



## Half Dome/Little Yosemite to Merced Lake Itinerary

This 4 day backpacking trip will have us hiking to the famous and most popular location within Yosemite National Park; Little Yosemite Valley, to Merced Lake and back where we camp at a different location each night. Enjoy the scenery and views of Nevada and Vernal Falls as we make our way through the valley along the Merced River to Moraine Dome and Merced Lake. Time permitting; we can take a hike up Half Dome. We will pass Moraine Dome, but will return to camp and explore on day 4. Take a swim in the Merced River then, relax by the campfire after a rewarding day spent in Yosemite.

**Day 1:** You will meet your guide in Yosemite National Park in Yosemite Valley at a location determined by your guide at around 9am. We will hike 5.3 miles along the popular Mist Trail to our camp at Little Yosemite Valley. Along the way, we will pass 317 ft Vernal and 594ft Nevada Falls. The Mist Trail gets its name from the drenching mist in front of Vernal Falls – you might get wet! Once we arrive at the Valley, we will set up camp and your guides will prepare dinner and light a camp fire. Lunch and Dinner included.

**Day 2:** After breakfast, we will pack up and hike about 9 miles to Merced Lake. This is a beautiful hike along the Merced River. Our journey will take us along the Bunnell Cascades and for the more adventurous, a side trip up the 8,000ft Bunnell Point for some gorgeous scenery. Once we arrive to the lake, we will set up camp and your guide will prepare dinner and make a camp fire. Take a swim in the lake or just relax! After dinner, enjoy some star gazing. Breakfast, Lunch and Dinner included.

**Day 3:** After breakfast, we begin our hike back to the Valley but we make a stop at Moraine Dome for the night. This breaks the return hike up to make it more enjoyable and gives more time to take in the scenery. We will find a campsite away from the John Muir Trail so we can enjoy a little more solitude from the crowds. Relax while your guide prepares dinner. Breakfast, Lunch and Dinner included.

**Day 4:** After breakfast, we pack up and return to Yosemite Valley via the John Muir Trail – approximately 6 miles. Breakfast included.

Number of days: 4

Number of backpacking miles/km: 28/45- 36.8/59 with Half Dome

Elevation gain/loss: 3,200ft/975m; Half Dome is 8,847ft/2,697m above sea level

### Trip Cost/Person

2-4 people	5-7 people
\$799	\$719

### What's included in the price?

- Permits and fees
- All necessary Gear
- Certified, medically trained guide
- All meals and snacks while on the trail.

### What's not included?

- Hotel accommodations and flights
- Transportation to and from Yosemite National Park
- Personal gear
- Gratuity for your awesome guides

**Difficulty: 4**

**Oh @#%&!:** 3 (Half Dome 10!)

**Solitude: 4**

