



Yosemite & the Sierra Nevada

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Why Go?

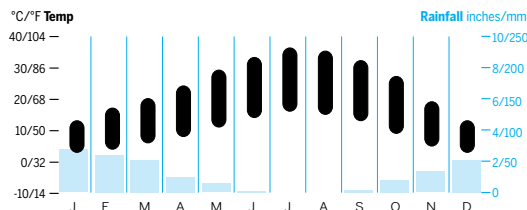
An outdoor-adventurer's wonderland, the Sierra Nevada is a year-round pageant of snow sports, white-water rafting, hiking, cycling and rock climbing. Skiers and snowboarders blaze through hushed pine-tree slopes, and wilderness seekers come to escape the stresses of modern civilization.

With fierce granite mountains standing watch over high-altitude lakes, the eastern spine of California is a formidable but exquisite topographical barrier enclosing magnificent natural landscapes. And interspersed between its river canyons and 14,000ft peaks are the decomposing ghost towns left behind by California's early white settlers, bubbling natural hot springs and Native American tribes that still call it home.

In the majestic national parks of Yosemite and Sequoia & Kings Canyon, visitors will be humbled by the groves of solemn giant sequoias, ancient rock formations and valleys, and the ever-present opportunity to see bears and other wildlife.

When to Go

Yosemite National Park



May & Jun The Yosemite waterfalls are gushing and spectacular in spring.

Jul & Aug Head for the mountains for wilderness adventures and glorious sunshine.

Dec–Mar Take a wintertime romp through snowy forests.

Yosemite & the Sierra Nevada Highlights

1 Yosemite National Park

(p678) Marveling at the waterfall gush in spring.

2 Mammoth Mountain

(p718) Whooshing down the wintertime heights of this snow-draped mountain.

3 Sequoia & Kings Canyon National Parks

(p698) Gazing heavenward through the celestial sequoia canopies.

4 Bodie State Historic Park

(p713) Ambling around this evocative ghost town.

5 Mono Lake

(p716) Canoeing or kayaking amid the lake's haunting tufa.

