



Rafferty Creek to Sunrise Lakes 4 Day Tour

This 4-day backpacking trip will have us hiking part of the famous High Sierra Camp Route, which includes hiking part of the John Muir Trail. The trip starts on the Rafferty Creek Trail and take the group to the lakes around the 10,000 ft (304.8 m) Vogelsang Camp, providing fantastic views of the surrounding peaks. This loop will then take us to the wildflower-strewn Sunrise Camp along the famous John Muir Trail. You will hike through meadows that grant you views of several towering peaks such as Fletcher and Vogelsang. Take a swim in any of the surrounding lakes or creeks and then relax by the campfire after a rewarding day spent in Yosemite.

*** This itinerary can be extended to 6 days by extending the loop to Little Yosemite Valley and including a hike up Half Dome or Clouds Rest.*

Difficulty	OH @#%&!	Solitude	Number of backpacking (miles/km)	Elevation changes (feet/m)
5	4	3 - 4	32.6 - 34.1/52.5 - 54.8	2,200/670.6

Day 1

Ready for adventure? The drive to Tuolumne Meadows in Yosemite National Park will take about 4.5 hours. Upon arrival in the high country of Yosemite, we will get you ready for your high country adventure. From here, the group will head to the trailhead and begin hiking to Vogelsang Camp - starting at an elevation of 8,600 ft (2621.3 m) to about 10,000 ft (304.8m). The hike is 7.3 miles (11.7 km) and along the way we hike by a few 11,000 ft (3352.8 m) peaks.

Day 2

After breakfast, we will pack up and hike about 7.8 miles (12.6 km) to Merced Lake at an elevation of about 7,200 ft (2194.6 m). Our hike today takes us past Vogelsang Lake and to the amazing views of Vogelsang Pass before dropping down to Lewis Creek and on to Merced Lake. This is another one of the High Sierra Camps and the group will be camping nearby.

Day 3

Today the group hikes to Sunrise Camp but there are two options to take. The shorter route is about 8.5 miles (13.7 km) and follows Echo Creek and Cathedral Fork into Sunrise Camp. The other route is about 10 miles long but about half of that distance is along the John Muir Trail. Either way, we hike uphill today to about 9,400 ft (2865.1 m) in elevation. But your efforts will be rewarded with high mountain views!

Day 4

On the way back to Tuolumne Meadows, we hike up over Cathedral Pass and past Cathedral Lakes before the John Muir Trail takes us back down to Tuolumne to complete the trek. Today we hike 9 miles (14.5 km) and climbing about 600 ft (182.9 m) back to the trailhead. Once back in Tuolumne, we usually have time for lunch and to shop for souvenirs before heading back to Fresno, arriving by dinner time.

Cost

\$980 per person for groups of 2 to 4 people
\$900 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 are included in the tour price:

- Round trip transportation from your hotel in Fresno.
- All permits, fees and taxes.
- All food and snacks while on the trail- meals prepared 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!