

A scenic view of Yosemite National Park, California, featuring steep granite cliffs, a forest of evergreen trees, and a waterfall. The sun is low in the sky, creating a warm, golden glow.

YOSEMITE NATIONAL PARK, CALIFORNIA

BY TRAIN & SHIP 15 NIGHTS JULY 15 - JULY 30, 2027
STARTING AT \$4,895 PP

GOLD RUSH

ADVENTURE

A scenic view of Glacier Bay National Park, showing a large glacier flowing into a body of water, surrounded by steep, rocky mountains.

GLACIER BAY NATIONAL PARK

Every few years we put together a holiday with so many unusual and attractive features arranged into a beautiful tour that travelers just hearing about it want to sign up. So, for 2027 our **'Gold Rush Adventure'** offers up some of the most spectacular sights in North America including Lake Tahoe, Yosemite and Alaska's Inside Passage, by train & ship at the perfect time of the year. Nicer still, we have included brilliant sightseeing throughout, superb hotels and extra treats like a sternwheeler cruise on Lake Tahoe and a ride on the storied Virginia & Truckee Railroad in Virginia City, Nevada.

We begin in Reno with a two-night hotel stay and a welcome reception, a nice way to meet your fellow travelers. The next day, a short drive to historic Virginia City, Nevada, with time to explore this Comstock Lode mining center. A highlight is a ride on the Virginia & Truckee Railroad, the most celebrated short line railroad in America. Later, we drive over Carson Pass to visit Lake Tahoe and take a sternwheeler cruise on the cobalt blue lake to stunning Emerald Bay, a sight everyone should see at least once.

After two nights in Reno, we travel to Yosemite on Highway 120 over Tioga Pass, not only is this staggeringly beautiful but it is a rare way to drop down into the

valley floor; enroute, we visit Tunnel View with its famous vista of the magnificent Yosemite. This is just one of two days we have in the park with ample time to see everything of interest; including a tour of the Valley floor that takes you on a two-hour passage through the park's geology, wildlife, and rich history with plenty of time for the Visitors Center and the Ansel Adams Gallery. Later, we hop on a real steam train through the Redwoods aboard the Yosemite Sugar Pine Railroad.

After two nights in Yosemite, a special journey awaits as we travel north on "California Highway 49", the **"Mother Lode Highway"** through towns from the Gold Rush era like Columbia, Angels Camp and Coloma, where gold was discovered in 1848. At the end of this drive, we visit Old Sacramento and tour the acclaimed California State Railroad Museum at the very spot the Sacramento started during the California Gold Rush.

Saving the best for last; after this great journey on land, we begin a special voyage from San Francisco round-trip to Alaska's Inside Passage aboard Princess Cruises with a stellar Alaska itinerary. We visit Ketchikan, Haines and Sitka, as well as a glorious full day in Glacier Bay National Park. This is perhaps the nicest way to see Alaska, unpacking only once with the joy of sailing under the Golden Gate Bridge twice. This vacation has only one flaw, it will sell out quickly so call soon. **All Aboard!**

HIGHLIGHTS

Two days in Reno with exceptional sightseeing including a visit to Lake Tahoe with a sternwheeler cruise and a visit to historic **Virginia City with a ride aboard the storied Virginia & Truckee Railroad**, the most fabled short line railroad in California's rich history.

Two-day visit to Yosemite with amazing sightseeing including approaching Yosemite from the East over **Tioga Pass** seeing the valley from **Olmstead Point**. We have also included the **Valley floor tour** with views of **Yosemite Falls, Half Dome, El Capitan and Bridalveil Fall** along with stops at the Visitors Center and the **Ansel Adams Gallery**. Our guests enjoy two-day visit of the park to take in this wondrous sight. Another treat is a steam train ride aboard the **Yosemite Mountain Sugar Pine Railroad**.

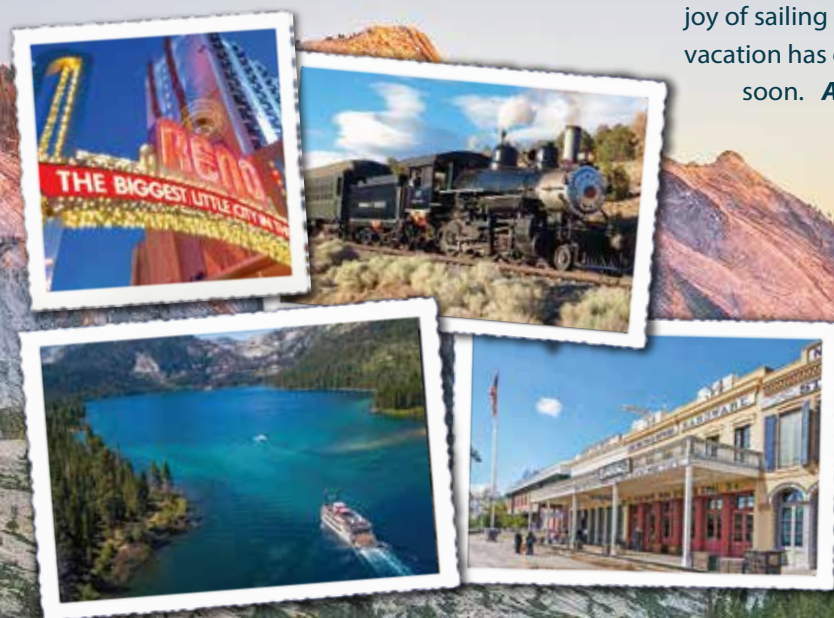
Travel over historic California Highway 49, the 'Mother Lode Highway' through the historic Gold Country of California through small towns with names like Angels Camp, wonderfully restored Columbia, and Coloma where gold was found in 1848 sparking the Gold Rush. **CA HWY 49 is a historic backroad** and we stop at the **Marshall Gold Discovery State Park** en route to Sacramento.

Overnight stay in historic Old Sacramento with a visit to the acclaimed **California State Railroad Museum**.

Short drive to San Francisco and the pier on sailing day with special bon voyage gift waiting in your stateroom or suite, before sailing under the **Golden Gate Bridge**.

10 day round-trip voyage from San Francisco to Alaska with visits to the Inside Passage, Ketchikan, Glacier Bay National Park, Sitka, and Prince Rupert, BC.

A professional tour manager from start to finish with special events and parties aboard ship.



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Day 1 Reno, Nevada R

Guests arrive and check in this afternoon. Later, we host a reception where you can meet your fellow travelers.

Day 2 Reno, Nevada B D

After breakfast, we enjoy a drive up Geiger Grade to the famous old west town of Virginia City; once the home of two great American writers, Lucius Beebe and Mark Twain. We have time to explore before we embark on the Virginia & Truckee Railroad. Then we cross over the Carson Range to South Lake Tahoe and enjoy a cruise to the incredible Emerald Bay. We return to Reno for a special welcome dinner for our guests.

Day 3 Yosemite, CA B L

Today's journey offers a rare highlight as we enter Yosemite Valley from the east over the Tioga Pass. The road meanders over the Sierra range through Tuolumne Meadows, past Tenaya Lake and Olmstead Point; a breathtaking vista of Half Dome from the east. We continue on through the park with another photo-stop at Tunnel View with the view of the park made famous by American photographer, Ansel Adams. This evening we begin our two-night stay in Oakhurst.

Day 4 Yosemite, CA B

After breakfast we return for a full day of exploration of the Yosemite with a guided and comprehensive valley tour; Bridalveil Fall, Yosemite Falls, Half Dome, El Capitan, Vernal Falls and the Cathedral Rocks are astonishing wonders. Another feature today is the Yosemite Sugar Pine Railroad steam train ride through a redwood forest once used to harvest timber.

Day 5 Old Sacramento, CA B

This morning we begin our land trip over the historic "Gold Chain Highway"; CA 49, the fabled mining communities of the Gold Rush of 1848. We travel through celebrated Angels Camp, Columbia & Coloma, where gold was first found on the South Fork of the American River. A visit

at James W. Marshall Discovery State Historic Park is included enroute. Upon arrival in Old Sacramento where guests enjoy time at the California Railroad Museum, considered one of the best exhibits in the World.

Day 6 San Francisco B

After breakfast we depart for a scenic drive through the California Central Valley for San Francisco and the Ruby Princess.

Day 7 At sea off the coast of Oregon

Day 8 Cruising the Inside Passage

Day 9 Sitka, AK

In 1799, the Russian explorer Alexander Baranof founded New Archangel next to the Tlingit village of Sitka. This was the beginning of permanent Russian settlement in North America. But New Archangel was destroyed three years later by the Tlingit Indians in an attempt to reclaim their ancestral home.

Day 10 Haines, AK

A canoe slipped into the mouth of the Chilkat Inlet in November 1879, carrying Presbyterian missionary S. Hall Young and his friend, John Muir. Young told the Chilkat Indians that he wanted to build a Christian town. He chose space between two waterways, the Chilkat River and the Lynn Canal, and the town of Haines was born. During the 1900s, a permanent army post was built and named Fort William H. Seward.

Day 11 Glacier Bay National Park, AK

Princess is one of a select few cruise lines permitted to cruise the pristine waters of

Glacier Bay, the highlight of our 7-day Voyage of the Glaciers cruise. Just west of Juneau, this breathtaking national park and preserve boasts some of the world's most spectacular tidewater glaciers, such as Margerie Glacier, which often drops colossal chunks of ice into the sea. Not surprisingly, Glacier Bay National Park and its epic ice giants are part of a UNESCO World Heritage Site comprising Alaska's magnificent park system.

Day 12 Ketchikan, AK

Ketchikan is known as Alaska's "First City" because it's the first major community travelers come to as they journey north. Located on an island, Ketchikan began life as an Indian fishing camp. The name Ketchikan comes from a Tlingit phrase that means "eagle with spread-out wings," a reference to a waterfall near town.

Day 13 Prince Rupert, BC

Historic Prince Rupert captivates both mind and heart with its maritime history and awe-inspiring scenery. Located near the Alaska panhandle, Prince Rupert was established in 1910 as the intersection of commerce and trade for First Nations people and continued to develop as a town when selected as the western terminus for the Grand Turk Pacific Railway.

Day 14 At sea

Day 15 At sea

Day 16 San Francisco, CA



Ruby Princess is a favorite with our guests for good reason. With spacious, wonderfully furnished staterooms and suites, most with balconies, Ruby Princess has some great features like 'Movies under the Stars' in a sheltered deck area, exceptional dining in no fewer than eleven dining venues and an enormous array of lounges and bars to fit every mood. Additional attractions include freshwater pools, a great spa, acres of open deck space and a choice of observation areas. Whether you want to be active or just relax, you will find an area aboard Ruby Princess that suits your mood and tempo. And while Princess offers some of the highest rated entertainment afloat, traditional treats like afternoon tea remain as appealing interludes. Finally, unpacking once for 10 days while visiting some of the most beautiful places in North America is a joy on its own.

We invite you to join us!



FARES BY ACCOMMODATIONS



Suite



Mini-Suite



Balcony



Outside Stateroom



Inside Stateroom

DOUBLE OCCUPANCY FARES

Suite	Mini-suite	Balcony	Outside	Inside
S4 \$9,995 PP	M1 \$7,295 PP	BB \$5,995 PP BE \$5,795 PP	OC \$5,495 PP OE \$5,295 PP	IA \$4,995 PP IF \$4,895 PP

SINGLE OCCUPANCY FARES

Suite	Mini-suite	Balcony	Outside	Inside
S4 \$14,995	M1 \$9,995	BE \$8,595	OE \$6,895	IF \$5,995

3rd & 4th passenger fare is \$2,495

Hotels: Reno, Eldorado Resort & Casino, or similar; Oakhurst area, Holiday Inn (or similar); Old Sacramento, Holiday Inn Downtown.

Arrive early in Reno, or linger longer in San Francisco, ask our travel concierge about adding pre or post tour stays in either of these wonderful and exciting cities. For Reno at the Eldorado Resort, \$295 dbl/sgl pn, and for San Francisco at the Hyatt Regency Downtown SOMA, \$325 dbl/sgl, pn.

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