



California Death Valley Hiking & Camping

4 Days



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➤ California Death Valley Hiking & Camping

Get set to explore the vast wilderness of Death Valley National Park, which at over 3 million acres is the largest national park in the Lower 48. Spend four action-packed days exploring this surreal land of contrasts, home to the lowest point in North America and the driest place on the continent. Thread your way through narrow, labyrinthine slot canyons between walls of polished marble and limestone. Discover hidden oases where bighorn sheep graze. Hike to the multicolored badlands of Twenty Mule Team Canyon and stargaze in the Mesquite Flat Dunes, the country's largest designated Dark Sky Park. Spend your evenings kicking back at the campsite, enjoying colorful desert sunsets, and savoring delicious meals prepared by your guides. It's a perfect long-weekend escape from daily life and a chance to forge new friendships with like-minded travelers.

Details

Arrive:	Las Vegas, Nevada
Depart:	Las Vegas, Nevada
Duration:	4 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

This stunning northern Mojave Desert experience fits neatly into 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

An ideally located and comfortable campground, featuring picnic tables, fire pits, and access to restrooms and potable water.



CLIMATE

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

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.

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

Chris grew up splitting time between coastal Massachusetts and Northern California, finding a deep appreciation for both the ocean and mountains. Guiding since 2010, Chris has enjoyed travels around the world but thinks some of the best adventures can be found closer to home in the Western United States. He is grateful to have the unusual opportunity through guiding to share his love of this region with guests.

Chris Kasper

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Itinerary

DAY 1

ARRIVE IN LAS VEGAS TO DEATH VALLEY & HIKE DANTES RIDGE

Meet your fellow travelers and guides in Las Vegas early this morning. After a scenic 2.5 -hour van ride, you'll set off on your first hike in Death Valley National Park. Reach Dantes View at 5,500', then hike along the spine of the Black Mountains with amazing vistas on both sides. To the west, you'll be able to see down a vertical mile to Badwater Basin and the Death Valley saltpan, with the snow-topped Telescope Peak (11,049') directly across the valley. To the east, gaze out at range after range of mountains spilling across the California-Nevada border. After the hike, continue to Furnace Creek Campground to set up camp and enjoy a homemade dinner and an evening under the stars.

Activity: 5 miles/ 3 hours hiking with 1,200' elevation gain and loss

Meals: L, D

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DAY 2

FUNERAL MOUNTAINS FOOTHILLS TO THE BADLANDS

After breakfast, hike across the foothills of the Funeral Mountains to the multicolored badlands of Twenty Mule Team Canyon and Golden Canyon (for Star Wars fans, part of Return of the Jedi was filmed in Twenty Mule Team Canyon). Starting at 1,800 feet, descend below sea level through a maze of canyons to a panoramic viewpoint overlooking the Death Valley saltpan. Along the way, your expert MT Sobek guides reveal the landscape's fascinating geological features and the intriguing natural history of this extreme desert ecosystem. After your hike, return to camp, where a hearty dinner and the glow of the campfire await, followed by stargazing, if you wish.

Activity: 10 miles/5 hours hiking with 300' elevation gain and 1,900' loss

Meals: B, L, D

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DAY 3

SCRAMBLE THROUGH MOSAIC CANYON & DINE ON THE DUNES

This morning, your destination is a deep, narrow canyon carved into polished marble and colorful mosaics of dolomite. Hike through several sections of narrows before scrambling out of the canyon to a rim trail that bypasses an unclimbable 25-foot dry waterfall. This is your gateway to a deep, twisted gorge and another tall, dry fall and grotto. Follow the rim trail high above the canyon back to the trailhead, stopping to take in the expansive view across Mesquite Flat and Death Valley. Your dinner tonight is served on the majestic Mesquite Flat Sand Dunes, where colors shift across the sands at sunset. Later, enjoy fantastic stargazing in the country's largest designated Dark Sky Park.

Activity: 6.5 miles/5.5 hours hiking with 1,800' combined elevation gain and loss

Meals: B, L, D

DAY 4

MARVEL AT BADWATER, DEVIL'S GOLF COURSE & DESOLATION CANYON

Finish your exploration of Death Valley with visits to the surreal salt flats of Badwater Basin and the bizarre pinnacles of Devil's Golf Course. Badwater, at 280feet below sea level, is just a few miles from the lowest point in the Western Hemisphere and often the hottest spot on Earth in summer months. The salt flats here cover nearly 200 square miles. Nearby, witness the short, jagged salt pinnacles that cluster together to form Devil's Golf Course, a peculiar landscape that stretches as far as the eye can see. Then, have one last adventure in the natural maze of colorful Desolation Canyon before heading back to Las Vegas for goodbyes and your flight home.

Activity: 3.6 miles/3.25 hours hiking with 600' elevation gain and loss

Meals: B, L

Dates

Mar 5 - 8, 2026

Mar 19 - 22, 2026

Oct 29 - Nov 1, 2026

Nov 12 - 15, 2026

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Inclusions & Exclusions

PRICE INCLUDES

- Group first aid kit and emergency communication device
- 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
- All fees for events, activities, or attractions as noted in the itinerary
- All gratuities for hotels, included meals, and activities
- Equipment and experienced guides for activities as described in the itinerary
- Park and other entry fees (unless otherwise noted)
- Transportation from trip start to end as noted in the itinerary
- Baggage transfers and portorage unless otherwise noted in the itinerary

PRICE DOES NOT INCLUDE

- Airfare or other transportation to and from trip
- start and end location, associated taxes, and excess baggage fees
- Alcoholic beverages
- Pre- and post-trip accommodation
- Gratuities for MT Sobek guides and guide-drivers
- Any meals on your own as noted in the itinerary
- Travel Protection Program
- Personal expenses

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