

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)