Tour Rates
Booking Discount*: $2995 pp dbl
Regular Rate: $3095 pp dbl
*See Reservation Info for Booking Discount details

Inclusions
• Roundtrip Airfare - Charlotte (CLT)**
• Tour Director
• 9 Meals (6-B, 1-L & 2-D)
• Sightseeing per Itinerary
• Admissions per Itinerary
• Baggage Handling
• Hotel Transfers
• Two Night Stay in Lake Tahoe
• Two Night Stay in San Francisco
• Virginia City
• Lake Tahoe Paddlewheeler Cruise
• Town of Napa
• Sausalito
• Sierra Nevada Rail Journey

Accommodations
• 6 Nights First Class Hotels
  - 2: Zephyr or Holiday Inn Fisherman’s Wharf, San Francisco
  - 2: Hyatt Regency or Embassy Suites, Sacramento
  - 2: Lake Tahoe Resort Hotel, Stateline/South Lake Tahoe area

Daily Itinerary

Day 1: Arrive San Francisco Bay Area
Today board your flight bound for the Bay Area to begin your California Rail Discovery. Upon arrival meet your Tour Director and transfer to your hotel to begin a two night stay in one of the world’s most beautiful cities, San Francisco. Tonight enjoy a Welcome Dinner with your fellow travelers.

Meal: (D)  Overnight: San Francisco

Day 2: San Francisco City Tour - San Francisco Bay Cruise
Today enjoy a San Francisco City Tour to see the Civic Center area, Chinatown, Golden Gate Park, Union Square, Seal Rocks, Pier 39 and a stop at Vista Point for spectacular photos. Later experience a San Francisco Bay Cruise featuring views of the Golden Gate Bridge, Alcatraz & the city’s skyline. Enjoy the rest of the day at leisure in “The City by the Bay” which highlights fascinating museums, world-class cuisine & amazing shopping. Maybe browse the storefronts along Fisherman’s Wharf, sample a chowder filled sourdough bread bowl or take a Cable Car ride.

Meal: (B)  Overnight: San Francisco

Day 3: San Francisco - Sausalito - Sacramento
Enjoy the morning at leisure in the great city of San Francisco. Maybe join a morning optional excursion to Muir Woods to see some of the oldest and the tallest Redwood trees in the world. This afternoon cross the Golden Gate Bridge to visit the picturesque city of Sausalito, where you can browse the numerous art galleries and shops. From Sausalito the views looking back at the San Francisco Bay Area are spectacular. This afternoon travel to Sacramento and visit Old Town Sacramento, the commercial hub of the Gold Rush Era is filled with shops, restaurants and entertainment venues yet retains 1800’s charm with original storefronts and wooden sidewalks. The Old Town visit includes admission to the California State Railroad Museum to see beautifully restored railroad cars and locomotives that illustrate rail history in California and the West. Later check into your hotel for a two-night stay.

Meal: (B)  Overnight: Sacramento

Day 4: Napa Valley Wine Train - Town of Napa
After breakfast travel to California’s famous Napa Valley where hundreds of wineries prosper. Board the Napa Valley Wine Train to enjoy a Wine Tasting & Lunch as you roll along the tracks through this incredibly scenic wine region. This memorable dining experience in faithfully restored Pullman rail cars evokes the spirit of early 1900’s luxury rail travel. Then visit the historic and vibrant town of Napa to shop, sample food & wine and explore on your own. Later travel back to Sacramento, California’s capital and River City for your overnight.

Meals: (B,L)  Overnight: Sacramento

Day 5: Sacramento - Sierra Nevada Rail Journey - Lake Tahoe
Today board an Amtrak Train for a Sierra Nevada Rail Journey through the beautiful snow capped Sierra Nevada Mountains to the Lake Tahoe area. Disembark your train in Truckee and board your motorcoach to drive to the spectacular year round resort area of Lake Tahoe to spend the next two evenings in the popular and revitalized South Lake Tahoe/Stateline area.

Meal: (B)  Overnight: Lake Tahoe

Day 6: Virginia City - Lake Tahoe Cruise
This morning travel through historic Carson City, capital of the Silver State of Nevada enroute to visit Virginia City, site of the Comstock Lode and once the richest place in the world. The famous Old West town was once the west’s mining metropolis and featured notable residents Mark Twain & Bret Harte. Later enjoy a Lake Tahoe Paddlewheeler Cruise for spectacular views of picturesque Emerald Bay & the surrounding Sierra Nevada Mountains. Tonight’s Farewell Dinner will be at a popular local restaurant.

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Day 7: Lake Tahoe - Sacramento Airport
Today transfer to the Sacramento airport & return home with wonderful memories of your California Rail Discovery.

Meal: (B)

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Dear Wake Forest Alumni and Friends,

A crimson bridge, cable cars, a sparkling bay, and streets lined with elegant Victorian homes—San Francisco is undeniably one of the world’s great cities. Reason enough to join us on a spectacular seven day journey through Northern California on the California Rail Discovery.

Begin your trip with a two night stay in the beautiful San Francisco area of Fisherman’s Wharf. A tour of the “City by the Bay” will show you the city’s many highlights including a San Francisco Bay Cruise with views of Golden Gate Bridge, Alcatraz and the beautiful skyline. An evening stroll through the popular South Tahoe area. Discover the historic town of Virginia City, once considered the richest city in America during its’ Old West mining days. Finally a Paddlewheeler Cruise on Lake Tahoe and a Farewell Dinner at a local restaurant will cap off your adventure out west.

With roundtrip airfare included, we hope you will agree this is value-packed trip and make plans to join us.

Cheers,

Kelly Meachum McConnico ’00, Executive Director of Alumni Engagement