

Your Northbound
CALIFORNIA TRIP

Los Angeles—San Francisco

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Streamlined Coast Daylights edge the Pacific Ocean.



Los Angeles to San Francisco

There are two Southern Pacific lines between Los Angeles and San Francisco: the San Joaquin Valley Line, with side trips (if you wish) to Sequoia, Kings Canyon and Yosemite National Parks; and the Coast Line, closely following *El Camino Real* ("The King's Highway") over which the early padres traveled to establish their chain of missions. (Southern Pacific is the only railroad operating along the Pacific Ocean shore between Los Angeles and San Francisco.)

The Coast Line

You may wish to see the Coast Line from Los Angeles to San Francisco on one of Southern Pacific's million-dollar streamlined *Daylights*—the most beautiful trains in the world. These trains show you the beaches, seaside resorts and story-book cities of the Mission Trail—by daylight. Or you may travel overnight between Los Angeles and San Francisco on the famous *Lark* or the *Coaster* economy train. Leaving beautiful Los Angeles



You'll see mile on mile of Southern California orange groves.

Union Terminal, you pass through Glendale, Burbank and Oxnard to Ventura, where the Coast Line meets the Pacific Ocean and skims along its shore for 113 breath-taking miles! You pass Carpinteria and then comes Santa Barbara.

Santa Barbara Served exclusively by Southern Pacific Coast Line trains, Santa Barbara is a picturesque seaside resort city of Spanish architecture. Mission Santa Barbara (on the right side of the tracks as you enter the city) was founded in 1786 by Junipero Serra and is probably the best-preserved of all 21 California missions. It is renowned for its beautiful gardens and scenic setting beside the blue Pacific, with towering mountains in the background. Santa Barbara is famous for her colorful festivals that celebrate the memory of bygone Spanish California days.

Leaving Santa Barbara, your Coast Line train races on beside the sea . . . rounding Point Conception and speeding through Surf to Pismo, where it leaves the ocean and begins its climb over the rugged Santa Lucia



Bridalveil Fall, one of five great waterfalls in Yosemite National Park.



There are groves of "Big Trees" in Yosemite, Sequoia and Kings Canyon National Parks.

Mountains. In the spring the hillsides are bright with multi-colored wild flowers. Halfway point of your trip is San Luis Obispo, old Spanish mission (1772) town. Crossing the summit, your train descends again through a rich grazing country dotted with ancient oaks. Busy agricultural communities flash past your car windows. Paso Robles, site of the famous hot springs. Mission San Miguel (plainly visible on the west side of the tracks), built of adobe in 1797. Next, San Miguel, King City, Soledad and Salinas.

Salinas This is California's "Rodeo City" and capital of the rich Salinas Valley. Nearby land produces enormous quantities of lettuce, sugar beets, etc. Just north of the city, you pass the great arena where the annual rodeo is held, one of the largest and most exciting shows of its kind in the country.

After Salinas comes Castroville, where a branch line extends west to the beautiful Monterey Peninsula.

Monterey Peninsula The Peninsula juts out into the Pacific Ocean, with the graceful curve of Monterey Bay on the north



California in the spring is bright with colorful wild flowers.

and Carmel Bay on the south. This is the "Circle of Enchantment," fabulous playground with beaches of snow-white sand, championship golf courses (including famed Pebble Beach), miles of bridle paths through fragrant pine and cypress forests, tennis courts . . . swimming, sailing, shooting, polo. Nearby are Spanish Monterey, capital of California under three flags; Asilomar, Pacific Grove, Carmel-by-the-Sea and historic Carmel Mission, where Junipero Serra is buried.

Next, you speed through Watsonville Junction, in the rich Pajaro Valley, famed for its apples and lettuce. Here a Southern Pacific branch line cuts west to the lovely resort city of Santa Cruz with its famous groves of Giant Redwoods (*Sequoia sempervirens*).

Santa Cruz This is a delightful vacation city with a famous beach complete with casino, boardwalk, amusement zone and fishing pier. Deep-sea fishing is a popular off-shore sport.



Mission Santa Barbara (1786) is renowned for beautiful gardens.

Continuing north, the Coast Line runs through Gilroy, famed for its orchards, to San Jose, hub of the fertile Santa Clara Valley, at the south end of the San Francisco Peninsula. Edging San Francisco Bay, you speed through miles of neat prune and apricot orchards, past a dozen lovely suburban towns: Santa Clara (Santa Clara University), Palo Alto (seat of Stan-



The Coast "Daylights" speed through miles of blossoming orchards.

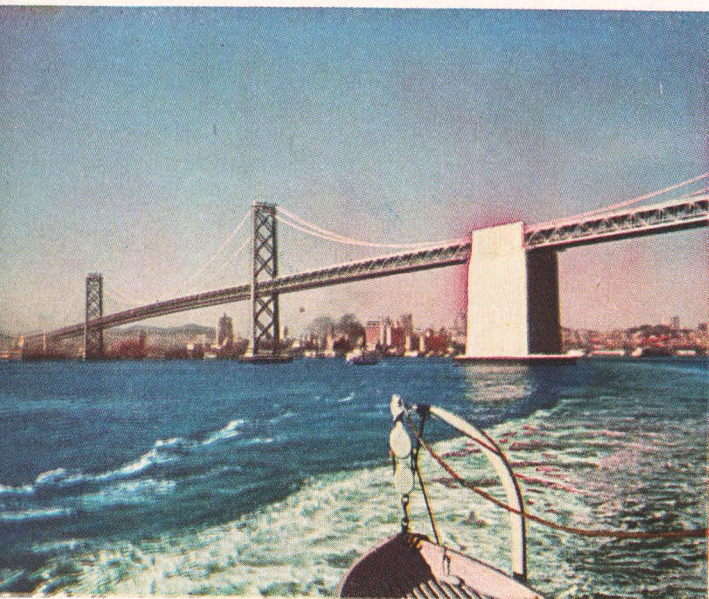


Acres of prune blossoms meet your eye in the Santa Clara Valley.

ford University), Redwood City, San Mateo, Burlingame . . . and before you know it, you're gliding to a stop in San Francisco!

The San Joaquin Valley Line to San Francisco

From Los Angeles, the streamlined San Joaquin *Daylight* and the *Owl*, by night, follow the San Joaquin Valley Line, swinging inland, across the Mojave Desert and over the rugged Tehachapi Mountains to Bakersfield, prosperous valley city surrounded by oil fields. Continuing north, you pass through Tulare and Fresno, the valley's largest city and center of the raisin industry. Fresno is a convenient starting point for the side trip to Sequoia and Kings Canyon National Parks.



The world's largest bridge (8¼ miles) spans San Francisco Bay.

California Big Trees In Sequoia and Kings Canyon National Parks are some of the finest specimens of the celebrated "Big Tree," or *Sequoia gigantea* (once widely distributed but now found exclusively in California). One noble giant, the General Grant Tree in the Giant Grove, has the greatest base diameter (40.3 feet) and the largest diameter at 200 feet from the ground (slightly less than 12 feet) of any known sequoia. This tree, one of the most famous in the United States, is 267 feet high.

Continuing north from Fresno, the San Joaquin Valley Line goes through Merced, gateway to Yosemite National Park.

Yosemite National Park This scenic wonder and year-around vacationland is an easy side trip from Merced by motor coach. The entire Park embraces 1,176 square miles of mountains, streams and blue Sierra lakes. Yosemite Valley proper is about seven miles long, averages 1½ miles in width. It is flanked by mile-high granite walls. Many waterfalls tumble roaring to its green-meadowed floor. Memorable and thrilling is the view from Glacier Point (3,254 feet high), and the trip to Mariposa Big Tree Grove. In winter, Yosemite is one of the West's greatest snow sports centers.

Leaving Merced, your train speeds through more agricultural towns, through Turlock, Modesto and Tracy to Pittsburg, where the San Joaquin and Sacramento rivers join to flow into San Francisco Bay. Next come



Golf is but one of many sports on the famed Monterey Peninsula.

Richmond, Berkeley and Oakland, important manufacturing center and seaport (California's third largest city).

San Francisco A ferryboat ride from Oakland Pier, across San Francisco Bay and under the world's largest bridge, is your first introduction to San Francisco. And, truly, it is the best of all possible ways to approach this romantic city by the Golden Gate. You'll spend many happy hours exploring San Francisco's Chinatown and Fisherman's Wharf, dining in cosmopolitan hotels and restaurants, riding cable cars over the hills.

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