



# California Death Valley Hiking Lodge Based

6 Days



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# ➤ California Death Valley Hiking Lodge Based

Death Valley's rarely-traveled backcountry holds vast beauty. Experience staggering altitude changes and extensive swaths of desert. Explore winding slot canyons with soaring walls of limestone and marble. Take in views of both the highest and lowest points in the contiguous United States. Discover some of the park's best sights with the guidance of expert, local guides. Over 90% of Death Valley's 3.3 million acres are designated as wilderness. This amounts to an enormous playground of exquisite desert terrain. On our spring departures, we are fortunate to encounter annual wildflower and blooming cactus as they flourish cheerfully along our hike. During the day, we hike between 5 and 10 miles. At night, we retire comfortably to the well-appointed Stovepipe Wells Village Hotel. Hike through the Funeral Mountains, explore hidden narrows, climb a remote desert peak, and so much more. Death Valley's dramatic vistas are incomparable, making for a trip you won't soon forget.

## Details

Arrive: Las Vegas, Nevada

Depart: Las Vegas, Nevada

Duration: 6 Days

Group Size: 4-12 Guests

Minimum Age: 18 Years Old

Activity Level:



## Testimonials

*I was lucky enough to include 4 members of our family and it was a tremendous bonding and learning experience. It is comforting to know you have MTS handling all of the planning and organization and can concentrate on the beauty, relationships, and experience!*

Doug G.

*I would highly recommend Mt Sobek for an amazing travel adventure. It was truly worth the money. Every detail was taken care of! It made for a stress free trip and one where you can truly enjoy the beauty and culture around you.*

Kristin W.

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## Why Take This Trip With Us?

### REASON #01

MT Sobek has been exploring US National Parks for more than 50 years, placing a strong emphasis on responsible travel practices that protect the natural environment.

### REASON #02

We deliver this stunning Mojave Desert experience in just four days - the perfect hiking trip for the short-on-time traveler.

### REASON #03

Accompanied by our expert local guides, explore the most beautiful hidden corners of the region, and learn about its incredible geology and diverse flora and fauna.

## What to Expect



### ACTIVITIES

Moderate hikes in stunning desert landscapes, cultural exploration, and nightly stargazing.



### LODGING

A charming desert retreat hotel with rustic western ambiance.



### CLIMATE

Death Valley is known for the hottest temperature on record, but spring and fall temperatures average highs of 75-85°F and lows of 55-65°F.

## Meet Our Guides

Our expert guides and trip leaders are truly the key to our trips' success. Many are locals who live in-country year-round; others have made it their second home—all are passionate, enthusiastic and endlessly knowledgeable. Meet two of the guides that might be on your trip.

A well-rounded guide and certified Wilderness First Responder, Asli ("Oz") spends her free time hiking, biking, running, and skiing the mountains of the west with her 3 beloved dogs (Max, Woody and Chia). When not on an adventure, you can find her managing Down to Earth, a residential composting company based in Reno, Nevada. Her love of animals, the outdoors, and sustainability are all passions she brings to the trail.

**Asli Kupoglu**

Matt is an adventure enthusiast who enjoys engaging in nature and the great unknown as an experienced rock climber, mountain guide, and professional outdoor photographer. Based in Las Vegas, he enjoys having Red Rock Canyon in his backyard, where you can also find him cycling, trail running, and bird watching. Matt is a certified Wilderness First Responder.

**Matt Kuehl**

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# Itinerary

## DAY 1

### ENJOY ASH MEADOWS WILDLIFE REFUGE AND ARRIVE INTO DEATH VALLEY

Our trip begins this morning in Las Vegas, Nevada. After a quick round of introductions we hop into the van for a three hour drive to our hotel in Death Valley National Park. Ash meadows is one of our rest stops along the way where we take a casual stroll along the board walks to stretch our legs and enjoy the wonder of the desert oasis. After arriving at our hotel we have free time to settle into our rooms before we meet for dinner and talk about the upcoming week's itinerary. On our spring (February and March) departures we'll walk a short distance out onto the Mesquite Flat Sand Dunes for a sunset picnic dinner. Dinner included.

**Meals:** D

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## DAY 2

### HIKE THROUGH THE FUNERAL MOUNTAINS TO COLORFUL BADLANDS

After breakfast, we hike across the foothills of the Funeral Mountains to the multi-colored badlands of Twenty Mule Team Canyon and Golden Canyon. We begin at 1,800' and descend to below sea level through a maze of canyons to a viewpoint overlooking the Death Valley saltpan. Our guides take the time to point out the landscape's fascinating geological features and enlighten us on the natural history of this unique ecosystem. All meals included.

**Activity:** 10 miles hiking with 300' elevation gain and 1,900' loss

**Meals:** B, L, D

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## DAY 3

### EXPLORE COLORFUL MARBLE NARROWS; HIKE ON A CANYON RIM TRAIL

Today we drive to a deep, narrow canyon carved into polished marble and colorful mosaics of dolomite. We hike through several sections of narrows before scrambling out of the canyon to a rim trail that takes us around an unclimbable 25' dry waterfall. The rim trail is the gateway to a deep, twisted gorge and another tall, dry fall and grotto. We follow the rim trail high above the canyon as we head back to the trailhead, stopping to take in the expansive view across Mesquite Flat and Death Valley. All meals included.

**Activity:** 5 miles hiking with 1,500' elevation gain and loss

**Meals:** B, L, D

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## DAY 4

### HIKE AT DANTE'S VIEW GAZING DOWN AT BADWATER AND UP AT TELESCOPE PEAK

We'll drive to Dante's View at 5,500' and strike off cross-country along the spine of the Black Mountains, with amazing views on both sides. To the west, we'll look down a vertical mile to Badwater and the Death Valley

saltpan, with the snow-covered summit of Telescope Peak (11,049') directly across the valley. To the east, we'll look out over range after range of mountains spilling across the California-Nevada border. All meals included.

**Activity:** 5 miles hiking with 1,200' elevation gain and loss

**Meals:** B, L, D

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## DAY 5

### TRAVEL THROUGH TITUS CANYON TO DEATH VALLEY

A drive of 50 miles over a mostly paved road transports us to Red Pass, where we descend (by van) over 5,000' through the Grapevine Mountains to Death Valley proper. Along the way we stop to climb a stunning desert peak, scrambling up a rocky ridge for an incredible 360 degree view of the surrounding desert, then hike the Titus Canyon narrows - an impressive, deeply entrenched slot canyon. Note: If the weather is too chilly for our peak climb, an alternate lower elevation hike through the Titus Canyon narrows will be substituted. All meals included.

**Activity:** 5 miles hiking with 1,800' elevation gain and loss; 2 miles hiking with 500' elevation loss

**Meals:** B, L, D

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## DAY 6

### VISIT BADWATER AND THE DEVIL'S GOLF COURSE BEFORE DEPARTING

We finish our exploration of Death Valley appropriately with a visit to Badwater and the Devil's Golf Course. Badwater, at 280' below sea level, is just a few miles from the lowest point in the Western Hemisphere and quite possibly the hottest spot on earth during the summer months. Nearby, the short, jagged salt pinnacles clustered together to form the Devil's Golf Course shape a bizarre landscape that stretches as far as the eye can see. After returning to the van, we say our goodbyes to this awe-inspiring national park and set out on our 3-hour ride back to Las Vegas. Breakfast and lunch included.

**Meals:** B, L

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## Dates

Oct 19 - 24, 2025

Dec 30, 2026 - Jan 4, 2027

Nov 9 - 14, 2025

Dec 7 - 12, 2025

Dec 30, 2025 - Jan 4, 2026

Jan 25 - 30, 2026

Feb 15 - 20, 2026

Mar 8 - 13, 2026

Mar 23 - 28, 2026

Nov 2 - 7, 2026

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## Inclusions & Exclusions

### PRICE INCLUDES

- Expertise and services of our experienced adventure guides
- All accommodations as noted in the itinerary
- All breakfasts, almost all lunches and dinners as noted in the itinerary
- Snacks and water between meals
- Additional regional guides and experts on many trips
- Comprehensive Trip Planner with detailed pre-trip information
- Private guided tours at historic sites, museums, wineries and other select attractions as noted in the itinerary
- Special events and other select attractions as mentioned in the itinerary
- All gratuities at hotels and restaurants
- Equipment and experienced guides for activities as described in the itinerary
- Park and other entry fees (unless otherwise noted)
- Fares for trains, ferries and other modes of travel as listed in the itinerary
- Select transfers as mentioned in the itinerary
- Baggage transfers and portorage

### PRICE DOES NOT INCLUDE

- International airfare, airport taxes, and excess baggage fees
- Alcoholic beverages (MT Sobek provides wine at select events)
- Gratuities for MT Sobek guides and guide-drivers
- Travel Protection Program
- Personal expenses

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## ► The World of MT Sobek

At Mountain Travel Sobek, we believe life is an adventure and adventure is life.

As the originators, innovators and leaders in adventure travel for more than five decades, we passionately create, craft and share indelible, transformative journeys to the world's most memorable places. Our more than 200 unique and once-in-a-lifetime trips are designed to inspire and exhilarate, enliven and excite--opening eyes and minds through profoundly personal connections with nature and culture.

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