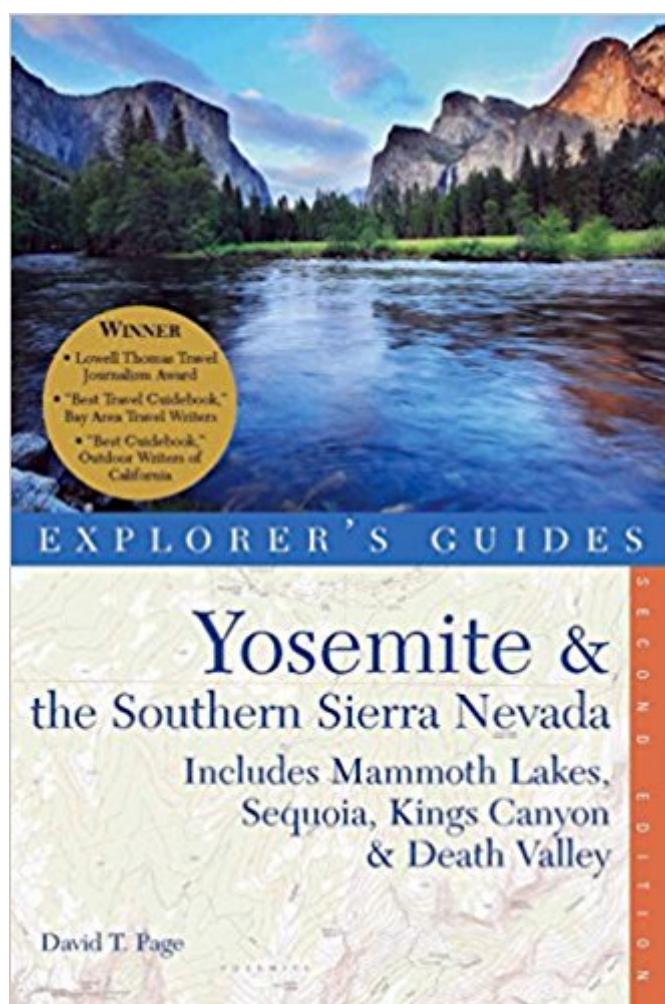


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# **Yosemite & The Southern Sierra Nevada: Includes Mammoth Lakes, Sequoia, Kings Canyon & Death Valley - A Great Destination (Explorer's Guides)**





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Explorer's Guide Yosemite & the Southern Sierra Nevada is the only complete traveler's guide to this magnificent area. It covers Yosemite National Park to the eastern fringes of Death Valley, including chapters on Sequoia and Kings Canyon National Parks, the Mammoth Mountain/Mammoth Lakes region, the Owens Valley and Eastern Sierra, and Death Valley National Park. You'll find invaluable practical information on outdoor outfitters, camping, hiking trails, visitors centers and ranger stations, and weather and road conditions, as well as detailed reviews of accommodations and restaurants, recreational activities, and many points of historic and cultural interest along the way. Everything you could ever want or need to know to plan and enjoy your trip is right here, in this must-have guidebook.

We purchased this book to guide us down 395, on our travels to Yuma, Arizona and it served us well. We traveled in the first week of November and at this elevation, this time of year, there was snow on the mountain tops and yes, it was freezing cold at night but the landscape was in full Fall color and was nothing short of gorgeous. Watch the snow reports as this time of year, at this elevation, is the cusp between Fall and hard Winter driving conditions and without exaggeration, conditions can change on a proverbial dime. Coming from Carson City, NV, heading South on 395 into California, we start our sojourn in Bridgeport, stopped and visited Bodie and spent the night in Bridgeport. It was cold and windy in Bodie. The park closes up early and the last three miles is unpaved and is a slow, ungraded ten/fifteen MPH crawl. Take jackets, water, snacks and get there early enough to see the ghost town and yes, it will leave an impression that will last a lifetime. Well worth the time to visit. In the morning, continued driving South to Mono Lake and just South of Mono Lake, headed East on 120 to 95 in Nevada on our way South to Yuma, AZ. After visiting in Yuma, we pick back up with a couple nights stay in Death Valley and this book served us well in all it's efforts to inform us of what there was to see. This is a +400 page travel guide that is well indexed and if like us, you've never been to this part of the world and are clueless what is happening in this neighborhood, this is an indispensable, introductory travel guide one can read at home and do further online research to bring you up to speed before driving along one of the driving wonders of the world, Hwy 395. Our thanks to the author, David T. Page for his writing efforts and his willingness, via the written word, to share his experience so as to help us with ours.

This book contains a lot of history. It's much help as a guide, dealing with facts etc.

I wanted to like this book more than I actually did. I purchased it just before my trip to Yosemite, and I found it somewhat cluttered with information about things that did not interest me. If you are looking for a book with every possible detail about Yosemite, and the surrounding areas then this is the book for you. If you are more interested in a book about trails, different hikes, etc. probably look elsewhere.

Thank you to David Page for including Cort Cottage Bed and Breakfast in the Three Rivers, California, section of the latest edition of this book. With so much info online for the traveler, it's very refreshing to find such a great travel guide that you can hold in your hand and read just sitting under a tree without WiFi. I love how he describes his bicycle trip on the Case Mountain trail in Three Rivers, and all the personal anecdotes for the places he includes in this fun-filled, interesting travel guide. No wonder he has won awards for it! I bought two copies, one for the visitors who come to my guest cottage and one for me to use on some outings of my own.

You may want to read this book - even if you don't plan to travel here. This book is very well written - entertaining!

An engaging read that makes you want to get in your car and explore California's offbeat gems.

The book covered a lot of territory, but none of it in depth. My mistake for purchasing it as a guide. I thought it would give me more info than I could get off the internet. The scale of the maps is too small to navigate the areas in depth. This book has great snippets of history and interesting info, but the map handed out at the entrance to Yosemite had better info for my needs.

Award-winning travel writer David T. Page lives on the side of a volcano. But that doesn't mean that he spends all his nights sleeping in a lava bed. And you won't either if you use the second edition of his *An Explorers Guide: Yosemite & the Southern Sierra Nevada* to plan your next trip to the mountains and deserts fringing the California-Nevada border. The book's publisher, The Countryman Press, says that it "is not a guide to the backcountry... but to the spectacular roads, towns and scenic wonders along its edge, with detailed reviews of accommodations, dining,

recreational activities, guides, outfitters, provisions, campsites, trailheads, and the many points of historical and cultural interest along the way." In short, it's just the kind of guidebook that should appeal to Baby Boomer "Mountain Men" like myself who want "creature comforts" to go along with scenic wonders. Page tells you How To Get There From Here, sets out the history of each region covered by the book, includes lists of movies shot on location, and provides recommendations for lodging, dining, and recreation. As John Muir once said, "Climb the mountains and get their good tidings. Nature's peace will flow into you as sunshine flows into trees. The winds will blow their own freshness into you, and the storms their energy, while cares will drop away from you like the leaves of Autumn." If he was still tramping around in his Range of Light, Muir would undoubtedly have a copy of An Explorers Guide: Yosemite & the Southern Sierra Nevada tucked away in his rucksack. Explorer's Guide Yosemite & the Southern Sierra Nevada: Includes Mammoth Lakes, Sequoia, Kings Canyon & Death Valley: A Great Destination (Second Edition) (Explorer's Great Destinations)

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