



COASTAL PACIFIC MAJESTY BIG SUR AND REDWOODS TRAIN

TWO DEPARTURE DATES
APRIL 21-25, 2025
SEP. 29-OCT 3, 2025

Big Sur, located along California's rugged central coast, is a stunning stretch of coastline that captivates visitors with its dramatic cliffs, emerald waters, and towering redwoods. Big Sur is renowned for its breathtaking landscapes, where the Pacific Ocean crashes against rugged cliffs, and the Santa Lucia Mountains rise sharply from the sea. **Large motor coaches are prohibited on the Big Sur Highway - and this small group journey is your chance to see one of America's most iconic coastlines.**

DAY ONE: Flight to San Jose, CA. Our transportation awaits us to take us to **Monterey and Carmel-By-The-Sea** located on the stunning Monterey Peninsula, is a historic city with a deep connection to the sea. We will explore the scenic Monterey Bay Coastal Trail along Ocean View Boulevard to take in outstanding views of the ocean overlooking the **Pacific Grove Marine Gardens State Conservation Area**. Other stops here are at the John Denver Memorial and **Point Pinos Lighthouse**. We will break for browsing time along Monterey's famous **Cannery Row**, a waterfront street once home to the region's sardine-packing industry, and **Old Fisherman's Wharf** where you can watch sea otters and seals play in the water. We will have dinner out after checking into our **overnight Monterey accommodations for the next 4 nights!**

DAY TWO: Enjoy breakfast every morning at the hotel. Our day begins at the famous **Carmel Mission Basilica Museum**, first built in 1797, it is one of the most authentically restored missions and is on the National Register

of Historic Places. The Spanish Adobe buildings, gardens and courtyard are stunning to see. Our short drive leads us to the Big Sur along California's Pacific HWY 1. We will stop first at **Point Lobos State Natural Reserve** - renowned for its stunning natural beauty and diverse ecosystems and called the "crown jewel" of the California State Park system. We will leisurely explore the flat trails to watch for marine life and enjoy the breathtaking views. As we continue south, take in the sweeping vistas of the coastline and hidden coves, and traveling with a small group allows plenty of time for pull-off photo stops along the way. Enjoy a picnic lunch today overlooking the sea. We will also see iconic landmarks such as **McWay Falls**, where a waterfall cascades directly into the ocean, and **Bixby Creek Bridge**, one of the most photographed bridges in the world. There will be browsing time at the Big Sur General Store. After a day of "awe" moments and exceptional scenery, we will return to our hotel.

DAY THREE: Our beautiful morning drive through the scenic **Santa Lucia Mountains** leads us to the village of **Carmel Valley** - in the heart of the Big Sur wine region. We will enjoy the **Pelio Estate Winery** for an included tasting experience. Have lunch in town on our own before a stop at the quaint **Carmel Valley Creamer**, creators of artisan cheeses, ice cream and gelato. This afternoon, relax back the hotel or enjoy strolling the sands along Del Monte beach. Dinner is along the wharf.

DAY FOUR: Today we go deep into the Big Sur redwood forest onboard the **Redwoods Forest Steam Train**.

Included Meals:
4 Breakfasts • 1 Lunch • 3 Dinners

\$2195.00
Double Occupancy
\$2640.00 Single Occupancy

Deposit: \$400.00 per person
CANCELLATION POLICY FOR THIS JOURNEY:
 Guests may cancel this tour and receive a **FULL REFUND** up to **March 1, 2025 (Aug 15)** for any reason no questions asked.
 Any cancellations **ON/AFTER March 2 (Aug 16)**, are **100% NON-refundable.**
 (see all inclusions, departure locations, policies and travel insurance options on inside back pages)

Lead by the oldest and most authentically preserved narrow-gauge steam engines, our train travels over trestles, through towering old growth redwood groves and up a winding grade to the summit of Bear Mountain. Conductors narrate the history of Roaring Camp, the railroad and the forest. After our two hour journey, we will have time to visit the village of **Roaring Camp** and enjoy lunch, browsing and the ancient trees at **Henry Cowell Redwoods State Park**.

DAY FIVE: Enjoy amazing memories from this fabulous journey as our afternoon flight returns us to St. Louis.