

Planning a trip to California

The Millers are going to travel California **for ten days** by caravan. The problem is each family member wants to see different things and there is **not enough time to visit all of the sights**. You are one of the Millers. Get ready for the big planning discussion!

Step 1: Find out more about the sights you want to visit and make notes about what you can see/ do there. Make a hit list of your sights.

Step 2: Get together with your other family members. First, inform them about your sights. Then listen to their ideas.

Step 3: Plan your trip. Talk about these questions:

- Which places do we want to visit?
Why do we want to see them?
- Where do we want to start/ end the trip?
- Where do we want to go on the first, second, third day and so on?
- How long do we want to stay at each place?



Make a list and timetable with the places your family wants to see in California.

Let's go to ... There we can ...
... is more interesting than ... because ...
If you can visit ... I want to see Beverly Hills/ ...
That's too far for one day, but we could ...

We do not have enough time ...
You don't have to go to California to do that/ to ...!
That/ ... sounds boring/ interesting/ ... to me.



Travel times by car

From	To	Hours
San Francisco	Los Angeles	5,5
	Monterey	2
	Yosemite	4
	Sequoia	3,5
	Death Valley	8
Los Angeles	Yosemite	5
	Sequoia	3
	Death Valley	4,5
	San Diego	2

Name: _____

Class: _____

Date: _____._____._____

Start: _____

Nr.	Place (Ort)	Reason (Grund)	Time

End: _____

You can do it!



Places to visit:

Universal Studios Hollywood in Los Angeles is the biggest film studio and theme park in the world. You can have a tour in the studios and learn about film-making.



Disneyland Resort is the favourite theme park of both adults and children. There are many things to do and to have fun with. There is the exciting Space Mountain rollercoaster or another one called California Screaming! Lots of 3-D-movies can be watched or shows like "Monsters" or Disney's "Aladdin" can be seen. Disneyland is close to Los Angeles - in a city called Anaheim.

You can see many different animals in the world-famous **San Diego Zoo**, for example the famous pandas. You can experience the zoo on foot or take a bus tour through the park.



Beverly Hills in Los Angeles has some of the biggest homes in the US. It is great for shopping. Many rich and famous people live here. Most visitors come here to shop. Some try to find the homes of their favourite film stars.



Six Flags Magic Mountain has rides and shows for all the family. It is a large theme park close to Los Angeles. There are 16 rollercoasters for braver visitors. But there are also fun things for smaller children in Bugs Bunny world!

San Francisco is the home of the Golden Gate Bridge. Here you can learn about California's culture at the *Yerba Buena Gardens* or the California Academy of Sciences - or enjoy one of the many restaurants and theatres!



Yerba Buena Gardens



Death Valley is the hottest area in North America. Native Americans have lived in the valley for 1,000 years. In Death Valley you can go hiking or just look at the millions of stars.

There are lots of things to do and see at the **Monterey Bay Aquarium**. Like the giant octopus that can grow to nearly 30 feet long! You can go sailing across Monterey Bay. At night, children can even sleep at the aquarium and help feed the fish in the morning!



Yosemite National Park has beautiful mountains and waterfalls. You can go rock climbing there. Also, many people enjoy hiking or cycling to waterfalls in Yosemite Valley. You can even go skiing!