

California Joshua Tree & Death Valley Hiking

Vast Landscapes & Mojave Desert Beauty

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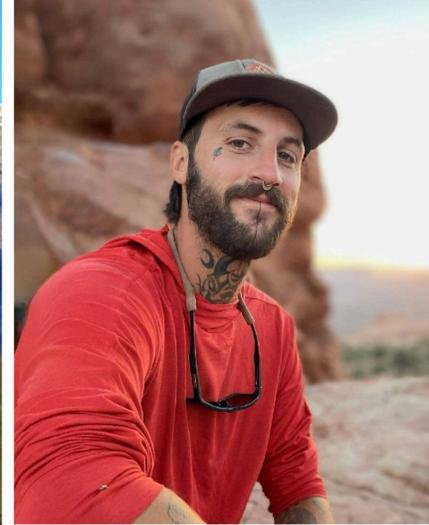
Unique Trip Design

Our adventures are perfectly paced, with incredible attention to detail — the right mix of fun, learning, and challenge that guarantees lifelong memories. Plan nothing, enjoy everything. We take care of all of the logistics so that you can have more time to do what's most important: relax, take in the experience, and enjoy!

Small Groups

We keep our groups intentionally small — usually fewer than 10 people. This allows you a more intimate experience with the people and wildlife you encounter. With a smaller group size, we can take advantage of many unexpected invitations and opportunities that would be impossible with larger groups.





Leading the Way

World-Class Local Guides

Our knowledgeable and passionate expert guides effortlessly create an immersive local experience for you. They are trained to the highest professional standards and are at the heart of everything we do. They make it possible to meet the challenges of adventure travel, and help create lasting memories and lifelong friendships... we can confidently say our guides are the best in the business.





Why take this trip with us?

REASON 1

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

REASON 2

We deliver this stunning Mojave Desert experience in just six days - the perfect hiking trip for the short-on-time traveler. Explore Joshua Tree and Death Valley then unwind at comfortable lodges and resorts.

REASON 3

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 - existing in one of the hottest places on Earth.

At A Glance

ACTIVITIES

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



LODGING

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



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.



KNOW BEFORE YOU BOOK

Accommodation

The national park accommodations on this trip provide great access to the top activities in the area. However, they are simpler compared to what we usually consider comfortable lodging - the rooms being more basic. Some buildings date back to the early 1900s and have been minimally renovated to follow park regulations. Overall, the service might feel slower and meal quality and selection much more limited compared to other MT Sobek trips. Keep in mind that internet and cell phone service are very limited throughout the parks.



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Discover stunning and diverse Joshua Tree and Death Valley National Parks on this exciting hiking adventure, deep in the Mojave Desert. From Palm Springs' tranquil oases, journey to Joshua Tree with its whimsical namesake trees and twisted boulders, shaped by geologic forces. Then head to Death Valley, renowned for having the hottest temperature on record! Hike to Badwater Flats, the lowest point in North America at 282 feet below sea level, and explore volcanic craters, wind-sculpted canyons, and desert dunes. Spend nights stargazing under the Milky Way!

6 Days

Start: Palm Springs, California

End: Las Vegas, Nevada

Departing: February, March, October, November

Activities: Hiking & Trekking

Lodging: Comfortable Hotels

Group Size: 4-12 Guests

ACTIVITY:



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“Traveling with MT Sobek is like gaining a new set of close friends that have shared an incredible experience together.”

- Mark N.

The Itinerary

DAY 01

Hike in Palm Springs Oasis & Joshua Tree National Park

Welcome to Palm Springs, California. An MT Sobek representative will pick you up this morning from your pre-trip hotel. After an orientation meeting, embark on your first desert hike this morning; discover the sublime resilience of plants and animals that have adapted to the desert and visit a lush oasis. Marvel at cracks in the earth formed by the San Andreas Fault, and explore Indian Palms Canyon or the Coachella Valley Preserve (depending on conditions). Along the way your guide will provide interpretation and stories of local geology, native culture, and plant and animal life. This afternoon head to 49 Palms Oasis, a hidden paradise and one of the five oases found within the park.

MEALS: Lunch | Dinner

TRANSPORTATION: 1-2.5 hour private van transfer

ACTIVITY: 2-4 hours/3-5 miles hiking with 200' elevation gain

DAY 02

Explore Joshua Tree National Park

Rise for a day of exploration in Joshua Tree National Park, covering 400,000 acres of designated Mojave Desert wilderness! The morning starts in Hidden Valley, dubbed the Wonderland of Rocks, where you will follow trails past monzogranite boulders and colorful petroglyphs. Along the way, learn the history of Barker Dam and see one of the best-preserved gold mills. Be wowed by native flora, including palms, yuccas, and the park's namesake Joshua trees. This afternoon, go deep into Joshua Tree National Park for a hike through natural rock formations in search of the abandoned Mastodon mine!

MEALS: Breakfast | Lunch | Dinner

ACTIVITY: 5-6 hours/up to 7 miles hiking with 300' elevation gain (multiple trails - longest hike 3 miles)

DAY 03

Head to Mojave Desert Preserve & Death Valley National Park

After breakfast, journey through the Mojave National Preserve toward Death Valley National Park. On the way, stop for a morning hike at one of the oldest and most expansive dune fields before enjoying lunch in Baker — home to the world's tallest thermometer! After lunch, continue to Death Valley to hike the lowest point in North America at Badwater Salt Flats (282 feet below sea level) and be amazed by the palette of rock colors on Artist Drive. The best way to end the day is with stargazing! Death Valley has minimal light pollution to impede views of the stars and the Milky Way, and is a designated International Dark Sky Park.

MEALS: Breakfast | Lunch | Dinner

TRANSPORTATION: 4.5-hour private van transfer

ACTIVITY: 2-3 hours/4 miles hiking with 200' elevation gain



DAY 04

Crater Hike in Death Valley National Park

Start the day with a hike along the rim of the spectacular 600-foot Ubehebe Crater - created by a powerful volcanic explosion around 300 years ago. Hike into Mosaic Canyon, named for its beautiful water-polished marble rock walls, and finish the afternoon with a hike to the highest sand dune in Mesquite Flat Dunes. Marvel at the vast dunes and twisted Mesquite trees, which provide a habitat for desert wildlife. This evening is on your own to enjoy the amenities at the Ranch at Death Valley and Oasis resort.

MEALS: Breakfast | Lunch

TRANSPORTATION: 1.5-hour private van transfer

ACTIVITY: 6-7 hours/6-7 miles hiking with 500–1200' elevation gain (multiple trails - longest hike 4 miles)

DAY 05

Explore Death Valley National Park

After breakfast, head out for a final day of exploration in Death Valley. Step into history with a tour of the Amargosa Opera House's richly painted interior and storied past. Next, explore a desert oasis at the China Ranch date farm. In the afternoon, walk between towering walls and rippling rock faces shaped by long gone waterways at Golden Canyon, plus enjoy a special surprise. Enjoy a farewell dinner with the group tonight.

MEALS: Breakfast | Lunch | Dinner

TRANSPORTATION: 1.5-hour private van transfer

ACTIVITY: 5-6 hours/up to 6 miles hiking with 500' elevation gain (multiple trails - longest hike 3 miles)



Sunrise at Zabriskie Point, Visit Dante's Peak & Head to Las Vegas

Wake early to see the sunrise from iconic Zabriskie Point — an otherworldly experience above the undulating badlands. Your next stop is Dante's Peak, where stunning 360-degree views of the park await! Then it's time to head to Las Vegas, with a stop for lunch on the way. The evening is yours to catch a flight home or spend the night on your own in Las Vegas.

MEALS: Breakfast | Lunch

TRANSPORTATION: 2.5-hour private van transfer

ACTIVITY: 2 hours sightseeing



Where You'll Stay

These accommodations may be subject to change depending on your date of travel.

Campbell House Inn at 29 Palms

This Historic Desert Inn sits on 25 secluded acres, surrounded by towering Washingtonia fan palms and lush gardens, the Campbell House property offers a peaceful retreat, where you can experience the quiet and calm of the open desert. This modern-day desert oasis began as a modest homestead property in 1925, established by Twentynine Palms homesteaders Bill & Elizabeth Campbell, and is truly unlike anything else you will find in the Mojave Desert. This historic inn is now under shared ownership with the iconic 29 Palms Inn and guests can enjoy shared amenities between both properties, including health and wellness services, yoga classes, and guided walking tours.

The Ranch at Death Valley

This former working ranch has been transformed into the heartbeat of The Oasis at Death Valley and the perfect home base for exploring the largest national park in the lower 48 states - Death Valley National Park. Offering a classic mid-century feel, guest rooms are adjacent to the Furnace Creek Golf Course on sprawling lawns with easy access to the ever-refreshing 87-degree spring-fed pool, sports courts and children's playground. Many rooms open onto patios, while others have balconies overlooking the grounds.

Departure Dates

This trip is available to run in: February, March, October, November

Book early for a greater choice of available dates.
Once you book, your price is GUARANTEED!

November 2-7, 2025

November 9-14, 2025

November 16-21, 2025

March 1-6, 2026

March 15-20, 2026

October 25-30, 2026

November 15-20, 2026

What's Included

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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