



# A Long Weekend in Yosemite

4 Days



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On this relaxed yet action-paced 4-day hiking adventure, discover the wildly scenic, glacially sculpted Yosemite Valley, deep in the heart of the Sierra Nevada Mountains and considered one of the crown jewels of the National Park Service. Set out on moderate and scenic guided hikes both on- and off-trail, taking in the highlights: Half Dome, El Capitan, all three of North America's tallest waterfalls, the "Wild and Scenic" Merced River, and the otherworldly Nelder Grove. Each night, enjoy a comfortable lodge and classic campfire dinner right in the park.

## Details

Arrive:	Fresno, California
Depart:	Fresno, California
Duration:	4 Days
Group Size:	4-13 Guests
Minimum Age:	14 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.

*"Pete Divine is an excellent guide. He is so knowledgeable and has such a pleasant demeanor. Yosemite is beautiful too."*

Joanne S.

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## Why Take This Trip With Us?

### REASON #01

Our professional mountaineer guides have been leading Sierra trips for decades, offering experience and know-how for excellent

### REASON #02

This exclusive 4-day adventure covers the best of Yosemite: Half Dome, El Capitan, North America's three tallest waterfalls, Merced River, and Nelder Grove.

### REASON #03

MT Sobek's legacy of preservation and protection enables us to operate over 30 Global National Park adventures.

## What to Expect



### ACTIVITIES

Moderate long hikes on well-maintained trails through some of North America's most incredible natural landscapes.



### LODGING

Inside the park, Yosemite Valley Lodge provides a perfect base for hiking adventures by pairing its prime location with mountain cabin comforts.



### CLIMATE

Early spring can be wet with cool evening temps. Summer is very warm in the valley but can still be cool at higher elevations in the park.

## 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.

Fred enjoyed his first backpacking trip in college, walking 20+ miles in inappropriate footwear and spent a few cold nights in front of the fire without a sleeping bag, and caught the bug from there. Soon, he was spending most of his free time and some not-so-free time plotting and executing adventures to the endless wild places of California. Fred is now an EMT with a certification in wilderness medicine. He's hiked and climbed thousands of miles around the Sierra including a solo 200+ mile hike of the Sierra High Route. Fred's familiarity of the High Sierra and deep passion for the backcountry consistently endears him to MT Sobek hikers.

**Fred Ackerman**

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**

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# Itinerary

## DAY 1

### ARRIVE IN FRESNO AND TRANSFER TO YOSEMITE VALLEY

Welcome to Fresno, California, the heart of the agricultural San Joaquin Valley. Meet your MT Sobek guide outside of baggage claim and set out for a 2.5-hour drive along scenic mountain roads to Yosemite Valley, stopping along the way to soak in the scenic vistas. After checking into the lodge (inside the park), gather for a fun welcome dinner overlooking the thundering Yosemite Falls. After dinner, enjoy an optional walk out to the Merced River to view Half Dome at sunset.

**Activity:** 1 hour/1 mile optional walking

**Meals:** D

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## DAY 2

### DISCOVER YOSEMITE FALLS

Explore the western end of Yosemite Valley, beginning with a stop at the towering Yosemite Falls (2,425'), the tallest waterfall in North America. From there, the trail runs along the meandering Merced River, through pine forests and across wildflower-strewn meadows to the massive granite wall of El Capitan. Learn about the park's history of rock climbing, then hike to the base of "El Cap." Back at Yosemite Village, visit the Ansel Adams Gallery and the Miwok Museum. This evening, head over to the Pines Campground for a delicious campfire dinner.

**Activity:** 3-4 hours/4-5 miles hiking on relatively flat terrain

**Meals:** B, L, D

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## DAY 3

### GLACIER POINT

After breakfast, hop aboard the park shuttle to reach the south rim of Yosemite Valley, and the iconic Glacier Point. See deep into the valley 2,700 feet below and take in dazzling panoramic vistas. From here, hike back down into Yosemite Valley along wildly scenic trails. Enjoy a picnic lunch atop Nevada Falls before heading down the famous Mist Trail for an exhilarating look at Vernal Falls (bring your rain jacket!). Head back to Yosemite Valley, to unwind at the lodge before a farewell dinner at the Mountain Room.

**Activity:** 5-6 hours/8.5 miles hiking on well-groomed trails

**Meals:** B, L, D

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## DAY 4

### EXPLORE GIANT SEQUOIAS & RETURN TO FRESNO

After checking out of the hotel, set out to explore the recently renovated Mariposa Grove of Giant Sequoias. Look out for cheerful white-headed woodpeckers and charismatic chickarees while walking among the towering trees. Giant sequoias are the largest living things on the planet; make your way to one of the most awe-inspiring

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of them all, the Grizzly Giant. One branch on this tree is larger than any non-Sequoia tree in the entire grove! After the grove hike, enjoy a picnic lunch along the South Fork of the Merced River. Arrive in Fresno in the early afternoon; plan flights no earlier than 3pm.

**Activity:** 2 hours/3 miles hiking on well-groomed trails

**Meals:** B, L

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## Dates

May 30 - Jun 2, 2019

Jun 20 - 23, 2019

Jul 4 - 7, 2019

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# Pricing

2019

\$ 3,295 per person

## Additional Cost

\$ 650 Single Supplement

### PRICE INCLUDES

- Expert leadership from experienced 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 group entrance fees, activities, and ground transportation
- Arrival and departure day group airport transfers

### 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
- Airport transfers if arriving outside of the group transfer
- Optional travel protection

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