



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 15-17, 2024 – 3 Day Tour

Tour Highlights

- ◆ Enjoy a relaxing, two-night stay at the *Tenaya Lodge at Yosemite* – this elegant and stylish AAA Four Diamond, full-service mountain retreat is located on 35 secluded acres amongst a noble evergreen forest and features luxurious rooms, a heated indoor pool and hot tub, restaurant, room service and an enormous lobby with a roaring fire and beautifully decorated for the holidays
- ◆ Join a Yosemite Conservancy guide for a full day of sightseeing in Yosemite National Park with multiple stops in Yosemite Valley including The Ahwahnee, Yosemite Village Tunnel View and Sentinel Bridge to admire the historic structures, granite cliffs, tall pines and peaceful meadows
- ◆ Experience a turn-of-the-century Victorian Christmas while touring Fresno’s beautifully decorated Kearney Mansion – the early 1900’s French Renaissance-style mansion once owned by the Central Valley’s “Raisin King”
- ◆ Enjoy a traditional, family-style Basque meal with wine at a locals’ favorite



The Ahwahnee



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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Tour Prices

Double Occupancy: \$899 per person
 Single Occupancy (no roommate): Add \$300



Kearney Mansion



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Reservations



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Accommodations

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

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.

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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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

Those that have visited Yosemite National Park in another season will find a whole other world in the wintertime – typically picturesque, snow-topped peaks, glistening frozen lakes, snow dusted trees and icicles hanging from rooftops. On this Yuletide escape, we'll explore the magnificent Yosemite Valley and its great granite domes, peaceful meadows 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 upscale lodge that is decked out for the holiday season. This three-day getaway featuring 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 aboard a 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 in the giant stone fireplace, an indoor pool and spa, room service 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 arrive 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 dinner on your own, admire the holiday decorations and make s'mores around the outdoor fire pit.

Day 2 – Yosemite National Park

Following an included breakfast, we'll be joined onboard our motorcoach by a **Yosemite Conservancy guide** for a full day of touring in **Yosemite National Park**. Preserved as a national park in 1890, Yosemite is 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 is **El Capitan**, the undisputed king of the granite monoliths – in fact it's Earth's largest single piece of granite! We'll continue to **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. Although glacially carved valleys with similar features exist elsewhere in the world, none can compete with what legendary naturalist John Muir called the "Incomparable Valley." That bright streak of rushing water against Yosemite Valley's granite walls is the 620-foot **Bridalveil Fall**, one of Yosemite's iconic waterfalls. We'll see a number of picturesque historic buildings, none more famous or spectacular than **The Ahwahnee**, an architectural gem combining grandness and intimacy. We'll enjoy time at leisure for lunch on your own at **Yosemite Lodge** and visit **Yosemite Village**, home to the national park visitor center, **Ansel Adams Gallery** of photographic art, the Village Store and a variety of historic buildings. This afternoon, join your guide on an leisurely walk to the base of **Yosemite Falls**. Tumbling down an enormous rock face, Yosemite Falls is impressive not so much because of the volume of water but the sheer height from which it falls. Split into three sections, the cascade plunges 2,425 feet and is the highest waterfall in North America and fifth highest on the planet! 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 expansive lobby. (Breakfast)

Day 3 – Kearney Mansion, Basque Meal, Journey Home

After an included breakfast, 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)