



California Yosemite National Park Hiking

Sierra Nevada Wonders & Majestic Granite Peaks

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Unrivalled Expertise

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Unique Trip Design

Our adventures are perfectly paced, with incredible attention to detail — the right mix of fun, learning, and challenge that guarantees lifelong memories. Plan nothing, enjoy everything. We take care of all of the logistics so that you can have more time to do what's most important: relax, take in the experience, and enjoy!

Small Groups

We keep our groups intentionally small — usually fewer than 10 people. This allows you a more intimate experience with the people and wildlife you encounter. With a smaller group size, we can take advantage of many unexpected invitations and opportunities that would be impossible with larger groups.





Leading the Way

World-Class Local Guides

Our knowledgeable and passionate expert guides effortlessly create an immersive local experience for you. They are trained to the highest professional standards and are at the heart of everything we do. They make it possible to meet the challenges of adventure travel, and help create lasting memories and lifelong friendships... we can confidently say our guides are the best in the business.





Why take this trip with us?

REASON 1

MT Sobek has been exploring US National Parks for more than 50 years, placing a strong emphasis on responsible travel practices that support local communities and protect the natural environment.

REASON 2

In six spectacular and well-paced days, you'll hike Yosemite's best trails and see the park's iconic sights - granite domes, plunging waterfalls, alpine meadows, and giant trees.

REASON 3

Hike with our top-notch local guides, who have expert knowledge of this remote and expansive mountain region. Plus, all logistics and hard-to-get premiere accommodations are covered, so you can focus on the adventure.

At A Glance

ACTIVITIES

Moderate to strenuous hiking on rocky paths, covering 6 to 10 miles per day at elevations ranging from 4,000 to 9,500 feet.



LODGING

Comfortable three-star, lodge-style accommodation in a five-star alpine setting. Includes the historic Ahwahnee Hotel.



CLIMATE

Expect sunny days in July, August, and September with temps in the 70s to 90s; morning and nighttime temps can drop into the 40s. Be prepared for rain showers.



KNOW BEFORE YOU BOOK

Accommodation

The national park accommodations on this trip provide great access to the top activities in the area. However, they are simpler compared to what we usually consider comfortable lodging - the rooms being more basic. Some buildings date back to the early 1900s and have been minimally renovated to follow park regulations. Overall, the service might feel slower and meal quality and selection much more limited compared to other MT Sobek trips. Keep in mind that internet and cell phone service are very limited throughout the parks.



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Nestled amidst California's majestic Sierra Nevada range lies Yosemite National Park, world famous for its awe-inspiring waterfalls, vast meadows, and breathtaking granite peaks. Immerse yourself in the sheer magnificence of this natural wonder on an extraordinary hiking adventure. Wander through Yosemite's grandest grove of giant sequoias, then venture deep into the heart of the park, where a tapestry of picturesque valleys and glacially sculpted rock formations await — including the iconic El Capitan and Half Dome. As the sun sets, relax at the luxury Ahwahnee Hotel and Rush Creek Lodge.

6 Days

Start: Fresno, California

End: Fresno, California

Departing: June, July, August, September

Activities: Hiking & Trekking

Lodging: Luxury Hotels, Comfortable Hotels

Group Size: 4-12 Guests

ACTIVITY:



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“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.

The Itinerary

DAY 01

Hike Mariposa Grove & Transfer to Yosemite Valley

Welcome to Fresno, California. An MT Sobek representative will pick you up this morning from your pre-trip hotel. After an orientation meeting at a local park, transfer to Mariposa Grove for a stunning hike among a grove of more than 500 giant sequoias tree. Marvel at the most famous trees, including the 3,000-year-old Grizzly Giant. After a picnic lunch, continue to Yosemite Valley with a stop at Tunnel View. Settle into your home for the next 2 nights and meet for dinner.

MEALS: Lunch | Dinner

TRANSPORTATION: 1.5-hour private van transfer

ACTIVITY: 1.5-2 hours/3 miles hiking with 50' elevation gain and loss

DAY 02

Explore Yosemite Valley

Embark on a rewarding, mostly flat hike on the valley floor today, through lesser-traveled meadows, forests, and paths along the Merced River, past icons such as El Capitan, Sentinel Rock, Three Brothers, and Bridalveil Falls. Break for a trailside lunch along the way. There will be an opportunity to swim in the Merced River during an afternoon break. Return to the lodge in the late afternoon.

MEALS: Breakfast | Lunch | Dinner

ACTIVITY: 4-6 hours/8 miles hiking with 100' gain and loss

DAY 03

Walk Among Yosemite's Waterfalls & Giant Sequoias

Check out early and climb 2,000 feet alongside Vernal Falls to admire the vista from the top of neighboring Nevada Falls. Return to Yosemite Valley in the early afternoon, then travel to your lodge, situated on the northern boundary of the park. En route, enjoy a late afternoon walk to gaze up at giant sequoias, among the oldest and largest living organisms on the planet! Check in to your room this evening and enjoy dinner at the lodge.

MEALS: Breakfast | Lunch | Dinner

TRANSPORTATION: 1.5-hour private van transfer

ACTIVITY: 7-8 hours/5.4 miles hiking with 2,000' elevation gain/loss; 3 miles with 520' gain/loss



DAY 04

Hike to Yosemite Valley's North Rim

Spend the day in Yosemite's high country. Begin your hike at 8,800 feet and enjoy a gradual descent through ponderosa pines, meadows, and along granite bluffs to marvel at the park's only intact arch. After a trailside lunch, hike to the top of North Dome (7,543') on the North Rim of Yosemite Valley and delight in the eye-popping views of its most famous landmark, Half Dome, along with the valley floor 3,500 feet below. Return to the lodge in the late afternoon.

MEALS: Breakfast | Lunch | Dinner

TRANSPORTATION: 1.5-hour private van transfer

ACTIVITY: 4-6 hours / 9.5 miles hiking with 1,000' gain and loss

DAY 05

Hike Trails from Tuolumne Meadows

Admire the beauty of Tuolumne Meadows (8,600'), one of the highest meadows in the Sierra Nevada range, on a day hike among its famous granite domes. Depending on conditions, the group will either follow an out-and-back trail to Cathedral Lakes (8 miles) or Mono Pass (7.4 miles). Both routes offer breathtaking mountain and meadow views, and are among the best hikes in the park. Return to your hillside lodge this evening.

MEALS: Breakfast | Lunch | Dinner

TRANSPORTATION: Two 2.5-hour private van transfers

ACTIVITY: 6-7 hours / 7-9 miles hiking with 800'-900' elevation gain



Return to Fresno & Depart

Following breakfast at the hotel, take a 2.5-hour transfer to the airport and depart.

MEALS: Breakfast

TRANSPORTATION: 2.5-hour private van transfer



Where You'll Stay

These accommodations may be subject to change depending on your date of travel.

The Ahwahnee Hotel

The historic Ahwahnee Hotel (formerly known as the Majestic Yosemite Hotel) is located in the heart of the stunning Yosemite Valley. Constructed from steel, stone, concrete, wood and glass, the hotel was specifically designed to highlight its natural surroundings — featuring Yosemite Falls, Half Dome and Glacier Point. The Ahwahnee is a premier example of National Park architecture, and is listed on the National Register of Historic Places, and is a National Historic Landmark. The accommodations are comfortably appointed while still providing an authentic National Park Lodge experience.

Rush Creek Lodge

Rush Creek Lodge is a superbly designed property located at the West Entrance of Yosemite National Park. The decor is inspired by the breathtaking expanse of nature surrounding its 20-acre wooded hillside setting. All rooms have been thoughtfully designed and tastefully appointed with modern amenities like comfy beds, feather pillows, gourmet coffee brewers, games, and books. Relax after the day's adventures in the outdoor pool and hot tubs or cozy up around the fire pit for stargazing and s'mores.

Departure Dates

This trip is available to run in: June, July, August, September

Book early for a greater choice of available dates.

Once you book, your price is GUARANTEED!

June 1-6, 2025

What's Included

PRICE INCLUDES

- Expertise and services of our experienced adventure guides
- All accommodations as noted in the itinerary
- All breakfasts, almost all lunches and dinners as noted in the itinerary
- Snacks and water between meals
- Additional regional guides and experts on many trips
- Comprehensive Trip Planner with detailed pre-trip information
- Private guided tours at historic sites, museums, wineries and other select attractions as noted in the itinerary
- Special events and other select attractions as mentioned in the itinerary
- All gratuities at hotels and restaurants
- Equipment and experienced guides for activities as described in the itinerary
- Park and other entry fees (unless otherwise noted)
- Fares for trains, ferries and other modes of travel as listed in the itinerary
- Select transfers as mentioned in the itinerary
- Baggage transfers and portage

PRICE DOES NOT INCLUDE

- International airfare, airport taxes, and excess baggage fees
- Alcoholic beverages (MT Sobek provides wine at select events)
- Gratuities for MT Sobek guides and guide-drivers
- Travel Protection Program
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