

California Charisma

California has Charisma and it is only growing. Now the state is attractive to travelers. I make it sound like a good looking guy. We girls could only hope for such an interesting and unique guy. Most girls I know would love to find a guy who is mild tempered, handsome, can speak several languages, and take you to lots of different places. While we may not have found the guy, we have found the place.

California is a beautiful place with mild weather most of the year. It is a home to over 100 nationalities and languages. For this reason, California is often a melting pot that serves as a cultural bell-wether for the rest of the country. Not only is California interesting for its diverse culture, but it also has a blend of natural environments found in other parts of the country all in one state. It has the mountains, famous ski resorts, world famous beaches, lush forests that include the world's largest and tallest trees, Great Plains, deserts, and one of the world's most productive agricultural systems. California is a place that tries to live in the future.

Not only is California a handsome place, but it pays well too. Recently, I spoke with a traveler who had just landed an assignment in Northern, California for 26 dollars and hour plus housing and a daily subsidy. According to American Mobile, their California travelers make _____ an hr depending on their specialty.

Finally, California is going through some changes right now. January 1st the new RN to patient ratio law is going into effect (Ray, 2003). I guess enough nurses complained about the staffing conditions that California decided to do something about it. "The final regulations are posted on the Department of Health Service's Web Site, www.dhs.ca.gov." (Ray 2003) California already expected a shortage of 30,000 RNs by 2006 (Jones 2003) Now, it looks like it will be more. They are being forced to staff adequately or turn patients away.

Already, I have received emails from travel nursing companies recruiting specifically for California to cover their sudden additional shortages. The supply and demand will be at its highest. You might want to consider jumping on the band wagon. They will probably pay top dollar to get the nurses they need. For you single traveling girls, perhaps the man of your dreams will also be in California. That's where I found my dream guy.

If you do decide to go to California, make sure to ask how the change in nurse to patient ratio has affected the hospital. More than likely if the hospital is adding in one place they will be cutting back in another. Don't let all the charisma sweep you off your feet before you know what you are getting into.

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