



California High Sierra Family Hiking

6 Days



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➤ California High Sierra Family Hiking

Gather the family together for a fun-packed camping adventure in the heart of Ansel Adams Wilderness — one of the best-kept secrets of the High Sierra, located on the southeast edge of Yosemite National Park. Be wowed by spectacular vistas, sweeping granite ridges, dazzling alpine lakes, and wildflower-strewn meadows. Spend your days exploring this stunning mountain environment on moderately paced hikes for all ages. Plus swim, fish, relax at camp, and even learn backpacking skills from expert guides — who make amazing mentors to inspire a life-long love of the outdoors. This is a perfect week-long summer camp for the entire family.

Details

Arrive:	Fresno, California
Depart:	Fresno, California
Duration:	6 Days
Group Size:	4-13 Guests
Minimum Age:	9 Years Old
Activity Level:	

Testimonials

“Great experience every time with some of the most knowledgeable guides in their fields. We always come home with wonderful memories of the people we meet and things we see.”

Bob J.

“MT Sobek took care of everything for our extended family vacation. Not a hiccup in the planning, the itinerary, the lodging or the guide. Everything in life should be so easy.”

Kathy J.

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Why Take This Trip With Us?

REASON #01

MT Sobek has been leading trip in the Sierras for 50 years, working with the best local guides to create truly outstanding hiking adventures.

REASON #02

This unique family trip is especially tailored for all ability levels so that everyone can enjoy the entire wilderness experience.

REASON #03

We make it fun! It's like summer camp for the whole family with opportunities to bond on the trail and around crackling camp fires.

What to Expect



ACTIVITIES

Moderately paced hikes, tailored for all ages, with options for swimming and fishing. Plus learn insights into wilderness survival.



LODGING

Full-service hotel to kick off the adventure, followed by MT Sobek tented camps with spellbinding views in the heart of the Ansel Adams Wilderness.



CLIMATE

Average temperatures are between 70°F-80°F in the daytime and 40°F- 50°F at night.

Meet Our Guides

Our expert guides and trip leaders are truly the key to our trips' success. Many are locals who live in-country year-round; others have made it their second home—all are passionate, enthusiastic and endlessly knowledgeable. Meet two of the guides that might be on your trip.

Sierra was born and raised on the entrance road to Joshua Tree National Park and spent her early years hiking, rock climbing, and horseback riding in the park and the nearby high Sierra. She went on to graduate from UC Santa Cruz with a degree in Ecology and Plant Biology. During this period, she worked UC Santa Cruz's Adventure Outings Department where she led climbing, backpacking, and river trips. She now spends her summers in the High Sierra leading trips and exploring the beautiful landscape. In her free time you can find her rock climbing, botanizing, or birdwatching in the mountains.

Sierra Zacks

Alex grew up in Concord, New Hampshire exploring the mountains of New England. It was here that his spirit and passion for adventure began. Alex's passion for shared wilderness experiences has culminated in a degree in Outdoor Education and certifications from the American Mountain Guiding Association (AMGA). Moving to California was the culmination of a dream come true, where he is able to combine his passion for climbing with a career in guiding. He has a tremendous amount of experience in the backcountry and great leadership qualities which endear him to MT Sobek travelers.

Alex Kendall

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Itinerary

DAY 1

ARRIVE IN FRESNO

Check in at the DoubleTree in Fresno any time after 4pm. Meet your guide and group at 6pm in the main lobby for a trip orientation. Dinner tonight is included at the hotel restaurant.

Meals: D

DAY 2

HEAD INTO THE ANSEL ADAMS WILDERNESS

Wake for a packed breakfast before meeting at 7:30am to drive to the pack station and Ansel Adams Wilderness trailhead with your guide. Along the way, enjoy a brief stop at the small village of Bass Lake where you can pick up any last-minute items. From the trailhead, you'll hike approximately 6 miles to a centrally located lake, where basecamp awaits.

Activity: 5–6 hours/6 miles hiking with breaks, with 1,709' elevation gain and 322' elevation loss

Meals: B, L, D

DAY 3

HIKE THE UPPER LAKES

Today, follow your guide through the pristine upper lakes basin via established on- and off-trail hiking routes. Our guides excel at customizing the itinerary to meet the needs of families, so exact destinations and distances vary depending on the preferences of the group members. The day ends with swimming at our lakeside camp and stargazing.

Activity: 6–7 hours/1-6 miles hiking with breaks, with 500' to 2,000' elevation gain

Meals: B, L, D

DAY 4

EXPLORE ALPINE PEAKS & LAKES

After a hearty breakfast prepared by your guides, set out again to explore the surrounding area. An optional summit hike to one of the nearby 10,000'+ peaks that make up the southern border of Yosemite National Park is a possibility. You can also fish and swim at other nearby alpine lakes, depending on your interest, or learn backcountry wilderness skills from your expert guides.

Activity: 6–7 hours/1-6 miles hiking with breaks, with 500' to 2,000' elevation gain

Meals: B, L, D

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DAY 5

HIKE BACK TO THE TRAILHEAD

After a leisurely morning, bid farewell to camp and follow the path back to the trailhead. Expect a 4pm departure from the high country, returning to the DoubleTree in Fresno via a private shuttle. After cleaning up at the hotel, the whole group will enjoy a celebratory farewell dinner together.

Activity: 5–6 hours/6 miles hiking with breaks, with 322' elevation gain and 1,709' elevation

Meals: B, L, D

DAY 6

DEPART FROM FRESNO

Rise for a relaxed breakfast and then transfer back to Fresno Airport for your homeward-bound flight. Call us for more family trip ideas in North America and around the world!

Meals: B

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Dates

Jul 13 - 18, 2021

Aug 3 - 8, 2021

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Pricing

2021

\$ 3,895 per person

Additional Cost

\$ 500 Single Supplement

PRICE INCLUDES

- Expert leadership from experienced family-friendly adventure guides
- Accommodations as noted in the itinerary
- Meals as noted in the daily itinerary
- Potable water and snacks throughout
- All tips and gratuities for support staff with the exception of your lead adventure guide(s)
- All necessary camping gear
- All group entrance fees, activities, and ground transportation

PRICE DOES NOT INCLUDE

- International airfare, any airport taxes, or excess baggage charges
- Optional tips to your lead adventure guides
- Personal expenses such as medical immunizations, phone calls, laundry, or souvenirs
- Optional travel protection

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