

SUNSET SEASON IN THE SIERRAS

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3-DAY ROAD TRIP



Sierra Sunset Road Trip – Your 3-Day August Itinerary

Chase August sunsets across the Sierra Nevada with this curated 3-day itinerary. Perfect for photographers, hikers, and sunset chasers.

■ Map & Route Overview

Start in Yosemite's high country and follow this route through Lake Tahoe's most stunning evening viewpoints, returning via Tioga Pass.

Day 1 – Yosemite High Country

• Tuolumne Meadows – Golden hour lights up the alpine meadows and domes. • Olmsted Point – Incredible sunset over Half Dome with granite foregrounds. Overnight: Yosemite/Tioga Pass area.

Day 2 – Tahoe's East Shore

• Morning: Scenic drive over Tioga Pass with mountain vistas. • Emerald Bay – Vibrant reflections during late afternoon light. • Sand Harbor – Sunset over turquoise waters and rocky coves. Overnight: Incline Village or Kings Beach.

Day 3 – Tahoe's North Shore & Return

• Kings Beach & Crystal Bay – Early evening glow on the shoreline. • Return via Tioga Pass for one last alpenglow moment.

■ Photography Tips

• Best light: 30–45 minutes before sunset for golden hour, 10–20 minutes after sunset for alpenglow. • Use a tripod for stability in low light. • Bring a polarizing filter for rich colors.

■ Packing Checklist

• Layers for chilly nights • Tripod & camera gear • Snacks & water • National Park pass • Comfortable walking shoes

■ Bonus Sunset Spots

• Glacier Point – Panoramic Yosemite sunset views. • Eagle Rock, Tahoe – Hidden cliffside overlook. • Mono Lake – Unique tufa towers with pastel skies.

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