

On this 3-day backpacking trip you'll hike to the famous and most popular location within Yosemite National Park - Half Dome. In fact so popular, even day hikers have to have a permit to hike the monolith; which on some weekends could see 400 hikers a day attempting the ascent. Our hike takes you to Little Yosemite Valley for two nights where we set up a base camp so we can get an early start to hike up Half Dome on day two. Enjoy the scenery and views of Nevada and Vernal Falls as you make your way to the valley along the Merced River and to our destination. This is one of the most civilized camp areas of Yosemite - they have toilets and bear lockers! So there is no need to carry those pesky bear canisters.

Difficulty	OH @#%&!	Solitude	Number of backpacking (miles/km)	Elevation changes (feet/m)
4	3 (Half Dome 10!)	3	15.5/24.9 with Half Dome	4,820/1,469

Day 1

Rise and shine! The drive today will take about 2.5 hours to arrive in Yosemite Valley where you will get set up for your adventure. We will hike 3.8 miles (6.1 km) along the popular Mist Trail to our camp at Little Yosemite Valley. Along the way, we will pass the 317 ft (96.7 m) Vernal and 594 ft (181 m) Nevada Falls. The Mist Trail inherited its name from the drenching mist in front of Vernal Falls so expect to get wet! Once we arrive at the Valley, we will set up camp and your guides will prepare dinner and you can sit by the campfire. By the end of the day, we will have ascended 2100 ft (640 m).

Day 2

After breakfast, we will get our daypacks ready and head over to Half Dome for the day. This hike is not for the faint of heart or anyone afraid of heights. This hike is also not a requirement for the trip. Feel free to stay at camp or come along and stay at the base of the dome. Those who do decide to hike up will be rewarded with views of the entire Yosemite wilderness from 8,842 ft (2,695 m) above sea level. After we return to camp, take a swim in the Merced River while your guide prepares another delicious meal.

Day 3

After breakfast, we pack up and return to Yosemite Valley via the John Muir Trail for a bird's eye view of Nevada Falls, Liberty Cap and the surrounding area. On this trail we will also see far fewer people than on our hike up the Mist Trail. The total distance is approximately 4.7 miles (7.6km). Once back in the Valley, we usually have time for lunch and to shop for souvenirs before heading back to Fresno, arriving by dinner time.

Cost

\$750 per person for groups of 2 to 4 people
\$690 per person for groups of 5 to 7 people

*Our prices do not include guide gratuity (10% of the tour price is recommended).

The following is included in the tour price:

- Round trip-transportation from you hotel in Fresno.
- All permits, fees and taxes.
- All food and snacks- meals prepared on the trail by your guide.
- All necessary gear (tent, sleeping bag, sleeping pad, backpack, meal kit, trekking poles, headlamp, etc.) – Check out the "About Us" section on our website for more information about our gear.
- A certified, medically trained guide that will lead you safely on your journey.
- An unforgettable experience!