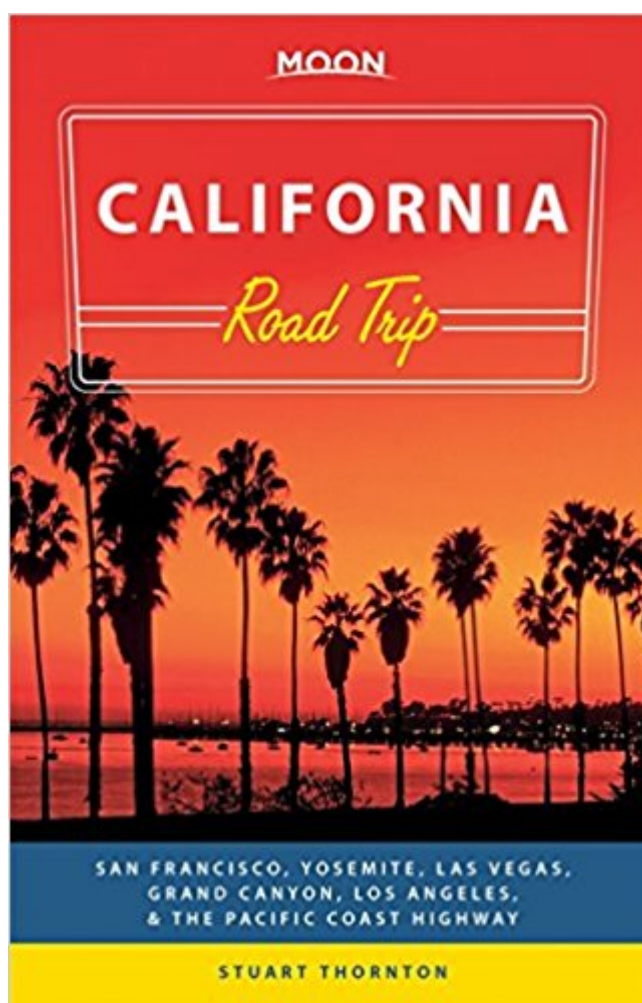


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# Moon California Road Trip: San Francisco, Yosemite, Las Vegas, Grand Canyon, Los Angeles & The Pacific Coast (Moon Handbooks)



## Synopsis

See the top destinations in the American West with this book as your guide. Our detailed driving routes give you all you need, including mileage from place to place, driving times, and advice on the best places to stop along the way to eat, sleep, and explore. Choose the road trip that's best for you: The 14-Day Best of the West San Francisco, Yosemite, and Los Angeles in Six Days Los Angeles, Las Vegas, and the Grand Canyon in Four Days Two Days in San Francisco Two Days in Los Angeles Two Days in Las Vegas A vibrant full-color interior includes 50 easy-to-use maps to keep you oriented on and off the highway.

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## Customer Reviews

Stuart Thornton fell in love with the California coast while working at the Big Sur Ranger Station after college. There, he advised visitors on every topic, from campsites to restaurants. On his days off, he took his own advice and regularly sought out the best spots for hiking, backpacking, surfing, and snorkeling along that striking coastal region. Stuart later moved to nearby Monterey to become a staff writer for the Monterey County Weekly, where he is still a contributor. He is the proud author of Moon Coastal California, Moon Santa Barbara & The Central Coast, and the forthcoming Moon Monterey & Carmel. In addition, Stuart has contributed to National Geographic Education, Relix magazine, and Ed Grant's Piers of the California Coast, a coffee table book highlighting the Golden State's piers and wharves. While researching and writing this book, Stuart hiked through lesser-known sections of Yosemite National Park, discovered the stunning Eastern Sierra

community of June Lake, stared deep into the Grand Canyon, and enjoyed the diverse offerings of San Francisco, Las Vegas, and Los Angeles. He spends his time off searching for the next secluded beach, uncrowded wave, or mountaintop vista. Learn more about his adventures and projects by visiting [stuartthornton.com](http://stuartthornton.com).

From Moon California Road Trip Los Angeles can be the starting line for a road trip up the California Coast or the launching point to explore two tried-and-true U.S. adventure destinations, Las Vegas and the Grand Canyon. Take in the L.A. sights, but don't linger long. Adventure calls! A sparkling Technicolor oasis in the arid Mojave Desert, Las Vegas continues to be a beacon to travelers from every walk of life. Despite the saying that "What happens in Vegas, stays in Vegas," if you take in any of these Sin City spectacles, you'll have an abundance of memories to carry with you.

**Caesars Palace:** Caesars Palace carries on the Roman Empire's regality (and decadence) with over-the-top excess.

**Fremont Street Experience:** Part music video, part history lesson, the six-minute shows are a four-block-long, 12-million-diode, 550,000-watt burst of sensory overload.

**Gondola Rides:** Just like the real Grand Canal, only cleaner, The Venetian's waterway meanders along the Strip, with gondoliers providing the soundtrack.

**Secret Garden and Dolphin Habitat:** At the Mirage's twin habitats, the tigers, lions, and leopards can be seen playing impromptu games and the bottlenose dolphins never resist the spotlight.

**Mob Museum:** Explore what some old-timers still refer to as "the good old days" when wise guys ran the town, meting out their own brand of justice.

**High Roller:** The world's largest observation wheel overwhelms the senses with driving music, videos, and unmatched views of the Strip.

**Las Vegas Springs Preserve:** The city's birthplace, these natural springs now display the area's geological, anthropological, and cultural history along with what may be its future: water-conserving and green initiatives.

**Atomic Testing Museum:** Visit a fallout shelter and measure your body's radioactivity at this museum that traces the military, political, and cultural significance of the bomb.

**Jubilee!** This show at Bally's pays tribute to one of Las Vegas's most enduring icons; the showgirl; in all her statuesque, sequined grandeur.

**LOVE:** Cirque du Soleil's magical mystery tour features artistry, acrobatics, and Beatles music in a surreal examination of the Fab Four's legacy.

After your sojourn in Las Vegas, shake off the dust of modern convenience and reconnect with nature at one of the most ancient geological landmarks, the Grand Canyon.

**Hermit Road:** Make your way west along the forested rim to the enchanting stone cottage called Hermit's Rest, stopping at different viewpoints to see the setting sun turn the canyon

walls into fleeting works of art. Desert View Watchtower: See one of architect Mary Colter's finest accomplishments; a rock tower standing tall on the edge of the canyon, its design based on mysterious Anasazi structures. Rim Trail: Park your car, grab a bottle of water, and walk along the rim on this easy, accessible trail past historical buildings, famous lodges, and several of the most breathtaking views in the world. Bright Angel Trail: Don't just stand on the rim and stare; hike down the most popular trail on the South Rim, its construction based on old Native American routes. Or choose one of several additional trails to see the arid grandeur of the inner canyon. Grand Canyon Lodge: Even if you're not staying the night at the North Rim, make sure to step inside this rustic old lodge balancing on the edge of the gorge, where you can sink into a chair and gaze out the picture windows at the multicolored canyon.

Apparently California roads end at San Francisco. Bought this book because I really liked the Oregon Coast Moon book. We are planning a road trip to Northern California and Southern Oregon. This book provided no information for Northern California.

My wife and I were moving from San Diego to Seattle and decided to make a road trip out of it. From the planning stage through the end of the trip this book was extremely helpful at giving us concrete ideas of where to go as well as helping us plan a trip that fit in our timeline. With the help of this book we visited LA, Big Sur, San Francisco and Yosemite in only 7 days. For each city and region, there were 1-3 day itineraries which we could easily customize and add to our plan. The only thing I wish it had was more info on the region north of San Francisco like point Reyes or the northern redwood forests. Great guide if you want to plan a road trip quickly and have limited time for the road trip but want to pack in as much as possible. As for our trip, it was one of the best experiences of my life. The book helped us plan the whole trip in advance could spend our time sightseeing and enjoying ourselves instead of worrying about what to do next. Especially great advice on checking out Big Sur which was one of my favourite parts of the trip.

Great book. Just what I wanted. Beautiful trip.

Another brilliant guide by the author Stuart Thornton. I have his other Moon Guides and they have also made for great road trips, both down the coast and to inland gems!

I normally love moon guides but I found this book light on most details

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