



Around Yosemite National Park

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Why Go?

Though many consider Yosemite the crème de la crème of the Sierras, you may just find you prefer the flavor of other regions around it. You'll find many who'd argue the unbeatable merits of the Eastern Sierra, which is home to sights such as Mono Lake, Mammoth Lakes, hidden hot springs, shimmering alpine lakes and some of the state's most dramatic mountain scenery.

Heading to Yosemite by car or bus, you'll travel along one of four primary approaches. To the west, Hwys 120 and 140 provide the main access routes, with wonderful little gold-rush-era towns and groovy old-time saloons. To the south, Hwy 41 passes by pastoral fishing lakes and mountain roads, and the eastern route over Tioga Pass is the highest auto pass in California.

Road Distances (miles)

Yosemite Valley	45			
Mammoth Lakes	135	105		
Tioga Pass	95	65	40	
Oakhurst	25	45	145	105
	Mariposa	Yosemite Valley	Mammoth Lakes	Tioga Pass

Note: Distances are approximate

0 50 km
0 25 miles

Peer above the blazing orange landscape popularized in countless shoot-'em-up Westerns and admire the wall of stark peaks harboring the highest pinnacle in the continental US. (p156 & p157)