



Good Times Travel *Yuletide in Yosemite*

Featuring the *Tenaya Lodge at Yosemite*, Yosemite Conservancy Guide, Lunch at The Ahwahnee, Kearney Mansion
December 13-15, 2026 – 3 Day Tour

Tour Highlights

- ♦ Enjoy a relaxing, two-night stay at the *Tenaya Lodge at Yosemite*, a full-service, rustic-chic AAA Four Diamond mountain retreat nestled on 35 secluded acres of noble evergreen forest featuring upscale accommodations, a heated indoor pool and spa, exceptional dining, and an expansive lobby anchored by a majestic fireplace and decorated for the holidays
- ♦ Join a Yosemite Conservancy guide for a full day of exploring in Yosemite National Park to admire the great granite cliffs, tall pines, serene meadows and historic structures
- ♦ Savor an included three-course lunch surrounded by the timeless grandeur of The Ahwahnee's historic dining room
- ♦ Step back in time to a turn-of-the-century Victorian Christmas at Fresno's historic Kearney Mansion, an early 1900s French Renaissance-style mansion lavishly decorated for the holidays and rich with the legacy of the Central Valley's "Raisin King."
- ♦ Enjoy a traditional, family-style Basque feast with wine at a locals' favorite restaurant in Fresno

Tour Inclusions

- ♦ 2 Nights deluxe hotel accommodations
- ♦ 4 Meals – 2 lunches, 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: \$1,099 per person
Single Occupancy (no roommate): Add \$400



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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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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 who 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, rustic-chic lodge that is all decked out for the holiday season. This three-day getaway that features a two-night stay at the Tenaya Lodge at Yosemite, offers a truly wonderful combination of natural wonders, winter landscapes, rustic elegance and holiday spirit!

Day 1 – Welcome to the **Tenaya Lodge at Yosemite!** (Sunday, December 13)

From our departure points we'll travel aboard a deluxe motorcoach this morning into California's fertile Central Valley, pausing along the way for a morning rest stop and a stop for lunch on your own. This afternoon we'll leave the valley floor behind as we climb into the foothills of the **Sierra Nevada**. Just 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 premier AAA Four Diamond mountain retreat that effortlessly blends rustic elegance with modern luxury. This full-service resort features an expansive lobby anchored by a majestic stone fireplace, an indoor pool and spa, room service and a full-service restaurant offering a wide range of cuisine. Ranked among USA Today's "Top 10 Best Hotels for the Holidays," the lodge truly shines during the holiday season, welcoming guests with a towering, brilliantly decorated Christmas tree in the lobby. Enjoy the balance of the evening at leisure to enjoy dinner on your own, admire the holiday decor and make s'mores around the outdoor fire pit.

Day 2 – Yosemite National Park (Monday, December 14)

Following an included breakfast at the lodge, a **Yosemite Conservancy guide** will join us onboard our motorcoach for a full-day of exploration of **Yosemite National Park**. Established as a national park in 1890, this legendary sanctuary cradles serene meadows, historic landmarks, and towering pine forests framed by dramatic, glacier-carved granite cliffs. Our first dramatic look at the world-famous Yosemite Valley comes from **Tunnel View**, offering sweeping vistas of iconic landmarks including the sheer face of Half Dome. Across the canyon stands **El Capitan** – the undisputed king of granite monoliths, soaring 3,593 feet above the valley floor as the earth's largest single piece of exposed granite. Descending into the heart of the park, we'll explore the majestic **Yosemite Valley** itself, an eight-mile-long, 4,000-foot deep geologic marvel lined with glacially sculpted, polished rock walls. 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." Along the way, we'll admire the delicate, cascading veil of 620-foot Bridalveil Fall and pass historic architectural treasures. We'll enjoy an **included three-course, roasted chicken lunch** (with vegetarian alternative available) in the grand dining room of **The Ahwahnee**, one of Yosemite's crown jewels. A National Historic landmark built in 1927, this destination for royalty and presidents is renowned for its stunning architecture. It blends historic charm with modern elegance and offers a perfect balance of history, luxury and world-class hospitality. The dining room is a grand and historic space featuring a massive, high ceiling supported by huge sugar pine trusses, striking granite pillars, and immense windows that flood the room with natural light. This afternoon we'll enjoy time at leisure in **Yosemite Village**, home to the visitor center, **Ansel Adams Gallery** of photographic art, shops and a variety of historic buildings. Later, join your guide on a leisurely walk to the base of **Yosemite Falls**, North America's tallest waterfall, which plunges a staggering 2,425 feet in three dramatic leaps. We'll return to the **Tenaya Lodge** in the late afternoon, leaving the evening at your leisure to relax in the grand lobby, unwind in the indoor pool and spa, and enjoy dinner on your own. (Breakfast, Lunch)

Day 3 – Kearney Mansion, Basque Feast, Journey Home (Tuesday, December 15)

After an included breakfast at the lodge, we'll begin our journey home with a stop in Fresno, located in the heart of the San Joaquin Valley. Step back in time to experience a turn-of-the-century Victorian holiday at the **Kearney Mansion**, an early 1900's French Renaissance-style mansion featuring original Victorian furnishings. On a docent-guided tour, learn the fascinating story of M. Theo Kearney – the original "Raisin King" – whose pioneering spirit helped build the Central Valley's agriculture empire and shaped California's rich immigrant heritage. Decorated from top to bottom with sparkling trees, lush garland, and festive bows, the mansion offers an enchanting look at how Christmas was celebrated over a century ago. Next, we'll gather for an included traditional **Basque feast** at a locals' favorite. Served family-style, this generous meal features fresh bread, homemade soup, delicious side dishes, fried chicken, charbroiled lamb chops, house wine, and ice cream – providing a delicious and memorable finale to our journey. This afternoon, we'll continue south, pausing for a rest stop before returning to our drop-off points this evening filled with fond memories of grand granite cliffs, serene winter meadows and magical holiday spirit of the **Tenaya Lodge**. (Breakfast, Lunch)