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California's Newest Glamping Resort Makes It Easier Than Ever to See an Iconic National Park—Plus, They Offer Nightly S'mores

Under Canvas Yosemite pairs safari-style tents with gourmet dining, hot showers, and easy access to Yosemite National Park.

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The lobby tent at Under Canvas Yosemite under the starry night sky.
Credit: Under Canvas

WHAT WE LIKE

- Under Canvas Yosemite is 10 miles from the north entrance of Yosemite National Park.
- There's never a dull moment at camp—daily offerings include family-friendly yoga, scavenger hunts, and live music.
- Adventure Concierges are available to help guests book everything from guided hikes to fly-fishing sessions.

— UNDER CANVAS YOSEMITE —

With an [average of 4.4 million visitors](#) per year, Yosemite National Park is the [most visited national park](#) in California and one of the most popular in the nation. So it was only a matter of time before Under Canvas, which pioneered glamping across the U.S. and now has more than 13 locations, arrived. Fittingly, Under Canvas Yosemite is one of the brand's larger outposts with 77 of its signature [safari-inspired tents](#) spread across 85 acres of forested land. As is the case with all of its locations, the heart of the property centers around its lobby tent, where I checked in with my husband and German Shepherd-Husky in tow.

With iconic natural landmarks like El Capitan and Half Dome, Yosemite National Park has long been at the top of my travel list, and my first visit felt surreal. Surrounded by spindly Sierra peaks, giant sequoias, and multiple cascading waterfalls, it was hard to believe that I wasn't in an extremely well-executed rendering of *Red Dead Redemption 2*.

Though summiting Half Dome wasn't in the cards this visit, we tramped and trekked nearly every [dog-friendly hike](#) in Yosemite, circling glassy Mirror Lake and enjoying the cool mist of Lower Yosemite Fall and Bridalveil Falls. One of the things I most looked forward to during my days at Yosemite, though, was turning in. After making the short, 10-minute drive back to camp, we were able to wash all of our sunscreen and sweat off in a hot shower. Then, we'd head to the lobby tent for dinner, which was, on one occasion, a spectacular spread of antipasto boards and towering, juicy burgers. After, I loved making after-dinner s'mores over an open fire as the stars twinkled above.

You know that old camping die-hard motto of "no pain, no gain?" That doesn't necessarily apply here.

Here's what it's like to stay at Under Canvas Yosemite.

The Rooms



Interior of a safari-inspired tent.
Credit: Under Canvas

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There are a total of 71 tents at Under Canvas Yosemite, ranging from the standard Safari tent, which can sleep up to two people, to the Suite, which can accommodate up to four guests. I stayed in a Suite, which had an attached bathroom and an extra sitting area with a plush leather couch.

I recommend springing for a Stargazer tent if you enjoy the starry night sky; this category of tent has a window over the bed so you can fall asleep with the cosmos swirling about overhead. Regardless of what tent type you select, though, you'll be able to enjoy plush West Elm furnishings and organic bathroom products.

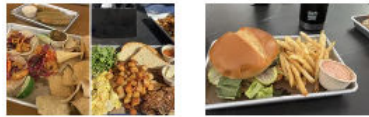
Tents have no electrical outlets. Rather, there are battery packs available that can be used to charge the in-room lanterns and any personal devices. The shower in the bathroom operates via a pull chain in order to conserve water, but it's still hot and refreshing after a long day exploring. Lastly, housekeeping is only available upon request.

Food and Drink



Lunch and breakfast trays.
Credit: Mae Hamilton/Travel + Leisure

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In my humble opinion, one of the best things about staying at Under Canvas is getting easy access to its on-site restaurant. There's nothing better than coming back from a long hike to a gourmet meal.

Before hitting the trails for the day, fuel up on expertly executed breakfast classics like overnight oats, avocado toast, and brown-butter pancakes. For dinner, you can expect dishes such as shrimp tacos, steak and potatoes, and Under Canvas' signature burger. Pro-tip: do not skip the pickle fries. Though there's a robust dessert menu (shout out to the peach hot honey cheesecake), make sure you leave room for the complimentary s'mores that are available every night.

Keep in mind, however, that Under Canvas kitchens at any of the brand's locations generally don't operate during lunch hours (the idea being that guests are exploring nearby parks during this time). You can purchase a snack or cold sandwich from the grab-and-go store in the lobby tent, or dine at one of the many restaurants in Yosemite National Park, such as the [Curry Village Pizza Deck](#) for casual eats or [The Ahwahnee Dining Room](#) for something more formal.

Accessibility



Aerial view of Under Canvas Yosemite.
Credit: Under Canvas

There are four accessible tents at Under Canvas Yosemite: three are deluxe tents (with a king-size bed, an en suite bathroom, and a deck) and one is a suite (which comes with a king-sized bed, an ensuite bathroom, an indoor sitting area, and a deck). Each of these units comes with bathrooms outfitted with accessible features and has a ramp leading directly up to the entrance, with easy access to nearby parking.

How to Book



Adirondack chairs sit around a fire pit.
Credit: Under Canvas

Under Canvas is not a part of a traditional hotel program. However, it is a part of the Mr and Mrs Smith network of hotels. Since the luxury boutique platform was acquired by Hyatt in 2024, travelers can use World of Hyatt points to book a stay at Under Canvas Yosemite. However, unlike traditional World of Hyatt properties, keep in mind that Mr and Mrs Smith hotels are subject to dynamic points pricing, rather than the signature Hyatt awards chart.

Nightly rates at Under Canvas Yosemite start from \$314.