

Cornell University

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*Escapes*



# California

## Wine & Food in the Golden State

*Featuring Promise Winery, founded by Stephen McPherson '86*

**JUNE 13 TO 19, 2020**

Dear Alumni, Parents, and Friends,

We invite you to be among the thousands of Cornell alumni, parents and friends who view the Cornell Alumni Association (CAA) Travel Program as their first choice for memorable travel adventures.

If you've travelled with CAA before, you know to expect excellent travel experiences in some of the world's most interesting places. If our travel offerings are new to you, you'll want to take a closer look at our upcoming tours.

Working closely with some of the world's most highly-respected travel companies, CAA trips are not only well organized, safe, and a great value, they are filled with remarkable people. This year, as we have for more than forty years, we are offering itineraries in the United States and around the globe.

Whether you're ascending a sand dune by camel, strolling the cobbled streets of a 'medieval town', hiking a trail on a remote mountain pass, or lounging poolside on one of our luxury cruises, we guarantee *'an extraordinary journey in great company.'*

And that's the reason so many Cornellians return, year after year, to travel with the Cornell Alumni Association. If you, like me, simply can't wait for your next travel adventure, I encourage you to register today for this, featuring Cornell alumnus-owned winery Promise, or another of our remarkable travel offerings.

Warmly,

Alumni Affairs  
Cornell University

# YOUR ITINERARY

## **DAY 1 ~ SAN FRANCISCO**

### **HOTEL SPERO. (D)**

Welcome to San Francisco! Upon arrival, transfer to Hotel Spero, where you can freshen up and prepare for your welcome dinner this evening.

## **DAY 2 ~ SAN FRANCISCO/NAPA**

### **RIVER TERRACE INN. (B,D)**

Embark on a tour of this charming city. See Union Square, the ceremonial heart of the city, full of lovely boutiques, art galleries, cafes, and restaurants; Chinatown, North America's oldest, established in the mid-19th century. After lunch on your own, cross the new span of the Bay Bridge, en route to Napa. The afternoon is yours to explore Napa – shop, taste locally produced wines, or visit the Ox Bow Market. In the evening, join the instructors at the Silverado Cooking School Napa for a culinary experience. Learn from professionally trained chefs, using only fresh and organic ingredients. Prepare an incredible three-course dinner, which you will then enjoy with the rest of your group.

## **DAY 3 ~ NAPA**

### **RIVER TERRACE INN. (B,L)**

Your morning is at leisure before setting off on the Napa Valley Wine Train for lunch in a restored vintage Pullman car, where the meals will be prepared on board as you watch the landscape fly past. Your evening is free to explore the natural wonders of Napa.

## **DAY 4 ~ NAPA/ST. HELENA/CALISTOGA/**

### **HEALDSBURG**

#### **BEST WESTERN DRY CREEK INN. (B,L)**

Start the day with an exclusive tasting experience at the award-winning, Promise Winery, founded by class of '86 alumnus Steve McPherson and his wife Jennifer. Not ordinarily open to the public, Stephen and Jennifer will be pouring some of their highly sought after wines just for you—maybe even Oprah's favorite rosé, "the joy." As Stephen says, "Always drink the good stuff first!" Next, enjoy a truly incredible lunch at the Culinary Institute of America, prepared by some of the most talented culinary minds in the nation. Continue on to Calistoga and visit the Clos Pegase winery which features its own private cave! Explore the cave and enjoy a wine tasting here before heading to your final winery for the day – Francis Ford Coppola. End the evening in Healdsburg, considered one of the top ten small towns in America, where there are abundant options for you to plan your free evening.

## **DAY 5 ~ HEALDSBURG**

### **BEST WESTERN DRY CREEK INN. (B,L)**

This morning, enjoy a guided stroll through the town and stop downtown to sample some of the local food and drink. Learn about the culture and history of this little town and what makes it such a delicious stop off for food lovers. Your afternoon is free to do as you wish, which might involve renting a bicycle and heading out to the vineyards or visiting the tasting rooms in town. You might even opt to visit the Farmer's market and buy some of the incredible local produce in this open air setting. Keep your eye out for the perfect restaurant to visit for dinner during your evening in Healdsburg.

## **DAY 6 ~ HEALDSBURG/SAN FRANCISCO**

### **HOTEL SPERO. (B,L,D)**

Begin your trip back to San Francisco at the sprawling Armstrong Redwood State Park, where you will take a short hike around the grounds to get a close look at the giant redwood trees. Enjoy a picnic lunch and tour at Korbel Winery, known for its sparkling wines, accompanied by exceptional reds and whites. Finish off the delicious experience with a stop at the Bohemian Cheese Factory for a luxurious tasting of their variety of creamy, crumbly, and supple cheeses. Continue your drive and cross the iconic Golden Gate Bridge, granting you an incredible view across San Francisco Bay. After checking into the hotel, enjoy some time to explore Fisherman's Wharf before setting sail on the bay. Your farewell dinner will be one to remember as you sail around the glittering bay under the moon and stars.

## **DAY 7 ~ DEPART SAN FRANCISCO (B)**

Bid farewell to California. While you might be heading back home, you'll take with you all you've learned and experienced here.



*The bounty of farmers markets in Healdsburg*

### **Did you know ...**

**The city's cable cars are the only National Historical Monument that can move.**



*Photo Credit: Gina Conte*

Promise Winery, founded by class of '86 alumnus Steve McPherson and his wife Jennifer, was born of their wedding day promise to pursue their passion together. Promise is committed to micro-farming, sourcing and selecting fruit from elite sites, and meticulous winemaking and cooperage from berry to bottle. With wines evocatively named "the joy," "the love," and "the gratitude" consistently ranked among the best in Napa and Sonoma, Promise has earned ovations from some of the world's most esteemed enthusiasts, including Oprah Winfrey and Robert Parker.



*Inside the Napa Valley Wine Trail train*





*The heart of San Francisco – Union Square*



*Enjoying a class at the Silverado Cooking School*

## YOUR JOURNEY COSTS

**JUNE 13 TO 19, 2020**  
**PRICE PER PERSON**

- \$4,495 land only, double occupancy.
- \$1,395 single supplement, additional.
- If you require assistance with airfare, contact Classic Escapes at 800-627-1244.



*Hiking through Redwood State Park*

## YOUR JOURNEY INCLUDES

- Superior accommodation at hotels as indicated in the itinerary (or similar).
- All meals as specified in itinerary.
- Services of driver/guide throughout the tour.
- A host from Cornell will accompany the group with a minimum of 15 travelers.
- All park and admission fees.
- An architectural walking tour of San Francisco.
- All applicable hotel and lodge taxes and gratuities for baggage handling.
- Complimentary baggage tags.



*Wine tasting among the hills of Napa Valley*

*“San Franciscans are very proud of their city, and they should be. It’s the most beautiful place in the world.”*

*–Robert Redford  
Actor*



CALIFORNIA

- Destination
- ✈ Entry/Departure
- Route



The World-Famous Fisherman's Wharf

ACCOMMODATIONS

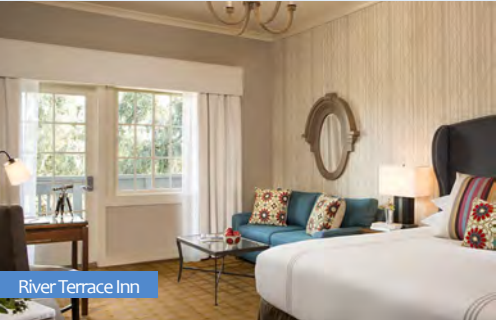
**Hotel Spero:** Recently renovated, Hotel Spero has maintained the rich historical aspects of the original hotel design, with unique elements that are true to the soul and spirit of San Francisco.

**River Terrace Inn:** This boutique hotel is nestled on the banks of the Napa River within walking distances of many attractions. It offers complimentary beach cruisers, a fun and enjoyable way to explore downtown Napa.

**Best Western Dry Creek Inn:** This charming hotel is nestled among the rolling hills and picturesque vineyards of Sonoma's wine country. Inspired by the picturesque villas of the Tuscan countryside, the hotel is comprised of two buildings: Casa Siena and Villa Toscana, each with their own charms.



Hotel Spero



River Terrace Inn



Best Western Dry Creek Inn



Cycling around Healsburg



Carefully maintained vintages, aging in a cellar



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## CONDITIONS OF TRAVEL

**HOW TO BOOK:** Fill out and sign the enclosed reservation form and send it, along with the relevant deposit of \$900 per person for the trip, to: Classic Escapes Inc. 58-25 Queens Blvd., Woodside NY, 11377. Upon receipt of your signed reservation form and deposit, we will, subject to availability, reserve your spot on the tour. You may consider your booking confirmed when you receive a confirmation notice and invoice from us.

**RATES:** Rates are based on the minimum of 15 guests outlined in this document, plus airfare costs, and other factors and are subject to change. Though it is rare for Classic Escapes to make a price adjustment after promotion of an itinerary, we do reserve the right to assess a surcharge if the minimum is not met, or if increases are forced upon us by airlines or other partners or because of changes in currency exchange rates.

**INSURANCE:** It is a condition of booking that the sole responsibility lies with the guest to ensure that they carry the correct comprehensive travel and medical insurance to cover themselves, as well as any dependents/traveling companions for the duration of their trip. Classic Escapes, including their representatives, employees and agents will take no responsibility for any costs, losses incurred or suffered by the guest, or guest's dependents or traveling companions.

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**CANCELLATIONS:** Cancellations are only effective on receipt of written notification: The following per person fees are applicable on this tour:

- Up March 10, 2020, less \$300 handling fee.
- March 10 to 20, 2020, deposit is forfeited.
- March 21 to 30, 2020, less 75% of tour cost.
- After March 30 2020, no refund is possible.

### RESERVATION FORM: (Please Print)

TOUR CODE: 20 NAL0613/CORNELL

Enclosed is my deposit for \$ \_\_\_\_\_ (\$900 per person) to hold \_\_\_\_\_ place(s) on the Wine and Culinary Tour of California departing **June 13, 2020. Final payment due date is May 10, 2020. All final payments are required to be made by check or money order only. Please make check payable to Classic Escapes, Inc., and send, with completed reservation form, to: Classic Escapes, 58-25 Queens Blvd., Woodside, NY 11377.**

Method of Payment for my deposit : ☐ Check ☐ MasterCard ☐ Visa ☐ Discover ☐ American Express

Name on Card \_\_\_\_\_ Card Number \_\_\_\_\_ EXP \_\_\_\_\_ CVN \_\_\_\_\_

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CITY: \_\_\_\_\_ STATE: \_\_\_\_\_ ZIP: \_\_\_\_\_

HOME PHONE: (     ) \_\_\_\_\_ MOBILE: (     ) \_\_\_\_\_

EMAIL ADDRESS: \_\_\_\_\_

- ☐ The two of us above are sharing a room and, where possible, would like a room with: ☐ ONE ☐ TWO Beds
- ☐ I am sharing with \_\_\_\_\_ (form sent separately)
- ☐ I need assistance in securing a roommate. I understand if Cornell Alumni Association or Classic Escapes cannot locate one for me by final payment date, I agree to pay the additional single supplement amount.  
I prefer to share with: ☐ Smoker ☐ Non-smoker
- ☐ I desire single accommodations, if available, and will pay the single supplement additional cost of \$1,395.
- ☐ I certify that I have not recently been treated for, nor am I aware of any physical or other condition or liability that would create a hazard to myself or the other members of this tour.

We strongly recommend that you obtain travel insurance. Reservations are accepted subject to tour conditions and will be confirmed only if accompanied by completed form signed by the tour participant(s).  
I/We have read the conditions of travel on this brochure and understand and agree to the terms and conditions stated herein:

SIGNATURE: \_\_\_\_\_ DATE: \_\_\_\_\_

SIGNATURE: \_\_\_\_\_ DATE: \_\_\_\_\_

## FOR MORE INFORMATION OR RESERVATIONS, PLEASE CONTACT

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