

Day Tours

Yosemite and Giant Sequoias Tour



San Francisco, CA, USA

Product Code:

DM-SS-SFO-YOSEMITE

Highlights

14-to-15-hour tour from San Francisco

Visit & Hike Yosemite in a Day

Includes a hike to Giant Sequoias (conditions permitting)

Tour spends the most time in the Yosemite Park—over 5 hours

See 4 Major Yosemite Sights - Inspiration Point, Yosemite Valley, El Capitan Meadow and Valley View

You will also see the Half Dome, Cathedral Peak and El Capitan, Bridalveil Fall, Horsetail and Yosemite Falls.

Get More Photography Opportunities: Photograph Bridalveil Fall, Yosemite Falls, and Half Dome
Enjoy nature hikes in Tuolumne Grove of Giant Sequoias and on the Meadow Loop Trail to the Swinging Bridge.

Scheduled departures – 1 Jan to 31 Dec 2023



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Our deluxe Full Day Yosemite Coach Tour from San Francisco takes you to the awe-inspiring monuments of Half Dome and El Capitan. Bridalveil, Horsetail and Yosemite Falls make dramatic appearances during most seasons. As compared to other Yosemite tours, if conditions are right, our tour allows you time to hike among giant Yosemite trees and to the Swinging Bridge on the Meadow Loop Trail.

The tour begins with a convenient pickup from select downtown hotels. Then we head east out of San Francisco to Yosemite, crossing through California's fertile San Joaquin Valley before climbing into the rocky Sierra Nevada mountains. Pickups for this tour are also offered from San Jose to Yosemite or Groveland to Yosemite. Relax as you learn the colorful gold rush history of the region. The tour pauses half-way to Yosemite to stretch your legs and grab refreshments.

Post your Yosemite National Park tour, we will proceed to Tuolumne Grove where you will experience the quiet solitude of the Giant Sequoias. You will not doubt for a second that these Yosemite trees are the largest living creatures on the planet. N

Besides giant trees, Yosemite Valley is also home to over 400 different species of mammals, birds, fish, reptiles and amphibians. In Spring, wildflowers blanket the valley floor. The Lower Yosemite Falls, Mist and Meadow Loop trailheads are all near to Yosemite Valley Lodge. Each is guaranteed to delight hikers of any age.

Your days highlights include a photo stop at El Capitan Meadow where you can get a straight-on view of the Yosemite icon, an impressive vantage point for Cathedral Rocks, and, if the season is right, Horsetail Fall which produces the famous "firefall" in late-February.

YOSEMITE DAY TOUR ITINERARY

06:30 AM to 10:30 AM: Pick up & Drive to Yosemite

Begin your Yosemite National Park tour with a convenient hotel pickup

Rest stop. Pick up snacks and lunch for the park

Learn the history of the Sierra Nevada mountains and the Gold Country

Listen as your guide prepares you for a day in Yosemite National Park

11:00 AM to 12:30 PM: Park Entry & Hike

Enter Yosemite National Park

Hike to 2,000-year-old Yosemite trees (conditions permitting) in the Tuolumne Grove of Giant Sequoias

12:30 PM to 1:30 PM: Visit Inspiration Point to Marvel at Major Yosemite Sights

Be inspired at Inspiration Point/Tunnel View

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Enjoy views of El Capitan, Half Dome, Sentinel Dome and Cathedral Rocks

Capture photographs of Bridalveil Fall and Yosemite Falls

1:30 PM to 3:30 PM: Free Time in Yosemite Valley

Two hours of free time in Yosemite Valley

Explore the trail to the Lower Yosemite Falls

Hike to the photogenic Swinging Bridge or Lower Yosemite Falls

Grab a picnic lunch at Yosemite Lodge (meal not included)

3:30 PM to 4:30 PM: Stop at El Capitan Meadow

Stretch your legs at El Capitan Meadow

Take your last look at Valley View

4:30 PM to 9:00 PM: Departure, Break for Dinner, and Dropoff

Descend the Sierras as you return from Yosemite to San Francisco

Break for dinner and refreshments

Watch as the sun sets into California's golden hills

Conclude the tour at your pickup location

Note: Children under 8 years of age or 4' 9" in height are not allowed on this tour without a child safety seat or booster seat. If you do not have a safety seat with you, contact our office and we will assist with arrangements.

Inclusions

- ✓ Tour of Yosemite National Park.
- ✓ Hike to Giant Sequoias (conditions permitting)
- ✓ Inspiration Point, El Capitan and the trail to Yosemite Falls visit.
- ✓ Local expert guide (English).
- ✓ Pickup at most San Francisco hotels
- ✓ Park entry fee included at checkout
- ✓ Taxes and Fees.

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Exclusions

- × Meals & Beverages.
- × Travel Insurance – highly recommended.
- × DMCi Inc. sell Manulife Travel Insurance. We will require customers to sign off on Travel Insurance Waiver in the event customer declines our offer to sell them Travel Insurance.
- × Gratuities for Driver cum Tour Guide. Gratuities are expected.

Scheduled Departures

Daily Departures

July 25 to 31 Dec 2022 and 1 Jan to 31 Dec 2023 – departs at 6:30 AM. Hotel pickup starts around 5:45 AM.

Joining Instructions

Pick up offered from downtown San Francisco Hotels.

Deposit & Cancellation Policy

- 100% payment required at the time of confirmation.

Change & Cancellation Policy

- More than 3 days prior – 100% less \$20 Service Fee per person.
- 3 days or less – 100% non-refundable.

FAQ

- **How long is the tour?** - The Yosemite and Giant Sequoias tour takes 14-15 hours and includes 4-5 hours in the park.
- **How long is the drive to Yosemite?** - The drive is about 4 hours. We will make a stop halfway so you can stretch your legs and gather refreshments.
- **What do I need to know about the Giant Sequoias hike?** - The hike is dependent on the trail conditions. Tuolumne Grove usually available from April to October. The hike is about 2 miles round-trip (about 60 minutes) on a paved trail with 400 feet (122 meters) incline on the return. If you choose not to participate in the hike, there is a comfortable outdoor seating area and restrooms.

- **What is the best time of year to visit Yosemite Valley?** - Each season in Yosemite Valley offers its own advantages. Summer is the best chance for sunny and warm hikes, Fall offers peace and solitude at the popular attractions, Winter means a blanket of snow over all the rock monuments and Spring features the peak of the annual Yosemite Valley waterfall show.
- **How can I travel around the park during my free time?** - Walking is best form of transportation in the Valley. We do not recommend public transportation or park shuttles during your free time since you cannot be certain about getting back the tour vehicle on time. The most popular attractions are a short distance from the drop-off point near Yosemite Valley Lodge.
- **Is admission included?** - The Yosemite Entrance fee is included in the price of your tour.
- **Do you pick up outside of San Francisco?** - Yes, we can pick you up in San Jose (make the reservation here), or if you're staying in the East Bay, we pick up in Livermore as well. We also offer a pickup from Groveland, California (make the reservation here).
- **Do you offer this tour in different languages?** - The tour is narrated in English, but we offer complimentary recorded audio guides in 8 languages: Spanish, French, German, Italian, Korean, Mandarin, Japanese, and Portuguese. If an audio guide is required, please specify when booking.
- **I'm travelling with a child. Do I need a child seat?** - Please note that for your child's safety, we cannot allow children under 8 years of age or 4' 9" in height on the tour without a child safety seat or booster seat. If you do not have a safety seat with you, contact our office and we will assist with arrangements.
- **Is this a guided tour?** - Yes, the tour is guided with an English-speaking guide. There will also be time on your own during the stops. For our international guests, we offer complimentary recorded audio guides in 8 languages. If an audio guide is required, please specify when booking.
- **What is the average temperature?** - Yosemite weather varies depending on the season. Average temperature data is below.
 - SUMMER MONTHS (JUNE, JULY, AUGUST):
 - Average High temperature: 87°F / 31°C
 - Average Low temperature: 55°F / 13°C
 - WINTER MONTHS (DECEMBER, JANUARY, FEBRUARY):
 - Average High temperature: 48°F / 9°C
 - Average Low temperature: 29°F / -2°C
- **What should I wear?** - We recommend that you wear layered clothing in case of unexpected changes in temperature or precipitation. We do not recommend wearing shorts or sleeveless shirts in the winter. For footwear, we recommend comfortable walking shoes, such as regular tennis shoes, sneakers, or boots with rubber soles and treads. In the summer months, hiking sandals can be worn but high heels, beach flip-flops, and other open-toed shoes are not recommended.
- **What should I bring?** -

- Comfortable shoes for walking
 - Extra spending money for meals, snacks, souvenirs etc.
 - A light jacket (easily removable) in case of wind
 - Camera
 - Water bottle
 - Warm clothes and a waterproof jacket (during the winter months)
 - Hat and sunscreen (during the summer months)
 - Sturdy umbrella (if the forecast calls for rain)
- **Are meals included? Can I buy or bring my own?** - Meals are not included on this tour. We do make a stop about halfway to and from Yosemite, where you can buy a snack or meal to take with you. There are also restaurants and a food court in Yosemite Valley where you can purchase lunch and snacks.
 - **Are there restrooms on board the vehicles?** - Our vehicles at this time do not have any restroom facilities. We do, however, make several stops throughout the tours and there will be opportunities for you to use the restroom.
 - **Can I bring a wheelchair?** - Please notify us at time of booking if you are bringing a wheelchair on the tour so that we can make the appropriate arrangements. Please note that we are unable to guarantee an ADA vehicle.
 - **Will we see wildlife?** - There is a chance of seeing wildlife on the tour and we often spot animals, however we do not guarantee seeing wildlife on any of our tours. Our guides have a lot of knowledge about the animals within the park and can fill you in about them if you see any wildlife or if you have any questions.
 - **Wild Animals – Is it safe to approach wild animals? Is it safe to touch them if they behave friendly?** **ABSOLUTELY NO.** Neither should you get out of your vehicle to photograph them even if they seem to be calm and even friendly.

Note

- Clients should be double vaccinated and must produce their vaccination certificates on demand along with photo ID.
- Clients may be required to wear a Face Masks if mandated by the provincial/federal government.

For More Information on this Tour Package, Operating Dates & Tariffs,

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