



Yosemite Valley

Good Times Travel Yuletide in Yosemite

Featuring A Two-Night Stay At The *Tenaya Lodge at Yosemite*, Yosemite National Park, Kearney Mansion, Basque Meal

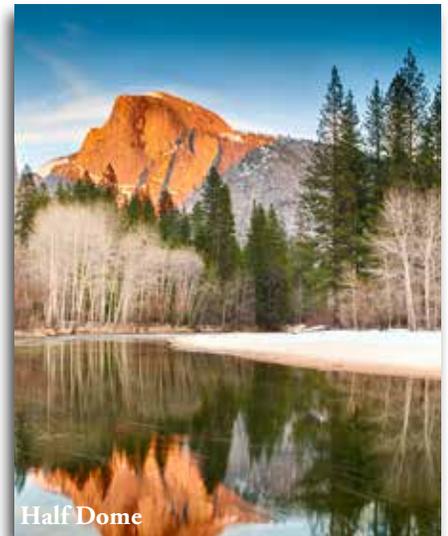
December 4-6, 2022 – 3 Day Tour

Tour Highlights

- ◆ Enjoy a relaxing, two-night stay at the *Tenaya Lodge at Yosemite* – an elegant, AAA Four Diamond lodge resort beautifully decorated for the holidays and located on 35 secluded acres amongst a noble evergreen forest just outside the south entrance of Yosemite National Park
- ◆ Extensive sightseeing with a local guide in Yosemite National Park highlighting the Yosemite Valley with sightseeing to include El Capitan, Half Dome, the tall pines, the peaceful meadows and the historic structures
- ◆ Experience a turn-of-the-century Victorian holiday while touring Fresno’s beautifully decorated Kearney Mansion – former mansion of the Central Valley’s “Raisin King”
- ◆ Enjoy a traditional, multi-course, family-style Basque meal with wine in Fresno



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Half Dome

Tour Inclusions

- ◆ 2 Nights deluxe hotel accommodations
- ◆ 3 Meals – 1 lunch, 2 breakfasts
- ◆ Services of a professional GTT tour director
- ◆ Comprehensive sightseeing with a local guide
- ◆ Admissions per itinerary
- ◆ Transportation aboard a deluxe motorcoach
- ◆ Luggage handling throughout the tour



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Accommodations

- ◆ Nights 1-2 **Tenaya Lodge at Yosemite**
Yosemite South Entrance, CA

Tour Prices

Double Occupancy: \$799 per person
Single Occupancy (no roommate): Add \$250



Kearney Mansion



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Reservations



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Departure Information

Join this tour from one of our convenient departure points available in these cities:

- ◆Fountain Valley ◆Laguna Hills ◆Long Beach

Approximate Departure Time: 7-9 a.m.

Approximate Return Time: 6-8 p.m.

Exact times are provided in your tour documents which are mailed two weeks prior to departure.

Payment Information

- ◆ Full payment due at time of booking
- ◆ Payment may be made by mailing a check to the above address or making a credit card payment at www.goodtimestravel.com

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Health & Wellness

To better ensure the health and wellness of all guests, this tour requires all guests to wear face masks where required, provide proof of COVID-19 vaccination and complete a Wellness Pledge on the day of departure.

Tour Pace & Activity Level



Visit our website for further explanation of what each of these designations means to assist you in determining which tour is right for you based on your physical abilities and the pacing you prefer.

Itinerary

Winter in Yosemite typically means picturesque snow-topped peaks, glistening frozen lakes, snow dusted trees and icicles hanging from rooftops. Those that have visited Yosemite National Park in another season will find a whole other world in the wintertime. We'll explore the magnificent Yosemite Valley and its great granite domes, giant sequoias and picturesque historic buildings at a truly magical time of year. And then we'll head inside to relax by a roaring fire at our cozy, yet sophisticated, lodge that is decked out for the holidays. This three-day getaway with two nights at the Tenaya Lodge at Yosemite offers a truly wonderful combination of natural wonders, winter landscapes, rustic elegance and Christmas spirit.

Day 1 – Welcome to the Tenaya Lodge at Yosemite!

From our departure points this morning we'll travel by deluxe motorcoach into California's fertile **Central Valley**. Following a morning rest stop and a stop for lunch on your own, we'll begin our journey from the Central Valley into the foothills of the **Sierra Nevada**. Here, two miles from the south entrance of Yosemite National Park, situated on 35 secluded acres amongst a noble evergreen forest at 5,300 feet in elevation, is the **Tenaya Lodge at Yosemite**. We'll enjoy a two-night stay at this elegant, AAA Four Diamond mountain retreat that offers an experience that is classic, yet perfectly modern. This full-service resort features an expansive lobby with a roaring fire, indoor pool and spa and a full-service restaurant offering a wide range of cuisine. The **Tenaya Lodge** comes alive during the holidays and was rated by U.S.A. Today as one of the "Top 10 Best Hotels for the Holidays!" This time of year the lobby is transformed into a cheery holiday haven and from the moment you enter and see the towering Christmas tree, you'll know you're in for something special. Enjoy the balance of the evening at leisure to enjoy music in the lobby while sipping the chef's special hot drink, admiring the gingerbread house and making s'mores around the outdoor fire pit.

Day 2 – Yosemite National Park

Following an included breakfast at the Lodge, a **local guide** will join us onboard the motorcoach as we travel into **Yosemite National Park**, home to a grand collection of peaceful meadows and historic structures amongst a pine forest and unique, glacier-shaped cliffs and rock faces. At **Tunnel View** we'll get our first view of the spectacular Yosemite Valley including one of the west's most photographed landmarks, **Half Dome**. Opposite Half Dome, towering 3,593 feet above the Yosemite Valley floor, **El Capitan** is the undisputed king of the granite monoliths – in fact it's Earth's largest single piece of granite! We continue to our destination: **Yosemite Valley**, the prized jewel of Yosemite National Park. This eight-mile long, geologic marvel is a 4,000-foot deep trough lined by towering cliffs and glacially sculpted, polished rock. In fact, legendary naturalist John Muir called Yosemite Valley the "Incomparable Valley." At **Sentinel Bridge** we'll take in the breathtaking view of Half Dome and its mirrored reflection in the Merced River. We'll see a number of picturesque historic buildings, none more famous or spectacular than the **Ahwahnee Hotel**, an architectural gem combining grandness and intimacy. We continue to **Yosemite Lodge** with time at leisure for lunch on your own. Enjoy time at leisure in **Yosemite Village** where you'll find the **Ansel Adams Gallery** of photographic art, The Village Store and a variety of historic buildings. We'll return to the **Tenaya Lodge at Yosemite** in the late afternoon with the balance of the evening at your leisure to take advantage of the swimming pool and spa, restaurant and spacious lobby. (Breakfast)

Day 3 – Kearney Mansion, Basque Meal, Journey Home

After an included breakfast at the Lodge, we'll begin our journey home with a stop in Fresno, located in the heart of the San Joaquin Valley. Experience a turn-of-the-century Victorian holiday at the **Kearney Mansion**, an early 1900's French Renaissance-style mansion with original Victorian furnishings. On a docent-guided tour we'll learn about M. Theo Kearney, the "Raisin King," who pioneered much of the agricultural industry in Central Valley. This is one of the San Joaquin Valley's most significant and historic sites and helps tell the story of the development of agriculture in the Valley as well as California's immigration story. This time of year the mansion is decorated from top to bottom with trees, garland and bows and showcases how Christmas was celebrated over 100 years ago. We'll then enjoy an included traditional **Basque meal** at a locals' favorite. This family-style meal includes fresh bread, homemade soup, a variety of sides, fried chicken, charbroiled lamp chops, ice cream and house wine and is a memorable finale to a spectacular journey. This afternoon we continue south toward Southern California making a rest stop later this afternoon. We return to our drop-off points this evening with fond memories of giant granite cliffs, peaceful meadows and beautiful Christmas décor at the **Tenaya Lodge at Yosemite**. (Breakfast, Lunch)

While we make every effort to operate our tours as outlined in the itinerary, we ask for your patience, understanding and flexibility and to retain a sense of adventure while traveling with us. Situations may arise that necessitate changes to the itinerary. Should we need to adjust the itinerary either prior to or while on tour, these changes will be communicated to you and only done when absolutely necessary.