

General Information - Salisbury Cruise Club
Tour of San Francisco and Yosemite NP
\$3,400 per person
Saturday, April 17 - Sunday, April 25, 2021

Register Soon

**Only 50 seats
Available**

**Total Package Price
\$3,400**

Tour Features:

- Bus transportation - Salisbury to Philadelphia & non-stop flights on American Airlines to San Francisco
- Centrally-located Hotels - 4-nights Hotel Zephyr near Fisherman's Wharf in Downtown San Francisco and 3-nights Yosemite View Lodge in El Portal on the Merced River just outside Yosemite National Park
- Full American breakfast included each morning
- Dinner in local restaurants included each night
- Hop-On, Hop-Off Bus Tour and Napa Valley Tour Included as well as Other Group Tours and Activities available throughout the week, with opportunities to explore on your own if you prefer
- Tour Hosts (Kelly and Tracy Shannahan, Sal and Colleen Chavez) with you from start to finish
- Several free gifts and mementos of your tour from the *Salisbury Cruise Club*

Travel Itinerary:

Saturday, April 17, 2021

7:00 am - Bus from Salisbury to Philadelphia International Airport (PHL), with brief stop for breakfast at WaWa in Middletown, Delaware
12:07 pm - Fly American Airlines nonstop to San Francisco International Airport (SFO)
3:03 pm (Pacific Time) - Arrive SFO and transfer to our hotel
5:00 pm - Hotel check-in - Hotel Zephyr - (near Fisherman's Wharf), dinner and free time

Sunday, April 18

San Francisco Orientation Tour by Hop-On, Hop-Off Bus - After breakfast at IHOP (located at our hotel), enjoy a full day exploring San Francisco on Big Bus Tours Hop-On Hop-Off Bus. Your Deluxe Ticket allows you to explore San Francisco at your own pace and **features 15 stops throughout San Francisco**, including: North Beach/Chinatown, Embarcadero Center, Ferry Building, Union Square, Redemption Center, Civic Center, Alamo Square, Haight Ashbury, North Vista Point/ Golden Gate Bridge, Palace of Fine Arts, Marina/Cow Hollow, Lombard Street, Pier 35/Cruise Terminal, and Pier 39, and Golden Gate Park. Your ticket also includes a guided walking tour of Chinatown and free admission to **Madame Tussauds Wax Museum**. There's also a 1-hour **Night Tour** available at no extra cost (first come, first served) offering spectacular photo opportunities of the Golden Gate Bridge and the San Francisco Skyline by night. And that's not all, your ticket also provides a **free bike rental** (buy one hour, get one hour free) and a **free drink and voucher** at "Pint and Play" arcade, sports bar and grill. But the best part is that this ticket is good for 2-days, so you can enjoy use of the hop-on hop-off bus again during our free day on Tuesday if you wish.

- Cap off your day with dinner in a local restaurant and more free time to explore back at the hotel

Monday, April 19

Free Day to Explore San Francisco - After breakfast at the IHOP, the day is yours to explore the many sights and attractions of San Francisco either by using the second day of your hop-on hop-off bus pass, or doing your own thing. There is so much to see and do in San Francisco, including: Alcatraz Island, Muir Woods, Sausalito, Golden Gate Bridge, Twin Peaks, Exploratorium, California Academy of Sciences, Walt Disney Family Museum, and so much more. In fact, there are so many diverse attractions in San Francisco that we did not want to tie you down to just one adventure.

- Just be sure to schedule your day to return to the hotel in time for dinner at our local restaurant.

Tuesday, April 20

Napa Valley (and/or Sonoma) Wine Country Tour - Following breakfast at the IHOP, we will board our luxury motorcoach for an all-day guided tour of nearby wine country in Napa Valley and/or Sonoma County. We are currently working with our local guide to plan an unforgettable day enjoying the rolling hills and acres of scenic vineyards of the famed Napa Valley and Sonoma County wine region. At our chosen winery destinations, we will enjoy a tour of the production facilities and a tasting of several vintages. With over 1000 wineries, from boutique family-run operations with rustic tasting rooms to large, commercial operations with beautifully landscaped gardens, wine caves and stunning tasting facilities the possibilities are endless. The many scenic towns in both Sonoma and Napa offer several lunch options to suit all tastes and preferences. Along the way, we will learn much about how wine is made and what makes this area so perfect for the production of wine.

- After a full day in wine country, we will return to San Francisco for dinner in a local restaurant before we return to the hotel to relax and perhaps enjoy one last glass of wine before we call it a night.

Travel Itinerary (continued):

- Wednesday, April 21 **Travel to Yosemite National Park** - Following breakfast at the IHOP and check-out from our hotel, we will board our luxury motorcoach for a 4 hour drive to my favorite National Park, Yosemite. We will make a brief stop for lunch (on your own) along the way so that you will have plenty of energy to begin acclimating yourself to the grandeur of Yosemite upon our arrival. After seeing a few of the sights as we drive into the park, we will make a stop at the Visitor's Center where you can tour the museum and begin planning your adventures in Yosemite over the next 3-days. Or check out the 30-minute films in the theater including "Ken Burns' Yosemite: A Gathering of Spirit" which plays on the hour and "The Spirit of Yosemite" which plays on the half-hour. After a couple of hours, just enough to whet your appetite, we will board our motorcaoch and return to our hotel for check-in and dinner.
- Hotel check-in - Yosemite View Lodge, El Portal, CA - (on the Merced River), dinner and free time.
- Thursday, April 22 **Explore Yosemite National Park** - After breakfast at the hotel, enjoy a full day exploring Yosemite National Park, of which John Muir stated "It is by far the grandest of all the special temples of Nature I was ever permitted to enter." Our motorcoach will make at least three shuttle runs each day to the Yosemite Visitor Center and back to the hotel (at 8:30 am, 12:30 pm, and 5:30 pm) so you can come and go as you please. Once in the park, you can take the free shuttle to one of the many trails and scenic overlooks throughout Yosemite Valley. Stand before natural and manmade marvels like El Capitan, Bridalveil Fall, Sentinel Bridge and Yosemite Falls. Take a relatively short (20 minutes to 1 hour) and easy hike on one of the many trails to get a closer view of: Bridalveil Fall (½ mile round-trip) , Lower Yosemite Fall (1 mile round-trip), or Mirror Lake (2 miles round-trip). Embark on a moderately strenuous hike of: Vernal Fall Footbridge (1.4 miles, 1-2 hours) or the complete Valley Floor Loop (13 miles, 5-7 hours). Challenge yourself with a strenuous hike of: Upper Yosemite Fall to Columbia Rock (2 miles round-trip, 2-3 hours), Top of Vernal Fall 3 miles round-trip, 2-4 hours), or Top of Nevada Fall (5 miles round-trip, 5-6 hours). Or the die-hards can even take a very strenuous day hike to the Top of Upper Yosemite Fall (7.2 miles round-trip, 6-8 hours) or on the Four Mile Trail to Glacier Point (4.8 miles one way, 3-4 hours one way). Or stay right in the heart of Yosemite and tour the historic Ahwahnee Hotel (formerly Majestic Yosemite Hotel), or study Yosemite artists like Albert Bierstadt, Thomas Moran and others, and visit the Ansel Adams Gallery and the Native American Village and Museum. You can also sign up for a daily art class (about \$20 per person), or a free low impact outdoor adventure lead by a Park Ranger (photography, journaling, nature tour). A full list of available Events and Programs will be provided once scheduled activities have been announced.
- Return to the hotel for dinner at 7:00 pm, with time to relax afterwards on the patio by the Merced River
- Friday, April 23 **Yosemite and Mariposa Grove of Giant Sequoias** - Enjoy another day to explore Yosemite National Park on your own, or join us for a special excursion to the Mariposa Grove of Giant Sequoias where we will walk the trails that wind among the world's largest trees and some of the oldest living things on earth. After breakfast, our bus will drop off those who prefer to explore in the valley while th rest of the group will continue to the Mariposa Grove. After our morning tour of the giant Sequoias, our bus will return to Yosemite Valley to drop us off at the Visitor's Center or you can stay on board and return to the hotel. After one final shuttle run to the hotel at 5:30 pm, we ask everyone to join us at the hotel for dinner at 7:00 pm, with time to enjoy a drink in the lounge or relax before calling it a night.
- Saturday, April 24 **Yosemite National Park and Flight Home** - Following Breakfast at the hotel, enjoy our final day to explore Yosemite National Park before returning to San Francisco for our flight home
3:00 pm - Departure to San Francisco with a stop for dinner along the way
8:00 pm - Arrival at San Francisco Airport (SFO) for return flight to Philadelphia on American Airlines
10:27 pm - Fly **non-stop** from SFO to Philadelphia (PHL)
- Sunday, April 25 6:54 am (Eastern Time) - Arrival at Philadelphia International Airport (PHL)
8:00 am - Bus from Philadelphia, with brief stop for breakfast at WaWa in Middletown, Delaware
11:00 am - Arrival in Salisbury

Group Travel Protection Plan (Optional) - We're offering a Group Travel Protection Plan at a cost of **\$194 per person** in double-occupancy rooms (**\$276 for single occupancy rooms**) to protect your trip in case of cancellation, interruption, trip delay, missed connection, baggage loss or delay, accident/ sickness medical protection, and emergency evacuation. You can also add "**Cancel for Any Reason**" (CFAR) coverage for an additional **\$97 per person** (double occupancy - total \$291 per person) or an additional **\$138 for single occupancy** (total \$414). See separate handout for details. To protect against unforeseen problems, we strongly recommend that you purchase the Travel Protection Plan. If interested, please purchase the Plan at time of registration. If you decline the Plan, please sign to confirm that you waive the protection and understand that you are assuming all potential costs and losses which may occur before or during the trip.

