

## Yosemite To San Francisco Cycle



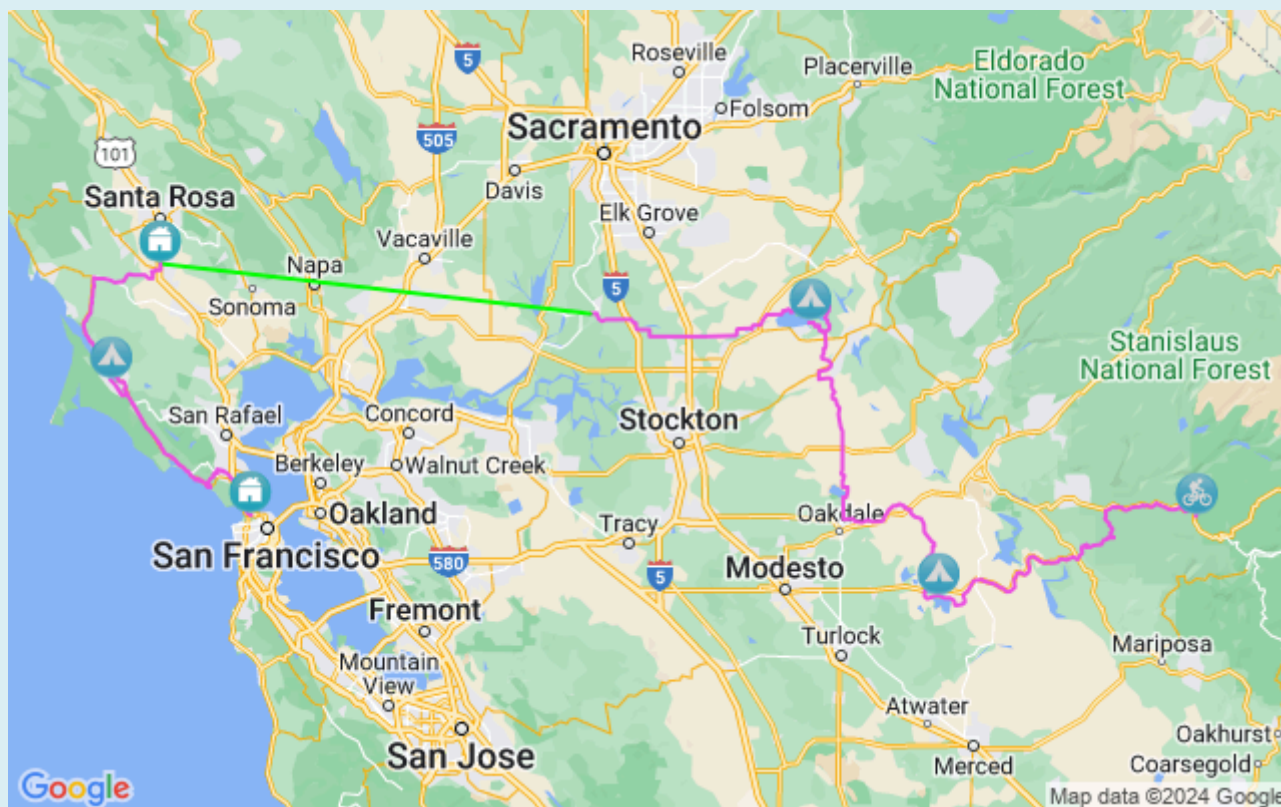
Duration: **9 days**

Journey from the spectacular Yosemite National Park to the Pacific Coast, finishing with an unforgettable finish at the iconic Golden Gate Bridge into San Francisco.

From the Sierra Nevada mountain range in eastern California, we ride through landscapes of pine forests, tranquil lakes and vineyards and onto the sweeping rolling western plains before coming to the Pacific coast.

This is a highly diverse ride packed with highlights which offers an unforgettable adventure and a sense of achievement which will stay with you for years to come!

## DETAILED ITINERARY



### Day 1: London – San Francisco – Oakdale

On arrival in San Francisco we transfer to Oakdale, en route to Yosemite National park (approx. 2 hours' drive) and check into our hotel. Night hotel. *(Dinner not included)*

### Day 2: Oakdale – Yosemite National Park

An early drive takes us to Yosemite National Park – a monumentally beautiful area of massive granite peaks and towering cliffs, roaring waterfalls and sparkling lakes. After pitching camp and having a bike fitting, we are free to head out on our bikes for a short but stunning warm-up ride taking in the main landmarks, including Yosemite Falls and the impressive sheer cliffs of El Capitan. Night camp.

**Cycle approx. 10 miles (16km)**

### Day 3: Yosemite National Park – Turlock Lake

We break camp and set off on our first full day of cycling – which starts with a big climb! The scenery is beautiful though, with great mountain views. Heading west, we ride through rolling farmland and forests, passing small towns, before stopping to take in views over beautiful Lake McClure, a reservoir surrounded by pines in the foothills of the Sierra Nevada.

The rest of our day is on flatter terrain, bringing us to the shores of Turlock Lake, amid pines and oaks, in the hills

of the San Joaquin Valley. Night camp.

**Cycle approx. 60 miles (97km)**

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### Day 4: Turlock Lake – Camanche Lake

An early start sees us tackling our longest day, riding past the shores of Turlock Lake. Our roads today are predominantly long, flat and straight, with a few hills to stretch our legs. Stopping for lunch, we continue on quiet country roads, passing farming communities and ranches adorned with white picket fences. We come to the popular fishing spot of Camanche Lake, another reservoir which helps to irrigate the otherwise-arid lands, where we camp among cottonwood and eucalyptus. Night camp.

**Cycle approx. 70 miles (113km)**

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### Day 5: Comanche Lake – Sacramento Valley – Rohnert Park

Hills beckon again, but it's a shorter day with some wine-tasting acting as a carrot to motivate us! We climb through the San Joaquin Valley to Clements Town, where our road flattens out a little. Our route takes us over the mighty Sacramento River, which we follow for some miles to the town of Walnut Grove. We stop for lunch at a nearby vineyard, with a chance to sample! We then hop into our vehicles and transfer to the city of Rohnert Park. Night hotel / lodge.

**Cycle approx. 50 miles (80km); drive approx.**

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### Day 6: Rohnert Park – Olema

The scenery changes again today as we ride over rolling hills to the Pacific coastline – having crossed most of California from mountains to coast! Seeing the ocean is a great landmark on our journey – the end feels very close now! We stop in Tomales Bay near an oyster farm, and then ride the undulating coastline to Olema, in the San Francisco Bay area, near the beautiful Point Reyes seashore reserve. Night camp. *(Dinner not included)*

**Cycle approx. 40 miles (64km)**

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### Day 7: Olema – San Francisco

Some strenuous hills lie between us and our goal, with steep winding roads around the coastline, passing Bolinas Lagoon and popular, sandy Stinson Beach, and continuing south to our scenic lunch-spot. Our final ascent takes us through Muir Woods, famous for its redwoods, and then the famous Golden Gate Bridge is before us. After plenty of photos on this iconic landmark, we come to our hotel and can relax, before a celebratory dinner to mark our achievements this week.

**Cycle approx 36 miles (58km)**

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### Day 8: Depart San Francisco

We are free to explore or relax until we transfer to the airport for our international flight home. *(Lunch and Dinner not included)*

## Day 9: Arrive London

## WHAT'S INCLUDED

- All transport from London to San Francisco return
- All meals except where specified, accommodation and camping equipment, including camp mattresses
- Discover Adventure leaders; doctor with a group of 15 or more participants; local guides/mechanics & drivers
- Local support and back-up equipment
- Entry to National Park and any other sites included in itinerary
- 8-speed Hybrid Touring Bike (Trek or equivalent; upgrades are available at an extra cost).

## WHAT'S EXCLUDED

- Any meals specified 'not included' in the itinerary
- Travel insurance
- Personal spending money, souvenirs and drinks
- Cycle helmet (compulsory) and 2 water bottles
- Sleeping bag (can be hired in advance at extra cost)
- Tips for local guides and support crew
- Inbound airport departure tax
- Fees for any optional sites, attractions or activities
- Airline taxes: we cap these so £250.00 is the maximum you will pay
- Any applicable surcharges as per Terms and Conditions

## GRADE | DEMANDING (2)



Trip grades range from Challenging (1) to Extreme (5).

DEMANDING trips ramp up the challenge with some long days over tough terrain, and require good stamina, fitness and determination.

See [Trip Grading Explained](#).



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Please note: This document was downloaded on 26 Apr 2024, and the challenge is subject to change.