

The CALIFORNIAS

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A One-Time Odyssey by Train & Ship

Being based in California we are, of course, biased, but believe this elegant and leisurely holiday is spectacular even by our standards. Its centerpiece is the stunning Sea of Cortez, described by Jacques Cousteau as “the world’s aquarium” and celebrated by John Steinbeck for good reason.

“The Sea of Cortez has a color, an individuality, a tone, which distinguishes it from all other pieces of water.”
— John Steinbeck, *The Log from the Sea of Cortez*

But the Sea of Cortez is just one of the visual treats of this holiday. We begin in San Jose, with free airport transfers, then ride behind steam through the coastal mountains near Santa Cruz on the famed Roaring Camp Railroad. Next comes a relaxing two-night stay in historic Monterey, with Monterey State Historic Park, Fisherman’s Wharf, the awe-inspiring 17-Mile Drive, charming Carmel, the Monterey Bay Aquarium and Cannery Row.

After two leisurely days in Monterey, we board the Coast Starlight for the legendary trip to Southern California over the Union Pacific Coast Route, including 131 miles along the ocean - a train trip everyone should do once. After an overnight in Oxnard, we drive down the celebrated Ventura Highway to Los Angeles and board Crown Princess for our 11-day Baja Peninsula & Sea of Cortez cruise, including two days in beautiful Cabo San Lucas. With fine hotels, great sightseeing, a brilliant design and extras like a professional tour manager, special parties and events and much more, this trip is certain to sell out. We invite you to join us.



HIGHLIGHTS

Ride the **Historic Roaring Camp Railroad** behind a steam locomotive through the magnificent Santa Cruz Mountains.

Two Nights in Beautiful Monterey, including historic **Fisherman's Wharf, Cannery Row**, and the world-famous **Monterey Bay Aquarium**.

Discover **17-Mile Drive and Charming Carmel**, with spectacular Pacific Ocean scenery along one of America's most celebrated coastal routes.

Travel Aboard **Amtrak's Coast Starlight**, enjoying 131 miles of breathtaking Pacific coastline on one of America's greatest train journeys.

Sail Aboard the highly rated **Crown Princess** for an extraordinary 11-night voyage around Baja California and into the legendary Sea of Cortez.

Enjoy two full days in **Cabo San Lucas**, with its beautiful beaches, dramatic rock formations, and famous **El Arco**.

Explore the Fabled **Sea of Cortez**, called "the world's aquarium" by Jacques Cousteau, with visits to **La Paz** and seldom-visited **Guaymas**.

Discover the *Romance of Old Mexico*, with visits to colorful **Mazatlán** and beautiful **Puerto Vallarta**, framed by the Sierra Madre Mountains.

Professional tour manager from start to finish to handle all of the details with special events aboard ship and ashore.



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DAY 1	SAN JOSE	R
Arrive by train or air and settle into the Doubletree by Hilton San Jose, with complimentary airport transfers. Tonight enjoy a casual reception.		
DAY 2	ROARING CAMP RAILROAD & MONTEREY	B D
Ride behind steam on the famed Roaring Camp Railroad through the Santa Cruz Mountains. Continue to Monterey for the State Historic Park and Fisherman’s Wharf. Welcome dinner tonight.		
DAY 3	17-MILE DRIVE & CARMEL	B
Travel the famed 17-Mile Drive with breathtaking Pacific views. Enjoy charming Carmel, then return to Monterey for the Aquarium or storied Cannery Row.		
DAY 4	COAST STARLIGHT	B
Board the Coast Starlight at Salinas for a spectacular journey through the Salinas Valley, over Cuesta Grade and along 131 miles of Pacific coastline. Overnight Oxnard.		
DAY 5	VENTURA HIGHWAY	B
Drive the celebrated “Ventura Highway” to the Port of Los Angeles. Board Crown Princess for our Baja Peninsula & Sea of Cortez voyage.		
DAY 6	DAY AT SEA	
Our first full day aboard Crown Princess offers a wonderful opportunity to settle into the leisurely pleasures of ocean travel. Enjoy breakfast overlooking the Pacific, explore the ship's inviting lounges and open decks, or simply relax with a good book and the endless panorama of sea and sky. Fine dining, entertainment and the pleasures of life at sea await as we sail toward the sun-drenched shores of Baja California		
DAY 7 & 8	CABO SAN LUCAS	
Two glorious days in Cabo San Lucas, spectacularly situated at the southern tip of the Baja Peninsula, where the Pacific Ocean meets the Sea of Cortez. Here, towering desert mountains descend toward golden beaches and crystalline waters. Cabo's celebrated landmark, El Arco, is a magnificent natural stone arch rising dramatically from the sea. With two days to enjoy this remarkable setting, there is ample time to discover its considerable charms.		
DAY 9	LA PAZ	
Welcome to La Paz, the capital of Baja California Sur and one of the most appealing cities along the Sea of Cortez. Far removed from the bustle of Mexico's larger resorts, La Paz retains an atmosphere of old-fashioned Mexican hospitality. Its handsome waterfront Malecón, lined with sculptures and shaded places to linger, overlooks waters of extraordinary turquoise blue. Beyond the city lie pristine beaches, rugged desert mountains and islands celebrated for their remarkable marine life. This is the Sea of Cortez that so captivated John Steinbeck and Jacques Cousteau.		

DAY 10	GUAYMAS
Today brings us to Guaymas, a seldom-visited treasure on the Sonoran shore of the Sea of Cortez. Surrounded by dramatic desert mountains and sparkling blue waters, this historic port offers a fascinating glimpse of a less-traveled Mexico. Its maritime heritage, traditional architecture and lively waterfront reflect generations of fishing and commerce. Nearby, the striking rock formations and beautiful bays of San Carlos rank among the most memorable landscapes in Sonora. Guaymas captures the beauty and distinctive character of the Sea of Cortez.	
DAY 11	AT SEA
Another delightful day aboard Crown Princess as we continue our voyage through Mexican waters. There is something wonderfully restorative about a day at sea, with no schedules to keep.	
DAY 12	MAZATLAN
Mazatlán combines the pleasures of a sun-drenched seaside resort with the character of a historic Mexican city. Its beautifully restored Centro Histórico is a delight, with colorful nineteenth-century buildings, graceful plazas, the Cathedral Basilica and an elegant opera house. Along the oceanfront stretches one of Mexico's most celebrated Malecóns, overlooking beaches and the sparkling Pacific. From its lively markets to the traditional charm of Old Mazatlán, this port offers a blend of history, culture and coastal beauty.	
DAY 13	PUERTO VALLARTA
Few Mexican ports enjoy a more beautiful setting than Puerto Vallarta, nestled along the sweeping shores of Banderas Bay beneath the lush, emerald-green Sierra Madre Mountains. Once a sleepy fishing village, it became famous during the filming of The Night of the Iguana in the 1960s. Today its enchanting old town, cobblestone streets, art galleries and picturesque Church of Our Lady of Guadalupe retains its old charm. The seaside is adorned with whimsical sculptures, invites a stroll beside the Pacific. A beautiful finale to our Mexican ports of call.	
DAY 14 & 15	AT SEA
Our final two days aboard Crown Princess are devoted to the timeless pleasures of ocean travel as we cruise north along the Pacific coast toward California. There is time to revisit a favorite lounge, enjoy the	

ship's many amenities, savor an unhurried meal or simply watch the ocean slip past from the comfort of a deck chair. Gather with newfound friends to reminisce about the colorful ports, magnificent scenery and memorable experiences of our journey. These wonderfully relaxed days at sea provide a fitting conclusion to our exploration of the Californias.

DAY 16 LOS ANGELES

We arrive this morning at the Port of Los Angeles, and after breakfast we disembark and transfer to Union Station and LAX for the final journey home.



Crown Princess is a favorite with our guests for good reason. With spacious, wonderfully furnished state-rooms and suites, most with balconies, Crown 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 Crown 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!*

Hotels

- Hilton Garden Inn, San Jose, California, *or similar*
- Monterey Hotel, Monterey California, *or similar*
- Crowne Plaza Ventura Beach, Oxnard California, *or similar*



Fares by accommodation



Double Occupancy					
Superior	\$ 9,295	\$ 6,295	\$ 4,995	\$ 4,695	\$ 4,195
Standard			\$ 4,895	\$ 4,395	\$ 3,995
Single Occupancy					
Standard	\$15,595	\$ 8,995	\$ 6,495	\$ 5,995	\$ 5,495

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