

California Yosemite Winter Adventure Lodge Based

5 Days



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Yosemite in the winter is a sight to behold. It is a wonderland of brilliant white, iced granite peaks and snow-topped trees. Snowshoeing in this spectacular landscape —and doing it all during the park's lightest visitation period—is an intimate and magical experience. Top it off with cozy accommodations and the company of fellow adventurers, and you have a winter adventure for the books. Each day brings a new adventure and once-in-a-lifetime hiking opportunities led by our expert, local guides. Enjoy some of the valley's best hikes as we set out in search of the park's grandest waterfalls and granite icons. Winter is a magical time to explore the natural wonders of Yosemite. Retreat each evening to enjoy home-cooked meals, great company and the peace of a starry night sky. This adventure is the perfect winter escape for a hiker interested in experiencing a unique view of a much beloved national treasure.

Details

Arrive: Fresno, California

Depart: Fresno, California

Duration: 5 Days

Group Size: 4-12 Guests

Minimum Age: 18 Years Old

Activity Level:

Testimonials

I was lucky enough to include 4 members of our family and it was a tremendous bonding and learning experience. It is comforting to know you have MTS handling all of the planning and organization and can concentrate on the beauty, relationships, and experience!

Doug G.

I would highly recommend Mt Sobek for an amazing travel adventure. It was truly worth the money. Every detail was taken care of! It made for a stress free trip and one where you can truly enjoy the beauty and culture around you.

Kristin W.

Why Take This Trip With Us?

REASON #01

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

REASON #02

In five 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 #03

Hike with our top-notch local guides, who have expert knowledge of this remote and expansive mountain region. Plus, all logistics are covered.

What to Expect



ACTIVITIES

Moderate to strenuous hiking on rocky paths, up to 9 miles at elevations ranging from 4,000 to 8,000 feet.



LODGING

Comfortable lodgestyle accommodation in a five-star alpine setting.



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Expect cold days with temps in the 40s to 50s; morning and nighttime temps can drop into the 20s. Be prepared for snow and rain showers.

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.

We work with only the most experienced and knowledgeable local guides on our trips. You will be in excellent hands with a fully licensed and accredited local guide who will share their expertise in everything from history and architecture, to culture and traditions, the best local cuisine, activities and crafts, or even shopping. Local guides live, breathe, and love their trips because as locals they are an integral part of their communities. Their connections run deep and pride in their piece of the world is contagious.

Local Tour Guide

Itinerary

DAY 1 MEET IN FRESNO, CALIFORNIA AND SNOWSHOE OLD GLACIER POINT ROAD

Meet your guides and fellow travelers at 9am in Fresno, California. En route to Yosemite National Park we stop for a picnic lunch and snowshoeing orientation. We trek on Old Glacier Point Road to take in the sweeping views of Yosemite, and the High Sierra. We enjoy a home-cooked meal at our private lodgings in Yosemite West. Lunch and dinner included.

Activity: 2.5 miles snowhoeing with 600' elevation gain and loss

Meals: L, D

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DAY 2 HIKE TO MIRROR LAKE AND ALONG TENAYA CANYON WITH VIEWS OF HALF DOME

This morning we circumnavigate the valley floor beneath the soaring granite walls of Tenaya Canyon. Beginning at the Ahwahnee Hotel, we hike to Mirror Lake on a trail sheltered by the cover of quiet woods. Mirror Lake offers a jaw-dropping view of Half Dome soaring 5,000' directly above us. Exploring in the spring months, we see that Mirror Lake has plenty of water and the reflections of the surrounding cliffs are excellent. Trips in the winter provide beautiful colors that create captivating reflections along Tenaya Creek. Our hike takes us to the very end of Tenaya Canyon, below Clouds Rest, where we gaze up at the steep granite walls around us. Returning to our lodgings, we relax and have dinner. All meals included.

Activity: 6 miles hiking with 300' elevation gain and loss

Meals: B, L, D

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DAY 3 SNOWSHOE TO DEWEY POINT FOR EPIC YOSEMITE VALLEY VIEWS

Starting at Badger Pass, we don snowshoes and trek to Dewey Point. As we tackle the gradual incline we learn about the many deciduous and coniferous trees that line the trail. We also keep an eye out for wildlife including black-tailed deer, Douglas squirrels, and snowshoe hares. Reaching Dewey Point we are rewarded with one of the best views of the Yosemite Valley. On a clear day, we have panoramic views of Clouds Rest, El Captain and Half Dome. Following a picnic lunch, we return to Badger Pass and transfer to our lodgings for the evening. All meals included.

Activity: 7.5 miles snowshoeing with 700' elevation gain and loss

Meals: B, L, D

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After another healthy breakfast to start our day, we travel to the Yosemite Valley Visitor Center. Enjoying the valley floor and the incredible views it provides, we make our way through the meadow to our trailhead. Today we hike to an observation point below the famous Yosemite Falls. During the winter, the lower portion of this trail is in direct sunlight on clear days, creating a pleasant journey along the trail's many switchbacks. Winter provides an opportunity to see Yosemite Falls in a unique setting, potentially with a frozen "snow cone" of ice at the base. After exploring the valley we make our way back to our accommodations for our final dinner together. Toasting to new friendships and an amazing adventure, we close out the night looking forward to our final day in this special place. All meals included.

Activity: 5 miles hiking with 1,000' elevation gain and loss

Meals: B, L, D

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DAY 5

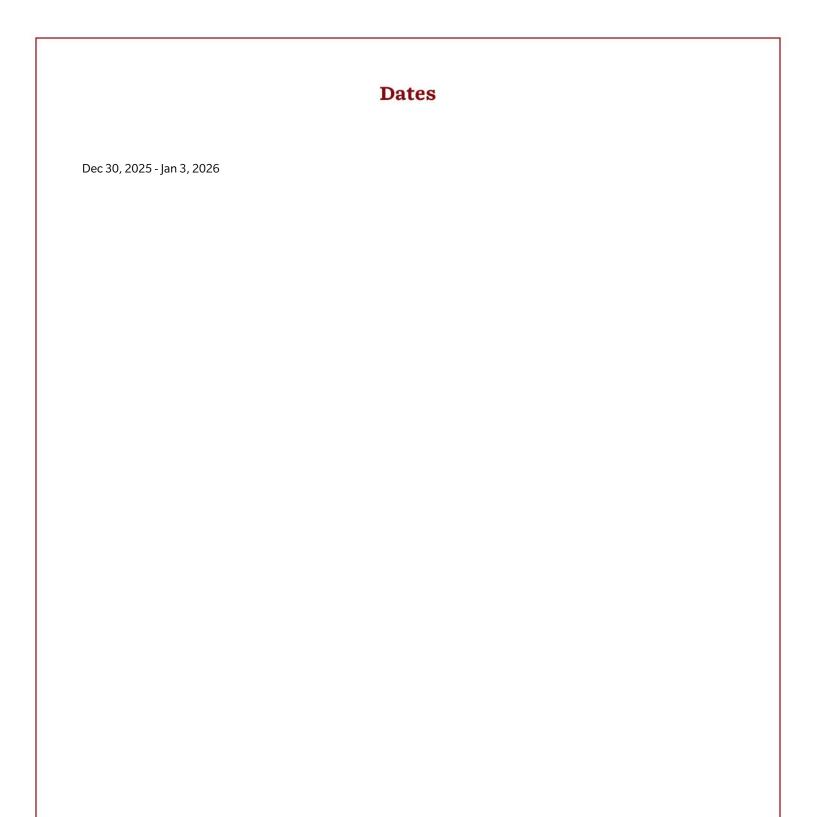
SNOWSHOE OR HIKE IN MARIPOSA GROVE OF GIANT SEQUOIAS, RETURN TO FRESNO

We load our luggage into the support vehicle before heading to the Mariposa Grove of Giant Sequoias (6,128'), the largest and most impressive grove of giant sequoias in the park. We snowshoe or hike through the grove, which is home to more than 500 mature giant sequoias, and take time for a picnic lunch. Returning to the support vehicle, we bid farewell to Yosemite National Park and drive to Fresno, arriving later this afternoon. Breakfast and lunch included.

Activity: 5 miles hiking with 1,200' elevation gain and loss

Meals: B, L

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Inclusions & Exclusions

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
- 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 porterage

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**
- Personal expenses

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