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California Fun Facts and Trivia

California's Capitals of the World

- More avocados are grown in Fallbrook than any place else in the U.S., hence its nickname – the *Avocado Capital of the World*.
- Fresno, California is the *Raisin Capital of the World*.
- Castroville, California is known as the *Artichoke Capital of the World*. In 1947, Norma Jean, who would later be known as Marilyn Monroe, was crowned Artichoke Queen.
- The Coachella Valley is known as the *Date Capital of the world*. California grows 99.5% of all dates grown in the United States, and Arizona produces the rest.

California's Highest, Lowest, Tallest, Largest, Hottest, Most, Smallest

- California's Mt. Whitney is the highest peak in the continental U.S. at 14,495 feet.
- Death Valley in southern California is the lowest point in the United States at 282 feet below sea level.
- The California Redwoods, Coast Redwood and Giant Sequoia, are the tallest and largest living organisms in the world. The tallest tree in the world, at 369 feet, is in Humboldt Redwoods State Park. The General Sherman Tree in Sequoia National Park, California, is the largest tree in the world, weighing more than 6,000 tons.
- Totalling nearly three million acres, San Bernardino County is the largest county in the entire United States.
- San Francisco Bay is considered the world's largest landlocked harbor.
- The hottest day ever recorded in the United States was on July 10, 1913 at Death Valley, California, when the temperature reached a scorching 135 degrees.
- California is bigger than eighty-five of the smallest nations in the world.
- More turkeys are raised in California than in any other state in the United States. Californians are the largest consumers of turkey in the country. They eat three pounds more turkey than the average U.S. person (approximately 8% of Californians are vegetarians).
- Alpine County, one of the smallest in California has no high school, ATMs, dentists, banks, or traffic lights.

California Wine: Over 200 years ago, winemaking made its debut in California. Although many people think it began in the vineyards of Napa Valley, winemaking actually started in San Juan Capistrano. California produces over 17 million gallons of wine each year.

Los Angeles Area

- The City of Los Angeles, spread over 467 square miles, is hub to a five-county metropolis of 34,149 square miles.
- Using satellite-surveying techniques, scientists have determined that Los Angeles, California is moving east. At a rate estimated to be about one-fifth of an inch per year, the city is moving closer to the San Gabriel Mountains.
- Everyone knows Los Angeles is the entertainment capital, but it is also a fine arts Mecca that boasts over 300 museums.

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Los Angeles Area (continued)

- Around 200 buffalo roam on Catalina Island, descendants of a few taken there in the 1920's for a movie and left there.
- Frederick's of Hollywood was started by Frederick Mellinger, inventor of the push-up bra, in 1946. The flagship shop for the well known lingerie retailer, located on Hollywood Boulevard, has become a local landmark. In addition to a never ending selection of bras and panties, the location also houses The Lingerie Museum which features the Celebrity Lingerie Hall of Fame, exhibit a collection of undergarments worn by Hollywood stars.
- The Hollywood Roosevelt Hotel is said to be haunted by the likes of Montgomery Clift who continues to play his bugle in Room 928; and Marilyn Monroe whose image has been seen gazing from a lobby mirror.

Best View in the United States: The best view in the United States is at Mount Diablo State Park. From the top of the 3,849 foot summit more of the earth's surface can be seen than any other peak in the world, except Mt. Kilimanjaro in Africa.

Information for Visitors about California Laws

- In Cathedral City, it is against the law to ride a bicycle through the "Fountain of Life" and in Baldwin Park, it is against the law to ride a bicycle in a swimming pool.
- Carmel: Ice cream may not be eaten while standing on the sidewalk and an ordinance makes it unlawful for a lady to take a bath in a business office.

Information for Visitors about California Laws Animals

- Cows and sheep: It is illegal to drive more than two thousand sheep down Hollywood Boulevard at one time, and driving a herd of cattle down a street is against the law in Chico. In Blythe, you are not allowed to wear cowboy boots unless you own at least two cows.
- Other animals/insects: In Arcadia, peacocks have the right of way to cross any street, including driveways. In Norco, all persons wishing to keep a rhinoceros as a pet must obtain a \$100 license first. In Pacific Grove, there is a law on the books establishing a \$500 fine for molesting butterflies. Ducks have the right of way to cross Rancho California Street in Temecula. It is illegal to: walk a camel down Palm Canyon Drive between the hours of four and six p.m. in Palm Springs; shoot jackrabbits from the back of a streetcar in San Diego; and, San Francisco prohibits elephants from strolling down Market Street unless they are on a leash.

Cars and Driving:

- It is illegal to: leave your car on the street overnight without the proper permit in Alhambra; to sleep in a parked vehicle while in Cathedral City; for women to drive in California while wearing a house coat; to wash your car in the street in Downey; and, to put anything in your garage other than your car in Long Beach.

Recreation:

- Drinking intoxicating cement is prohibited in Indian Wells, and crushing rocks within the Indian Wells city limits is forbidden.
- It is against the law: in Santa Monica, to play percussion instruments on the beach; in Chico, to bowl on the sidewalk; in Burlingame, to spit, except on baseball diamonds and, Los Angeles law forbids you from licking a toad.
- In Walnut, California, if you fly a kite more than 10 feet above the ground you are in violation of the law, and it is illegal to curse on a mini-golf course in Long Beach.

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