California

Wine & Food in the Golden State

Featuring Promise Winery, founded by Stephen McPherson ’86

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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 alumni-owned winery Promise, or another of our remarkable travel offerings.

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

**DAY 1 ~ SAN FRANCISCO**

Hotel Spero (D)  
**Welcome Dinner**  
This evening, 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 2 ~ SAN FRANCISCO/NAPA**

**River Terrace Inn. (B,D)**
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.

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**DAY 6 ~ HEALDSBURG/SAN FRANCISCO**

**Hotel Spero. (B,L,D)**
**Farewell Dinner**
Your journey concludes, but the memories you have created will last a lifetime. Enjoy a farewell dinner on the bay. Your farewell dinner will be enjoyed with the rest of your group.

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**YOUR ITINERARY**

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**ACCOMMODATIONS**

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**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.

**Your Journey Costs**

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

**Your Journey Includes**

- Superior accommodation at hotels as indicated in the itinerary (or similar).
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CANCELLATIONS: Cancellations are only effective on receipt of written notification: The following per person fees are applicable on CANCELLATIONS:
- Up March 10, 2020, less $300 handling fee.
- March 10 to Jun 30, 2020, less 25% of tour cost.
- Jul 1 to Sep 15, 2020, less 75% of tour cost.
- After Oct 15, 2020, no refund is possible.

We strongly encourage you to 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).

For more information or reservations, please contact:
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Hi [Last Name], I am happy to announce that we have reserved your room at the above-mentioned hotel for the dates of your stay. I hope you enjoy your stay.

Best regards,

[Your Name]

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