



TENAYA LODGE

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Tenaya Lodge at Yosemite is a classic mountain resort set two miles from Yosemite National Park's southern gate, surrounded by noble evergreen forest and a rich range of Sierra recreation. The Tenaya experience is classic, yet perfectly modern, with such contemporary amenities as wireless Internet, spa services, fine dining, and gracious guest service.

Fusing Native American design with the grandeur of an alpine lodge, Tenaya Lodge offers an "organic" Sierra retreat. The guest experience begins with the lobby's soaring cathedral ceiling, exposed timbers, immense natural stone fireplaces and custom floor coverings of authentic tribal design. It extends through Tenaya's 294 guestrooms, suites and cottages, most newly renovated and inspired by native Mono and Miwok art.

Perennially rated a Four Diamond resort by AAA, Tenaya is the perfect "base camp" to explore the icons of Yosemite including Half Dome, El Capitan, Yosemite Falls, Tenaya Lake, Tuolumne Meadows and the Mariposa Grove of Giant Sequoias.

Combining the style of a spa resort with an elegantly rough-hewn, timber-and-stone architectural design, Tenaya Lodge is as inviting and handsome as the terrain that surrounds it. That it also features the finest meeting and conference facilities in the southern Sierra adds another dimension to its allure.

The Tale of Tenaya

Tenaya Lodge at Yosemite owes its name to legendary Chief Tenaya of the "Ahwahneechee" people ("Yosemite" is derived from the Ahwahneechee word for grizzly bear). Tenaya was raised among his mother's people, the Mono Lake Paiutes, in the early 19th century; his father was descended from Ahwahneechee chiefs who were among the first humans to live in the Yosemite Valley.

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As a boy, Tenaya listened to tribal storytellers talk of the "deep and grassy valley" that his father was forced to leave when a frontier illness felled his people. He soon left Mono Lake and traveled the crests of the Sierra to discover his father's valley.

Finally encountering Yosemite Valley, the awestruck Tenaya explored every corner of it. The mountaineering skills learned from his family were put to good use in this dramatic alpine landscape. Tenaya's band thrived, and in time his children had children. According to legend, Tenaya was repeatedly drawn to Half Dome. One day, distracted by the ethereal beauty of Yosemite Valley, he nearly collided with a grizzly bear. Realizing that escape was impossible, he battled with the bear. Tenaya awoke in the dead grizzly's arms. Badly injured, he returned to his village as a hero -- inspiring stories, song, and eventually the name of a legendary mountain resort.

A View of the Rooms

The warm atmosphere of Tenaya Lodge is reflected in the guestrooms, suites and cottages. All of Tenaya's rooms feature individual climate control, high speed wireless Internet access, luxurious down bedding, direct dial telephones with message alert and voice mail, coffee makers, irons and ironing boards, remote control cable television with Nintendo and movies to order and in-room safe. Bath amenities include all-natural ingredients and eco-friendly packaging. Fully equipped accommodations for physically challenged guests are available.

Deluxe Room - Our deluxe rooms feature either one king bed or two oversized double beds. These rooms are over 350 square feet. Each deluxe room includes a full bath, individual room climate control, and a spacious, functional work desk with a computer data port nearby.

Cottage Room - Our lower cottages feature either one king bed or two queen beds and are over 335 square feet. The upper cottage suites feature one queen bed in a separate bedroom and one king bed in the main room and are over 490 square feet. All of these rooms include a full bath, a fireplace with individual climate control, a work desk and patio or balcony.

Extended Double Deluxe Room - This room is perfect for families that are looking for additional living space. With all the features and amenities of our Deluxe, the Extended Double offers 75 additional square feet, a pull-out sofa bed and a private balcony.

Junior Room - for the couple looking for an affordable upgrade from the Deluxe Room, the Junior Room offers just that. The Junior Room features all the amenities of our Deluxe Room, a king bed, additional living space and a seating area with a pull-out sofa bed and coffee table.

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Spa Room - This room is perfect for a romantic getaway or when celebrating a special occasion. In addition to all the features of our Deluxe Room, the Spa Room offers 550 square feet of living space. This room includes a private balcony, full wet bar with refrigerator, seating area with a pull-out sofa bed and coffee table, an extra large bath area with a whirlpool tub separate from the shower.

The Deluxe Suite - This suite is comprised of two rooms. The living room area features a full wet bar with refrigerator, a seating area with a pull-out sofa bed, overstuffed chairs and coffee table. An additional dining table for four completes this wonderful room. The private bedroom area offers a standard bath area, king bed, second armoire with television and an overstuffed lounge chair. This room is perfect for entertaining other guests during their stay.

The Luxury Suite - The living room area features a large dining/board room table that will seat eight people, a pull-out sofa bed and a private balcony. The bedroom area has a second private balcony, a king bed, armoire with second television, walk-in closet and separate vanity/dressing area. This suite also features an extra large bath area with a whirlpool tub separate from the shower.

Tenaya Lodge's Exceptional Range

Great resorts are ultimately defined by their surrounding environments, and in this regard, Tenaya Lodge is exceptional. The property's Guest Services Desk is the place to learn about the many activities inside and outside the gates of Yosemite National Park. The activities include a popular evening flashlight hike, riding the network of mountain bike trails that crisscross the surrounding forest, a guided hike to a secret waterfall and the neighboring Sugar Pine Railroad's Moonlight Special dinner excursion. Last year Tenaya Lodge pioneered a geocaching program, utilizing the lodge's surrounding acres of forest to create treasure trails for guests to follow with the aid of a GPS device.

A lively repertoire of year-round events and activities draws a steady flow of adventure-seekers to Tenaya Lodge. Tenaya Lodge's Guest Services Desk specializes in revealing the region's distinct options for every age, agility and interest. The Desk's knowledgeable staff can arrange naturalist guides, mountain bike rentals, fly fishing permits, horseback rides, gold panning, spa treatments, equipment rentals, rock climbing trainers, and dozens more outdoor adventures ranging from gentle to extreme.

Spa and Dining

Tenaya Lodge's spa offers massage therapy and a menu of spa treatments ranging from nine different varieties of facials to body brush and polish, hydrotherapy, therapeutic paraffin treatments, enzymatic sea mud pack treatments and more.

A large outdoor pool and year-round indoor pool are both 18 meters long and perfect for working out or just splashing around. Three indoor and one outdoor Jacuzzi hot tubs, sauna and steam rooms, and a well-equipped fitness center round out the property's wellness facilities.

Offering regional cuisine and fireside dining, Tenaya Lodge's Sierra Restaurant is heralded for Executive Chef Frederick Clabaugh's distinctive "Sierra Alpine" cuisine. For casual dining, guests can head to Jackalope's Bar & Grill, Parkside Deli or select from Tenaya Lodge's extensive in-room dining menu. The lodge is happy to pack delicious box lunches to take along on Yosemite trips.

Meetings in the Mountains

Tenaya Lodge at Yosemite is the High Sierra's most comprehensive meeting and conference resort. The only full service conference facility in the Yosemite region, Tenaya Lodge offers nine conference rooms including a 6,000-square foot Grand Ballroom with floor-to-ceiling windows and space for up to 500 people. Tenaya's wireless Internet access is just the latest advantage it offers meeting and conference clients.

An attentive staff led by Tenaya Lodge's dedicated Conference Concierge supports this comprehensive meeting and conference center. The property's attention to detail ensures a peak experience from start to finish.

Operation Green

Tenaya Lodge's respect for its natural surroundings has evolved into a model of "green" operation that most resorts merely aspire to. One subtle but solid example: the lodge's eco-designed lighting eliminates ambient bleed beyond property lines and protects the night sky for stargazing.

Water-saving bath fixtures in every room conserve the supply of Tenaya Lodge's pure mountain well water. On the housekeeping side, biodegradable laundry detergents minimize environmental impacts and the hotel will gladly oblige resource-conscious guests who opt to forego daily linen changes in their rooms.

For the health of all its guests, Tenaya Lodge at Yosemite is an entirely non-smoking resort.

Getting There

Tenaya Lodge is located on State Highway 41 in Fish Camp. It is 55 miles north of Fresno Airport, three and a half hours by car from the San Francisco Bay Area and four and a half hours from Los Angeles.

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