



# California Yosemite & Sonoma Custom Adventure

## Epic Hiking, Giant Trees & Wine Country Exploration

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# Feel the difference

with **Mountain Travel Sobek**

## **Unrivaled Expertise**

MT Sobek started it all! Since our first Everest Base Camp trek in 1969, we've been leading award-winning adventures and building authentic connections in far-flung locations around the world. We were named Best Adventure Travel Company by Newsweek Readers' Choice Awards.

## **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

With over 50 years of experience crafting transformative journeys, MT Sobek offers expertly guided, adventure-rich itineraries that bring Yosemite and California Wine Country to life.

## REASON 2

Whether you're seeking epic hikes, cultural immersion, or wine country indulgence, we ensure every detail is seamless, personalized, and unforgettable on your tailor-made trip.

## REASON 3

We have access to the best local guides in Northern California, giving you a deeper experience as you learn about the flora, fauna, and history of the region.

## At A Glance

### ACTIVITIES

Hand-selected accommodations based on your preferences, travel style, and budget—ranging from historic National Park lodges to luxury wine country resorts.



### LODGING

A curated mix of private and small-group adventures, including guided hikes, rafting, wine tastings, and scenic drives, all tailored to match your ideal pace and activity level.



### CLIMATE

Expect cool mornings and evenings in Yosemite, with warm daytime temperatures. Sonoma tends to be temperate year-round, with foggy mornings and sunny afternoons.



## KNOW BEFORE YOU BOOK

**Itinerary:** Please review your personalized itinerary carefully, as activities, accommodations, and included meals may vary from the sample itinerary shown online. Depending on your program, some experiences may be self-drive, with expert guides available along the way, while others are fully escorted and have the same driver/guide throughout.

Custom journeys are thoughtfully designed for a personalized experience, and adjustments may occur due to availability, logistics, seasonal considerations, or other factors. If you have any questions at any point, please don't hesitate to reach out—we're always happy to help.



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Step into an unforgettable journey through Yosemite National Park, one of the crown jewels of the US National Park System, followed by a relaxing escape to California's Wine Country. Your curated itinerary blends outdoor adventure with indulgent wine tasting, featuring activities such as private guided hikes in Yosemite's high-country meadows and giant sequoia redwood groves, Yosemite Valley scenic tours to waterfalls and iconic landmarks like Half Dome and El Capitan. Add a Napa Valley wine tasting tour, river rafting, and kayaking to create your perfect custom Northern California itinerary. Enjoy hand-selected accommodations, private guides, and seamless logistics throughout your trip.

### 8 Days

**Start:** Fresno, CA or San Francisco, CA

**End:** San Francisco, CA

**Departing:** June, July, August, September, October

**Activities:** Hiking & Trekking, Rafting & Kayaking

**Lodging:** Luxury Hotels, Comfortable Hotels, Deluxe Camping

**Group Size:** 1+ Guests

#### ACTIVITY:



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*Your company provides exactly what it advertises: customized high end adventures which are well organized, and memorable. All we had to do was follow your itinerary and everything was as it was supposed to be.*

- Andrea E.

# The Itinerary

DAY  
01

## Arrive San Francisco or Fresno & Drive to Yosemite National Park

Upon arrival in California, pick up your self-secured rental car for the drive to Yosemite National Park. The drive from San Francisco begins with crossing the Bay and heading into the Central Valley farmland and on into rolling foothills dotted with oaks, ranchlands, and small Gold Rush-era towns. If you are coming from Fresno, you will start in the Central Valley. As you gain elevation, approaching the park, the landscape shifts to pine forests and granite outcrops signaling you are now in the Sierra Nevada. Settle into your lodging and prepare for the adventure ahead.

**TRANSPORTATION:** Self-drive (approx. 1 hour or 4 hours)

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02

## Enjoy a Private Guided Tour of Magnificent Yosemite National Park

Meet your private guide this morning for a full-day immersion into the wonders of Yosemite National Park. Known for its dramatic granite cliffs, cascading waterfalls, and ancient sequoia groves, Yosemite offers a stunning blend of natural beauty and quiet reflection. Your guide will share insider insights as you visit park highlights such as Yosemite Falls, El Capitan, and the iconic profile of Half Dome, incorporating short walks or a guided hike tailored to your interests. Return to your lodge in the late afternoon, with time to reflect on the serenity and grandeur of the High Sierra.

**MEALS:** Breakfast | Lunch

**TRANSPORTATION:** Private vehicle touring with hikes

**ACTIVITY:** Private guided hiking

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03

## Go Whitewater Rafting on the Beautiful Merced River

This morning, take a scenic drive to El Portal and gear up for a full-day whitewater rafting adventure on the Merced River. Fed by snowmelt from Yosemite Valley, the Merced offers thrilling Class II-IV rapids rushing through a narrow canyon corridor, making it one of California's top rafting experiences. Midway through your journey, pull ashore for a relaxing riverside picnic lunch surrounded by the natural beauty of the Sierra foothills, then it's back on the water for the final paddle to the take-out. After an exhilarating day on the water, return to your lodge in the late afternoon.

*Note: The difficulty of the rapids depends on their location on the river and the time of year.*

**MEALS:** Breakfast | Lunch

**TRANSPORTATION:** Round-trip self-drive

**ACTIVITY:** Shared full-day rafting

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## Hike Among Giant Sequoias & Take a Horseback Trail Ride

This morning, meet your private MT Sobek guide for a hike through Mariposa Grove, home to over 500 mature giant sequoias—the largest living trees on Earth. Nestled on the western slope of the Sierra Nevada, this majestic grove is truly awe-inspiring. Your guide will tailor the hike to your group’s interests and ability level. This afternoon, saddle up for a scenic horseback journey through the breathtaking landscapes of Yosemite National Park. Imagine what it must be like for early pioneers to ride through the park’s towering granite cliffs, lush meadows, and ancient forests. Suitable for beginners and seasoned riders, this is a classic Western experience in one of America’s most iconic wilderness areas.

**MEALS:** Breakfast

**ACTIVITY:** Private guided hike, private or shared trail ride

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## Drive to Wine Country & Settle in Amid the Vines

After days immersed in Yosemite’s rugged wilderness and towering granite peaks, today offers a shift in rhythm and scenery. Depart the Sierra Nevada and enjoy a scenic drive through rolling foothills and golden valleys as you make your way to California’s Wine Country—a region known for its tranquil vineyards, artisan culture, and relaxed elegance. As the landscape softens, so does the pace. Arrive at your luxurious accommodation nestled among the vines. Sit back, sip something extraordinary, and settle into a region celebrated for its idyllic scenery, laid-back vibe, and artisanal wines.

**MEALS:** Breakfast

**TRANSPORTATION:** Self-drive (approx. 4.5 hours)

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## Savor a Private Wine Tasting Tour in Sonoma Valley

Today, meet your private driver-guide for a curated half-day wine tasting experience through the heart of Wine Country. With over 500 wineries nestled between the Pacific Coast and Napa Valley, Sonoma offers a rich diversity of terroir and varietals. Your guide will select two exceptional wineries tailored to your preferences, whether you’re drawn to bold reds, crisp whites, or biodynamic blends. As you sip and swirl, enjoy stories of winemaking heritage and the unique microclimates that shape each vintage. Between tastings, take in the rolling vineyard views and coastal breezes that define the region’s charm. Return to your resort in the late afternoon and unwind with a dip in the pool, a spa treatment, or a glass of wine by the fire.

**MEALS:** Breakfast

**TRANSPORTATION:** Private vehicle touring

**ACTIVITY:** Private wine tasting tour

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07

## Paddle the Russian River & Pedal Between Wineries with a Private Guide

This morning, take a quick drive to meet your guide for a private half day easy kayaking excursion on the Russian River. The experience is a quiet almost wilderness paddle among the Douglas firs, redwoods, and other riverside trees. Keep an eye out for black turtles often seen sunning themselves on logs, snowy egrets, blue herons, ducks, and even the occasional bald eagle. If you're lucky, you may also see a family of river otters or bobcats. You'll stop off at various beaches for swimming breaks and eventually come to a jumping rock where brave souls splash into the warm water. The entire trip is 3 miles of easy paddling with no hazards. This afternoon, experience the vineyards from the seat of a bicycle or eBike—undoubtedly one of the most fun things to do while visiting Sonoma Valley! As you pedal past rows of vineyards, you'll enjoy an invigorating sensory experience that simply cannot be duplicated inside a car, tour van or limo. You will visit two wineries today on back-country paths.

**MEALS:** Breakfast | Lunch

**TRANSPORTATION:** Private transfers

**ACTIVITY:** Private guided kayaking and biking

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DAY  
08

## Depart San Francisco

Whether you plan to get a late start or depart directly on your drive to San Francisco, let your mind recall the granite cliffs and towering redwoods of Yosemite, and recent days spent exploring Sonoma's Russian River and legendary vineyards as your Northern California adventure comes to a close. Return your rental car in San Francisco and board your flight home full of amazing memories.

**MEALS:** Breakfast

**TRANSPORTATION:** Self-drive (approx. 1.5 hours)



# Where You'll Stay

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

## **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.

## **Tenaya Lodge at Yosemite**

Tenaya Lodge is a full-service resort located just three miles from the South Entrance of Yosemite National Park and 35 miles from the spectacular Yosemite Valley. The resort offers a variety of accommodation types ? all with warm, contemporary interiors and rustic charm. The Accent Spa is a sanctuary for relaxation with a full range of treatments, plus a sauna and steam room to leave you fully restored. The resort also features three on-site restaurants, a small grocery store & cafe, an indoor pool and three outdoor pools including an adults-only relaxation pool.



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## **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.

## **Firefall Ranch**

New to the Yosemite landscape in Spring 2024, Firefall Ranch is unlike anything else Yosemite has ever seen. Fine but not fussy, Firefall Ranch meanders through serene meadowland and forested rolling hills near Yosemite's popular northwest entrance. This basecamp for your Yosemite adventure is filled with striking design flourishes throughout the Cottages, Villas, Pool Area, Restaurant, Tavern, Wine Room and glorious Event Center.

## **Under Canvas Yosemite**

Under Canvas Yosemite is located on 85 acres of forested land featuring unique glamping accommodations, a main lobby tent complete with café-style dining, upscale lounge areas luxuriously furnished by West Elm, and other elevated offerings. Located just 10 minutes from the main entrance to Yosemite National Park.

## **Carneros Resort & Spa**

Located on 28 acres, surrounded by vineyards, Carneros Resort and Spa is an ideal Napa Valley hideaway. Inspired by the local countryside and agrarian lifestyle of Napa Valley, the resort features an elevated farmhouse design, modern décor and distinct charm. Blending a "from the land" philosophy with modern resort amenities, each accommodation is well-appointed with premium furnishings, elegant décor, deluxe bath products and private outdoor patios. The full-service spa offers ultimate relaxation, two pools and two hot tubs deliver sweeping views of the countryside. The three on-site restaurants provide an abundance of gourmet dining options.

## **Fairmont Sonoma Mission Inn & Spa**

Nestled in the heart of the famed Sonoma Valley, Fairmont Sonoma Mission Inn & Spa is a full-service destination resort. The resort provides guests with exceptional spa services, access to championship golf at neighboring Sonoma Golf Club and numerous complimentary wellness offerings including daily hikes, yoga and fitness classes. The resort offers a variety of accommodations types yet all are beautifully appointed with Provence-inspired décor, modern amenities and a complimentary bottle of wine. Dining is a true highlight at Sante Restaurant, the inn's premier Michelin-rated restaurant.



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## **The Andaz Napa**

The Andaz Napa is a boutique hotel property located in downtown Napa just steps from world-class dining and the iconic Oxbow Public Market. The airy rooms and suites feature hardwood floors, marble bathrooms, floor to ceiling windows, fireplaces and private balconies. Unwind at the Mercantile Terrace, an outdoor oasis where guests gather around cozy fire pits, or in a comfortable cabana to indulge in the farm-to-table menu of locally sourced light bites.

## **Vintage House**

Nestled in the charming town of Yountville in the renowned Napa Valley wine region, the Vintage House is ideally located within walking distance of Michelin-starred restaurants, award-winning tasting rooms and beautiful natural surroundings. The accommodations feature a rustic elegance and modern sophistication with crafted vino-cultured details, fireplaces, walnut plank floors, and serene bathrooms featuring elegant white Carrara marble accents. The beautiful hotel also features a complimentary wine country buffet-style breakfast daily, complimentary wine tastings on Friday and Saturday evenings, an outdoor pool, full service spa, fitness center, complimentary Wi-Fi, complimentary valet parking, and complimentary bicycles.

# Departure Dates

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

# What's Included

## PRICE INCLUDES

- All tours, transfers and activities as detailed in the itinerary
- Accommodations as noted in the itinerary, including all taxes and resort fees
- Meals as noted in the daily itinerary by B, L, D with taxes and gratuities
- All special equipment required for activities
- Final electronic documentation package
- Trip logistics, operations and monitoring during travel

## PRICE DOES NOT INCLUDE

- Additional meals not noted in the daily itinerary
- Entry fees to National Parks, museums and other attractions, unless listed on inclusions
- Airfare, airport taxes or baggage fees for all flights
- Optional activities, spa services, dinner reservations, alcoholic beverages, and any related taxes and fees
- Personal expenses such as medical immunizations, laundry or souvenirs
- Discretionary tips for guides, drivers and resort staff
- Optional travel protection
- Rental car



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