

# **Utah Zion & Bryce** Winter Hiking

6 Days



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Join your guides and fellow travelers as we explore a winter wilderness wonderland. Immerse yourself in the most iconic trails and sights of Zion and Bryce Canyons. You'll gaze out at the sandstone cathedrals of Zion National Park—without having to fight the summer crowds or heat. Snowshoe along Bryce Canyon's Fairyland Loop among hoodoos dusted with powdered-sugar snow. Explore Red Canyon, a little-known sanctuary with hoodoos, red cliffs and bright green conifers. This trip includes Zion's Angels Landing (dependent on conditions), Emerald Pools and Observation Point, along with Bryce's Fairyland, Wall Street, Bryce Point and Peek-a-Boo Loop. Let the quiet magic of desert canyons in winter inspire you.

## **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**

MTS delivers remote adventure with the smoothest logistics and unrivaled depth of local experience. One call and you are expedition ready. Booking our eighth trip now!!

Helen S.

Unbelievable natural beauty in these five Utah parks was more than complemented by the accommodations, the fascinating members of our group, and our ultra-competent guides.

Laura S.

# 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

On this captivating six-day journey, you'll explore the enchanting winter landscapes of Bryce Canyon and Zion National Parks.

### REASON #03

Accompanied by our expert local guides, experience the magic of Utah on invigorating hikes, then unwind in comfortable lodge accommodations.

# What to Expect



### **ACTIVITIES**

Moderate snowshoeing hikes in stunning high desert and deep canyon landscapes, cultural exploration, and sightseeing.



#### LODGING

Modern and relaxed three-star properties in five-star settings.



#### CLIMATI

At nearly 8,000 feet, Bryce
Canyon is cooler than Zion
with variable weather. Expect
35-40°F during the day and
10-25°F in the evening, but be
prepared for a range of conditions.

# **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.

Based in the mountains of Lake Tahoe, a setting where outdoor adventure comes with the territory, Javier loves nothing more than sharing the thrill and beauty of nature with others. He is a certified Wilderness First Responder and enjoys leading backcountry snowboarding guiding clinics and spending his free time splitboarding in winters. Summers mean managing a camp retreat, exploring other corners of the world, and guiding guests to new experiences.

**Greg Beardsley** 

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** 

# **Itinerary**

### DAY 1 TRAVEL TO ZION NATIONAL PARK; HIKE THE WATCHMAN TRAIL

Meet your guides and fellow travelers early this morning in Las Vegas, Nevada, then depart for a four-hour journey to one of North America's most outstanding national parks. Our first hike in Zion takes us to the Watchman Trail. The trail initially skirts the Virgin River, passing by towering canyon walls, while bright green vegetation provide stark contrast to the arid desert landscape beyond the park boundaries. As our first day ontrail winds to a close we enjoy a dinner at our lodgings. Dinner included.

Activity: 3.5 miles hiking with 400' elevation gain and loss

Meals: D

MASSIVE ANCIENT LANDSLIDE

# DAY 2 HIKE FROM THE HEART OF ZION CANYON ALONG THE VIRGIN RIVER TO A LOOP TRAIL PERCHED ATOP A

Following the river down the canyon, our trail will have spectacular views of several named sandstone features that tower over 2,000' above us, including Court of the Patriarchs, the Sentinel, Mountain of the Sun, and the Bee Hive. We will enjoy lunch and take in the iconic view of the Watchman, whose picturesque summit guards the entrance to Zion Canyon. As we complete the Sand Bench Loop, our trail winds through large sandstone boulders, with expansive views above the Virgin River. Returning to our hotel, there will be time to relax before we regroup for dinner. Breakfast, lunch, and dinner included.

Activity: 7 miles hiking with 500' elevation gain and loss

Meals: B, L, D

### DAY 3 CLIMB THE WEST RIM TRAIL TO SPECTACULAR VIEWS OF ZION CANYON AND BEYOND

Our hike today starts near the iconic Zion Lodge. Reaching the West Rim trail, we enjoy views of towering sandstone walls. Next, we ascend the 21 serpentine switchbacks of Walter's Wiggles. At the top of the ridge, we pause to catch our breath and enjoy a picnic lunch with a beautiful view of Angels Landing. All meals included.

Important Day 3 Note: Our goal today is a viewpoint overlooking Angels Landing. Accessing the viewpoint is dependent on snow, ice, trail conditions, park discretion, and other factors beyond our control. Your guides will provide specific details on this hike prior to setting out for the day.

Activity: 7 miles hiking with 1,500' elevation gain and loss

Meals: B, L, D

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### DAY 4 HIKE ALONG THE VIRGIN RIVER IN ZION CANYON

After breakfast, we take one last journey through Zion Canyon, exploring the twists and turns of the Virgin River along the Riverside Walk and the Pa'rus Trail. We round out our inspiring sojourn in Zion with a breathtaking drive through the East side of the National Park. After exiting the park, our journey continues toward Bryce Canyon National Park, where we settle into our new accommodations before dinner. All meals included.

Activity: 3 miles hiking with 200' elevation gain and loss

Meals: B, L, D

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### DAY 5

### SNOWSHOE THE FAIRYLAND LOOP TRAIL IN BRYCE CANYON NATIONAL PARK

With the crowds of summer gone, we bask in solitude and enjoy the day on Fairyland Loop Trail. The trail provides a variety of terrain, meandering from high 360° panoramic viewpoints to winding along the base of towering hoodoos. At Sunset Point we are rewarded with views of the northeast section of the park, which is dominated by the imposing Boat Mesa and appropriately-named Sinking Ship. All meals included.

Activity: 6 miles snowshoeing with 300' elevation gain and loss

Meals: B, L, D

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### DAY 6

### WANDER AMONGST THE COLORFUL HOODOOS OF THE QUEENS GARDEN TRAIL

We begin hiking at Sunset Point, where some of the most remarkable views within the park are found. Shades of orange, pink, peach and white are set against a clear blue desert sky. A photographer's delight, scenes found along the Queens Garden trail stoke the fires of wanderlust for shutterbugs. The namesake Queen, Wall of Windows and Thor's Hammer dominate the landscape along our route and will leave us in awe of all the remarkable treasures the southwest has to offer. Our trip concludes with a transfer back to our host hotel in Las Vegas, where we say our goodbyes. We plan to arrive early this evening. Breakfast and lunch included.

Activity: 3 miles hiking with 600' elevation gain and loss

Meals: B, L

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# **Dates**

Dec 29, 2025 - Jan 3, 2026

Feb 15 - 20, 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 porterage

### 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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