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Yosemite and Sequoia: John Muir's California

Start in San Francisco, CA - End in San Francisco, CA

A custom quote prepared for Leigh Ann Joyce
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YOUR PERSONALIZED QUOTE

At his first breathtaking view of Yosemite in 1869, young John Muir had a life-changing moment – a surge of euphoria as he wandered, overwhelmed in the great natural beauty of a landscape unlike anything he had seen before...

Follow Muir's path on Tauck's compelling Yosemite tour that traces his trajectory from San Francisco to the Sierra Nevada, embracing Muir Woods, Sequoia National Park and his beloved Yosemite, experiencing the powerful beauty of glacier-carved mountains, soaring redwood and sequoia forests, and the story of why they remain for us exactly as he found them.



Thank you for choosing Tauck for your vacation plans! We are dedicated to providing our guests with enriching experiences and authentic cultural discoveries that make every day of your journey special and unique.

Guests: Leigh Ann Joyce
+ 1.
Journey: Yosemite and Sequoia: John Muir's California
Journey Begins: Saturday, July 3, 2021 San Francisco, CA
Journey Ends: Saturday, July 10, 2021 San Francisco, CA

DESCRIPTION	PRICE	QTY	AMOUNT
John Muir's Yosemite and Sequoia	\$5,590 USD	2	\$11,180 USD
Guest Protection Plan	\$299 USD	2	\$598 USD

Quote is subject to change. All monetary values listed are in United States Dollars (USD); additional information is on the final page of the document. This quote is not a booking and does not hold space for you on this departure.

Total Package Cost \$11,778 USD
Total Deposit Due \$700 USD

Itinerary

ONLY WITH TAUCK

- Filmed vignettes by filmmakers Ken Burns and Dayton Duncan that tell the stories of the history and ideals of the people behind the creation and preservation of the national parks

TAUCK VALUE INCLUDES

- Explore the incredible landscapes of Muir Woods, Sequoia and Yosemite national parks, from the famed Giant Sequoias and redwoods to mountains, lush forests, amazing waterfalls...
- Visit the Presidio, a former army base that was the home of the Buffalo Soldiers, African-American cavalymen who played a key role in the history of the national parks
- Discover the night sky over Sequoia National Park as a naturalist guides you through the spectacular constellations that are visible in the absence of "light pollution"
- Airport transfers upon arrival and departure as detailed
- 17 meals; service charges, gratuities to local guides, admission fees, taxes and portorage

DAY 1 - SATURDAY JULY 03, 2021

Arrive San Francisco

Tour begins: 5:00 PM, The Westin St. Francis. A transfer is included from San Francisco International Airport to The Westin St. Francis, the elegant "Grand Dame" of Union Square, close to the city's main attractions – with a cable car stop at the front door. Join us this evening for a welcome cocktail reception and dinner.

- MEALS Dinner
- LODGING The Westin St. Francis

DAY 2 - SUNDAY JULY 04, 2021

Muir Woods and The Presidio

Head across the city for a drive through the Presidio then over the Golden Gate Bridge to the green canopy of Muir Woods, a coastal redwood forest preserved as a national monument. These towering ancient trees, some 20 stories high, are among the last remnants of a fog-shrouded primeval forest that once blanketed the northern coast. A self-guided tour along its winding walkways takes you through a shaded, misty world of slanted cathedral light, dense flora, and tranquil running streams – a place to feel the awesome power (and silence) of some of the tallest living things on the planet. After lunch in picturesque Sausalito, hop aboard a ferry for the return trip to San Francisco. Dock at the historic Ferry Building terminal with its famous clocktower and its arcade of shops and cafés along the Embarcadero. The remainder of the day is free.

- MEALS Breakfast, Lunch
- LODGING The Westin St. Francis

DAY 3 - MONDAY JULY 05, 2021

The Central Valley to Sequoia National Park

Before there was a National Park Service, the job of policing and protecting the national parks belonged to the U.S. Army. At Sequoia and Yosemite, the parks' guardians were the Buffalo Soldiers, who rode out every spring from the Presidio, crossing 300 miles on horseback to the Sierra Nevada. Drive a route that follows the Buffalo Soldiers' path across the agricultural Central Valley. Stop in Fresno for lunch, then board a motor coach for the 7,000-foot climb to Sequoia National Park. Your destination is remote Wuksachi Lodge® on the park grounds. This afternoon, an expert from the Sequoia Field Institute describes how John Muir found and documented the "Giant Forest" in 1875, a perfect introduction to the park. Tonight at the lodge, a naturalist guides you through the spectacular constellations that fill the night skies.

- MEALS Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

- LODGING Wuksachi Lodge®

DAY 4 - TUESDAY JULY 06, 2021

Land of giants & Moro Rock in Sequoia

Begin the day with privately guided walks among ancient Giant Sequoias soaring to the height of skyscrapers; your first walk is in the Giant Forest Grove to see the General Sherman Tree, estimated to be over 2,500 years old (and still growing). Next up is a walk along the "Big Trees Trail" at Round Meadow with an interpretive naturalist guide who will give you some amazing insights into the unusual ecosystem of the Giant Sequoias. Lunch today is a private barbecue style western lunch. Travels this afternoon inside Sequoia National Park are via small 10-passenger vehicles, accompanied by a guide; you'll hear stories of early park "personalities" such as John Muir, Charles Young and Stephen Mather, as well as climb the 400 steps to the top of Moro Rock for stunning views of the park and the peaks of the Great Western Divide. The rest of the day is yours to explore as you wish. Possibilities include a visit to the Lodge Pole Visitor Center to learn about the amazing Buffalo Soldiers. Everyone returns to the Lodge late afternoon; the evening is free.

- MEALS Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner
- LODGING Wuksachi Lodge®

DAY 5 - WEDNESDAY JULY 07, 2021

Arriving in Yosemite National Park

Depart Wuksachi Lodge and Sequoia National Park this morning and head over to Fresno via Kings Canyon National Park, arriving at the south entrance to Yosemite National Park late morning. Your visit to Yosemite begins with a film by Ken Burns describing Muir's passion for the Yosemite Valley, and his activism to preserve it for future generations; it is followed by lunch at Wawona® Hotel, an inn that was once a stagecoach stop. An afternoon tour brings you to your home for tonight, The Ahwahnee, a historic masterpiece of stone, timber and soaring stained glass windows in the heart of Yosemite. Dinner tonight is at your leisure.

- MEALS Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner
- LODGING The Ahwahnee

DAY 6 - THURSDAY JULY 08, 2021

Yosemite, "Nature's Grandest Temple"

Yosemite "is the grandest of all the special temples of Nature I was ever permitted to enter," wrote Muir, who regarded such settings of awesome natural beauty as sacred places with restorative powers, "where the galling

harness of civilization drops off and wounds heal, ere we are aware." Discover the park's power to move your spirit on a guided Yosemite tour in a special open-air vehicle, with opportunities to explore on foot. The afternoon is yours to enjoy the park at your own pace. Optional activities are available (some at additional cost), including bicycling, a hike over the footbridge at Vernal Falls, and a visit to the Yosemite Indian Cultural Museum and Village.

- MEALS Breakfast
- LODGING The Ahwahnee

DAY 7 - FRIDAY JULY 09, 2021

Back to San Francisco via the Central Valley

Depart Yosemite and return to San Francisco, first visiting the Mariposa Museum, then driving across the populous Central Valley with a stop for lunch. Filmed narratives by Ken Burns and Dayton Duncan weave together the past seven days of history and nature, with insights you won't get anywhere else. One of the stories you'll hear relates to Hetch Hetchy Reservoir, a glacial valley that Muir fought unsuccessfully to save; in the 1920s, the federal government allowed its river to be dammed, turning the valley into a reservoir for the city of San Francisco. Today, a campaign continues, joined by the Sierra Club (which Muir founded) to remove the dam and restore the valley to its original state. "Mountain parks," Muir argued, "are useful not only as fountains of timber and irrigating rivers, but as fountains of life..." an idea that remains controversial to this day. Arrive late afternoon at The Fairmont San Francisco, a Beaux Arts-style, premier hotel on Nob Hill – it's listed on the National Registry of Historic Places. Join us tonight for a farewell cocktail reception and dinner; the setting may be a long way from the Sierra Nevada, but Yosemite can never be left behind (and may be as close as your glass of tap water...).

- MEALS Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner
- LODGING Fairmont San Francisco

DAY 8 - SATURDAY JULY 10, 2021

Journey home

Tour ends: San Francisco. Fly home anytime. A transfer is included from The Fairmont San Francisco to San Francisco International Airport. You should allow two hours for flight check-in. If you wish to stay longer in San Francisco, ask about additional hotel nights.

- MEALS Breakfast

The U.S. dollar (USD) is the unit of currency and is divided into 100 cents. Only major banks exchange foreign currency. ATMs are widespread and credit cards and travelers' checks are widely accepted. Travelers' checks should be taken in U.S. dollars to avoid hassles. Banking hours are generally Monday to Friday 9:00 AM to 3:00 PM.

To obtain the most current exchange rates for all national currencies, you may want to check your local newspaper or log on to the website, *oanda.com*, by clicking [here](#).

All customary gratuities for hotel and restaurant staff and local guides are included.

All prices are per person. All hotel accommodations, motor coach and train transportation, entertainment, special dinners, sightseeing, portage, and the services of local guides, drivers and the Tauck Director are included. Transportation from San Francisco International Airport to the Westin St. Francis in San Francisco is included, regardless of the time you check in to the hotel, provided you have furnished us with accurate flight arrival information at least three weeks prior to your departure date. Transportation from The Fairmont San Francisco to San Francisco International Airport is also included when you check out of the hotel. Transportation to and from airports may be shared with other Tauck guests.

To avoid jet lag and possible flight delays, you may wish to make hotel arrangements for the nights preceding or following your tour or cruise. As a service, we will book additional nights for you on a space-available basis using special rates only available through us. Hotel room charges will be added to the tour or cruise cost. Transfers for these extended stays are included (as noted). If you wish to spend additional nights, please consult Extend Your Stay in the Accommodations section and discuss it with your reservations sales consultant or your travel advisor when you book your tour or cruise.

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