

## **Fresno Yosemite International Airport Profile**

Fresno Yosemite International was formerly known as Hammer Airfield and was operated by the US Army Air Force during World War II. Commercial air service in the San Joaquin Valley began in 1948 and the facility was renamed the 'Fresno Air Terminal' (FAT). In an effort to reflect its geographic location as the closest airport to three national parks, the Airport name was changed again in 1996 to Fresno Yosemite International Airport (FYI). In 2006, the Airport truly became international with the addition of non-stop air service to Guadalajara, Mexico.

Today, FYI offers the Central San Joaquin Valley frequent and reliable service on 10 airlines representing all 3 Global Alliances, with non-stop service to 8 airline hubs and 12 airports including Guadalajara and Honolulu. Local travelers can reach many parts of the world with just one stop, and virtually anywhere with 2 stops.

This is an exceptional level of service which enables us to compete with other large airports for both business and leisure travelers. The Airport is also known as the "gateway to three national parks" because of its close proximity to Yosemite, Kings Canyon and Sequoia National Parks. Located in California's fifth largest city, the Airport is the primary airport serving the Central San Joaquin Valley; a six county region with a population base of nearly 1.1 million in the Fresno metropolitan area. Over 1.3 million passengers traveled through FYI in 2012, and 2013 proved to be a record year 1,889,679 total passengers utilizing the Airport facility for their travel needs.

With two recently extended runways, the airfield can accommodate any commercial aircraft. Fresno Yosemite is also one of only a few California airports with a Category III(b) Instrument Landing System. This sophisticated system provides aircraft with the ability to land in conditions of reduced visibility, which is critical for reliability and airline performance.

The terminal has recently been modernized and the 32 ticket counter positions and 8 gates are equipped with common use technology to enable airline flexibility, efficiency and growth. The airport has a 'sense of place" unlike any other: the "Sequoiascape" public art display in the central terminal lobby places passengers in the midst of a Sequoia forest. The display features, pines, fallen logs, and other foliage, including a giant walk-through Sequoia tree. We believe it is the only Sequoia forest in the world which has a Starbucks and a Hudson newsstand!

A recently completed 15-acre Consolidated Rental Car Facility, Federal Inspection Station and a 4.2 megawatt solar power field round out FYI's recent improvements which enable the airport to continue to serve this growing region in Central California.