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Tour of California

→ *The perfect cure for those cold winter blues... Following Lance in the warm California sun.*

Tour Details

6 days: February 18th - 23rd;

Cost: \$1998.

Los Angeles airport pickup & drop off

Terrain: Rolling to hilly with challenging climbing options

Mileage: 30-65 mi. per day options

Ability Levels: Intermediate to Advanced

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Join Breaking Away this February for an exclusive cycling vacation that follows the excitement and drama of the 2009 Tour of California! This is your only chance in the USA to witness Lance Armstrong's historic final comeback against the world's best riders in America's premier stage race. Trip highlights include cycling the prestigious wine regions of Paso Robles and the Santa Ynez Valley, riding along the Pacific Coast on the Palos Verdes Peninsula and challenging San Diego's epic climb to Mount Palomar! Overnights include the Danish village of Solvang and lively Redondo Beach. In addition to fantastic personal daily cycling you'll also experience up-close race viewing of the final four stages of this colorful international event. So be our guest and enjoy a winter cycling vacation in sunny southern California...the perfect combination of amazing cycling, sightseeing, relaxation and racing excitement!

Tour of California Daily Itinerary

February 18th: Welcome to Los Angeles! LAX airport pickup and check-in to our deluxe hotel in nearby seaside Redondo Beach. Relax with a warmup ride along the ocean before our evening "Welcome Reception & Dinner Party". (You can also arrive a day or two early and ride the challenging Santa Monica Mountains with lunch in Malibu or sightsee Santa Monica, Beverly Hills or Hollywood)

February 19th: After a buffet breakfast, we'll van transfer north to the picturesque Central Valley where you'll ride the final section of today's official race route into quaint Paso Robles. Cheer on your favorite pro team - Astana, Garmin, Columbia, Saxo Bank and others- as they ride into town for an exciting sprint finish! Our hotel tonight is in the european-styled village of Solvang. Soak in a hot tub before exploring the shops and restaurants in town.

February 20th: Today we'll ride in the famous Santa Ynez Valley, riding past rolling hillsides of world-class vineyards and olive groves. If you get up early enough you can test yourself on today's actual Time Trial route! This afternoon you'll watch Lance and all the pros race by one-by-one in this crucial race of truth. Following the awards ceremony we'll head back south to Redondo Beach for a three night home base. Our group dinner will be enjoyed overlooking the sailboats and yachts of the Redondo Marina.

February 21st: After breakfast we'll ride a scenic loop through the rural Palos Verdes Peninsula. Our ride will go along the blue Pacific and you may even see some whales heading south near Lighthouse Point! We'll enjoy a BBQ picnic lunch before transferring to Pasadena for today's exciting stage finish! This will be a good chance to get your favorite rider's autograph before dinner in lively "Old Town Pasadena".

February 22nd: An early morning transfer finds us in North County San Diego for what might be the most dramatic day of racing ever in the USA...a final stage mountaintop finish to fearsome Mount Palomar! You'll be taking on this serpentine climb yourself only hours before the pros battle each other to the top. We'll toast the victor of the Yellow Jersey at one final dinner on our way back to Los Angeles.

February 23rd: Morning Los Angeles airport shuttles or stay an extra night or two and sightsee Beverly Hills, Hollywood or Disneyland!

