

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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**GREATER
palm springs**
california



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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Diego**
CALIFORNIA

SAMPLE OUTDOOR ITINERARY: 10-NIGHTS

DAY 1: SANTA MONICA

- Arrive in Santa Monica: Take a short Uber ride from LAX to Santa Monica
- Dine: Savor a nice dinner at [The Onyx Rooftop Lounge](#) at the [Hotel Shangri-La](#) while experiencing views of the Pacific and Malibu Hills
- Stay: Stay at the [Huntley](#), an amazing hotel with a great location to head out and explore the city

DAY 2: SANTA MONICA

- Visit: Walk along [Santa Monica Pier](#) and explore its street vendors & performers, amazing views, and [Pacific Park](#)
- Bite: Seaside on the Pier is a great spot to grab some food before you set off to explore the seafront
- Cycle: Hire a bike along the Marvin Braude Bike Trail along the beach toward Venice Beach
- Dine: Eat at [The Bungalow](#), an open-air space with a lively atmosphere

DAY 3: SANTA MONICA

- Bite: Pick from a range of options at the Santa Monica Food Truck Lot
- Play: Spend the morning riding the waves with the [Aqua Surf School](#)
- Play: On the journey back, stop and explore the [Original Muscle Beach](#)
- Dine: [Élephante Beach House](#) is a great open-air spot for your dinner this evening

DAY 4: SANTA MONICA - GREATER PALM SPRINGS

- Visit: Stroll leisurely through [Pico Boulevard](#), home to captivating street art murals
- Bite: Have an early lunch at [The Upper West](#), serving some great American-style food on a delightful patio
- Drive: Set off for Greater Palm Springs

DAY 5: GREATER PALM SPRINGS

- Mountain Bike Tour: Get your adrenaline pumping with [Big Wheel Tours](#) while joining the “Earthquake Canyon Express” experience

The 20-mile ride through the San Andreas Fault Zone lets you explore this geological marvel and catch views of the Salton Sea

- [Joshua Tree National Park](#): Hike one of the nation’s most stunning and ‘out of this world’ national parks
- Foot-golf: Have fun at the Lights at [Indio Golf Course](#) where you will play the amusing FootGolf, a nice combination of soccer and golf!

DAY 6: GREATER PALM SPRINGS

- Natural Palm Oases: Have a nature walk through the [natural palm oases](#) which showcase how plants and animals alike have naturally survived in the desert for all these years
- [Palm Springs Aerial Tramway](#): Climb aboard the world’s largest rotating tramway up to nearly 6,000 feet to the top of Mount San Jacinto
- Jeep tours: Join [Desert Adventures Red Jeep Tours](#)

DAY 7: GREATER PALM SPRINGS

- [Rock Climbing](#): Feed your sense of adventure in Greater Palm Springs thousands of rock climbing and bouldering routes and be amazed by the views
- Horseback riding: Spend an afternoon horseback riding through the desert, courtesy of Smoke Tree Stables
- Stargaze: If you want to delve deeper into the cosmos, attend a stargazing party at the [Rancho Mirage Observatory](#)

DAY 9: SAN DIEGO

- Hike: Trek a segment of the lush [Mission Trails Regional Park](#)
- Lunch: Taste some delightful seafood at one of the Pacific Beach restaurants
- [Speed Boat Adventure](#): Enjoy a funny ride on one of the San Diego Speed Boats machines!
- Stand Up Paddle: Head up to Mission Bay to end the day while doing some stand up paddle along the bay

- Dine: Stroll in La Jolla to [Draft](#), where you will enjoy an innovative american cuisine, in an Americana inspired gastro pub!

DAY 10: SAN DIEGO

- Kayak: Row in [La Jolla Coves](#) and uncover the unforgettable views of the area!
- Lunch: Head to [Puesto](#), a Mexican-inspired restaurant and taste some of their famous tacos.
- Hike: Hike the [Torrey Pines State Reserve](#) and discover the wildest stretches of land on the Southern California Coast
- Dine: Eat at [Eddie V’s Prime Seafood](#) in La Jolla

DAY 11: SAN DIEGO

- Ride: Rent a bike and ride around the resort city of [Coronado](#) on San Diego’s bay
- Flight from San Diego to London Heathrow



— 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)