

# Yosemite Accommodations

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## YOSEMITE VALLEY

### ***The Ahwahnee***

Open since 1927, The Ahwahnee is one of America's most distinctive hotels, unparalleled in its magnificence, elegance and charm. Designated a National Historic Landmark in 1987 and one of only 195 Historic Hotels of America – noted for preserving and maintaining their historic integrity, architecture and ambiance – this AAA four-diamond hotel is a great American castle, massive and warm with huge cathedral ceilings, enormous stone hearths and richly colored Native American and Oriental rugs.

Accommodations include 123 guest rooms (99 in the main building and 24 cottage rooms), including four with parlors. Luxurious and accented with original Native American designs, hotel rooms feature upholstered chairs, televisions, refrigerators, bathrobes, hair dryers and bath amenities. Some rooms have king-sized beds. Cottage rooms are located outside the main building in a woodland setting on the hotel's grounds.

The Ahwahnee houses a unique gift shop, a comfortable cocktail lounge and martini bar, outdoor swimming pool and tennis courts (in season). The Ahwahnee Dining Room serves breakfast, lunch, dinner and Sunday brunch. A Sunday carvery is also offered at The Ahwahnee bar.

### ***Yosemite Lodge at the Falls***

Situated near the base of Yosemite Falls, Yosemite Lodge at the Falls carries a unique history as the site where the U.S. Cavalry was based while the park was under its protection. Built in 1915, the Yosemite Lodge complex was modernized in 1956 and again in 1998 to incorporate an emphasis on glass and wood detailing that blends with the natural surroundings. Landscaping of indigenous trees, shrubs and wildflowers further reflects the natural beauty of Yosemite.

Accommodations include 245 hotel rooms (226 deluxe rooms with balcony or patio and 19 standard rooms), which were remodeled in 2003 to incorporate new bedding, furniture and carpeting. Televisions will be installed in 2004.

Dining facilities on the property allow guests their choice of a state-of-the-art food court – featuring separate stations for grill items, soups and salads, pizza, deli sandwiches, desserts and breakfast items – or The Mountain Room Restaurant, offering fine dining with an incredible view of Yosemite Falls. The Lodge area also includes the Mountain Room Bar, a post office, swimming pool (summer only), bicycle rental service, gift shop and The Nature Shop.

### ***Curry Village***

Beneath the grandeur of Glacier Point, Curry Village is known for the same warm, hospitable feeling that was instilled by its founders, David and Jennie Curry, at the turn of the century.

Curry Village has 628 guest accommodations – 19 standard hotel rooms, 102 cabins with private bath, 80 cabins with a central bath and 427 canvas tent cabins with a central bathhouse.

Foodservice includes the Curry Village Pavilion, a Taco Stand, full-service bar and the Pizza Deck. Within Curry Village are the Yosemite Mountaineering School, Curry Village Gift Shop, bicycle rentals, cross-country ski rentals, ice skating and river raft rentals.

### ***Housekeeping Camp***

Housekeeping Camp is located along a sandy bank of the Merced River, offering great views of Yosemite Falls and Half Dome. This is the ideal location for those who like to camp outdoors without the bother of setting up a tent.

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Each of the 266 Housekeeping Camp tents, which can sleep up to six people, consists of three concrete walls, a concrete floor and a canvas roof. A canvas curtain separates the sleeping area from a covered patio with a grill and picnic table. The sleeping area has two single-size bunk beds, a double bed, a table and chairs, mirror, light and electrical outlets. All units are within easy walking distance of central restrooms and showers, laundry facilities and a small grocery store.

### SOUTHERN YOSEMITE

#### ***Wawona Hotel***

One of California's oldest mountain resort hotels, the Victorian-era Wawona Hotel was originally established in 1856. The hotel as it stands today was built in 1879 following a devastating fire, and celebrates its 125<sup>th</sup> Anniversary in 2004. Situated 27 miles (16.5 km) from Yosemite Valley on Highway 41, this National Historic Landmark and Historic Hotel of America is near the Mariposa Grove of Giant Sequoias, home to one of the world's largest trees, the Grizzly Giant.

Accommodations consist of 50 standard hotel rooms with private bath and 54 standard hotel rooms with shared bathrooms. The hotel renovated 48 guestrooms in 2002. The hotel dining room serves breakfast, lunch, dinner and Sunday brunch. Seasonal amenities include a nine-hole golf course, a swimming pool, tennis courts and horseback riding stables. Guests may also visit the Pioneer Yosemite History Center next door and the Mariposa Grove of Giant Sequoias. Other services include a gift shop, grocery store, post office, gas station and free shuttle bus to Mariposa Grove during the summer. The hotel closed for the winter on Jan. 2, and is scheduled to reopen April 1, 2004.

### OTHER ACCOMMODATIONS

#### ***High Sierra Lodges***

During the summer months – after Highway 120 opens – guests may drive to White Wolf Lodge and Tuolumne Meadows Lodge.

- *White Wolf Lodge* provides accommodations in 24 canvas tent cabins, which include beds with mattresses, linens, blankets and wood-burning stoves. Four cabins with private bath are also available. Breakfast and dinner are served in the White Wolf dining room and there is a small convenience store. Advance reservations are required for dinner.
- *Tuolumne Meadows Lodge* comprises 69 canvas tent cabins, each including beds, linens, blankets and a wood-burning stove. Breakfast and dinner are served family-style in a central dining tent. The Mountaineering School, stables, gas station, post office, hamburger stand and grocery store are also at Tuolumne Meadows.

#### ***High Sierra Camps***

Five High Sierra Camps are situated 5.7 miles (9 km) apart along a hiking trail in Yosemite's beautiful high country. The camps are nestled in a spectacular, high-altitude setting and visitors must hike to reach them. Guests are bunked dormitory-style by gender. Pillows, wool blankets, comforters and towels are provided, but visitors must supply their own sheets or sleep-sacks. Restroom and shower facilities are also provided. Breakfast and dinner are served family-style in a central dining tent.

- *Merced Lake*, 7,250 feet/2,204 m: Sleeps 60 people in 19 canvas tent cabins.
- *Vogelsang*, 10,300 feet/3,131 m: Sleeps 42 people in a total of 12 tent cabins.
- *Glen Aulin*: 7,800 feet/2,371 m: Sleeps 32 people in 8 tent cabins.
- *May Lake*: 9,270 feet/2,818 m: Sleeps 36 people in 8 tent cabins.
- *Sunrise Camp*, 9,400 feet/2,858 m: Sleeps 34 people in 9 tent cabins.

#### ***Glacier Point Ski Hut and Tuolumne Ski Hut***

In the winter, intermediate cross-country enthusiasts may ski out to Glacier Point Ski Hut, a stone and log building with magnificent views of Yosemite Valley. The Hut sleeps 20 skiers (dormitory style) and has wood heat and indoor bathroom facilities. The ***Tuolumne Ski Hut*** also provides rustic accommodations for backcountry skiers.