



## Tuolumne Meadows to Yosemite Valley 4 Day Tour

This 4-day backpacking tour follows the famous John Muir Trail from the high country of Tuolumne Meadows, past Clouds Rest and Half Dome, ending on the floor of the Yosemite Valley. This trip is a classic, with amazing views, mountain creeks, and waterfalls. This trip allows you to experience the unparalleled beauty of Yosemite National Park with a mostly downhill hike.

Difficulty	OH @#%&!	Solitude	Number of backpacking (miles/km)	Elevation changes (feet/m)
5	4	3 - 4	33/53	3,450/1,052

### **Day 1**

Carpe Diem! The drive to Yosemite National Park in Yosemite Valley will take about 4.5 hours. Upon arrival, we will set you up for your adventure to Sunrise Camp. The hike is about 9.4 miles (15.1 km) long and we pass by Cathedral Lakes and enjoy the views as we hike over Cathedral Pass before reaching the campsites near the Sunrise High Sierra Camp. During the first day our elevation gain is 800 ft (243.8 m).

### **Day 2**

After breakfast, we begin our hike to Little Yosemite Valley where we will spend the next 2 nights. This will allow us one full day to summit Half Dome (or Cloud's Rest if you prefer fewer people). This 9 mile (14.5 km) hike takes us past Sunrise Mountain and Clouds Rest on the way to Little Yosemite where we descend to an elevation of 6100 ft (1859.3 m). The campsites at Little Yosemite Valley are tucked into a grove of towering pines so there is plenty of shade even at midday and they are only steps away from the Merced River.

### **Day 3**

After breakfast, we pack up day-packs and spend the day ascending either Half Dome or Cloud's Rest. We like to give ourselves a full day to enjoy the hike and ensure there is time just in case the trail is busy. If time allows and you have the energy, we can do a few other day hikes in the area or just hang out at Merced River and go for a swim. The hike up either peak will be strenuous and the hike up Half Dome requires you to ascend the cable route to the summit. The hike up Half Dome is 7 miles (11.3 km) with a 2,700 ft (823 m) gain in elevation.

### **Day 4**

After breakfast, we pack up to hike out of Little Yosemite Valley and back to the Valley. On our way, we pass both 317 ft tall (96.2 m) Vernal Falls and the 570 ft (173.7 m) tall Nevada Falls on the way to the Happy Isles trailhead. Today's hike is heavier with foot traffic but the scenery is amazing. We descend to about 4,000 ft (1219.2 m) and will hike about 5 miles (8.0 km). 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**

\$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 you hotel in Fresno.
- All permits, fees and taxes.
- All food and snacks 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!