination is a haven of solitude in the American Southwest, surrounded by views of soaring sandstone cliffs and majestic red rock.

Our inherently spatially distanced, safari-inspired tents include amenities such as daily housekeeping and fresh towels, plush king-size beds, luxurious linens, en suite bathrooms, hot running water and even a wood burning stove for chilly nights.

Complimentary programming ranging from yoga classes and crafts to acoustic live music and outdoor games means the fun doesn't end when the national park adventures do. Kids and adults alike delight over evening s'mores around the communal campfire as they share their stories of their day's adventure. Guests wake to sounds of nature, perfectly positioned to explore America's most iconic national parks and monuments.

We believe that nature is the best architect, family and friends are the best entertainment, and that a piece of every soul is hidden somewhere...outside.



Zion National Park

Follow the paths where ancient native people and pioneers walked. Gaze up at massive sandstone cliffs of cream, pink, and red that soar into a brilliant blue sky. Experience wilderness in a narrow slot canyon.

Zion's unique array of plants and animals will enchant you as you absorb the rich history of the past and enjoy the excitement of present day adventures.



August 1 - Saturday

Explore the park today at leisure

Tours can be organised if you'd prefer

August 2 - Sunday

Drive over to Bryce Canyon

A small 1 hour 20 minute drive

Check in to Stone Canyon Inn

From our large deck facing east, you can sit outside and enjoy a magnificent dinner. In the late afternoon, as the sun sets, it will "light up" Powell Point – a 10,000+ plateau across our eastern valley.

Later, as the sky darkens for the night, that same deck offers you world famous star gazing while enjoying your dinner.

Our view from the front of the Inn is spectacular! You'll get to see parts of Bryce Canyon that can only be seen from our vantage point! You can look up from your living room or patio and see Bristlecone Ridge, Sinking Ship, Fairyland Amphitheater, Sunrise and Sunset Points. Many facilities in the area only show views of the trees, buildings or parking – we have the park itself, looking right down on our Inn – how fantastic is that?

Enjoy your Bryce Canyon lodging with us while in Southern Utah. It will be as simple as stepping out your door, into your choice of adventures.



Bryce Canyon

Bryce Canyon is not a single canyon, but a series of natural amphitheaters or bowls, carved into the edge of a high plateau. The most famous of these is the Bryce Amphitheater (pictured below), which is filled with irregularly eroded spires of rocks called hoodoos.

Perhaps every visitor to the park will spend at least some time marvelling at its four main viewpoints, all found within the first few miles of the park: Bryce Point, Inspiration Point, Sunset Point, and Sunrise Point. Between April and October a shuttle service is operated in this area of the park to reduce congestion.

Other viewpoints are found all along the park's 18-mile main road which travels from park's only entrance in the north along the plateau rim to its highest elevations in the south (over 9,000 ft / 2,743 m). Hiking trails explore the forests of the plateau, connect between viewpoints along the rim of the Bryce Amphitheater, and wander through the hoodoos below.

Deepen your understanding of the park by attending a ranger programme, whether it be a daily geology talk, rim walk, evening program, astronomy programme, or full moon hike. Be sure to ask about our Jr. Ranger Program at the visitor information desk.

Concessionaire-provided horseback rides are another way to experience Bryce Canyon during the summer season. There are activities for everyone!



August 3 - Monday



Explore the Canyon at leisure today

Tours can be organised if you'd prefer

August 4 - Tuesday



Drive over to Williams Az, where you'll be based for two nights

This drive will take 5 hours and is by far the longest drive you'll do. So pack accordingly. You'll stop many times I'm sure, to take photos etc.

We recommend stopping in Page, as there are some lovely BBQ or Navajo restaurants nearby.



Check in to your second stay at Under Canvas.

Another wonderful adventure. Set right here, in the Grand Canyon. Do some star gazing, with the Grand Canyon right on your doorstep. Imagine yourself... feeling so close to the stars, surrounded by such immense beauty.

This is glamping, but like never before...

For a sneaky peak, visit the link below...

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=IKhvhTikYc&feature=emb_logo



Antelope Park

Few geological formations are as picturesque and awe-inspiring as Antelope Canyon, a magnificent slot canyon just east of Page in Northern Arizona. With tall winding walls, it's a monumental sandstone sculpture.

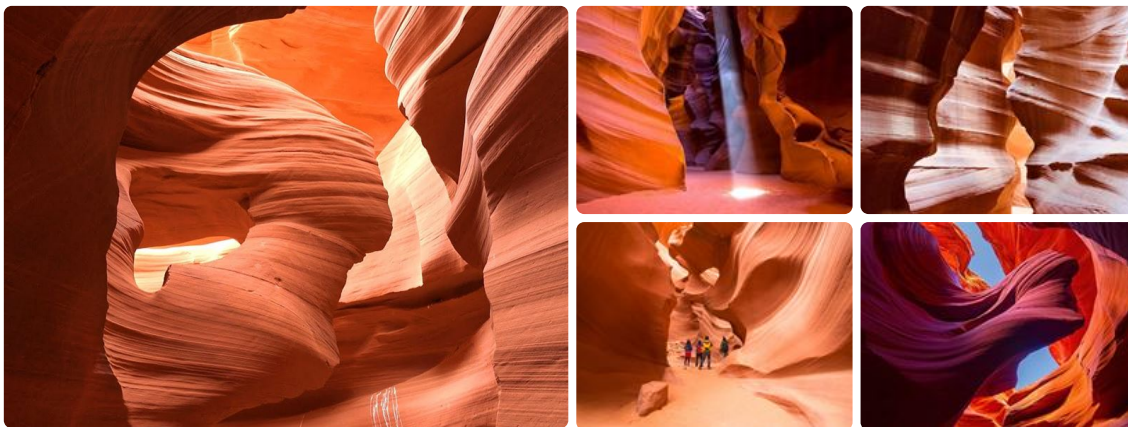
A photographer's dream, the canyon is known for its wave-like structure and the light beams that shine directly down into the openings of the canyon, creating a supernatural appearance.

HISTORY & NATURE

Antelope Canyon is the product of millions of years of water erosion. In fact, the Navajo name for Upper Antelope Canyon is "Tse' bighanilini," which means "the place where water runs through rocks."

Once home to herds of pronghorn antelope, the canyon now lies within the LeChee Chapter of the Navajo Nation, and draws nature-lovers near and far for its remarkable, mysterious beauty.

The canyon walls climb 120 feet above the streambed, making it a cathedral of red-hued, swirling sandstone.



August 5 - Wednesday

Day at Leisure or Exploring



Tours can be organised if you'd prefer

August 6 - Thursday



Drive over to Flagstaff airport and drop off your car



Flagstaff to Colorado Springs

Domestic flights TBC, but we'll aim for mid afternoon, to allow you a last morning enjoyed in the Grand Canyon.

Flagstaff airport is a short drive from Williams, so you'll have plenty of time.



Collect your last car



Colorado Springs

Colorado Springs offers more than 55 area attractions, incredible scenery for endless outdoor adventures and a vibrant culture filled with arts, entertainment and rich history.

You'll find no shortage of things to do in Colorado Springs, where the adventures range from mild to wild. The only challenge will be finding the activities that are just right for you. Whether you're looking for outdoor thrills or educational and cultural activities, the number of things to do in Colorado Springs are limitless.



Boulder City - Colorado

National Geographic and the Today show recently recognized Boulder as "The Happiest City in the U.S." Forbes recently noted Boulder tops the list of an etiquette expert's friendliest cities in the nation.

Boulder has earned a spot on Gallup's "Highest Well Being Communities" list for several years running. And even back in 2011, CBS News wrote, "If happiness is a state of mind, then Boulder is its capital."





Check in to the St Julien Hotel and Spa for the last few days of your trip

I know Boulder was really important to you, so we've made sure to base you here for the remainder of your trip. Staying in the luxurious and exclusive St Julien's. You'll finish in style, with all the creature comforts you can expect from a 5* Spa hotel, here in the beautiful municipality of Boulder.

We've made sure to book you a King room with a balcony overlooking the Flatiron Mountains - so you can enjoy a coffee whilst taking in the view. The Veranda view rooms are also available if you prefer a little more outside space, but they offer less privacy as they are all adjoined to the bedrooms on either side.



August 7 - Friday



Why not visit nearby Royal Gorge Region

With antiques, agriculture and plenty to do, Royal Gorge deserves a day exploring.

To the naked eye, Florence is just a small town. But for those in the know, it is a town rich in history and on the path to a dynamic future.

Florence experienced its first wave of growth in 1881 thanks to an oil boom. When the industry slowed down in the 1930s and 1940s, much of the city's population moved away, leaving behind dozens of historic buildings that would go untouched for decades.

Today, low rents on these historic buildings have attracted a growing number of antique dealers who have helped the city garner the title, "Antique Capital of Colorado." With more than 20 antique stores—and growing—Florence boasts the highest number of antique stores per capita in the state. It may be safe to assume that after decades of a stagnant economy, Florence has finally found its niche.

Take a leisurely stroll down Main Street and step into any one of the many antique stores, each of which claims its own specialty. No two stores are alike, and no two have the same merchandise.

You might run into antique dealers from Denver, Colorado Springs, Texas, Oklahoma, or other parts of the west. Like them, you're sure to find interesting treasures around every turn.



August 8 - Saturday



Your last full day

To end the trip on a high and because I know you adore trees and being in nature, we have organised a 'Forest Bathing' for you all today.

Forest bathing is based on the Japanese practice of Shinrin-Yoku, which is rooted in the concept of taking in the forest atmosphere by slowing down and connecting with the nature. A short, quiet walk in the woods, focused on meditation and introspection instead of trying to climb the tallest peak or achieve a record workout, allows you to make a deeper connection with the world around you as well as your own thoughts and emotions.

Forest bathing places an emphasis on soaking up your natural surroundings:

- The sights of the squirrels scampering across the trail, the height of the towering trees and the way the sunlight touches the world around you.
- The sounds of the leaves rustling in the wind, the birds calling to one another and the crunch of branches beneath your feet.
- And, the smells of the fallen pine needles, the oils in the tree bark and the musty earth below.

5 SIMPLE STEPS FOR FOREST BATHING

1. Leave behind your phone, camera or any other distractions, so that you can be fully present in the experience.
2. Leave behind your goals and expectations. Wander aimlessly, allowing your body to take you wherever it wants.
3. Pause from time to time, to look more closely at the foliage or notice the sensation of the path beneath your feet.
4. Find a comfortable spot to take a seat and listen to the sounds around you. See how the behavior of the birds and other animals changes when they become familiar with your presence.
5. Stay as quiet as possible. Resist talking until the end of the walk.



August 9 - Sunday



Spend the last day at a leisurely pace

Mid afternoon, begin your drive back over to Denver to catch your flight home.