

DAY 1

At a glimpse: Big Sur must-do waterfront destinations

Travel Agenda: Drive to **Big Sur** (which is half the fun!) Make sure to stop at the pullout around **Bixby Bridge** and the **Point Sur Lighthouse** to get some photos. Check in to your accommodations and head to **Pfeiffer Beach**. Parking tends to fill up early but by mid-afternoon you should be able to get a spot. Walk the beach, explore Keyhole Rock and get a close up look at the magical purple sand. After getting cleaned up, plan to be at **Nepenthe** just before sunset. Get there early to get an outdoor or window table to get the full experience!

DAY 2

At a glimpse: Hiking and Sightseeing

Travel Agenda: Stop by **Big Sur Bakery** for breakfast (some of the best pastries I've ever had!) and get some provisions for a post hike, well-deserved picnic lunch. Drive 4 minutes north to the **Pfeiffer Big Sur State Park** entrance and hike the **Buzzard's Roost Trail**, which is a 4.8-mile loop through the redwoods with coastal views. In the afternoon, drive to **McWay Waterfall Trail** (check to make sure it's open!) or **Partington Cove Trail**. Later on, plan on dinner and drinks at the **Sur House**.

DAY 3

At a glimpse: Beach morning and afternoon drive to Santa Cruz

Travel Agenda: Breakfast at Big Sur Bakery (yes, it's that good). In the morning, stop at the **Andrew Molera State Park**. Be prepared for a mile-long walk that leads to a long sandy and driftwood-covered beach along the base of the Big Sur headlands. Take the CA-1 and drive an hour and a half to **Santa Cruz**. After checking in to your accommodation, walk and shop in the town of **Capitola**. Plan on dinner at **Shadowbrook** along Soquel Creek in Capitola.

DAY 4

At a glimpse: Santa Cruise Boardwalk

Travel Agenda: Wake up, grab coffee from **Chill Out Café**, then walk 15 minutes to the water and watch the surfers at **Pleasure Point**. Uber to the **Santa Cruz Beach Boardwalk**. Play a couple arcade games and then join the 66 million people who have experienced the **Giant Dipper** roller coaster that has run since 1924. Grab a taco or a corndog (when in Santa Cruz!) and head back to SF.