



Yosemite, Sequoia & Kings Canyon National Parks



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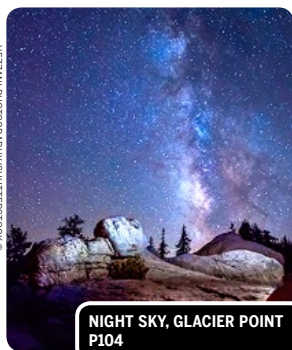
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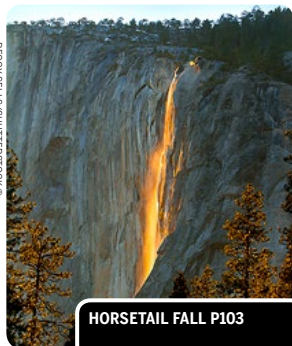
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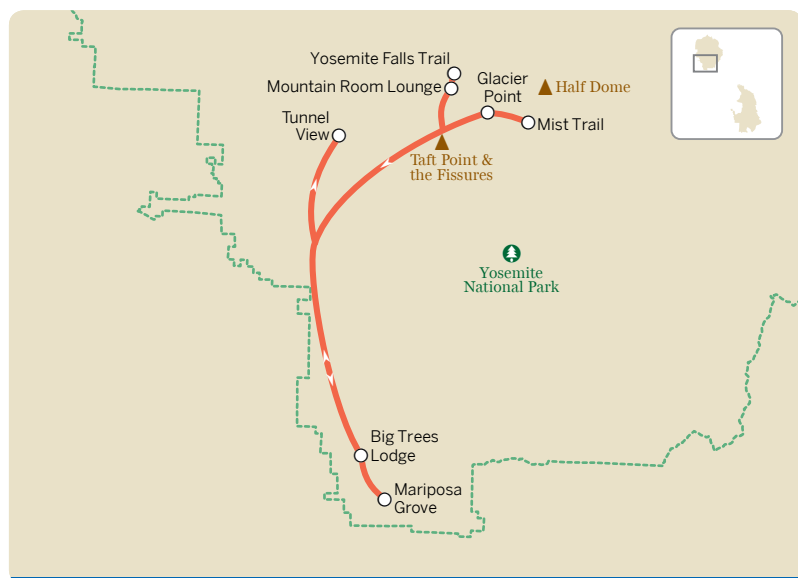
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Itineraries



A Weekend in Yosemite

Feast on a multicourse banquet of Yosemite Valley attractions, scenic overlooks and giant sequoias.

Pack a lunch and head out to conquer the long climb of either the **Mist Trail** or the **Yosemite Falls Trail**, giving yourself lots of scenic breathers along the way. Quench your thirst post-hike with a celebratory drink at the Yosemite Valley Lodge's **Mountain Room Lounge**, and in the evening hear the rangers spin tales at a convivial campfire program.

On your second day, pack up and proceed to **Glacier Point**, stopping en route for a leisurely stroll to vertigo-inducing **Taft Point and the Fissures**. Save lunch for when you get to road's end, in full view of Half Dome and Vernal and Nevada Falls. Continue past Wawona to the South Entrance to take a gander at the giant sequoias of **Mariposa Grove**. Return to the historic **Big Trees Lodge** for dinner in its classy dining room. On your way home, stop at the magnificent **Tunnel View lookout**, taking in one last valley eyeful before you leave.

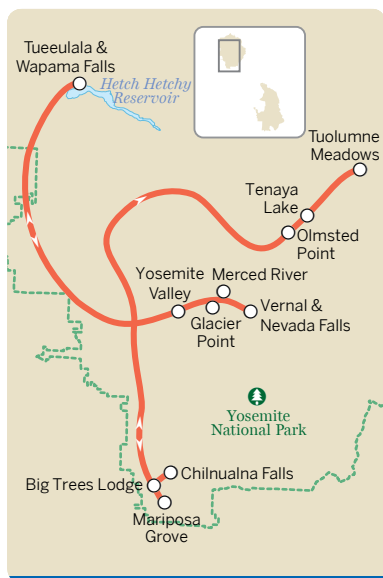


Highway 395 (Eastern Sierra Scenic Byway)

Start in diminutive Lone Pine, exploring the fascinating paraphernalia from hundreds of movies in the **Museum of Western Film History**. Then head out to the nearby orange, round-earthen mounds of the otherworldly **Alabama Hills**, where many of the Old West Hollywood movies were shot. Day-trippers can make like they're on their way to climb the jagged peak of 14,505ft Mt Whitney by heading to **Whitney Portal** and Lone Pine Lake. Just up the road, near even tinier Independence, is the **Manzanar National Historic Site**, a museum dedicated to telling the story of a dark chapters in US history, located on the barren, windswept land of the former WWII-era internment camp.

You could then spend many days around Bishop, the second-largest town in the Eastern Sierra, hiking, cycling, fishing, bouldering... and hitting the **Laws Railroad Museum & Historic Site's** collection of antique railcars. Same goes for the year-round resort town of **Mammoth Lakes** (the mountain's ski season can run into June), with backcountry hikes galore, and a massive mountain-bike park. Don't miss **Reds Meadow**, just west of Mammoth Mountain, and the surreal 10,000-year-old **Devils Postpile National Monument**.

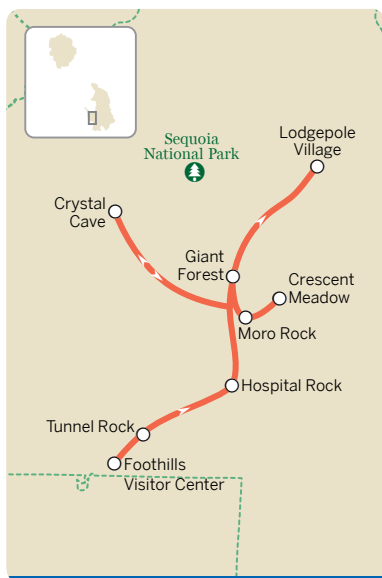
The drive around the **June Lake Loop**, under the shadow of Carson Peak, meanders through a horseshoe canyon, especially scenic in fall, and it's backed by the **Ansel Adams Wilderness Area** and its world-class high-country trails. In summer the swimming beach is a revelation of fun. For some geographic diversity, drive a little further north to **Mono Lake** to walk to its glassy surface and unearthly tufa towers. An appropriate coda to the trip is wandering among the frozen-in-time gold-rush-era buildings in the preserved ghost town of **Bodie State Historic Park**.

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DAYS

Yosemite Complete

Pack in all of Yosemite's major sights on a tour of waterfalls, sequoias and high-country vistas. Spend your first day strolling the crowd-free **Yosemite Valley** loop trails. Next day, hike the drenched Mist Trail to **Vernal and Nevada Falls**. The following day float along the **Merced River** – the best rafting views you'll ever have. Reserve day four to huff and puff the Four Mile Trail to **Glacier Point** for vistas from the park's most famous viewpoint, or take a climbing class with the Yosemite Mountaineering School.

Drive out to Hetch Hetchy for a day trip and hike to **Tueeulala Falls** and **Wapama Falls**. Next morning, gobble down a filling breakfast at the historic **Big Trees Lodge**, park at Yosemite's South Entrance and humble yourself exploring the ancient **Mariposa Grove**. Pack a lunch and hike to thundering **Chilnualna Falls**, near Wawona. The following day, stop to marvel at **Olmsted Point** from the Tioga Rd viewpoint, and take in the dazzling views from the sandy shores of **Tenaya Lake**. Wind up your trip with a wander around the Sierra Nevada's biggest alpine meadow while camped at **Tuolumne Meadows**.



1 DAY

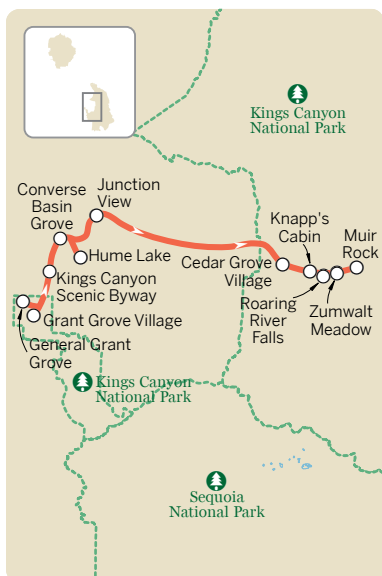
Sequoia National Park

Big trees, deep caves and high granite domes are all on the agenda for this day-long tour of Sequoia National Park.

Start your day at the **Foothills Visitor Center**, stopping long enough to get oriented. Head north on the Generals Hwy, hitting the brakes at **Tunnel Rock** – visualize squeezing through in a tin lizzie (small early-model car) – and to see Native American pictographs and grinding holes at **Hospital Rock**, near riverside swimming holes.

Arriving in **Giant Forest**, let yourself be dwarfed by the majestic General Sherman Tree, the world's largest tree. Learn more about giant sequoias at the kid-friendly Giant Forest Museum. Hop on the park shuttle for a wildflower walk around **Crescent Meadow** and to climb the puff-and-pant stairway up **Moro Rock** for bird's-eye canyon and peak views.

Picnic by the river at **Lodgepole Village**, then get back in your car and make your way to the chilly underground wonderland of **Crystal Cave**, where you can marvel at delicate marble formations while easing through eerie passageways.



1 DAY Kings Canyon National Park

From giant sequoia crowns to the depths of the Kings River canyon, this twisting scenic drive is an eye-popping revelation.

Start in **Grant Grove Village** at the northern end of the Generals Hwy. Take a walk in **General Grant Grove**, encompassing the world's third-largest living tree and the gigantic **Fallen Monarch**.

Drive down the **Kings Canyon Scenic Byway** (Hwy 180), passing through the Giant Sequoia National Monument and stopping for a dip at **Hume Lake**. Back on the scenic byway, which starts descending precipitously, pull over to survey the canyon depths and distant peaks from lofty **Junction View**.

Cruise past **Cedar Grove Village**. Feel waves of spray from roadside **Roaring River Falls** and admire striking canyon views in verdant **Zumwalt Meadow**, a bird-watching spot with a boardwalk nature trail. At truthfully named Road's End, cool off at the beach by **Muir Rock** before turning around and driving back to catch a canyon sunset from historic **Knapp's Cabin**.



14 DAYS Sequoia to Alabama Hills

Kick off the trip with three to four days in **Sequoia and Kings Canyon National Parks**, touring their ancient trees, ethereal caves and showstopping river canyon. Heading north, camp at **Wawona** and budget a day for the southern reaches of Yosemite National Park. Spend at least three days exploring the miraculous falls and granite monoliths of **Yosemite Valley**, then hike the trails of Yosemite's high country while camped at **Tuolumne Meadows**.

East of the park, take a full day to explore the surreal countryside around **Saddlebag Lake** and then journey over to **Mono Lake**. Detour north to the ghost-town ruins of **Bodie State Historic Park** and then south for the mountain vistas buffering the **June Lake Loop**. From **Mammoth Lakes**, hike to the bizarre formation of the **Devils Postpile National Monument** before heading to the nearby **hot springs** at sunset. Next wind up the road to the **Ancient Bristlecone Pine Forest** to breathe the thin air and marvel at the gnarled, time-capsule trees. On your final day, tour the solemn remains of **Manzanar** and catch a film-worthy sunset at the Alabama Hills in **Lone Pine**.

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Sights

- Beach
- Bird Sanctuary
- Buddhist
- Castle/Palace
- Christian
- Confucian
- Hindu
- Islamic
- Jain
- Jewish
- Monument
- Museum/Gallery/Historic Building
- Ruin
- Shinto
- Sikh
- Taoist
- Winery/Vineyard
- Zoo/Wildlife Sanctuary
- Other Sight

Activities, Courses & Tours

- Bodysurfing
- Diving
- Canoeing/Kayaking
- Course/Tour
- Sento Hot Baths/Onsen
- Skiing
- Snorkeling
- Surfing
- Swimming/Pool
- Walking
- Windsurfing
- Other Activity

Sleeping

- Sleeping
- Camping
- Hut/Shelter

Eating

- Eating

Drinking & Nightlife

- Drinking & Nightlife
- Cafe

Entertainment

- Entertainment

Shopping

- Shopping

Information

- Bank
- Embassy/Consulate
- Hospital/Medical
- Internet
- Police
- Post Office
- Telephone
- Toilet
- Tourist Information
- Other Information

Geographic

- Beach
- Gate
- Hut/Shelter
- Lighthouse
- Lookout
- Mountain/Volcano
- Oasis
- Park
- Pass
- Picnic Area
- Waterfall

Population

- Capital (National)
- Capital (State/Province)
- City/Large Town
- Town/Village

Transport

- Airport
- BART station
- Border crossing
- Boston T station
- Bus
- Cable car/Funicular
- Cycling
- Ferry
- Metro/Muni station
- Monorail
- Parking
- Petrol station
- Subway/SkyTrain station
- Taxi
- Train station/Railway
- Tram
- Underground station
- Other Transport

Routes

- Tollway
- Freeway
- Primary
- Secondary
- Tertiary
- Lane
- Unsealed road
- Road under construction
- Plaza/Mall
- Steps
- Tunnel
- Pedestrian overpass
- Walking Tour
- Walking Tour detour
- Path/Walking Trail

Boundaries

- International
- State/Province
- Disputed
- Regional/Suburb
- Marine Park
- Cliff
- Wall

Hydrography

- River, Creek
- Intermittent River
- Canal
- Water
- Dry/Salt/Intermittent Lake
- Reef

Areas

- Airport/Runway
- Beach/Desert
- Cemetery (Christian)
- Cemetery (Other)
- Glacier
- Mudflat
- Park/Forest
- Sight (Building)
- Sportsground
- Swamp/Mangrove

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