

SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA

Famous for its coastline and sunshine, southern California is as culturally fascinating as it is naturally beautiful. Get to know Los Angeles before heading south to San Diego on a tour that goes from the beach to the zoo.

Why Brightspark?

Safety And Security

We regularly conduct strict audits of our vendors, ensuring they act in accordance with safety, security, and quality standards.

Our Tour Directors

You deserve the best, so we only use experienced and enthusiastic Tour Directors who are experts on their destinations.

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Our programs are designed for you, by you. From STEM-based DC tours to performance trips to some of our country's top music cities, we have a destination for every budget and every passion.

Industry Experience

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Day 1:

- Arrive in Los Angeles. Meet your Tour Director and board your private motor coach.
- Head up **Mount Hollywood** and admire the sights from the vantage point of the **Griffith Observatory**. The famous astronomy center has been featured in countless films and TV shows, and it features views of downtown LA, the Pacific Ocean, and the iconic Hollywood sign.
- Go behind the scenes on a tour of Hollywood's major sights, including the **Walk of Fame**, **El Capitan Theatre**, **Grauman's Egyptian Theatre**, famous film locations, and the Oscars **Red Carpet Awards Walk**. You'll also learn the history of how Hollywood became the capital of the film industry.
- Discover the **La Brea Tar Pits** in Hancock Park. These natural asphalt pools have been seeping through the surface for tens of thousands of years, trapping and preserving prehistoric and modern animals. The **Page Museum** on site is dedicated to studying the tar pits and displaying its fossils.
- Enjoy dinner at the **Farmers Market**, dating back to July 1934. The historic LA landmark features produce vendors, food stalls, and restaurants.

Day 2:

- Go under the sea at the **Aquarium of the Pacific** in Long Beach's Rainbow Harbor. Dedicated to exploring the largest ocean in the world, from the chilly North Pacific to the sunny shores of Baja California, the aquarium puts you face to face with over 11,000 animals across 500 species.
- Go behind the scenes on a **Warner Bros. studio tour**. Discover historic backlots, tour current TV show sets, see costumes and sets up close at featured movie exhibits, and get a hands-on learning experience of the production process at Stage 48's immersive soundstage experience.
- After dinner, take in a movie at **TCL Chinese Theatre** on the historical Hollywood Walk of Fame. Commonly known by its original name, Grauman's Chinese Theatre, the venue dates back to 1927 and has been home to numerous film premieres, including *Star Wars* in 1977. The front of the theatre is lined with the handprints and footprints of famous movie stars, directors, producers, and Hollywood icons.

Day 3:

- Discover "The Happiest Place on Earth!" Enjoy free time inside **Disneyland[®] Resort**, featuring iconic rides like the Haunted Mansion, Pirates of the Caribbean, and "it's a small world" at **Disneyland[®] Park**, Walt Disney's original theme park.
- At nearby **Disney California Adventure[®] Park**, explore seven exciting lands that bring to life iconic Disney and Pixar movies and characters.

Day 4:

- Travel to **San Diego**.
- Explore **Balboa Park**. The 1,200 acre urban park was established in the 1870s, making it one of the oldest public recreation sites in the U.S. The complex features a variety of California's distinct architectural styles, and the buildings and grounds house over 50 museums, gardens, and attractions. Top destinations include the **Botanical Building**, the **Reuben H. Fleet Science Center**, and the **San Diego Air and Space Museum**.
- Head into the wild at the **San Diego Zoo!** In the middle of Balboa Park, the zoo includes a safari park and a social conservation center that houses over 3,700 animals.

Day 5:

- Visit **Old Town San Diego**, a historic area dating back to 1769. The neighborhood includes **Old Town San Diego State Historic Park** and **Presidio Park**, where you can admire historic buildings like original adobes, San Diego's first newspaper office, and the Serra Museum.
- Experience underwater adventure at **SeaWorld** in San Diego's **Mission Bay Park**. This theme park, oceanarium, outdoor aquarium, and marine mammal park offers a fun and interactive way to learn through rides, shows, and tours.
- Depart for home.

