

SoCal Triangle

Southern California's best road trip includes three amazing and unique regions all within a few hours of each other. Soak in the sunshine on Santa Monica's iconic beaches, rejuvenate in Greater Palm Springs and explore the world-famous attractions and neighborhoods of San Diego. Your clients will without a doubt appreciate the variety and short driving distances of this itinerary.



Santa Monica is Los Angeles' beach city - a charming seaside town with all of the culture, events and urban amenities of a bustling metropolis. The blend of Santa Monica's natural beauty, award winning dining, incomparable hotel collection and famed shopping options, all on one of California's most iconic stretches of shoreline, creates a truly unforgettable seaside destination.

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**SANTA
MONICA**



Located just two and a half hours east of Santa Monica, Greater Palm Springs is among Southern California's most prized destinations and serves as the gateway to Joshua Tree National Park. It boasts an incomparable collection of seductive luxury hotels, resorts and spas, world-class music and film festivals, and nine different cities.

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palm springs
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Come soak up San Diego's laid-back and fun-loving vibe while you unwind poolside, at the spa, on the beach or the golf course. The region's unique Cali-Baja culinary scene and craft brew industry has foodies flocking for fresh experiences. World-class attractions provide endless family fun while arts and culture abound. Plus, San Diego's dynamic downtown is home to nightlife that's as vibrant as the destination. Yes, with 70-miles of beaches, friendly people and awesome weather, happiness is calling from San Diego.

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SAMPLE ITINERARY: 9-NIGHTS

DAY 1: SANTA MONICA

- Arrive in Santa Monica
- Bike: Enjoy a ride along the 35-kilometer beach bicycle trail or book a guided tour with [Santa Monica Bike Center](#)
- [Santa Monica Pier](#): Enjoy a day at the [Pacific Park](#) amusement park located on the pier and catch the sunset from the Ferris wheel
- Dinner: Dine on the patio at one of [Main Street's](#) Ocean Park neighborhood restaurants

DAY 2: SANTA MONICA

- Coffee & a Stroll: Grab a coffee and stroll towards the 26-acre [Palisades Park](#) with its beautiful ocean views
- Surf Session: Catch a wave with the help of the pros at [Aqua Surf School](#)
- [Annenberg Community Beach House](#): Explore this unique community destination with spectacular views, splash pad, playground, gallery, beach courts, cultural events, etc.
- Shopping & Dinner: Head to [Santa Monica Place](#) for outdoor luxury shopping and dining

DAY 3: SANTA MONICA

- [Malibu Discovery Tours](#): Experience their Sunrise Hike in historic Will Rogers State Park
- Beach Day: Enjoy [Perry's Café](#) Beach Butler service with private beach area, chairs, umbrella, towels, food and beverages delivered to you
- [Bergamot Station](#): Southern California's largest art gallery complex and cultural center with over 40 contemporary galleries

DAY 4: SANTA MONICA – GREATER PALM SPRINGS

- Drive 2.5 hours from Santa Monica to Greater Palm Springs
- [Shields Date Garden](#): Get a date shake!

- Joshua Tree National Park: Hike, climb boulders & practice your photography skills
- [Indio Golf Course](#): Play FootGolf (a fun combination of soccer and golf) on their night-lit golf course

DAY 5: GREATER PALM SPRINGS

- [Coachella Valley Preserve](#): Take a leisurely nature walk
- [Palm Springs Aerial Tramway](#): The world's largest rotating tramway ascends 2,500 meters
- Desert Adventures: San Andreas Fault Sunset & Stargazing Jeep Tour

DAY 6: GREATER PALM SPRINGS

- Palm Canyon Epic: 29-mile bike trail ride perfect for intermediate to advance riders
- [ATV Experience](#): Desert trail ATV tour with lots of wildlife spotting
- [Pioneertown](#): Visit this Old West movie set and eat at [Pappy & Harriet's](#) world-renowned saloon & restaurant

DAY 7: GREATER PALM SPRINGS – SAN DIEGO

- Drive 2.5 hours from Greater Palm Springs to San Diego
- Embarcadero: Tour the [USS Midway](#) aircraft carrier museum, take a 1 or 2-hour harbor cruise and visit the [San Diego Maritime Museum](#)
- Enjoy the sunset while sipping cocktails at one of Harbor Island's trendy bay-side restaurants
- [Little Italy](#): Dine in San Diego's current restaurant "hot spot" where Top Chef's serve up incredible cuisine

DAY 8: SAN DIEGO

- [San Diego Zoo](#): Spend the morning with the 4,000+ animals of this world-famous Zoo
- [Balboa Park](#): Stroll through the US' largest urban park that features 15 museums, an artist colony, fascinating architecture and expansive gardens and park area

- [Gaslamp Quarter](#): Enjoy dinner and dancing in this historic downtown neighborhood where 200+ restaurants, bars & nightclubs are all within a 14-block radius

DAY 9: SAN DIEGO

- [La Jolla](#): Spend your morning at a cozy, La Jolla cliffside restaurant for breakfast and check out the sea lion colony
- Beach: Kick back and catch some rays at one of San Diego's 70 miles of coastline
- Old Town: Explore the "Birthplace of California" where museums, restaurants and Mexican traditions combine to provide an unforgettable cultural experience

DAY 10: START DREAMING ABOUT YOUR RETURN VISIT

- Enjoy a leisurely breakfast in one of San Diego's hidden gem neighborhoods of North Park, South Park or [Hillcrest](#)
- Head to the airport (which is just 10 minutes from downtown San Diego) to head home



— DISTANCE / TRAVEL TIME —

Santa Monica to Greater Palm Springs
130 MILES (2.5 HOURS)

Greater Palm Springs to San Diego
125 MILES (2.5 HOURS)

San Diego to Santa Monica
135 MILES (2.5 HOURS)