

Travel to
Yosemite National
Park

30.04 - 07.05



day 1

On the road to Yosemite National park I read the guide Expedia and learned a few things.

Time to discover!

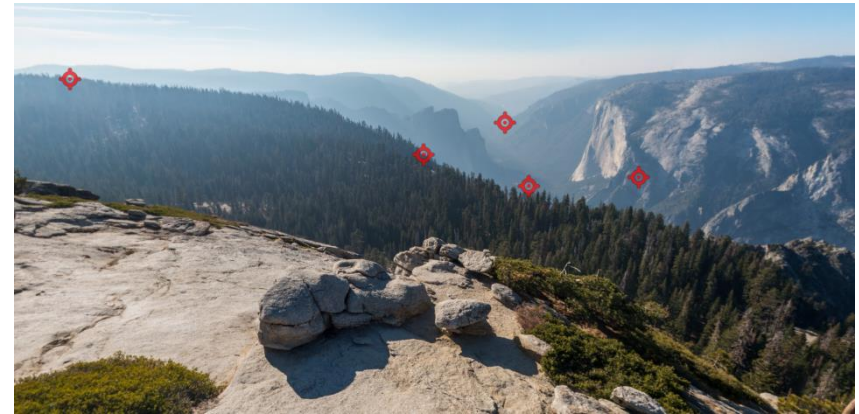


day 2

Some photos:

First day visiting the park! It was awesome!
We've been at one of the most beautiful places that offers a magnificent view: **the Sentinel Dome.**

I was speechless in front of the greatness of nature, with the mountains that melted in the blue of the horizon until infinity. In such a place we become aware of the natural beauty of things and their power over us. It is a huge inspiration that we take when arriving at the top of the dome and the thing that we want to do is to stay several hours to contemplate the landscape and observe the extent of the forest covering like a garment the bare rocks.



day 3

Camping and hiking in Yosemite

Yosemite has 13 campgrounds. Some of them are open all year-round others need reservation and are open only in summer.

We decided to camp at a higher elevation campground because it was open at this time of the year.

We wake up at 8 am, take a breakfast, make some sandwiches for lunch, and go explore the park. After a journey of 8-10 hours walking and contemplating nature we come back and make a small fire near our tents and eat, telling each other about what saw this day and planning where we would like to go tomorrow. We sleep by two per tent. Sometimes we stay late outside watching stars before going to sleep. Three times a week we go to the public showers and fill our bottle of potable water.



Taft Point





day 4 Hang gliding in Yosemite!

night 5 Stargazing...

Due to light pollution we do not see stars in the cities at night. So, Yosemite is the perfect spot to spend the night watching the space pass over our heads.



Yosemite falls



day 6 Meeting black bears in Yosemite!

Black bears have lots of similarities with humans, they are very intelligent, and they eat the same food as we do, so said the guide. In fact, it's true that bears have a fascinating behavior and are very

interesting to observe. They have very developed sense of sight and smell but also a sense of curiosity that is making them different from other animals and similar to us. They are very powerful and massive animals, scary at first... But, they don't harm us and are just searching for food.

When the National Park first opened began the interaction of the bears with humans. Bears learned that they could get food from us and they started steal things from camps destroying cars and storages. At the end 70s Yosemite has set up a system of lockers where to put the food to preserve it from bears.

I loved bears and their strange postures and expressions so I would like to know more about them and observe once again.



Giant Sequoias



day 7 Sound of nature

We have a very special relation to nature. Some of us adore it and spend their lives in it, others only see one tree from their office and don't appreciate spending time watching a flower grow.

In a park like Yosemite we feel very close to nature and hear sounds that clarify our minds : singing birds, blowing wind and waterfalls. This sense of our roots disappear when we spend too much time in a city. However, be surrounded by trees has a soothing effect, we feel as if the place was familiar and are filled with joy. Nature is always welcoming and ready to take care of us, the word "mother" takes all its sense.

El Capitan bivy - Zodiac route



Merced River - view from Sentinel bridge



Thanks
for the
adventure!