

California itinerary

Sunday, July 15

Depart for O'Hare, 7:15am

American Airlines flight 1163, departs 9:15am

Arrive Los Angeles International Airport (LAX), 11:50am PT

Lodging: July 15-17

Airbnb, 713 4th Avenue,
Venice, Los Angeles, 90291

Two-bedroom house with
inflatable air mattress.

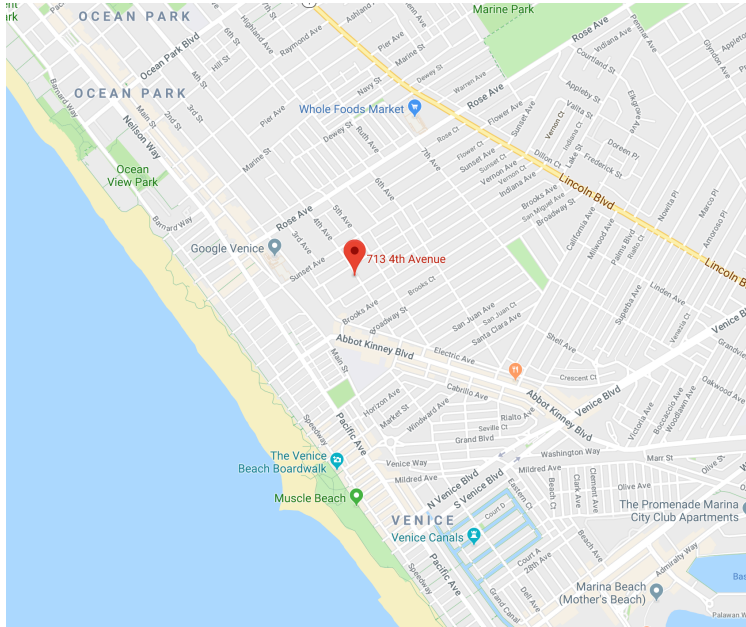
Check-in at 4pm, check-out
at 11am

Stuff to do nearby:

- Venice Beach
- Santa Monica Pier
- Abbott-Kinney Blvd retail
- Venice Canals

Stuff a bit farther away

- Griffith Park
- Hollywood Bowl
- Beverly Hills/Rodeo Drive
- La Brea Tar Pits
- Anything else in LA



Thing to know about LA: Traffic is horrible, and it will take a long time to drive anywhere. A really long time

Tuesday, July 17

Check out of Airbnb and head to Santa Barbara

Driving time: at least two hours, most of which will be along the Pacific Coast Highway

Lodging: July 17-19

Hyatt Centric Santa Barbara, 1111 E. Cabrillo Blvd. ([hotel website](#))

One hotel room with two queen-sized beds. Hopefully a rollaway or cot as well

Check-in around 4pm, check-out at 11am

Stuff to do nearby:

- Santa Barbara Mission
- Cold Spring Tavern (5995 Stagecoach Road, Santa Barbara, CA 93105)
- Santa Barbara Glassblowing Studio
- Refugio State Beach
- Gaviota State Park
- Santa Barbara Botanic Garden
- *Possible dinner with my second cousin and her family*
- Funk Zone warehouse district
- Gardens of Ganna Walska Lotusland
- Bike rental from Wheel Fun

Thursday, July 19

Check out of hotel and head up the coast to Monterey

Driving time 5 to 6 hours, some interstate and some along the Pacific Coast Highway

Lodging: July 19-21

Airbnb, 227 Larkin Street, Monterey, CA 93940

Entrance is at the front of the home and is the upper unit

Two-bedroom apartment. King bed, queen bed in 2nd bedroom, and sofa bed or air mattress

Check-in at 4pm, check-out at 11am

Stuff to do nearby:

- Big Sur (a bit of a drive, but a must-see)
- Monterey Bay Aquarium
- Monterey Bay
- Half-day whale watching tour
- 17-mile Drive
- Old Fisherman's Wharf
- California Sea Otter Game Refuge
- Carmel-by-the-Sea
- Pebble Beach
- Cannery Row

Saturday, July 21

Check out of Airbnb and drive to San Francisco

Driving time at least 2 hours. Mostly highway.

Lodging: July 21-23

Hilton San Francisco Union Square, 333 O'Farrell St., San Francisco, CA, 94102 ([hotel website](#))

Hotel room with two queen-size beds

Check-in at 4pm, check-out at 11am

Stuff to do nearby:

- Rugby Sevens World Cup
- Chinatown
- Fisherman's Wharf
- Alcatraz
- Marin Highlands
- Golden Gate State Park
- Cable cars
- Redwood Regional Park (hidden redwood forest)
- Muir Woods National monument (about an hour away)

Monday, July 23

Check out of Hilton and drive to Mariposa

Driving time at least 3.5 hours

Lodging: July 23-25

Mountain View Oasis Airbnb, 5143 Antone Road, Mariposa, CA 95338

House with swimming pool and enough beds for everyone

Check-in at 4pm, check out at 11am

Only one thing to do:

Visit Yosemite National Park. Leave the house by 8am and drive about 60-90 minutes to get to Yosemite, where we will spend the day

Wednesday, July 25

Check out of Mountain View Oasis and drive back to Los Angeles

Driving time: Around 5 hours

Lodging: July 25-26

Embassy Suites Los Angeles
Intl Airport North
9801 Airport Blvd, Los Angeles, CA

Check-in at 4pm

Stuff to do:

- Relax
- Recover

Thursday, July 26

Check out of Hotel and take Uber to LAX

American Airlines flight 245
Departs 1:00pm PT, arrives 7:18pm CT

