

# California Palm Springs & Joshua Tree Desert Custom Adventure

## Mid-Century Architecture & Mojave Majesty

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# Feel the difference

with **Mountain Travel Sobek**

## **Unrivaled Expertise**

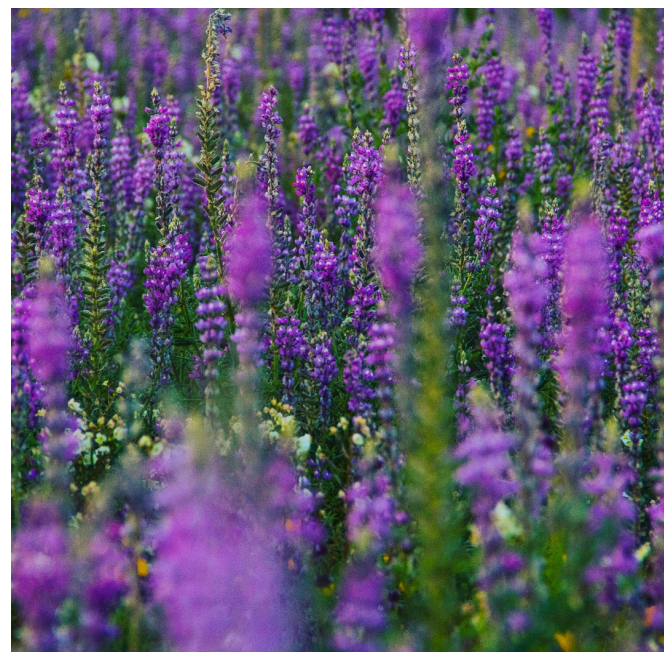
MT Sobek started it all! Since our first Everest Base Camp trek in 1969, we've been leading award-winning adventures and building authentic connections in far-flung locations around the world. We were named Best Adventure Travel Company by Newsweek Readers' Choice Awards.

## **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

The mid-century vibe and swimming pool lifestyle of Palm Springs are perfectly paired with stunning desert hikes in Joshua Tree National Park and wine tasting in Temecula Valley on this customizable itinerary.

## REASON 2

MT Sobek offers expertly crafted, adventure-rich itineraries led by seasoned guides who bring wild landscapes to life. With decades of experience in immersive travel, MT Sobek ensures every journey is seamless, personalized, and unforgettable.

## REASON 3

Our experienced local guides offer insider insight into celebrities and architecture, the region's best wineries, and desert ecology and geology, deepening your adventure.

## At A Glance

### ACTIVITIES

A curated mix of private and small-group adventures, including guided hikes, rafting, wine tastings, and scenic drives, all tailored to match your ideal pace and activity level.



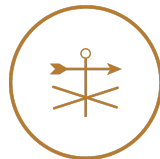
### LODGING

Hand-selected accommodations based on your preferences, travel style, and budget—ranging from historic national park lodges to luxury wine country resorts.



### CLIMATE

Palm Springs and Joshua Tree enjoy a warm, dry desert climate with abundant sunshine, hot summers, mild winters, and cooler temperatures at higher elevations, especially in Joshua Tree National Park.



## KNOW BEFORE YOU BOOK

**Itinerary:** Please review your personalized itinerary carefully, as activities, accommodations, and included meals may vary from the sample itinerary shown online. Depending on your program, some experiences may be self-drive, with expert guides available along the way, while others are fully escorted and have the same driver/guide throughout.

Custom journeys are thoughtfully designed for a personalized experience, and adjustments may occur due to availability, logistics, seasonal considerations, or other factors. If you have any questions at any point, please don't hesitate to reach out—we're always happy to help.



# California Palm Springs & Joshua Tree Desert Custom Adventure

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Embrace the laid-back spirit of Palm Springs while exploring the dramatic desert landscapes of Southern California. This sample itinerary is a relaxed yet engaging adventure that blends outdoor exploration with time to unwind, featuring guided hikes, a private 4x4 tour in Joshua Tree National Park, and a wine-tasting excursion in Temecula Valley. Enjoy warm, sunny days, striking desert scenery, and opportunities to explore Palm Springs' iconic mid-century architecture, vibrant dining scene, and storied Hollywood past. Thoughtfully paced and fully customizable, this journey offers the perfect balance of light adventure, cultural discovery, and stylish comfort in one of California's most distinctive desert destinations.

## 6 Days

**Start:** Palm Springs, California

**End:** Palm Springs, California

**Departing:** January, February, March, November, December

**Activities:** Hiking & Trekking

**Lodging:** Luxury Hotels

**Group Size:** 2-12 Guests

### ACTIVITY:



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*Your company provides exactly what it advertises: customized high end adventures which are well organized, and memorable. All we had to do was follow your itinerary and everything was as it was supposed to be.*

- Andrea E.

# The Itinerary

DAY  
01

## Arrive Palm Springs

Arrive in Palm Springs, CA, pick up your rental car, and drive to your hotel in downtown Palm Springs. The remainder of the day is free to relax by the pool or explore nearby shops and restaurants.

**TRANSPORTATION:** 10-minute self-drive

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DAY  
02

## Explore Joshua Tree by 4x4 Tour with Desert Hiking

This morning, meet your guide at the hotel for a half-day private 4x4 tour of Joshua Tree National Park, one of Southern California's most iconic desert landscapes. Travel deep into the rugged backcountry of the Little San Bernardino Mountains, ascending to elevations above 4,000 feet in the Mojave Desert. Along the way, take in sweeping desert vistas, dramatic rock formations, and the park's distinctive plant and animal life while learning about the region's fascinating geology. Your guide will seamlessly incorporate light hiking tailored to your interests and ability level, creating a personalized Joshua Tree experience.

Return to your hotel in the early afternoon with the remainder of the day free to relax, explore downtown Palm Springs, or enjoy the resort at your leisure.

**MEALS:** Breakfast | Lunch

**ACTIVITY:** Private vehicle touring

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DAY  
03

## Private Modern Architectural Grand Tour of Palm Springs

Meet your private guide this morning for a half-day Palm Springs architecture tour showcasing the city's world-renowned mid-century modern design. Long celebrated as a mecca for modernist architecture, Palm Springs attracted visionary architects who transformed the desert into an open-air museum of iconic homes, hotels, and public spaces. On this highly curated, private architecture tour, you will explore some of the finest examples of mid-century modern architecture while learning about the influential architects, innovative builders, and celebrity clients who shaped the city's distinctive style. Engaging stories and insider insights bring Palm Springs' modernist legacy to life, making this the perfect introduction to the city's design heritage.

**MEALS:** Breakfast

**ACTIVITY:** Private vehicle touring

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## Hike Coachella Valley Desert Trails

Trade the Mojave for the Colorado desert and venture into the Coachella Valley with a private hiking guide for a thoughtfully paced exploration of its diverse landscapes. Coachella's lesser-known trails offer serene hikes through lush palm oases and geology exploration amid creosote and smoke trees. The valley holds an array of desert plants, rare wildlife, and vast desert views. Trails range from easy oasis strolls to sections of the demanding Cactus to Clouds route. A guided hike, typically lasting approximately four hours, offers insight into native history, desert ecology, and local wildlife in a peaceful desert setting.

**MEALS:** Breakfast

**ACTIVITY:** Private guided hiking

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## Enjoy a Temecula Valley Wine Tour

Meet your driver-guide at the hotel this morning for a private Temecula Valley wine tasting tour in the heart of Southern California wine country. Known for its exceptional diversity, the Temecula Valley produces more than 50 varietals thanks to its unique microclimates and rolling vineyard landscapes. Throughout the day, visit three carefully selected wineries, each chosen to match your personal tastes. Enjoy a leisurely lunch at one of the wineries, where you can relax and take in sweeping valley and mountain views. Along the way, your driver-guide will share stories of the region's rich winemaking history and culture. *Wine tasting fees are included.*

Return to your hotel in the late afternoon with time to unwind and enjoy the evening at your leisure.

**MEALS:** Breakfast | Lunch

**ACTIVITY:** Private vehicle touring including tasting fees

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## Depart Palm Springs

After breakfast, drive to Palm Springs Airport, return your rental car, and depart for home.

**MEALS:** Breakfast

**TRANSPORTATION:** 10-minute drive



# Where You'll Stay

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

## **Korakia Pensione**

A tranquil Moroccan inspired hideaway at the base of the San Jacinto Mountains, Korakia Pensione blends historic Mediterranean and North African design across two beautifully restored villas. Guests enjoy peaceful courtyards, heated saltwater pools, and thoughtful touches like hot breakfasts, afternoon tea, yoga, and vintage films under the stars

## **Kimpton Rowan Palm Springs Hotel**

Located in chic downtown Palm Springs, the Kimpton Rowan, permeates an eternal desert beauty just steps from shops, restaurants and nightlife. The refreshing, well-appointed guest rooms feature calming modern decor and are drenched in light with magnificent views of the San Jacinto Mountains and the surrounding desert. The hotel also features a rooftop pool and bar, fitness center, a hosted evening social hour and two on-property chef-driven restaurants featuring seasonal and local ingredients.

## **Renaissance Palm Springs Hotel**

## **Triada Palm Springs, Autograph Collection**

A Spanish hacienda-style boutique hotel in the historic Movie Colony, Triada offers charming courtyards, two outdoor pools, and mountain views. Its three wings—Mente, Corazon, and Alma—create a relaxed village feel, with stylish rooms and California cuisine at the on site Iluminara Restaurant.

# Departure Dates

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

# What's Included

## PRICE INCLUDES

- All tours, transfers and activities as detailed in the itinerary
- Accommodations as noted in the itinerary, including all taxes and resort fees
- Meals as noted in the daily itinerary by B, L, D with taxes and gratuities
- All special equipment required for activities
- Final electronic documentation package
- Trip logistics, operations and monitoring during travel

## PRICE DOES NOT INCLUDE

- Additional meals not noted in the daily itinerary
- Entry fees to National Parks, museums and other attractions, unless listed on inclusions
- Airfare, airport taxes or baggage fees for all flights
- Optional activities, spa services, dinner reservations, alcoholic beverages, and any related taxes and fees
- Personal expenses such as medical immunizations, laundry or souvenirs
- Discretionary tips for guides, drivers and resort staff
- Optional travel protection
- Rental car



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