

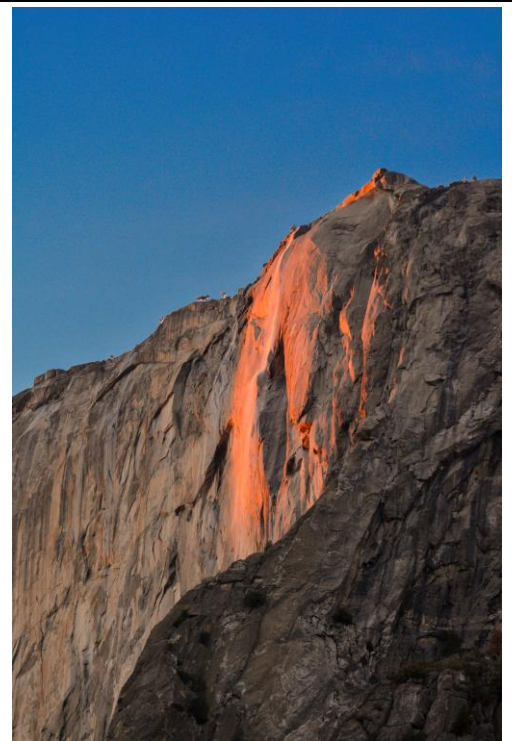
# Yosemite DRAFT Itinerary

## Important notes:

1. All details as to where we meet to depart will be given at the property. I am very punctual to departure times.
2. Times ending are estimated. You can leave when you want and have friends and family join us throughout our trip.
3. Agenda can change at the last minute depending on weather and group suggestions.
4. Cell phone coverage is sketchy at best. DO NOT RELY ON CELL COVERAGE.

## Feb 20, Monday - Arrivals

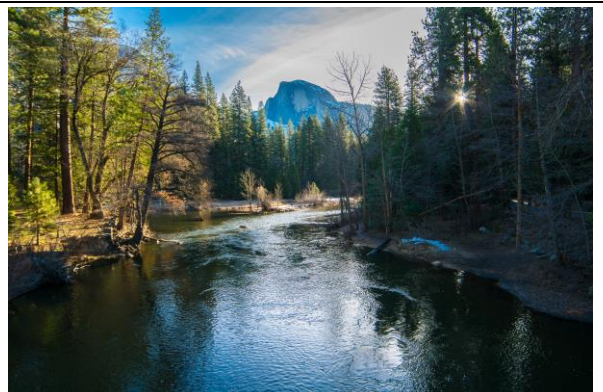
The Fire Fall is estimated to occur at 5:26pm local time. While the crowds will be less than the weekend prior, We should be there by 3pm to get the best vantage spot. We will watch from the El Capitan Picnic area where this photo was taken. This is the closest point to the falls. Afterwards we can either go to dinner as a group to get to know each other or you can eat on your own. This would be a good time to share photography tips and talk about the plans for the rest of the week for those who want to stick with the group.



## Feb 20, Tuesday

7:00am – 11:00am - Sunrise through the trees with Half Dome in the background and Merced River in the forefront. From there we will visit other nearby areas such as Upper and Lower Yosemite Falls.

Before we depart for the Fire Falls, you can either relax, review and choose your best photos to share that night, or wander around the Valley. There are numerous vistas all within walking distance or short shuttles buses away. Little is more than 20 minutes away.



3:00pm – 6pm Fire Falls. Once you arrive and establish your spot on the Southside Drive, I can hold it for you so you can venture off taking photos nearby. From this point, I suggest at least a 300mm lens. This photo is from this spot. Again, you can always just watch and enjoy. Some of the new super zoom cameras can get you some nice shots too.

8:00pm Photo Sharing Presentation in my room. I will have a projector and screen to share our best photos, exchange photo tips, and mingle if you like. Feel free to bring a bottle of wine, beer, or munchies to nibble on. Very informal setting!

Midnight – Sky photography. Moonrise isn't until 2:21am so we should have pitch black skies to capture stars trails against iconic shadows.



### Feb 21, Wednesday

7:00am – 9:30am Sunrise along Mirror Pond. This is a mild one mile hike along one of Yosemite's best hidden beauties in my opinion. This is where creativity can kick in and I have no doubt everyone will find a unique perspective to enjoy.



11am – 1pm Tunnel View. THE greatest view of Yosemite Valley in my opinion. All of Yosemite’s icons laid out as if meant just for us! Along the way, we may visit Bridal Veil Falls and a few other beautiful spots.

3:00pm – 6:00pm. We will decide which view to watch the Fire Falls again. Keep in mind, every day is different depending on clouds and what the sun “sees” as it casts it’s rays on Horse Tail Fall.

8pm – Photo Sharing tonight or the next morning before we depart.



Midnight – Sky photography. It should be even darker than the previous night. We will focus on trying to capture many of the water falls with extended exposures. Interestingly, we will be shooting in complete darkness so what your eyes see... and what shows up on your camera’s monitor always amazes me. We will also experiment with some “light painting”.



### **Feb 22, Thursday - Departures**

4am We may head back out to capture the crescent moon which should be a sliver by then. Crescent moons are much easier to capture than Full Moons since it has less light washing out the stars.

11:00 am. If we can pull it off, we might do a recap photo sharing session.

I want to reiterate I am NOT a professional photographer. I have had the incredible opportunity to have been mentored by a professional photographer and on several photo trips with professional photographers, one being rather famous. I have no issue sharing what I know and more importantly, I love to learn from others. The I Love Lake Tahoe and I Love the Sierra groups have inspired so many ideas. Photography is not just about trying to capture and preserve a memory. It has helped me just look at things from different angles to see the beauty in our world. I hope we all walk away from our trip a little more appreciative of what Mother Earth has blessed us with.

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