EMBARK
Yosemite National Park
Stanford University
Graduate School of Business
in collaboration with
Stanford Outdoor Education

PROGRAM SUMMARY

For four days and five nights, students will explore historic Yosemite National Park, and not just see, but also experience all it has to offer. SLI presents a unique opportunity to incoming GSB students, as we will break the 24 students up into three cohorts. The students will stay with their cohort throughout the five-day excursion, travelling to three key sites within the Park on alternating days, each staffed by homegrown guides from Stanford Outdoor Education. Within their cohorts the students will be able to make lasting connections in small groups- emerging on the other side with a sense of camaraderie and enthusiasm for what lies ahead in their school year. *The following itinerary is meant to be a sample for your consideration, changes may occur.

LODGING

In-park lodging reservations are made at the Yosemite Lodge At The Falls. A combination of private rooms will accommodate the cohorts and their leaders.

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<th>Lodging type</th>
<th>Cost/student</th>
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<td>Yosemite National Park Lodge</td>
<td>$1,250.00</td>
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MEALS

Meals are all included- breakfast on Day 1 through afternoon snacks on Day 5. Meals will be served primarily in a group-dining format: major meals will be a combination of resort dining inside the Park and meals in local cafes. SOE will provide light breakfasts, “lunch on the go,” snacks, beverages, and homemade Dutch-oven desserts. Participants are encourage to bring snacks to help supplement their stay.
# DETAILED ITINERARY

Below is a sample itinerary following cohort one through their excursion. Cohorts two and three will rotate the same sites and activities but on different program days.

Cohort 1: Hetch Hetchy, Yosemite Valley, Tuolumne Meadows  
Cohort 2: Yosemite Valley, Tuolumne Meadows, Hetch Hetchy  
Cohort 3: Tuolumne Meadows, Hetch Hetchy, Yosemite Valley

## TRAVEL DAY

**DAY 1, 9/2**

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**Description**

Participants meet at the Arillaga Outdoor Education and Recreation Center for a continental style breakfast, meet their van groups and senior GSB leader. After a quick check on gear and some icebreakers at the Stanford Climbing Wall, cohorts get ready for the van ride to Yosemite. Once at their hotels students will settle in and enjoy a meal in Yosemite Village. Senior GSB leaders will help to frame the upcoming experiences while hanging out in the comfortable spaces at the lodges.

## EXPLORE YOSEMITE VALLEY

**DAY 2, 9/3**

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**Description**

Begin with an early morning breakfast before hiking to Vernal Falls for some breath taking views and fresh California air. After a lunch in Curry Village participants can decide as a group to dip their feet in Mirror lake or soak in the views from Glacier Point Road or Tunnel View if Glacier Point isn’t open.

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**DAY 3, 9/4**

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<td>Van groups will load up and head to the Hetch Hetchy Entrance Ranger Station. SOE trip leaders will work with the NPO “Restore Hetch Hetchy” to discuss the importance of this reservoir to the Bay Area, including history of O’Shaughnessy Dam, and a short hike to Lookout Point with a picnic lunch. After their hike, van groups will head back to the Valley for a relaxing evening.</td>
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| EXPLORE TUOLUMNE MEADOWS | DAY 4, 9/5 |
| Meals | Continental breakfast, lunch on-the-go, dinner at Tuolumne Meadows Lodge. |
| Lodging | Yosemite Lodge at the Falls |
| Description | Wake up early to head to Olmstead point and catch the sunrise over Yosemite Valley, while enjoying a continental style breakfast. Continue on to Tuolumne Meadow Lodge where a ranger will meet the groups to give a quick history of the park followed by a team challenge. Groups will complete the challenge in time for dinner reservations at Tuolumne Meadows Lodge. |

| TRAVEL DAY | DAY 5, 9/6 |
| Meals | Light breakfast, brunch on the road, snacks upon return to campus |
| Lodging | Stanford University |
| Description | Sleep in, before hitting the road for brunch on the way back to the Bay. The cohort will stop to enjoy wine tastings and winery tours on their return route. Upon return to campus the groups will reconvene, debrief the experience, and share photos at the GSB. GSB housing will be open for you to move in. |

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