



CALIFORNIA VINES, RAILS & REDWOODS

FEATURING THE NAPA VALLEY WINE TRAIN, SONOMA VALLEY, REDWOODS, COAST STARLIGHT TRAIN

MAY 18-23, 2014 ~ 6 DAY TOUR

TOUR PACE Leisurely On the Go ACTIVITY LEVEL Low High

~DAY BY DAY ITINERARY~



TOUR HIGHLIGHTS

- ◆ Travel aboard the vintage *Napa Valley Wine Train* with wine tasting and lunch onboard
- ◆ Tour the Napa Valley's Culinary Institute of America at Greystone
- ◆ Ride along California's coast aboard the *Coast Starlight* train featuring a dining car and observation car for spectacular ocean views
- ◆ Stay three nights in the Sonoma Valley with touring to include the Russian River Valley, giant California redwoods, the Charles Schulz "Peanuts" Museum, an olive oil farm, historic Sonoma and much more
- ◆ Dinner at the *Madonna Inn* and lunch and wine tasting in Eberle Winery's "cave"
- ◆ Stay at the 4-star *Apple Farm Inn* known for its Victorian country charm, cozy rooms featuring fireplaces in every room
- ◆ Stay overnight in Pismo Beach in a charming property just steps from the beach, and with a fireplace in every room

Embark on a journey that covers three of the most beautiful and bountiful regions of California – the Central Coast, Napa Valley and Sonoma Valley. We will not only travel through these incredibly beautiful regions on two memorable train journeys, but we'll take pleasure in the "fruit of the vine" and explore the spectacular sights they feature including majestic old growth redwoods, the winding Russian River Valley, the Culinary Institute of America and San Francisco's iconic Golden Gate Bridge.

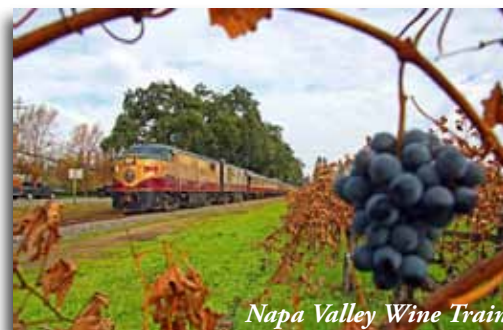


California Redwoods

◆DAY 1 ~ COASTAL TRAIN RIDE◆

This morning we set out from our departure points for the tranquility of the *Apple Farm Inn* and California's Central Coast. We'll travel by motorcoach to Oxnard to board **Amtrak's Coast Starlight**. We'll embark on a memorable journey along California's coastline and through fertile valleys to San Luis Obispo. Traveling by rail will allow you to see much of the California coast and sights normally hidden from the roads traveled by car. You are free to move around the train, get lunch from the snack bar or enjoy lunch in the dining car. Check out the view from the observation car or just relax in your assigned seat. Upon our arrival in San Luis Obispo, our coach will be waiting to take us the short distance to the quaint *Apple Farm Inn*. Nestled by San Luis

Obispo Creek and surrounded by mountains, the *Apple Farm Inn* is a beautiful Victorian style, 4-diamond Inn situated among a lush, quiet garden setting. The Inn blends the country charm of yesteryear with all of the modern comforts we expect today including a fireplace in every room and a heated pool year round. Enjoy the Inn's complimentary **wine reception** prior to dinner at leisure at the nostalgic *Apple Farm Inn Restaurant*.



Napa Valley Wine Train

◆DAY 2 ~ SAN FRANCISCO, SONOMA VALLEY◆

Following an included breakfast at the hotel we continue north to **San Francisco** this morning, stopping at the always-popular **Pier 39**. Known for its historic waterfront, delicious seafood, spectacular sights and unique shopping, the Pier offers a wide array of things to do. Leaving San Francisco, we'll travel across the iconic **Golden Gate Bridge** before arriving in the picturesque **Sonoma Valley** and our hotel, which is a beautiful 4-star resort situated on 22 acres. Here we'll check-in for a relaxing three-night stay. (Breakfast)

◆DAY 3 ~ NAPA VALLEY WINE TRAIN◆

Start your day with an included breakfast at the hotel prior to our journey to the famous Napa Valley – one of the most widely recognized wine regions in the world. Vineyards have been part of the landscape here for more than 150 years and today this valley is home to more than 260



Apple Farm Inn

FINE HOTELS / GREAT LOCATIONS

- ◆ Night 1 **Apple Farm Inn**
San Luis Obispo, CA
- ◆ Nights 2-4 **DoubleTree Hotel**
Ronherb Park (Sonoma Valley), CA
- ◆ Night 5 **Cottage Inn**
Pismo Beach, CA

TOUR INCLUSIONS

- ◆ 5 Nights deluxe hotel accommodations
- ◆ 8 Meals – 1 dinner, 2 lunches, 5 breakfasts
- ◆ Comprehensive sightseeing and services of a professional GTT tour director
- ◆ Admissions per itinerary
- ◆ Transportation on a deluxe motorcoach and aboard Amtrak's deluxe *Coast Starlight* train
- ◆ Luggage handling throughout the tour

PER PERSON PRICES

Double \$1,099 / Single \$1,459 • Deposit \$250

Travel Protection Plan

\$67 Double occupancy / \$85 Single occupancy

RESERVATIONS

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Community Services Program
1530 W. 17th St., Room S-201
Santa Ana, CA 92706

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www.sac.edu/community/services

Tour operated by *Good Times Travel*
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PAYMENT INFORMATION

♦Deposit due at time of booking to the address above (*Good Times Travel* will contact you for the travel protection)

♦*Good Times Travel* will invoice you for the balance payment 6-8 weeks prior

TRAVEL PROTECTION / CANCELLATION

Travel protection/cancellation insurance is highly recommended for all multi-day tours. If travel protection has not been purchased, only recoverable funds less a cancellation charge of \$50 will be reimbursed once payment has been made. Amount of reimbursement depends on the date of cancellation.

If travel protection has been purchased and you must cancel prior to departure or leave the tour enroute for a reason approved by the insurance company, you will receive a full refund (or partial if enroute), minus the cost of the premium. Other benefits of travel protection include medical expenses for illness and injury. Pre-existing medical conditions are only covered if protection is purchased at the time of deposit. Travel protection must be purchased by the time balance payment is made. See travel protection plan for full details and exclusions.

DEPARTURE INFORMATION

Park and join this tour at one of the following locations:

Fountain Valley - Good Times Travel office
Long Beach - City College - Lot "O"

Departure time depends on location
Exact times are provided 2 weeks prior to departure

ACTIVITY LEVEL / WALKING

Tour pacing and physical demands (walking/stairs, etc.) varies by each tour however every tour involves some walking and climbing stairs to enter/exit the motorcoach. On any tour you may stay on the motorcoach should you not wish to disembark at a specific location

FURTHER INFORMATION / TERMS

See *Good Times Travel* catalog
or www.goodtimestravel.com

wineries. Experience an included gourmet lunch aboard the lavish *Napa Valley Wine Train* as it travels through the heart of the Napa Valley. The Wine Train wouldn't be right without some wine tasting and we'll enjoy some tasting at the train depot before departure. This afternoon we'll take a docent-guided tour of the **Culinary Institute of America at Greystone** and enjoy time at leisure in the quaint town of **St. Helena**. This afternoon we'll visit an **olive oil farm** and learn about the olive oil-making process and taste the different oils. Our final stop of the day will be in the historic town of **Sonoma**. Enjoy dinner on your own this evening at one of the restaurants surrounding the historic town plaza – a remnant of the town's Spanish colonial past. (Breakfast, Napa Valley Wine Train Lunch)



Culinary Institute of America at Greystone

♦DAY 4 ~ SONOMA VALLEY♦

After departing the hotel this morning, our first stop will be in **Santa Rosa** at the Charles Schulz-owned and built **Redwood Empire Ice Arena** with an included lunch at its unique coffee shop, **"The Warm Puppy"**. Then we'll walk across the street to visit the **Charles Schulz Museum**. Since it opened in 2002 its mission has been to preserve, display, and interpret the art of this legendary cartoonist. Although born in Minnesota, Schulz called this area his home for over 40 years. See a replica of his studio, his original comic strips, photographs, artifacts, memorabilia, and licensed *Peanuts* products from around the world. Later, we'll travel through the **Russian River Valley** to the **Armstrong Redwood Grove**, a preserve of stately and magnificent coast redwoods. The serene majestic beautiful grove is a living reminder of the magnificent primeval redwood forest that covered much of this area before logging operations began during the 19th- century. These trees stand together as a testament to the wonders of the natural world. The best way to experience the dramatic effect of the towering Redwoods is to take a short easy stroll along the level trail. Our next stop will be the **Korbel Champagne Cellars** which was established in 1882 and has been the exclusive champagne of five presidential inaugurations. Enjoy a **tour and tasting** here. We return to the hotel this evening. (Breakfast)

♦DAY 5 ~ PASO ROBLES, PISMO BEACH♦

Following an included breakfast at the hotel we travel south arriving in the **Paso Robles** region this afternoon. The fertile hills and valleys cooled

by ocean breezes combine to make California's Central Coast a prime grape-growing region. There are more than 25 different varieties of grapes and more than 100 wineries in the Paso Robles wine region – the fastest growing wine region in California. Today, we'll visit perhaps the most spectacular! Sometimes you have to dig deep to get to the bottom of things...and at **Eberle Winery**, you'll have to go 35 feet underground to do it. Enjoy an **included lunch, tasting and tour** of Eberle's caves – 16,000 square feet located below the winery where every bottle of wine made here is aged. We continue the short distance to **Pismo Beach**. Known as the "Clam Capital of the World," Pismo Beach preserves the spirit of early California with its 23 miles of unspoiled sandy beaches including Pismo's dramatic rugged coastlines and the 1,200 foot Pismo Beach pier. We'll enjoy an overnight stay at a charming beachfront hotel with fireplaces in every room. This evening enjoy an included and memorable **farewell dinner** with your fellow travelers at the eclectic **Madonna Inn**. The timeless elegance and whimsical décor of this California landmark has intrigued visitors for more than 50 years. (Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner)



Cottage Inn by the Sea

♦DAY 6 ~ SOLVANG, SANTA BARBARA♦

Following an included breakfast, we'll head south to **Solvang**, America's famous "Little Denmark." Quaint old-world architectural styles blend with flower-lined streets to create a very walk-able village. Wonderful shops offer imported European wares and collectibles and the delicious bakeries are a delight. Later, we continue south along the backroads for time at leisure for lunch on own and browsing in downtown **Santa Barbara**. Known as "America's Riviera", Santa Barbara offers fabulous shopping along State Street and Paseo Nuevo, the Mediterranean-style shopping district. Arriving at our drop-off points this evening, we'll all relish in the memories of our time relaxing on the *Coast Starlight* the *Napa Valley Wine Train* and amongst California's vineyards and redwoods. (Breakfast)