

# USA – Los Angeles & San Francisco (12 Days)

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Discover the glamour of Los Angeles — beaches, private Hollywood experiences, and rooftop dining — then fly up the coast to San Francisco for iconic views, Michelin restaurants, and Napa/Sonoma day escapes.

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## Full Day-to-Day Itinerary

### Day 1 – Arrival & Beverly Hills Welcome (Los Angeles)

- Arrive at LAX and private transfer to your hotel. Luxury suggestions: The Beverly Hills Hotel (Dorchester Collection) or Ritz-Carlton, Los Angeles (downtown).
  - Afternoon: Relax, pool time, or spa recovery.
  - Evening stroll through Rodeo Drive for window shopping and VIP concierge bookings.
  - Dinner: Fine dining in Beverly Hills (recommendation: Spago Beverly Hills or Matsuhisa).
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### Day 2 – Hollywood & Private Studio Access

- Morning: Private guided tour of Hollywood — Walk of Fame, TCL Chinese Theatre (skip-the-line).
  - Private studio experience (arrange through concierge): behind-the-scenes at a major studio or a private screening room visit.
  - Lunch: Chateau Marmont or upscale brasserie in Hollywood.
  - Afternoon: Visit the Getty Center for art and gardens with a private guide.
  - Dinner: Nobu Malibu or Nobu Los Angeles for seaside/celebrity dining (reserve with a view if possible).
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### Day 3 – Coastal Drive & Malibu

- Morning: Private chauffeured drive up the Pacific Coast Highway to Malibu. Scenic stops and photo ops.
  - Lunch at Nobu Malibu (seaside table) or upscale beachfront restaurant.
  - Afternoon: Private beach cabana, surfing lesson or yacht charter (half-day).
  - Return to LA for evening.
  - Dinner: Elegant steak or seafood house (e.g., Cut at Fontainebleau or a chef's tasting menu).
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### Day 4 – Sunset Boulevard, West Hollywood & Shopping

- Morning: Personal shopper appointment or private styling session in West Hollywood / Melrose Avenue boutiques.
  - Lunch at a chic LA bistro.
  - Afternoon: Spa treatment and rooftop pool. Option for a helicopter tour over LA at sunset.
  - Dinner: Celebrity-chef restaurant (try Providence for seafood or République for elevated modern cuisine).
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### Day 5 – Day Trip: Santa Barbara or Private Wine Country near LA

- Option 1: Private transfer to Santa Barbara for a relaxed coastal day, wine tasting, and seaside lunch.
  - Option 2: Private curated tastings at boutique wineries in Malibu/Santa Monica mountains.
  - Return to LA for a quiet evening.
  - Dinner: Intimate tasting menu at a top LA restaurant or private chef experience.
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### Day 6 – Cultural Day & Departure to San Francisco

- Morning: Visit the Los Angeles County Museum of Art (LACMA) or The Broad (private tour if possible).
- Lunch at a downtown hotspot.
- Afternoon private transfer to LAX and short domestic flight to San Francisco (SFO).
- Transfer to your hotel: luxury options The Ritz-Carlton San Francisco, Four Seasons Hotel San Francisco, or Fairmont San Francisco (Nob Hill).
- Dinner: Classic San Francisco dining (recommendation: Benu or Quince — reserve well in advance).

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### **Day 7 – San Francisco: Embarcadero & Waterfront**

- Morning: Walk the Embarcadero, Ferry Building Marketplace (artisan food stalls).
- Private bay cruise (afternoon) — Golden Gate Bridge, Alcatraz views, skyline photos; champagne onboard if desired.
- Lunch: Seafood at the Ferry Building or Waterbar.
- Afternoon: Private guided tour of Chinatown and North Beach.
- Dinner: Gary Danko, or Angler for a luxe seafood evening.

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### **Day 8 – Golden Gate & Marin Day Trip**

- Morning: Private drive to Marin Headlands for viewpoint photography of the Golden Gate.
- Visit Sausalito for lunch and boutique shopping.
- Afternoon: Option to visit Muir Woods (private early access if available) for a redwood walk.
- Return to San Francisco for evening.
- Dinner: Michelin-recommended dining in the city (e.g., Atelier Crenn).

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### **Day 9 – Art, Museums & Pacific Heights**

- Morning: Visit SFMOMA or private museum viewing.
- Stroll Pacific Heights and Presidio — scenic architecture and boutique shops.
- Lunch: High-end café or bistro in Hayes Valley / Fillmore.
- Afternoon: Private shopping or a spa treatment at your hotel.
- Dinner: Trendy celebrity chef spot or a classic house like Zuni Café.

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### **Day 10 – Napa or Sonoma Private Wine Country (Full Day)**

- Full-day private chauffeured tour to Napa Valley or Sonoma — curated winery reservations, private tastings, vineyard lunch at a chateau.
- Return to San Francisco for a relaxed evening.
- Dinner: Light dinner after wine day or late supper at a pastel-toned bistro.

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### **Day 11 – Explore Local Neighborhoods & Culinary Highlights**

- Morning: Ferry to Angel Island (optional) or explore Mission District murals and cafes.
- Lunch: Michelin-style or farm-to-table in the Mission (e.g., Nopa), or revisit favorites.
- Afternoon: Final shopping, gallery visits, or a private cooking class with a local chef.
- Dinner: Final celebratory dinner at a top restaurant (your pick: Atelier Crenn, Saison or Per Se if returning to NYC later).

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### **Day 12 – Departure**

- Morning: Leisurely breakfast, last-minute coffee or souvenir pick-up.
- Check out and private transfer to SFO for departure.

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### **Practical Travel Info**

- Main Airports: LAX (Los Angeles), SFO (San Francisco). Private transfers recommended for luxury travel.
- Domestic Flights: LAX ↔ SFO — frequent services (choose first/business class for comfort).
- Local Transport: Private chauffeur, luxury SUV transfers, rideshares for short hops.
- Hotels (luxury suggestions): Beverly Hills Hotel, The Ritz-Carlton LA, The St. Regis; in SF: The Ritz-Carlton San Francisco, Four Seasons, Fairmont.
- Currency: USD | Power / Plugs: Type A/B — 120V.
- Reservations: Book restaurants, private cruises, winery visits and experiences 2–8 weeks in advance for peak dates.

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### **Travel Tips & Essentials**

- Tipping: 18–20% for restaurants and customary for chauffeurs/concierges.
- Dress code: Smart casual to formal for evening restaurants and private events. Layers recommended in SF (cooler evenings).
- Traffic: LA traffic is heavy — allow ample time for transfers. Use private chauffeurs for stress-free transfers.
- Timing: For winery visits, mid-week bookings give quieter experiences.
- Packing: Beachwear for LA, smart casual for city nights, a light jacket for SF mornings/evenings.
- Special notes: Consider private airport lounges or arrival meet-and-greet services for smooth transfers.



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## **Full Day-to-Day Itinerary**

### **Day 1 – Arrival & Classic Midtown**

- Arrive at JFK / LaGuardia / Newark and transfer to your hotel (recommend The Mark, Upper East Side, or The St. Regis New York, Midtown).
  - Settle in, relax, then take a late afternoon stroll along Fifth Avenue and Bryant Park.
  - Lunch: Le Charlot (as listed).
  - Quick visit to Top of the Rock (sunset skyline views) or St. Patrick’s Cathedral.
  - Dinner: Le Coucou — classic French fine dining.
  - Evening: Digestif at the hotel bar or a rooftop cocktail (The Mark’s rooftop or St. Regis King Cole Bar).
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### **Day 2 – Museum Mile & Central Park**

- Morning: The Metropolitan Museum of Art (start early for private galleries).
  - Walk through Central Park — Bethesda Terrace, Bow Bridge, The Mall. Consider a chauffeured carriage or private e-bike tour for a luxe feel.
  - Lunch: Quality Eats / Quality Meats (Flatiron/Meatpacking area — book in advance; excellent steaks & seasonal plates).
  - Afternoon: Visit the Guggenheim or return to hotel for a spa treatment.
  - Evening: Broadway show (choose a premium seating + dinner package).
  - Dinner: Del Frisco’s Double Eagle Steakhouse (1221 6th Avenue) — one of the best steaks; reserve a window or private dining table if possible.
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### **Day 3 – Lower Manhattan & Tribeca**

- Morning: One World Observatory + 9/11 Memorial.
  - Walk through Tribeca/SoHo — boutique shopping and art galleries.
  - Lunch: Trendy SoHo bistro or private chef experience (optional).
  - Afternoon: Private guided food tour of Greenwich Village (with stops at artisanal chocolatiers — include MarieBelle for chocolate treats).
  - Dinner: Michelin or chef-driven restaurant in Tribeca (reserve in advance).
  - Nightcap: Jazz at a classic venue (Village Vanguard or a private lounge).
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### **Day 4 – Brooklyn Luxe: DUMBO & Williamsburg**

- Morning: Private car over to DUMBO — skyline photos from Brooklyn Bridge Park.
  - Brunch in DUMBO at a waterfront restaurant with city views.
  - Afternoon: Williamsburg for boutique shops and a private street-art tour; luxury rooftop bar for sunset.
  - Dinner: Back in Manhattan at a Michelin-level restaurant (or private chef dinner at the hotel).
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### **Day 5 – High Line, Chelsea & Shopping**

- Morning: Walk the High Line and visit the Whitney Museum (early access if possible).
- Explore Chelsea Market (guided gourmet stops).
- Lunch: Le Charlot (repeat option) or a curated tasting at Chelsea Market.
- Afternoon: Luxury shopping on Madison Ave or private personal shopper session in SoHo.
- Dinner: Signature steak or seafood restaurant (Quality Meats / Del Frisco if not already used).

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## Day 6 – Curated Day Trip or Private Experience

- Option 1: Hudson Valley private wine & manor tour (overnight optional) — historic estates, vineyards, scenic drives.
- Option 2: Private helicopter tour of NYC + lunch at a Michelin restaurant.
- Option 3: Cultural deep-dive — private curator tour of the MET's special collection + behind-the-scenes access.
- Dinner: Return for a final celebratory dinner at a top NYC restaurant (your pick or I can recommend: Per Se, Eleven Madison Park, or Jean-Georges).

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## Day 7 – Departure

- Morning: Leisurely hotel breakfast, last-minute shopping or chocolates from MarieBelle to take home.
- Check out and private transfer to JFK / LGA / EWR for departure.



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## Practical Travel Info

- Main Stations / Hubs: Penn Station (Amtrak / Long Island Rail Road), Grand Central Terminal (commuter lines), Port Authority Bus Terminal.
- Airports: JFK (John F. Kennedy), LGA (LaGuardia), EWR (Newark Liberty).
- Local Transport: Subway (fastest), taxis / rideshares, private car services recommended for luxury travel.
- Power / Plugs: Type A/B — 120V, 60Hz.
- Currency: US Dollar (USD). Cards accepted widely; carry small cash for tips.
- Hotels (luxury suggestions): The Mark, The St. Regis New York, The Plaza, Four Seasons New York Downtown, Baccarat Hotel.
- Reservations: Book restaurants, shows, and private experiences well in advance (2–6 weeks for top venues).

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## Travel Tips & Essentials

- Tipping: 15–20% standard in restaurants and for service.
- Dress code: Smart / polished for upscale dining and shows.
- Safety: Standard big-city awareness; keep belongings secure in crowded areas.
- Timing: NYC traffic can be heavy — allow ample transfer time to airports.
- Packing: Comfortable walking shoes, layers (weather varies), power bank for phones.
- Special notes: For Michelin dining, request chef's menu or private dining room for special occasions.