



MORNING TO EVENING ITINERARIES WITH A FOCUS ON DOING, EATING & DRINKING, WHICH LEADS TO SEEING.

planner or spontaneous traveler, you can find peace in having recommendations available to you in an organized fashion. By organized, I'm referring to how I order events by location, in a manner that is travel efficient, with realistic expectations for how long activities, sightseeing and meals last. I pride myself on the extensive thought that goes into each itinerary to help make trips more effective and enjoyable!

As you may have gathered, I have a desire to plan anything and everything. Whether it is in my home city of Chicago or an International trip, you better bet I am researching, experiencing and recording. Although I am not a travel agent, for years, my itineraries have been distributed to friends and families to enhance their trips. Why not share something I love with other eager travelers?

My itineraries are made with a focus on doing, eating & drinking, which leads to seeing! Make plans easier — the editable excel templates allow you to add in your own personality, interests and adventures. Or simply download the PDF for a ready to go version. Enjoy! I am eager to hear from you!

XO Jamie | Coffee to Cork

The (adult) Family Trip - Sonoma & Yosemite

Date	Location	Time	Activity	Location	Price	Notes
Saturday, July 22, 2017	Chicago to San Francisco	10:00AM	Arrive in San Francisco	San Francisco International Airport (SFO), San Francisco, CA	\$\$\$	Rent a car
		12:30PM	Arrive in Sonoma	Sonoma, CA		Leave time for 1.5 hour drive
	Sonoma	1:00PM	Check into lodging of choice	Near Sonoma Plaza, 453 1st St E, Sonoma, CA 95476	\$\$\$	Book Hotel, Airbnb or VRBO rental within walking distance from Sonoma Plaza
		2:00PM	Lunch & explore	Sonoma Plaza, 453 1st St E, Sonoma, CA 95476	\$	We ate lunch on the way from the airport, but if you walk around the plaza, you'll see plenty of restaurant options or small winery shops in town.
		4:00PM	Grocery shopping	Whole Foods Market, West Napa Street, Sonoma, CA	\$\$	Recommend grocery shopping for breakfast, snack foods and dinner one night to avoid unnecessary expenses. Or, if you are short on time, plan for a grocery delivery.
7:00PM	Dinner at The Girl & The Fig	The Girl & The Fig, 110 W Spain St, Sonoma, CA 95476	\$\$\$	Creative French dishes with fine wines available at this rustic bistro, including an outdoor patio. My favorites: cheese & meat plate, fig & arugula salad, brussel sprouts, and beef burger with brie! I also had a bite of the salmon which was delicious. Make reservations two to three months ahead of time.		
Sunday, July 23, 2017	Sonoma	11:00AM	Platypus Wine Tour	Platypus Wine Tours 851 Limerick Ln, Healdsburg, CA 95448	\$\$\$	We selected the Private Wine Tours with bus transportation for an intimate party of 9. We requested to visit boutique wineries, and preference of the types of wine we wanted to taste, but also received recommendations from our guide. There were snacks on the bus and lunch planned at one of the stops. This was an all-enjoying way to explore wine country! https://www.platypustours.com/
			Viszlai Vineyards	3491 W Dry Creek Rd, Healdsburg, CA 95448	\$\$	Wine tasting in intimate backyard setting overlooking winery.
			Pasterick Wine Cave Winery	1401 Westside Rd, Healdsburg, CA 95448	\$\$	Wine tasting in a cave. Got a little chilly in there, so bring a light jacket.
			Mill Creek Vineyards & Winery		\$\$	Wine tasting outdoors overlooking pond and windmill. Equipped with outdoor games.
7:00PM	Stay in and make dinner tonight!	Near Sonoma Plaza, 453 1st St E, Sonoma, CA 95476	\$	Because it was a long day, we planned to just cook at the home rental and enjoy some of that wine we bought. Italian is always a good choice - quick & filling!		
Monday, July 24, 2017	Sonoma/Calistoga	10:30AM	Winery visits in the Napa area	Calistoga, California		Drive out about 45 minutes to experience new types of wineries. Select your designated driver(s) for the day. Or book a driver. No drinking and driving!
		11:30AM	Picnic lunch and wine tasting at V. Sattui	V. Sattui, White Lane, St. Helena, CA	\$\$	An enjoyable picnic-style winery equipped with cheese boards, sandwiches and wine. Shop for your picnic items at the grocer inside the tasting room, and buy bottles of wine. Go find a spot at a picnic table or bring your own blanket. Spend a few hours just relaxing, eating, drinking and enjoying the beautiful day and
		1:00 PM	Wine tasting at Twomey Cellars	TWOMEY Calistoga, Dunawee Lane, Calistoga, CA	\$\$	Wine tasting in beautiful, modern farmhouse.
		1:45PM	Wine tasting at Vincent Arroyo Winery	Vincent Arroyo Winery, 2361 Greenwood Ave, Calistoga, CA 94515	\$\$	<i>I didn't end up going to this winery since my sisters had already been, but wanted to include it as a recommendation. It was their FAVORITE winery and pretty affordable. It is by appointment only. And it is close to Twomey Cellars.</i>
		4:00PM	Free night!	Sweet Scoops Homemade Ice Cream, Maya, Sebastiani Vineyards & Winery	-\$-\$	Go for a walk on the beautiful Sonoma Overlook trail. On a clear day, you can see San Francisco. You can even walk through the town's cemetery. OR take a nap, get ice cream or margaritas or go to another winery in downtown Sonoma. After we split ways, we regrouped back at the house to play cards.
Tuesday, July 25, 2017	Sonoma	10:00AM	Bike Tour or Ride	Sonoma Valley Bike Tours, 1254 Broadway, Sonoma, CA 95476	\$\$	Check out the full day tour, half day tour or rental options. Bike to wineries or just get in some exercise. We opted for our own route and it ended up being pretty tough up a hill (aka a mountain in my eyes). https://sonomavalleybiketours.com/
		12:00PM	Lunch at Taco Shop	Las Diabillitas Tacos, 18976 Sonoma Hwy, Sonoma, CA 95476	\$	Awesome little taco joint with a back patio. You deserve a margarita after that bike ride! A nice mix up from wine. http://www.lasdiabillitastacos.com/
		1:30PM	Return Bikes	Sonoma Valley Bike Tours, 1254 Broadway, Sonoma, CA 95476		Account for a 15 minute leisurely bike ride back from Las Diabillitas Tacos
		2:00PM	Showers, relax, free time	Near Sonoma Plaza, 453 1st St E, Sonoma, CA 95476		
		5:00PM	Dinner at Sonoma's Tuesday Night Market	Sonoma Plaza, 453 1st St E, Sonoma, CA 95476	\$\$	The Sonoma Market takes place every Tuesday evening from 5:30 p.m. to 8:15 p.m. (May thru August) and 5:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. (September) in the historic Sonoma Plaza. Food truck options onsite! Bring a blanket to picnic in the plaza. https://www.sonomacity.org/sonomas-market/
7:00PM	Night cap! at local bar	Town Square Inc., 482 1st St E, Sonoma, CA 95476	\$	Craving a beer yet?? Stop into this townie dive before saying goodbye to Sonoma!		
Wednesday, July 26, 2017	Yosemite	10:00AM	Drive to Yosemite	Sonoma to Yosemite		Approximately 5.5 hours with limited breaks. If you get motion sickness, make sure you have your prescription! I had my head out the window a few times.
		11:30AM	Lunch	Inn & Out Burger	\$	You can find Inn & Outs' along the way, but don't wait too long! They will disappear as you get into the mountains.
		3:30PM	Check into lodging	Evergreen Lodge at Yosemite, 33160 Evergreen Rd, Groveland, CA 95321	\$\$\$\$	Evergreenlodge.com: Built in the 1920s, this updated mountain resort set on 22 acres of wooded land bordering Yosemite National Park is 7 miles from State Route 120. Accommodations range from vintage cabins with timber porches, minifridges and coffeemakers, to 2-bedroom, house-like cabins with private decks and pull-out sofas. A 3-bedroom house offers a full kitchen, a loft and a hot tub.

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		4:30PM	Explore the grounds	Evergreen Lodge at Yosemite, 33160 Evergreen Rd, Groveland, CA 95321		Amenities include a restaurant and a rustic tavern, as well as a seasonal poolside bar and a washer/dryer. There's also a central plaza featuring a recreation center with free Wi-Fi, kids' play zones and game rooms, plus an outdoor stone fireplace and a 25-person theater.
		6:00PM	Dinner at onsite restaurant	Evergreen Lodge at Yosemite, 33160 Evergreen Rd, Groveland, CA 95321	\$\$	Stop in and put your name on the reservation list!
		8:00PM	Bonfire, game room, hot tub, star gazing	Evergreen Lodge at Yosemite, 33160 Evergreen Rd, Groveland, CA 95321		
Thursday, July 27, 2017	Yosemite	8:30AM	Breakfast and packing for today's hikes	Evergreen Lodge at Yosemite, 33160 Evergreen Rd, Groveland, CA 95321	\$\$	Get breakfast at onsite restaurant & pack lunches with items from onsite convenience store
		9:15AM	Drive to hike location and car park	Mist Trail Trailhead	\$	It takes a little over an hour to drive to the carpark. Ensure you have cash for Yosemite entry points. Do not bring valuables to avoid car theft. https://www.yosemitehikes.com/yosemite-valley/mist-trail/mist-trail.htm
		10:30AM	7 Mile Hike	Mist Trail (Vernal Falls & Nevada Falls)		Challenging hike - 7 miles out and back. Wear comfortable hiking boots, bring plenty of water, lunch and snacks. The first part is rather easy but steep. The second part, when the stone steps start, is quite exhausting. On the way you will see Vernal Falls, but definitely go further to the Nevada Fall, as the views here are even more beautiful, and less crowded. The hard work is worth it! You will see the most stunning views, walk under water falls, sit in streams, see wildlife and witness rainbows.
		4:00PM	Drive back to Lodge to shower and relax	Evergreen Lodge at Yosemite, 33160 Evergreen Rd, Groveland, CA 95321		
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Friday, July 28, 2017	Yosemite	9:30AM	Get breakfast at onsite restaurant	Evergreen Lodge at Yosemite, 33160 Evergreen Rd, Groveland, CA 95321	\$	
		11:00AM	Pool Day	Evergreen Lodge at Yosemite, 33160 Evergreen Rd, Groveland, CA 95321	\$\$	The bar at the pool was frequented by our group! You can also order lunch by the pool.
		6:00PM	Dinner at onsite restaurant or tavern	Evergreen Lodge at Yosemite, 33160 Evergreen Rd, Groveland, CA 95321	\$\$	Stop in and put your name on the reservation list!
		8:00PM	Bonfire, game room, hot tub, star gazing	Evergreen Lodge at Yosemite, 33160 Evergreen Rd, Groveland, CA 95321		
Saturday, July 29, 2017	Yosemite	9:30AM	Breakfast and packing for today's hikes	Evergreen Lodge at Yosemite, 33160 Evergreen Rd, Groveland, CA 95321	\$\$	Get breakfast at onsite restaurant & pack lunches with items from onsite convenience store
		10:30AM	Drive to hike location and car park	Taft Point	\$	It takes a little over an hour to drive to the carpark. Ensure you have cash for Yosemite entry points. Do not bring valuables to avoid car theft. https://www.yosemitehikes.com/yosemite-valley/mist-trail/mist-trail.htm
		11:30AM	2.2 Mile Hike	Taft Point		Easy 2.2 mile hike but cool views! PLEASE do not get close to the edge. It is a terrifying drop.
		1:30PM	Packed lunch on the beach	Half Dome		There are beaches along the river with amazing views of the Half Dome. Find an area and enjoy a little beach lunch or sun session.
		3:00PM	Head back to the lodge to shower and relax	Evergreen Lodge at Yosemite, 33160 Evergreen Rd, Groveland, CA 95321		
6:00PM	Dinner at onsite restaurant or tavern	Evergreen Lodge at Yosemite, 33160 Evergreen Rd, Groveland, CA 95321	\$\$	Stop in and put your name on the reservation list!		
8:00PM	Bonfire, game room, hot tub, star gazing	Evergreen Lodge at Yosemite, 33160 Evergreen Rd, Groveland, CA 95321				
Sunday, July 30, 2017	California to Chicago	10:00AM	Drive to airport	Sacramento International Airport or San Francisco International Airport		3.5 hour drive with limited breaks; make sure you leave enough time in case of delays! Probably a good idea not to be hungover for this drive.
		1:30PM	Arrive at airport & drop off rental car	Sacramento International Airport or San Francisco International Airport		
		3:30PM	Flight to home airport	Sacramento International Airport or San Francisco International Airport	\$\$\$	What a trip!! One for the books. Get home safe.