

# Desert Dream Trails



## 13 Days / 12 Nights

From Las Vegas (Nevada) to San Diego (California)

### Highlights:

- \* Death Valley NP, hottest and lowest spot in the USA
- \* Joshua Tree National Park
- \* Anza Borrego Desert State Park
- \* Discover giant cacti at Mojave National Preserve
- \* Mitchell Caverns - Stalagmite Cave
- \* Palm trees surround oasis pools at Indian Canyons, Palm Springs
- \* Hike the gorgeous Pacific coastline
- \* Las Vegas - "City of Lights"
- \* Historical Old Town San Diego



Mitchell Caverns

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### Western USA Desert Trail Hiking in Style

Escape into the warmth of the desert Southwest: marvelous wide open desert landscapes dotted with cacti, shaded by palms, carpeted with wildflowers and ridged by brightly colored cliffs welcome you on this famous and memorable desert hiking experience.



### Las Vegas - A Desert City of Lights, Shows, and 24-Hour Casinos

A thriving city in the middle of nowhere, surrounded by 3600m high mountains nearby the largest manmade lake in the USA, Las Vegas and its 6.5 km Las Vegas Strip caters to all of your desires and weaknesses. With seven of the world's ten largest hotels on one boulevard, you will find the most exquisite entertainment, dining, shopping and service in the world.

### From the Mojave Desert to San Diego

As you leave the bustle of Las Vegas, the striking sandstone formations that burst with red, pink, and yellow color carved into holes, small arches, and one with petroglyphs will take you into another world. Challenge yourself in "Tomesha," the native word for "ground afire," an apt description for Death Valley, lowest and hottest point in the USA. See giant stalactites in Mitchell Caverns, and watch light play over rounded sandstone and endless cactus vistas at Joshua Tree National Park. After exploring Indian Canyons, Palm Springs, and San Jacinto State Park, you will still find unique wildflowers, wildlife, and formations at Anza Borrego Desert State Park, nearby the Pacific coastline and San Diego. San Diego, with stretches of palm tree shoreline, a charming Old Town, relaxed atmosphere, giant San Diego Zoo and other famous sights offers a great place to end the tour; we highly recommend staying a few extra days!



Valley of Fire State Park



Yucca

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Anza Borrego Desert State Park

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Death Valley Sand Dunes

**Day 1:** Meeting and introductions in Hotel lobby at 6:00pm. Your tour guides will greet you with a smile, then join you for a dinner during which detailed travel documentation is handed out and questions are answered. 2 nights in Las Vegas, Nevada.

**Day 2:** Today's special highlight is Valley of Fire State Park in the Mojave Desert. With spectacular red, yellow, white and brown sandstone formations, small arches, carved holes and pits, petroglyphs and ancient trees, this park offers great short hikes and an informative visitor center. We will gladly assist you in reserving a Las Vegas evening show.

**Day 3:** Travel into world famous Death Valley National Park, with longer walks at Zabriskie Point, Golden Canyon, and the massive dunes (hot weather allowing!). Break at visitor center in Furnace Creek for exhibits and an informative video. Further on we stop at ghost town Rhyolite, once a thriving mining town. Night in the tiny town of Beatty, Nevada.

**Day 4:** Today offers a glimpse into two giant geologic features, the Titus Canyon and Ubehebe Crater, distinguished landmarks of Death Valley. We then visit forlorn Scotty's Castle, a stony dream villa amid desert shrubbery.

**Day 5:** Our journey continues south through Death Valley to the Badwater Basin, 86 meters (282 ft) below sea level, deepest point in the western hemisphere. Onwards to the Mojave National Preserve, where diverse desert plants including many cacti offer a prickly and sometimes blooming surprise at several stops. Night in desert town Nipton.

**Day 6:** The Mojave Desert offers an amazing array of plants and animals which we will discover on our hike up Tetonia Peak. From this 2500m (8,200ft) volcano we look down onto a dense forest of Joshua Trees in a great volcanic area. Stop at Kelso visitor center for exhibits and a film.

**Day 7:** A hike through impressive carved-out sandstone formations at Hole In The Wall begins the day. Traveling into the depths of Mitchell Caverns gives a glimpse into the weathering processes of this ancient landscape. Night in peaceful Twentynine Palms, nearby an ancient and sacred palm plantation.

**Day 8:** Joshua Tree N.P. offers several scenic hikes filled with cacti, wildlife, and cliff formations. Joshua trees bloom beautifully and produce intriguing seed pods. They are found nowhere else on earth, grow extremely slowly, and look magnificent in photographs. The entire park protects a unique and highly treasured desert environment that we will thoroughly explore on foot.

**Day 9:** We travel onward to Palm Springs, a movie star resort town with exquisite upscale shopping and dining. We will take a gondola ride up to 2800m (9,200ft) high on San Jacinto Mountain, and do a short alpine snow hike, weather allowing. Back down in world famous Palm Canyons that same day, we will travel on foot to a palm oasis. In the evening we drive along the largest salty lake of California, the Salton Sea. Its often dry, cracked surface offers an interesting photo opportunity. Night in Borrego Springs.

**Day 10:** This day we dedicate to Anza-Borrego Desert State Park, part of the Colorado Plateau. We learn about its native flora and fauna at a nature center, then walk the Borrego Palm Canyon Trail through rocky desert landscapes to a romantic oasis with a waterfall, water permitting. The trail abounds with unique plants, and lizards, foxes, eagles and desert birds, bighorn sheep and other wildlife can be spotted. Of special interest are blooming cacti, giant/ancient palms, and the mix of extreme desert and water.

**Day 11:** Today we will arrive at the Pacific Ocean, offering a complete cool down at Torrey Pines State Park. Enjoy gorgeous wildflowers, the refreshing sound of waves, and views of seaside cliffs with sandy coves. Two nights are spent in Oceanside, California, a lively coastal town directly on the beach with a boardwalk and marina.

**Day 12:** Today we spend time in busy and beautiful San Diego, famous for its museums, zoo, parks, and entertainment. We will walk through Bilbao Park, visit its museums and exhibits, then go to San Diego Old Town for a goodbye dinner.

**Day 13:** Our tour comes to an end. Journey home or travel on at your own pace.



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