



Central California Tours
Monroe High School – June 18-20, 2018
Vaughn High School - June 19-21, 2018

Day One: Tuesday, June 19, 2018

6:00am – Depart TBD

10:00am – Arrive **CSU Fresno State University**

California State University, Fresno was founded as Fresno State Normal School in 1911, became a teacher's college in 1921, and has offered advanced degrees since 1949. The university's popular nickname is "Fresno State", and the mascot is the Bulldog.

Fresno State is one of the 23 campuses of the California State University, one of the largest systems of higher education in the world. The university enrolled more than 20,000 students, (40% of the student population is Hispanic) and approximately 4,900 students completed work for bachelor's, master's and doctoral degrees by Commencement 2013. Fresno State's 388-acre main campus and its 1,011-acre University Farm are located at the northeast edge of Fresno, California, at the foot of the majestic Sierra Nevada mountain range. The surrounding San Joaquin Valley is one of the richest agricultural areas in the world, and Fresno is the fifth largest city in California. The university is within an hour's drive of many mountain and lake resorts and within a three- or four-hour drive of both Los Angeles and San Francisco.

10:00-11:30am – Presentation and/or walking tour of campus

11:30-11:45am – Stop in the bookstore

11:45-12:45pm – **Lunch on campus**

12:45pm – Depart Fresno State University

2:00pm – Arrive **UC Merced**

UC Merced opened Sept. 5, 2005, as the newest campus in the University of California system and the first American research university of the 21st century. Situated near Yosemite National Park, the campus significantly expands access to the UC system for students throughout the state, with a special mission to increase college-going rates among students in the San Joaquin Valley. It also serves as a major base of advanced research, a model of sustainable design and construction, and a stimulus to economic growth and diversification throughout the region. With more than 8000 undergraduates, and graduate students, UC Merced offers 3 schools of education: School of Engineering, School of Natural Sciences, and the School of Social Sciences, Humanities and the Arts. UC Merced leads the UC system in the percentage of students from underrepresented ethnic groups, low-income families and families whose parents did not attend college.

2:00-3:30pm – Presentation and/or walking tour of campus

3:30 - Depart UC Merced

5:30pm – Arrive **Old Spaghetti Factory**

5:30-7:00pm – Dinner

7:00pm – Meet Step-On Guide

7:00-8:00pm – **Walking tour of Historic Sacramento**

To include: The State Capitol, Sacramento River, etc.

8:30ppm – Arrive hotel, Sacramento area

Meals: Lunch and Dinner

Day Two: Wednesday, June 20, 2018

Breakfast at the hotel

9:30am – Depart hotel

10:00am – Arrive ***UC Sacramento State University***

Sacramento State, affectionately called Sac State, is an outstanding and affordable comprehensive university just a few miles from California's Capitol. Classrooms, labs, offices, and other facilities are nestled in a 3,500-tree urban forest alongside the American River. The University offers 7 Academic colleges to over 29,000 students. The university offers 151 different Bachelor's degrees, 69 Master's degrees, 28 types of teaching credentials, and 2 Doctoral degrees. In addition, Sac State's diverse population makes a welcoming environment to its 31% First Generation students.

10:00-11:30am – Presentation and/or walking tour of campus

11:30-12:00pm – Stop in the bookstore

12:00-1:00pm – ***Lunch on campus***

1:00pm – Depart Sacramento State University

1:45pm – Arrive ***UC Davis***

With over 35000 students, ***UC Davis*** offers 102 academic majors and 90 graduate programs in four globally respected colleges: Agricultural and Environmental Sciences; Biological Sciences; Engineering; and Letters and Science. UC Davis is the only UC campus with professional schools in all of the following disciplines: business management, education, law, medicine, nursing and veterinary medicine. UCD ranks 1st for agriculture and forestry in the world (QS World University Rankings 2014). It is also tied for 1st among research universities (with UC Berkeley and Penn State) as the top producer of U.S. Fulbright Scholars, 2012-13. UCD ranks 7th among public universities and 27th among public and private universities (*The Best Colleges' Top 50 Colleges and Universities in America for 2013*) and 9th among public research universities nationwide and 38th among public and private research universities (*U.S. News & World Report's 2015 "America's Best Colleges"* and UC Davis news release)

2:00-3:30pm – Presentation and /or walking tour of campus

3:30-4:00pm – Stop in the bookstore

4:00pm – Depart UC Davis (***fast food dinner stop in route***)

10:30pm – Arrive hotel, San Luis Obispo

Meals: Breakfast, Lunch and Dinner

Day Three: Thursday, June 21, 2018

Breakfast at the hotel

9:30am – Depart hotel

10:00am – Arrive ***Cal Poly***

California Polytechnic State University, San Luis Obispo, also known as Cal Poly San Luis Obispo or Cal Poly, is a public university located in San Luis Obispo, California. Founded in 1901 as a vocational high school, it is currently one of only two polytechnic universities in the 23-member California State University system. Comprising six distinct colleges, the university offers 64 bachelor's degrees, 32 master's degrees, and 7 teaching credentials. Cal Poly is known for its "learn by doing" educational philosophy that encourages students to solve real-world problems by combining classroom theory with experiential laboratory exercise. The most popular major at Cal Poly is Business Administration. Cal Poly's next most popular majors are Biological Sciences and Mechanical Engineering.

10:00-11:30am – Presentation and/or walking tour of campus

11:30-12:00pm – Stop in the bookstore

12:00pm – Depart Cal Poly (***Box lunch in route***)

1:45pm – Arrive **UC Santa Barbara**

With its breathtaking natural beauty combined with enormous intellectual vitality, the **University of California, Santa Barbara**, is like no other campus. Within this community of scholars, the life of the mind, the pursuit of knowledge, and the experience of growth, both personal and intellectual, are the hallmarks of daily life. UCSB enrolls 21,685 students, about 3,000 of them at the graduate level. More than 200 majors, degrees, and credentials are offered through UCSB's five schools and the Graduate Division. The College of Letters and Science alone offers 80 majors. The College of Creative Studies offers talented students an alternative approach for pursuing advanced, independent work in the arts, mathematics, or the sciences. The College of Engineering offers degree programs in seven disciplines. The university also has two professional schools: the Bren School of Environmental Science and Management, and the Gevirtz Graduate School of Education.

2:00-3:30pm – Presentation and/or walking tour of campus

3:30- Depart UC Santa Barbara

4:00pm – Arrive **Westmont College**

Westmont College is an undergraduate, residential, Christian, liberal arts college. In its annual college rankings, U.S. News & World Report lists Westmont in the top 100 best liberal arts colleges in the nation. The selective institutions in this group include eight other California institutions (Pomona, Claremont-McKenna, Harvey Mudd, Scripps, Occidental, Mills, Thomas Aquinas and Pitzer). Westmont offers bachelor of arts and bachelor of science degrees to its 1300 undergraduate students in 26 liberal arts majors, 11 pre-professional programs, an elementary and secondary credential program, and up to 12 units for internships and practica. Majors include: art, biology, chemistry, communication studies, computer science, economics and business, engineering/physics, English, English-modern languages, French, history, interdisciplinary, kinesiology, liberal studies, mathematics, music, philosophy, physics, political science, psychology, religious studies, social science, sociology and anthropology, Spanish, and theater arts.

4:00-5:30pm – Presentation and/or walking tour of campus

5:30pm – Depart Westmont College

8:30pm – Arrive TBD (*fast food dinner stop in route*)

Meals: Breakfast, Lunch and Dinner

What's included with your tour

Tour includes:

- 24/7 Explore Colleges Escort (1) on board the tour
- Round trip deluxe motor coach transportation (1 bus) from and returning to Panorama High School
 - 2 nights' accommodations
 - 50 students
 - ❖ 13 double/doubles with up to four occupants per room
 - 5 chaperones
 - ❖ 5 single rooms for teachers/chaperones
- 2 breakfasts, 3 lunches and 3 dinners
- Snacks and water for the duration of the tour
- Presentations and/or tours at all colleges
- Back packs with learning materials for all participants
- 10 CDs produced from pictures taken on the tour (Optional – additional fee of \$160.00)
- Nightly security – 1 guard per night from 11:00pm-4:00am
- Tickets to all venues and/or attractions as mentioned in the itinerary
- All taxes and gratuities

Pricing

\$499.00 per person

Based on 2 tours:

Monroe High School – June 18-20, 2018

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with

50 students and 4 chaperones and 1 Complimentary Coordinator

On each tour

Prices are good for 14 days from 4/12/2018

Estimated MATCH will be forthcoming