



Good Times Travel
Yosemite Spring Fling
 Featuring a Two-Night Stay at *Tenaya Lodge at Yosemite*, Yosemite National Park, *Sugar Pine Railroad*, Basque Meal
April 27-29, 2025 – 3 Day Tour

Tour Highlights

- ◆ Enjoy a relaxing, two-night stay at the *Tenaya Lodge at Yosemite* – this stylish, AAA Four Diamond, full-service mountain retreat is located on 35 secluded acres amongst a noble evergreen forest just outside the south entrance to Yosemite National Park and features upscale rooms, a heated indoor pool and hot tub, restaurant and room service
- ◆ Join a local guide for a full day of sightseeing in Yosemite National Park with multiple stops in Yosemite Valley to admire The Ahwahnee, Yosemite Village, Tunnel View, Sentinel Bridge, the granite cliffs, tall pines, peaceful meadows and spectacular waterfalls that are generally over-flowing this time of year
- ◆ Ride the rails through the Sierra Nevada Forest’s majestic tall trees and learn about the area’s amazing history while aboard the open train cars of the *Yosemite Mountain Sugar Pine Railroad*, a historic, narrow gauge steam train
- ◆ Enjoy a traditional, family-style Basque meal with wine in Fresno



Yosemite Valley

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 the itinerary
- ◆ Transportation aboard a deluxe motorcoach
- ◆ Luggage handling throughout the tour

Tour Prices

Double Occupancy: \$999 per person
 Single Occupancy (no roommate): Add \$400



Tenaya Lodge at Yosemite



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Yosemite Mountain Sugar Pine Railroad

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 by making a credit card payment at www.goodtimestravel.com

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Adjustments to the Itinerary

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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

Renowned for its great granite domes, sheer cliffs and giant trees, in the spring Yosemite National Park also welcomes thundering waterfalls! We'll explore the magnificent Yosemite Valley with a local guide and truly appreciate the natural wonders and historic buildings that make this a true national treasure. This three-day getaway offers a truly wonderful combination of spectacular scenery and rustic elegance as we enjoy a two-night stay at the Tenaya Lodge at Yosemite, an elegant and secluded mountain retreat.

Day 1 – Welcome to the **Tenaya Lodge at Yosemite!**

From our departure points this morning we'll travel by 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. Enjoy the balance of the evening at leisure with dinner on your own.

Day 2 – Yosemite National Park

Following an included breakfast, we'll be joined onboard our motorcoach by a local 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 picturesque waterfalls, 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 into **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." We'll take a short, leisurely walk to the base of the 620-foot **Bridalveil Fall**, one of Yosemite's iconic waterfalls. At **Sentinel Bridge** we'll take in the breathtaking view of Half Dome and its mirrored reflection in the Merced River. We'll see a number of picturesque and historic buildings, none more famous or spectacular than the **Ahwahnee Hotel**, an architectural gem combining grandness and intimacy. We'll enjoy time at leisure for lunch on your own at **Yosemite Lodge** before we explore **Yosemite Village**, home to the new 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 the thunderous **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 leisure to take advantage of the swimming pool and spa, restaurant and expansive lobby. (Breakfast)

Day 3 – Ride the Rails, Fresno, Journey Home

After an included breakfast, we'll travel the short distance to **Yosemite Mountain Sugar Pine Railroad** and take a scenic trip back in time as we ride the rails through the Sierra Nevada Forest's majestic tall trees. "The Logger" is an historic, three-foot narrow gauge steam train with open cars that travels on the same track used by logging trains in the 1800s. As we enjoy the stunning views from the open cars, the train conductor will provide narration about the area's amazing history and we'll see where lumberjacks once felled mighty trees for the nearby town of Madera. We'll continue south by motorcoach to Fresno, located in the heart of the San Joaquin Valley and home to a large population of Basque people. When the Basque immigrants who came to California during the Gold Rush weren't successful at mining, they soon migrated from the gold fields to the ranchlands in the San Joaquin Valley where many of them became shepherders. We'll enjoy an included, traditional **Basque meal** at a locals' favorite. This family-style lunch includes fresh bread, homemade soup, fried chicken, charbroiled lamp chops, a variety of sides, ice cream and house wine, providing for a hearty and 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 departure points this evening with many fond memories of the giant granite cliffs, peaceful meadows and thundering waterfalls on our "spring fling" in Yosemite. (Breakfast, Lunch)