

# CALIFORNIA





*WELCOME TO THE  
GOLDEN STATE!*







## TRIP OVERVIEW

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The Golden State offers the perfect playground for the aspiring adventurer, and our California trip takes you to most beautiful and beloved parts of the state. This trip will have you hiking, climbing, paddling, surfing, and whitewater rafting through the sunny summer days and star studded nights. From summit to surf, this trip is perfect for those who are excited to sample all the great outdoors has to offer.





## EXPERIENCE HIGHLIGHTS

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Ride the rapids of the American River on a two-day rafting expedition

Learn to surf the Pacific swells in Pacifica

Kayak and stand up paddle board the deep blue waters of Lake Tahoe

Climb and hike in the world famous Yosemite National Park



## DAY 1

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Fly into San Francisco and meet your group at the Delta baggage claim. After you have all assembled, travel to your first campsite where you'll begin preparing for your surf section, and getting to know your group.

## DAY 2

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Travel to Pacifica, and spend the day learning to surf. Professional instructors will show you the basics of paddling and standing up on a wave. They'll also teach you about how to get into position, and read the water for surf success. After some instruction, you'll be catching and riding the swells in no time. Then, hop out of the surf, and spend the afternoon exploring a redwood grove. California Redwoods are specific to this climate, and they are some of the largest living organisms on the planet. Walking among these towering giants is an unforgettable experience.

## DAY 3-6

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Travel to the iconic Yosemite National Park. View the famous Half Dome and El Capitan, as you spend the next few days exploring this incredible park. Learn to rock climb in the birthplace of rock climbing! You'll spend two days immersing yourself in this unique and thrilling sport. Professional guides will teach us the mechanics of belaying, rope management, and how to tie safely into a harness. The harder the climb, the better the view! See Yosemite from a whole new vantage point, and come to understand why this is one of the most famous climbing destinations!

*\*Itinerary and order of activities subject to variation.*







## DAY 7-9

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Travel through the Eastern Sierras to the deep blue waters of Lake Tahoe. You'll spend the next two days exploring this beautiful body of water. Hike the rim trail and swim and sunbathe on one of the sandy beaches. Try your balance on a stand up paddle board. Glide the glassy surface in a kayak and be amazed at how far down you can see. Lake Tahoe is a classic California wonder, and a staple in the Sierra summertime!

## DAY 10-11

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Leave Lake Tahoe and travel to the rushing rapids of the American River. Spend the next two days learning to navigate white water paddling technique as you and your team take a river expedition. Featuring class II and class III rapids, the South Fork of the American River is a thrilling water way, and you'll ride its large wave trains through the beautiful canyons of Tahoe National Forest.

## DAY 12

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Make your way back to the Bay Area and spend some time exploring the rugged coastlines and rolling hills of Point Reyes National Seashore. On a clear day you can see views of San Francisco from the pristine wilderness of Point Reyes. Hike the remote beaches, and watch the sun set over the western edge of the world with your team.





## DAY 13

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Travel back to Pacifica State Beach for one more surf on the Pacific swells. Spend the evening reliving and remembering all the amazing adventures you've had together at a final banquet in the beautiful city by the bay.



## DAY 14

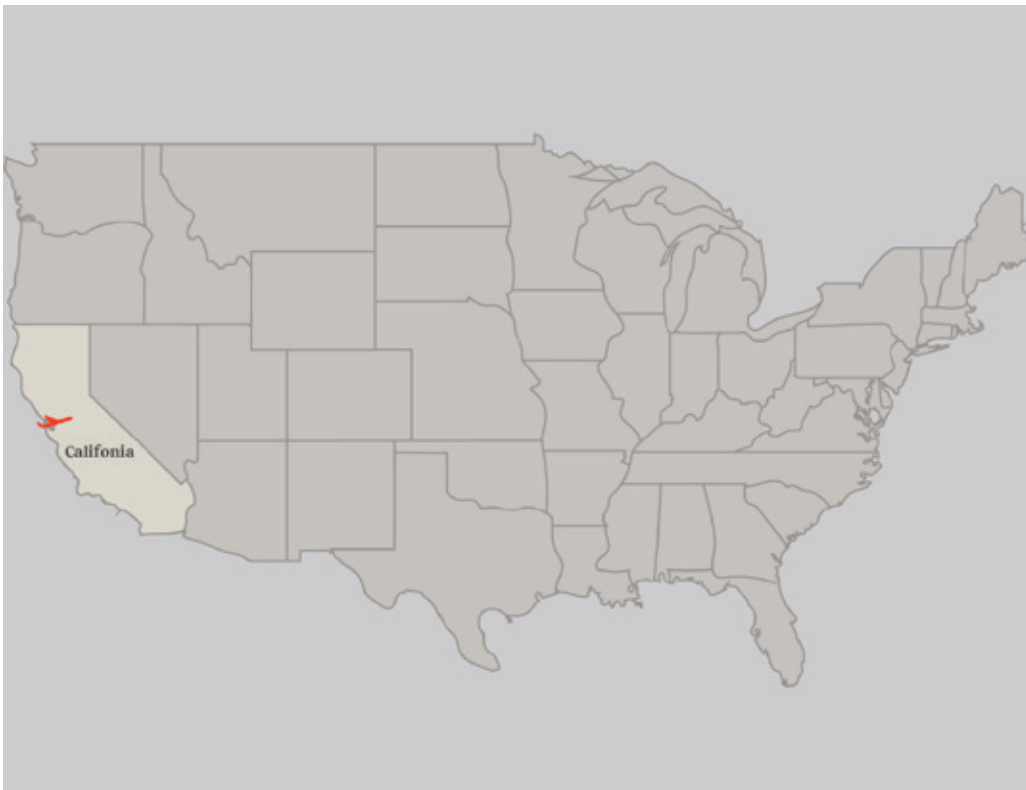
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Saying goodbye to your friends, and your new found favorite coast, fly out of San Francisco.



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“My biggest takeaway is that you have more fun trying and failing than sitting on the sidelines.”

» HENRY LESCHEN, NASHVILLE, TN





# TRIP DETAILS

LENGTH	14 Days
GRADE FOR CURRENT SCHOOL YEAR	6th-7th
CHALLENGE LEVEL	Easy
BEGINS/ENDS	San Francisco, CA (SFO) <i>Suggested flight window provided upon acceptance</i>
GROUP SIZE	12 Students
AVERAGE AIRFARE FROM EAST COAST	\$600

## WHAT'S INCLUDED

- Three dynamic trip leaders
- Professionally outfitted activities
  - White water rafting
  - Rock climbing
  - Surfing
- Accommodations
  - 3 Person Tents
- New 15 passenger transit van
- All meals
- Photos taken during your trip

## WHAT'S NOT INCLUDED

- Airfare to and from San Francisco, CA (SFO)
- Baggage fees
- Unaccompanied minor fees
- Personal clothing + equipment
  - Full clothing + equipment list provided upon acceptance
- Personal spending money (\$150 recommended)
- Trip insurance (Highly recommended)

# CONTACT

## ADMISSIONS

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# EXPERIENCE MOONDANCE IN 2023