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# California's Old Mission Scenic Tour

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and El Camino Sierra

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California, more than any other section of the globe, abounds in natural and developed wonders. And perhaps the most interesting and wonderful of all is the chain of Old Missions, reaching from San Diego in the South to Sonoma in the North—wonderful that they were ever built, more wonderful that they still stand—monuments to the bravery, self-sacrifice, fortitude and devotion of Father Junipero Serra.

With two exceptions, these Missions are today in a splendid state of preservation. Some of the sweet-voiced Mission bells that gladdened Father Serra's heart when they sounded their first Matins, over one hundred years ago, still hang suspended by the original rawhide thongs, their dulcet tones, if anything, improved with age.

The distance that took the good Father a month to slowly and painfully travel can now be motored easily between sunrise and sunset.

The itinerary of this tour has been arranged with a view of showing travelers not only the Old Missions, but representative California.

Over splendidly built, well-kept highways the motorist passes through the world-famous and beautiful Lake Tahoe region, the Yosemite Valley, the Big Tree Groves, the mining country of Bret Harte and Mark Twain, the Oil Fields with their thousands of derricks, the great, fruitful valleys, the high Sierras, and along hundreds of miles of boulevard skirting the shining beaches of the Pacific.

This Folder more particularly deals with the Automobile Roads, which, thanks to our automobile clubs, are plainly marked at every turn, rendering a splendid service to the tourist. The author has motored over every portion of the route in a six cylinder Haynes car and guarantees the accuracy of the information, the quality of the accommodations, the ease and convenience of the tour, and the enjoyment, health and education coming to those who take it.

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## San Francisco to Del Monte—125 Miles



Hotel St. Francis

### 0.0. Hotel St. Francis, San Francisco.

This is at once the most convenient and popular hostelry in San Francisco. Situated in the business center, adjoining the fashionable shopping district, it faces Union Square Park and the Dewey monument, a sylvan setting unique in the heart of a big city. The accommodations are superb, the rates are reasonable. Management of James Woods. From here Golden Gate Park, Chinatown, the Cliff House and Seal Rocks, Stanford University, etc., may be conveniently visited.



Mission Dolores

### 2.0. Mission Dolores.

Reached from the St. Francis via Powell and Market Streets. Founded by Father Serra, personally. Dedicated to San Francisco d'Assisi, thereby giving to San Francisco its name. It was finished and the bells first rang out in 1776, about the time the Liberty Bell was ringing, although this coincidence was not known until years after. The Mission Dolores weathered the fire of 1906. The bells still hang by their original rawhides, but very little of the original edifice stands.



Hotel Oakland

### 8.0. Hotel Oakland.

On Continental side of San Francisco Bay, in midst of semi-tropical gardens, between the business center and a district of beautiful homes, this two million dollar hotel is the social and business rendezvous of a city that has grown in nine years from 50,000 to over 300,000 population. Radiating from here are many beautiful drives over perfect roads: notably around Lake Merritt, the University of California and the Skyline Boulevard. Management of Carl Sword.



Mission San José

### 28.5. Mission San José.

Leave Hotel Oakland and follow Lincoln Highway signs around Lake Merritt to Foothill Boulevard. Follow Boulevard to (10.0) city limits, and (15.5) Hayward. Thence over paved highway to (24.5) Niles. Thence over dirt road to (28.5) Mission San José. This mission was founded in 1796. It has lately been restored to its original architectural form which is one of plainness and dignified simplicity. Visitors are always welcome and an hour can be pleasantly spent.



Hotel Vendome

### 46.0. Hotel Vendome, San José.

From Mission San José the road winds through a grain and pastoral country to (39.0) Milpitas. Thence seven miles to (46.0) San José and the Hotel Vendome. San Jose is in the center of the Santa Clara Valley—an expanse of thriving orchards. The Vendome sets in a beautiful park of fourteen acres. The accommodations and the cuisine are perfect. Headquarters for Lick Observatory, Mt. Hamilton. Free garage, new motor grill and plunge of 160,000 gallons.



San Juan Bautista

### 87.5. Mission San Juan Bautista.

From Hotel Vendome over paved highway, through orchards and immense flower and vegetable seed farms to (75.0) San Juan. This mission was founded in 1797 and is well preserved; its grounds are cared for. In the sacristy are oak chests full of vestments, gorgeous with gold and silver thread. The author of "Ramona" says: "At San Juan Bautista there lingers more of the atmosphere of the olden time than is to be found in any other place in California."



Mission San Carlos

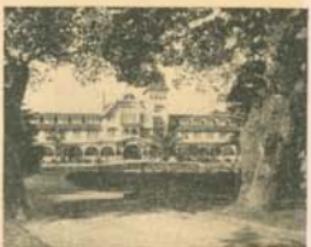
### 126.5. San Carlos Mission, Monterey.

From San Juan Bautista Mission there is a little climbing to do over the San Juan grade to (104.0) Salinas. From here the road is good to (126.5) San Carlos Mission, in the center of the town of Monterey. This mission was founded about 1771. It is still in good repair and is being used as a church. Father Serra spent much of his time in later years traveling between this Mission and Carmel, six miles away. The three crosses on the hill mark the trail midway.

## Del Monte to Paso Robles—128.5 Miles



Marine Gardens



Hotel Del Monte



Mission El Carmelo



Maria Santissimo



The Head Inn



Mission San Antonio



Mission San Miguel

### Marine Gardens, Pacific Grove.

Among the many and varied attractions of the Monterey Peninsula, the Marine Gardens and Dahlia Gardens are two the visitor cannot afford to miss. In a little, sheltered, sunny cove, where the sea is wonderfully transparent, glass bottom boats can be hired and the marine kingdom with its flora, vegetation and its strange creatures, thoroughly explored. On the height above, Lover's Point, tens of thousands of rare dahlias bloom for seven months in the year.

### 125.0. Del Monte, Monterey Bay.

Covering 125 acres, with its beautiful lawns and gardens and its wonderful oak, pine and cypress groves, Del Monte is one of the great show places of California. Here the hotel life is exceptionally comfortable, enjoyable and refined. Golf, tennis, polo, boating, bathing and other pastimes are provided. The 17-40 mile drive, the old Spanish Fort at Monterey and the beautiful and unique Pebble Beach Lodge on Carmel Bay are among the attractions for the traveler.

### El Carmelo Mission.

Six miles from Del Monte, across the estate to the south is the favorite mission of Father Serra and also his last resting place—the Mission of El Carmelo. It was founded at the end of the Father's long overland journey to find Monterey Bay in 1770 and dedicated to King Carlos. Restored in 1881, upon the original plans, the beautiful tower is a faithful copy of the first, and the splendid furnishings of the original edifice have been preserved. Its architecture is superb.

### 171.5. Mission Maria Santissimo.

Leaving Hotel Del Monte in the morning, we retrace our way to Salinas to strike the main highway south. Over a fairly good macadam road we reach (161.0) Gonzales, thence ten-and-a-half miles of paved road to (171.5) Mission Soledad. There is little left standing to proclaim the past glories of this mission—only the debris in the crypts is to be seen. It was founded in 1791 and had a continual struggle for existence against Indians, poverty and the elements.

### Head Inn, Soledad.

There would be nothing particular to stop here for were it not for the fact that the California air makes one ferociously hungry when motoring and one can get a good lunch at the Head Inn. Mr. and Mrs. Head personally cater to the needs of the guests. Soledad is the starting point for trips to the Vancouver Pinnacles National Park, which is in the range of mountains east of the town, and is one of the most interesting and wonderful geological formations in existence.

### 207.5. Mission San Antonio de Padua.

You will need the fortifying lunch as, until the highway is completed, you have some rather hard road to cover and the Jolon Pass to cross before (207.5) Jolon and Mission San Antonio. Take your time on this stretch—you can make it up later. This mission was one of the most powerful in influence. More than a thousand Indians served its cause. It was founded in 1771. There are many rare relics and the ruins are among the most interesting of the missions.

### 244.5. Mission San Miguel.

Leaving Mission San Antonio (207.5) the twenty-six mile stretch to (233.5) Bradley is not very smooth, although stretches of paved highway occur at intervals. Thence eleven miles of good road to (244.5) Mission San Miguel. This was one of the most important of the missions and was founded by Father Serra's lieutenants in 1797. It has undergone very little change since its building and is well worth close study. The architecture, especially of the arches, is good.

## Paso Robles to Santa Barbara—151.5 Miles.



Paso Robles Hot Springs



Atascadero Lake



Mission San Luis Obispo



Sea Caves, Pismo



Mattei's Tavern



Mission Santa Inés



Mission La Purissima

### 253.5. Paso Robles Hot Springs.

From Mission San Miguel there is a good stretch of road for nine miles to (253.5) Paso Robles (pass of the Oaks). The Hotel Paso Robles is one of the finest of its kind in America. There are a dozen mineral springs and wells. Persons from all parts of the world take advantage of the curative properties of the waters. The Hotel is thoroughly modern and the cuisine excellent. A stopover here is one of the real pleasures of the tour. The good roads are attracting motorists.

### 265.5. Atascadero Colony.

Twelve miles from Paso Robles on the paved State highway we arrive at (265.5) Atascadero Colony. Mr. E. G. Lewis, founder and business head of the undertaking, is very hospitable and invites visitors to view the project. Sixteen thousand acres have been planted to orchards under expert supervision, and two cities, one an Industrial Center and the other a Civic Center, are in course of construction. The Colony is being developed with the idea of making it a model community.

### 285.5. Mission San Luis Obispo.

Just about nine miles south of Atascadero we pass (274.5) Santa Margarita, the great barley section, and eleven miles further on we enter (285.5) San Luis Obispo. The Mission San Luis Obispo de Tolosa was one of the smallest, in point of influence, of all the Missions. Founded in 1772, it was the home of Father Martinez. The Mission is in a good state of preservation and contains a wonderful collection of priceless but poorly-cared-for relics. Funds are needed for cabinets.

### 285.5. San Luis Obispo.

After visiting the Mission the proper thing is to visit the Chamber of Commerce and learn of the many scenic and interesting trips in the vicinity. San Luis Obispo is a very modern little city of 6,000 population, the metropolis of the county. Leaving San Luis Obispo, thirteen miles, brings us to (298.5) Pismo Beach, noted for its beach and caves. Then a run through (303.5) Arroyo Grande, (319.5) Santa Maria and (343.5) Los Alamos to (355.5) Los Olivos.

### 355.5. Mattei's Tavern, Los Olivos.

Just on the right, entering the village of Los Olivos, is Mattei's Tavern. It's a smart little bungalow place fitted up for motorists. Beside the tavern proper, which has about twenty rooms, there are some pretty, detached cottages. Mr. Mattei is a genial host, and fully maintains his coastwide reputation as a caterer. His table is always well supplied with delicacies in season such as trout, quail, venison, etc., as this locality is the hunter's and fisherman's paradísé.

### 361.0. Mission Santa Inés.

A very beautiful Mission, in a wonderful setting. It stands on a plateau backed by sheltering mountains, and has a panorama of wooded slope, valley and hill, for a hundred miles. Father Alejandro Buckler, in charge, is a genial, whole-souled man who has spent years in research, and is one of the best authorities on Mission affairs. He has a wonderful collection of relics, kept orderly—a pattern to other Missions; and he is ever ready to show them.

### 377.5. Mission La Purissima.

Eleven miles from Los Olivos we arrive at (366.5) Las Cruces where the road branches off eleven miles north to Lompoc and the Mission La Purissima Concepcion. If there is any beauty to be found in ruins then this Mission is beautiful as it is little more than a pile of ruins. Founded in 1787, fifteen thousand souls were here converted to the faith. Following the road south we reach (371.5) Gaviota, (383.5) Orella, (390.0) Naples, (393.0) Elwood, (398.0) Goleta, and (404.0) Santa Barbara.

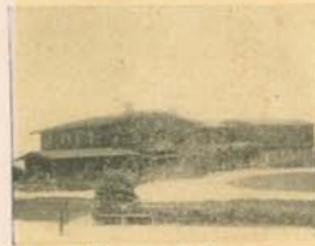
## Santa Barbara to Los Angeles—101 Miles



The Hotel Potter



Mission Santa Barbara



Pierpont Inn



Mission Buenaventura



Hotel Hollywood



Los Angeles



Hotel Van Nuys

### 404.0. Hotel Potter, Santa Barbara.

Santa Barbara has fittingly been described as the "American Riviera." Its setting is superb. The Potter Hotel, standing majestically in beautiful grounds and facing the ocean, is the center and life of the tourist world. The accommodations are luxurious and refined, and its cuisine is famous. Taking this Hotel as a center, many hours, or even days, can be pleasantly spent motoring over the drives of the city, visiting the country clubs and enjoying scenic Santa Barbara.

### Santa Barbara Mission.

One of the largest, most beautiful and best built of the Missions. Founded in 1782, the experience gained in building the other Missions was brought into good effect here. Rebuilt after the earthquake of 1812. It retains its original grandeur. Inside the walls of this Mission is the much-talked-of Forbidden Garden. In the cemetery lie buried 4,000 Indians and 500 Whites. Being a Monastery of the Franciscan Friars, ladies are only admitted to the church.

### 435.0. Pierpont Inn, Ventura.

Leaving Santa Barbara, a good highway brings us in their order to Montecito, Miramar, Summerland and Carpinteria. This is the Rincon Sea Level road and continues as far as (435.0) Ventura, giving a splendid view of the ocean and miles of shining beaches. At Ventura the ideal stopover, is Pierpont Inn. This is in the bungalow form, beautifully situated. The motorist is assured of the best accommodations. Golf, tennis, bathing and that famous chicken dinner.

### Mission Buenaventura.

This Mission, now situated in the heart of the City of Ventura, was founded by Father Serra, personally. At one time this was the center of a great many raids and attacks by Indians. Bullet marks may still be seen on the walls. After 1830 it was allowed to drop into a state of decay. It has been restored, but only as a church and a very beautiful tower, in which the old bells still hang and continue to call worshipers to the service. There is a caretaker in charge.

### 498.5. Hotel Hollywood.

In this part of the country all the roads are good and there is a splendid stretch ahead by way of Montavio, Camarillo and the Calabasas grade clear into (498.5) Hollywood. In routing this tour into Los Angeles, we have given the motorist the choice of seaside, mountain, or busy city stopping places. The Hotel Hollywood is very pleasantly and conveniently situated in the center of the town of Hollywood, near the foothills. Accommodations and cuisine are the finest.

### 505.5. Los Angeles.

This is at once the metropolis and the business center of Southern California. It has emerged from a sleepy community of 25 years ago to a city of half a million today. A fifty million dollar citrus crop, an equally large oil production and a live Chamber of Commerce are some of the reasons. Not as cosmopolitan or typically Western as San Francisco, yet equally progressive. It is worth a trip across the continent to motor through the orange groves of the Southland.

### Hotel Van Nuys, Los Angeles.

This is the most comfortable Hotel in Los Angeles. Situated in the very heart of the city, it is convenient by car or auto to all the surrounding territory. Everything has been provided for the comfort, convenience and enjoyment of the guests. The fittings are very modern and luxurious and the service and cuisine are perfect. The Van Nuys has over 300 rooms, all fitted up in the most modern style. It is under the direct management of A. J. Pedersen and B. W. Thompson.

## Los Angeles to San Diego—125 Miles



Los Angeles Mission



Hotel Virginia



Mission San Juan



San Luis Rey



U. S. Grant Hotel



Hotel Coronado



Mission San Diego

### Los Angeles Mission.

Situated in the center of old Los Angeles at what is known as the Plaza. From an historical standpoint this Mission is very interesting, but from an architectural standpoint is very mediocre. It is now used regularly as a place of worship and is open throughout the day to visitors. Many interesting relics are to be found here and it is well worthy a visit, if only to complete the tour and form a comparison between this and the other architecturally-beautiful Missions.

### Hotel Virginia, Long Beach.

This is our choice of the seaside Hotel in the Los Angeles section. It is situated right on the strand in the center of the thriving city of Long Beach. It makes a very beautiful setting. It is surrounded by well-kept gardens and grounds, the scene of many of the National and International Tennis Tournaments. The fittings of the Hotel are very luxuriant and the accommodations, cuisine and service are the finest to be had. Long Beach is the popular seaside resort in this district.

### 553.5. Mission Capistrano.

From Los Angeles, through (530.5) Santa Ana, to Mission San Juan Capistrano, founded in 1776, and which claims the distinction of having the most beautiful ruins. The records show that the tower of the church fell in the earthquake of 1812, burying the worshippers beneath it. This Mission has some fine relics and very old oil paintings. Father O'Sullivan, in charge, has in his possession a marriage register used by Father Serra in 1776, in the Father's own handwriting.

### 584.5. Mission San Luis Rey.

Leaving San Juan Capistrano over a splendid highway the next stop is San Luis Rey de Francia at Oceanside. Thirteen Franciscan Friars make this their Monastery. Founded in 1798. It is still in a fair state of preservation. This Mission has a beautifully peaceful setting. The architecture is a grand example of the Old Mission style. The first pepper tree in California was planted here, and the pulpit originally used by Father Serra is still shown. Father Alban is in charge.

### 630.5. U. S. Grant Hotel, San Diego.

Leaving Oceanside the highway skirts the ocean for many miles, passing through (605.5) Del Mar, and (616.5) La Jolla with its wonderful caves into (630.5) San Diego. The U. S. Grant Hotel is a beautiful fireproof structure of 500 rooms at Fourth and Broadway. It fronts on a park, and is a masterpiece of modern hotel architecture. The comfort and enjoyment of the guest has been provided for in every conceivable manner. Management of James H. Holmes.

### 635.5. Hotel Coronado and Beach.

This is across the bay from San Diego and is the fashionable watering place of this part of the country. It is a glorious, all-the-year-round resort. In summer clothing you can sprawl upon the grass in January. Oddly enough you are promised the same delightful sunshine and breezes in July. The furnishings, accommodations, cuisine, and service are all that can be desired. Brilliant and diversified is the every-day life here. Management of John J. Hernan.

### Mission San Diego.

The Mission of San Diego de Alcala is situated in the outskirts of the city. It was founded in July, 1769, and is significant as the first Mission founded in California. It was started at the mouth of the San Diego river, but was later moved to its present site near the timbered mountains. This Mission was the base for the founding of all the other Missions. Here the first Indian was baptized. It is in a good state of preservation considering that it is the oldest Mission.

## San Diego to Riverside—110 Miles



Ramona's Marriage Place



Tia Juana, Mexico



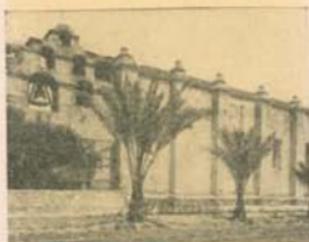
The Pala Mission



Cross on Mt. Rubidoux



The Mission Inn



Mission San Gabriel



Hotel Raymond

### Ramona's Marriage Place.

A short distance along the coast, at the edge of Old Town, San Diego, is Ramona's Marriage Place, an interesting spot well worth visiting. Helen Hunt Jackson, the author of Ramona, has endeared her heroine to the hearts of thousands of readers and the associations to be found in Ramona's Marriage Place bring one in closer touch and sympathy with her favorite character. An hour spent in this charming little spot is conducive of much enjoyment and rare education.

### Tia Juana, Mexico.

Most of the tourists to the southland "take in" the trip to Tia Juana, especially those who are fond of gambling. Tia Juana fair is always in full swing operating every conceivable game of chance. Besides this the Southern California Jockey Club have completed a large grandstand and race track where running and trotting races are pulled off. The village itself is typical of an old Mexican settlement, the place to eke out a sleepy, lazy existence. The roads are very fair.

### 688.5. Pala Mission.

Leaving San Diego, we have a long ride over a near approach to the virgin desert to (665.5) Escondido. There is a very good State road at Escondido to (678.5) Bonsell and (688.5) Pala. This Mission was once a branch of San Luis Rey, but all that remains is a small church and a very beautiful campanile. Situated at the base of the Palamar mountains on San Luis Rey river. Pala is Indian for water. Father George Doyle in charge. Founded 1818. Indians make baskets and lace.

### 712.5. Lake Elsinore.

From Pala Mission north there is a very fair road over the Pala grade to Temecula, thence through Murietta to (712.5) Elsinore where a lunch can be had at the Elsinore Hotel. Boating and bathing, hunting and fishing, can here be enjoyed. Thence north through Perris to (740.5) Riverside and the Glenwood Mission Inn. Riverside is the hub of a thriving country. Orange blossoms and snow-capped mountains here blend in a very enchanting picture.

### 740.5. Mission Inn, Riverside.

Unique among the famous resorts of the world is the Mission Inn at Riverside. It combines the exacting essentials of a thoroughly modern hostelry with the peace of the old Mission in the days of the Padres. The master of the Inn, Frank Miller, is a world traveler and has gathered a choice collection of antiques and an art gallery of rare treasures. A feature of the Inn is the great pipe organ. The Scenic Drive from the inn to the top of Mt. Rubidoux is well worth taking.

### 787.5. Mission San Gabriel.

Leaving Riverside, we pass through the flourishing lemon and orange groves of the southland to (757.5) Ontario, (763.5) Pomona, (767.5) Lordsburg, (775.5) Glendora and over well kept roads to (787.5) San Gabriel Archangel Mission. This Mission was founded in 1771. Being in a very fertile valley this was always the most prosperous of the Missions. It had a large following of converts and was noted for its fertile fields and splendid wines. It is very beautiful in architecture.

### 801.5. Hotel Raymond, Pasadena.

Leaving the San Gabriel Mission by way of Alhambra Avenue, we soon arrive at (801.5) Pasadena and the Hotel Raymond. This Hotel has a picturesque and commanding position overlooking Pasadena. Open only from December to April. The air is bracing, the view is grand, and the accommodations, cuisine and service are all that can be desired. Every convenience is at hand and there are good roads to connect every point of interest. Management Walter Raymond.

## Los Angeles to Fresno—259.5 Miles



Mission San Fernando

### 817.5. Mission San Fernando.

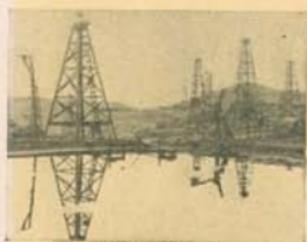
Leaving Los Angeles by way of Pasadena and Burbank we reach (817.5) San Fernando. The Mission now standing was dedicated in 1797 and successfully withstood the earthquake of 1812. Additions have been made throughout the years. Although not as elaborate as some of the other Missions, the architecture has a consistent simplicity that pleases. This is the last of the Missions on our tour and from now on the road is the world-famous and grandly scenic Camino El Sierra.



On the Ridge Road

### 868.5. Bailey's Ranch.

An easy run from San Fernando to (828.5) Saugus. In ten miles we encounter one of the greatest feats in road building in the world. It is called the Ridge Road, and runs for twenty-nine miles to Bailey's Ranch. It climbs from 1,000 ft. elevation at Saugus to 5,300 ft. at the summit, yet no grade is over six per cent. The descent is made before reaching Bailey's Ranch where a first class lunch can be obtained at a reasonable price. The surface of the Ridge Road is perfect.



A Lake of Oil

### 918.5. Bakersfield.

After Bailey's Ranch we climb the Tejon Pass to (888.5) Rose Station, thence 30 miles of State highway to (918.5) Bakersfield. California produces annually about 90,000,000 barrels of oil; one-fourth of the entire world's output of oil. The Bakersfield section is California's biggest producer. Here can be seen thousands of derricks busily pumping the black fluid into enormous mirror-like lakes. Besides oil there is a prosperous surrounding grain and cattle country.



Oranges Aplenty

### 977.5. Porterville.

Leaving Bakersfield we go direct north to (949.5) Delano, thence west to (958.5) Richgrove, and again north to (977.5) Porterville, where we commence to pass through groves and groves of oranges and lemons, interspersed with beautiful homes and thriving business sections. This is the foothill citrus belt. North through (989.0) Lindsay, (997.0) Exeter, (1008.0) Visalia, (1027.5) Kingsburg, and (1032.0) Selma, to (1051.0) Fresno, the center of the great raisin industry.



The Hotel Fresno

### 1051.0. Hotel Fresno.

This Hotel, in the center of a city of 60,000 persons, would do justice to a community twice that size. Splendidly appointed, conveniently located, it is the center of the city's life and bustle. It is headquarters for motorists, who continually drop in there from all sections, making the Hotel almost a fraternity for those who travel by automobile. Service and food are excellent, and the genial manager, Mr. H. W. Lake, endeavors to make every guest feel comfortable.



Miami Lodge

### 1128.0. Miami Lodge.

On leaving Fresno we follow the highway north to (1073.0) Madera. Thence up some easy grades to (1096.0) Raymond, and thence over delightful road to (1128.0) Miami Lodge, where a bountiful lunch is provided. Miami Lodge is 4200 ft. altitude, always deliciously cool. A beautiful spot, with a dense forest in the background and overlooking the peaceful valley of the Miami creek. A garage and complete machine shop are located here. It is one of the most picturesque resorts.



Wawona Hotel

### 1140.0. Hotel Wawona.

After lunch we have a considerable amount of climbing, although the grades are easy, till we reach (1133.0) Ahwahaneec. Here the scenery commences to get grander and the appetite keener, until we arrive at (1140.0) Wawona. The Wawona Hotel is well appointed and caters very successfully. From Los Angeles and the south is the automobile highway to the park and special attention is paid to automobile parties and everything done for their convenience and comfort.

## Fresno to Tahoe Tavern—260 Miles



Mariposa Big Trees



Desmond's Camp



Camp Curry



Mirror Lake



View of Mono Lake



Woodford's



The Tahoe Tavern

### Mariposa Big Trees.

The Mariposa Grove of Big Trees is nine miles from Wawona and can be visited in the regular stage or by private car. Between the heavy pines and silver fir belts, we find the Big Trees, the kings of all the conifers—the oldest things alive today. Found only on the western slope of the Sierras at an altitude of 3,500 to 8,000 ft., they attain a height of 400 ft. and circumference of over 100 feet, with bark 40 inches thick and estimated ages of 4,000 to 5,000 years.

### 1164.0. Desmond's Camp.

From Wawona there is a scenic ride to the center and floor of the valley. Here Joseph Desmond has established a Bungalow Village and Camp. Through his enterprise new camps have been established at convenient intervals throughout the valley, bringing the comforts and conveniences of home to the traveler at the end of every day's journey, one of these de luxe camps seems to be the logical solution if one wishes to explore the wonders of Yosemite Valley.

### Camp Curry.

Camp Curry is one mile up the valley from the Sentinel Hotel on the electric light line. Glacier Point towers above the camp 3,250 feet. Everything is provided for the comfort and amusement of the guests. Mr. and Mrs. Curry personally superintend all arrangements, and their 23 years' experience is a guarantee to all guests of the treatment they will receive. Year after year the Currys are looked for and are considered just as much part of the valley as is El Capitan.

### 1214.0. Tenaya Lake Lodge.

Leaving Crocker's we proceed west about 40 miles past Tenaya Lake and climb the new Tioga Pass, reaching an altitude of about 8,000 ft. This is maintained to within nine miles of Mono Lake, when we drop down to the Lake level. This road has only recently been opened up and the world is yet in ignorance as to the wonders and diversified scenery to be found along its route. Tenaya Lake Lodge Camp or Soda Springs Camp are good night stopovers.

### 1243.0. Mono Lake.

In arranging this itinerary it is rather hard to make a definite schedule of stopping places through this part of the country. So much depends upon the endurance of the driver, the make of the car and the freedom from accidents, that we thought it best to plan short distances. We suggest Tenaya Lodge as a most enjoyable place to stop at, should the traveler wish to take the journey in easy stages and enjoy the scenery. From here is an easy grade 30 miles to Mono Lake.

### 1280.0. Woodford's, Tahoe Road.

Leaving Tenaya Lodge in the morning, the journey is over the backbone of the high Sierras, 29 miles to Mono Lake and thence 37 miles to Woodford's. The snow-capped peaks are always in sight, shading down to the living green of the valleys. Woodford's is not over twenty miles from the edge of Lake Tahoe, and when but a short distance on the road this wonderfully clear, blue sheet of water, bursts upon the vision, reminding one of the Swiss or Italian Lake districts.

### 1327.0. Tahoe Tavern, Lake Tahoe.

Forty-seven miles from Woodford's along the edge of the lake we reach Tahoe Tavern. It is ideally situated among the pines on the shore of the Lake. The Hotel accommodates 400 guests and every convenience of a first-class hostelry is found here. Twenty other resorts, located on the shores or about Lake Tahoe, are easy of access from Tahoe Tavern. A day, a week, or even a month, can be most enjoyably spent here. There is much to see and enjoy in this locality. Management C. T. Bliss.

## Tahoe Tavern to Oakland—245 Miles



Donner Lake

### 1415.0. Auburn.

Leaving Tahoe Tavern in the morning go north 15 miles to (1342.0) Truckee, the junction with the transcontinental line of the Southern Pacific Railroad, a mining district made famous by the pens of Bret Harte and Mark Twain. This road and the next seventy miles to (1415.0) Auburn are full of historical landmarks and associations. Emigrant Gap and the famous Donner Lake, the scene of the terrible sufferings of the ill-fated Donner party, are passed. Lunch at Auburn.



Hotel Land

### 1450.5. Hotel Land, Sacramento.

The evening brings us to Sacramento, the Capital of the State, and the metropolis of one of the richest sections of California. The delta of the Sacramento river in its productiveness has been likened to the delta of the Nile, it is even richer. Conveniently situated in the center of this city which boasts of nearly 100,000 population, the Hotel Land is not architecturally magnificent, but is luxuriantly appointed and most thoroughly up-to-date in every respect.



The Stockton

### 1497.5. The Stockton, Stockton.

There is more than one inducement to stop over in Stockton. This city is the northern gateway to the Yosemite Valley. The comfort and beauty of The Stockton lures the traveler. This is one of the most beautiful hotels on the tour, right in the business section of the city, yet having a charming atmosphere. It will well pay the tourist to make this Hotel his headquarters while taking in the sights of this thriving district which is noted for its farming and manufacturing products.



Byron Hot Springs

### 1531.0. Byron Hot Springs.

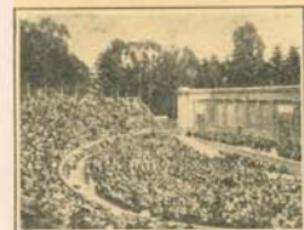
Leaving Stockton follow the road south to the junction near (1509.5) Lathrop. Here make a sharp turn to the right and follow through (1516.0) Tracy, and thence on to 1531.0 Byron Hot Springs. From here there is a splendid view of Mount Diablo. The Hotel sets in beautiful grounds and is surrounded by sheltering hills. The springs, of which there are several, have great curative properties. This is a good place at which to spend a week. Management of Mr. H. R. Warner.



The Canyon Inn

### 1569.0. The Canyon Inn.

Should it be desirable to push on to Oakland for the night stopover, instead of Byron, the left road, a little north of Tracy, should be taken. Thence through Livermore to Dublin and Dublin Boulevard, through Hayward, to Oakland and Hotel Oakland. Two miles before Hayward, nestling among the hills in a wooded canyon, is Canyon Inn, a high-class resort for motorists and their families. Here Mr. Peterson furnishes a meal or a banquet that cannot be beaten.



Greek Theatre, Berkeley

### 1586.0. The Bay Cities.

Many delightful motor trips can be made from either the Hotel St. Francis or the Hotel Oakland. On the San Francisco side there is the run down the Bay to La Honda and Pescadero on the coast, the Stanford University grounds at Palo Alto, or matchless Golden Gate Park. From Hotel Oakland there is the Skyline Boulevard, the Highland Drive, the Mt. Diablo Boulevard, the U. C. grounds, and a score of others. There is a thirty minute auto Ferry between these cities.



Sonoma Mission

### Mission Solano, Sonoma.

If the tourist wishes to complete the rounds of the Old Missions, a very enjoyable little trip can be made taking the Hotel Oakland as a base. Go by way of San Pablo, Pinole, and Martinez auto Ferry to Benicia. Thence through Vallejo and Napa to Sonoma. The Mission here is worth a visit. Return via San Rafael Mission, which is now a heap of ruins, and recross in the auto ferry to Richmond. Thence by way of the U. C. Grounds, Berkeley, to Hotel Oakland.



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