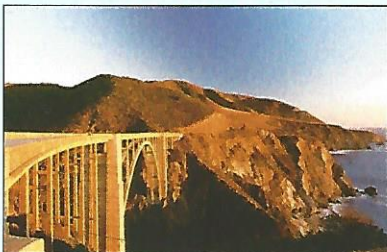




**Redwood National Park** The park is named for the up to 110-meter-tall redwood trees (sequoias), the tallest trees in the world.

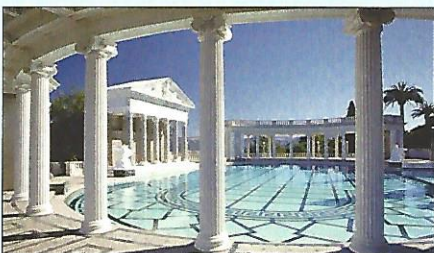


**San Francisco** The Golden Gate Bridge is the best-known landmark of California's most beautiful city. Tolerant San Francisco has been a magnet for various subcultures throughout its history.



**Big Sur** Highway 1 (California State Route 1) passes through this beautiful section of coastline and offers fantastic views of the ocean.

**Monterey** The small coastal town became famous through the works of American author John Steinbeck, who was born in nearby Salinas. Cannery Row is the city's best known attraction.



**Hearst Castle** The newspaper tycoon William Randolph Hearst built this grand estate to house his impressive collection of art treasures.



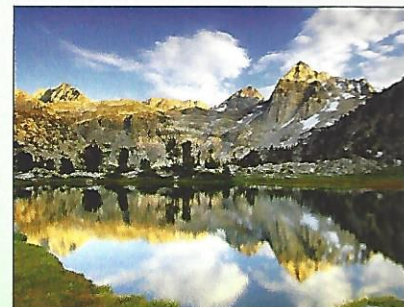
**Los Angeles** The sprawling city is a collection of diverse neighborhoods, including the seaside districts of Malibu and Venice Beach, vibrant West Hollywood, and affluent Bel Air. Los Angeles is also the leading center of the American entertainment industry.

**Oregon Caves National Monument** This fascinating labyrinth of ancient caves with unique marble formations created by centuries of erosion is in the Siskiyou Mountains of southern Oregon. The monument also encompasses a forest of Oregon Pines (Douglas Firs), one of the world's tallest tree species.

**Lassen Volcanic National Park** This park in central California encompasses Lassen Peak (3,187 m), California's only active volcano. Sulphur Works encompasses a series of hot springs with a strong odor. Bumpass Hell has hot springs and bubbling mud flats.



**Yosemite National Park** Located in eastern California, the second oldest national park in the United States has many attractions, including stone cliffs such as El Capitan and impressive waterfalls such as the Yosemite Falls (739 m).



**Kings Canyon** Tall sequoia trees that grow up to 80 meters high are the main attraction of this area. Some of the oldest trees in the canyon are more than 1,000 years old.



**Mount Whitney** California's highest mountain, 4,418-meter high Mount Whitney, is the highest mountain in the United States outside of Alaska.



**Disneyland** The first Disney theme park has attracted hundreds of millions of visitors since it first opened in 1955.



**Hollywood** The Los Angeles district of Hollywood gave its name to the world's most influential film industry. Hollywood's major attractions include Grauman's Chinese Theater and the Hollywood Walk of Fame.

**San Diego** Founded as a Spanish mission, San Diego has a pleasant sunny climate and beautiful beaches. Major local attractions include Balboa Park and the famous San Diego Zoo.