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# Death Valley Adventure

## November-March

TOUR RATING: **NOVICE-INTERMEDIATE**



### TOUR HIGHLIGHTS

- Hike to the summit of Wildrose Peak at 9,064 feet
- Hike around Ubehebe Crater and enjoy a bike ride along the floor of the valley
- Watch the sunrise at Zabriskie Point
- Chance to see wildflowers on springtime departures

From Badwater Basin at 282 feet below sea level to Telescope Peak at 11,049 feet, Death Valley is abundant in contrasts and extremes. There is so much incredible life to explore in the desert. Come hike mountains and canyons; cycle past sand dunes, volcanic craters, and other dramatic geological formations; and explore the region's quirky mining history on our Death Valley Bike Tour.

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# Itinerary

**DAY**  
**1**

Rhyolite, Biking into Death Valley – up to 32 miles with 1,100 ft gain & 4,900 ft loss, Roaming the Sand Dunes - up to 2 miles with 500 ft gain & loss

Your adventure begins in Las Vegas where you'll be shuttled to Death Valley National Park, your home for the next five nights. On the way, we'll stop in the once booming town of Rhyolite, now a desolate ghost town with only remnants of its glory days as a gold mining hub. From there we'll saddle up for the first ride into Death Valley. After an epic descent down Daylight Pass you'll arrive at the Mesquite Flat Sand Dunes where you are free to roam viewing the surrounding mountains in the warm afternoon light before settling in to our hotel. Meals included: Lunch & Dinner

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**DAY**  
**2**

Hiking Wildrose – up to 8 miles with 2,700 ft gain & loss

You'll lace up your hiking boots and head to the towering Panamint Range today. Up on the ridge, your starting point is 7,000 feet, from which you'll hike to the summit of Wildrose Peak at 9,064 feet. You'll discover the view from the peak is nothing short of stunning, displaying the varied landscape before a splendid multi-hued backdrop. On the return trip you'll have a chance to see the 100 year old, bee-hive shaped Wildrose charcoal kilns that were once used to provide fuel to refine ore at nearby lead-silver mines. Meals included: Breakfast, Lunch & Dinner

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**DAY**  
**3**

Hiking Ubehebe Crater – up to 2 miles with 500 ft gain & loss, Biking from Grapevine to Furnace Creek – up to 51 miles with 800 ft gain and 3,200 ft loss

This morning we'll shuttle up to Ubehebe Crater which was created by a steam explosion when magma hit groundwater. After hiking the 2 miles around the rim of the massive half-mile wide crater. You'll then head downhill on a bike route that takes you through the northern part of Death Valley back to Furnace Creek. Given the net elevation loss of 2,400 feet, you may find you can bike the full distance more easily. This afternoon you can relax in the soothing, spring-fed waters of the hotel pool before dinner at the Ranch. Meals included: Breakfast, Lunch & Dinner

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**DAY**  
**4**

Sunrise at Zabriskie Point, Dante's View & Biking Badwater Road – up to 75 miles with 1,800 ft gain and 2,700 ft loss

Your day starts early as you dine at sunrise at Zabriskie Point. Prepare to be dazzled as you watch the sunlight gradually illuminate the Badlands and Manly Beacon. After breakfast we'll drive up Dante's View at 5,475 feet to take in a stunning view of the valley. We'll then setup the bikes at Zabriskie Point and descend into the Badwater salt flat at 282 feet below sea level, the lowest place in the North America. From there you'll shuttle or bike to one of the least traveled areas of the park, Ashford Mill, where you may enjoy your lunch at your leisure. In the spring, this can be a great place to see wildflowers. If you are looking for more miles, you are free to ride back north toward Badwater. We'll shuttle back to Furnace Creek, stopping along the way to witness the beautiful natural pastels of the Artist's Palette. Tonight after such a long day you are free to dine on your own. Meals included: Breakfast & Lunch

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## Hiking Golden Canyon & Gower Gulch – up to 6 miles with 1,100 ft of gain & loss

After yesterday, you've earned a day off the bike. We'll start you'll head out Golden Canyon where parts of the first Star Wars Movie (Episode IV) were filmed. We'll the enjoy a sensational hike through the canyon and nearby Gower Gulch below Manly Beacon. It's an amazing hike offering a magnificent array of colorful canyon walls, old borax mines, the famous "red cathedral" and many more exciting geological sites. This afternoon is free for you to spend as you see fit and we recommend you stop by the visitor center and/or spend some time at the blissful spring-fed pool at the hotel. Tonight we enjoy a farewell dinner at the elegant, historic Inn dining room. Meals included: Breakfast & Dinner



## Boardwalk at Ash Meadows National Wildlife Refuge – up to 1 mile with minimal elevation gain & loss, Return to Las Vegas

After breakfast we depart for Las Vegas. Along the way we'll stop at Ash Meadows National Wildlife Refuge. At the visitor center there you'll learn a bit more about this unique desert refuge's life-sustaining springs and watch a 20-minute video about their endemic Devils Hole pupfish. The world's rarest fish, it was threatened with extinction by groundwater pumping for farming and a proposed housing development that was halted by the U.S. Supreme Court ruling to protect it. After you'll take a walk along the Crystal Springs boardwalk where you can see the beautiful azure waters that bubble out of the ground at 87 degrees and provide precious habitat to pupfish among other flora and fauna. We then continue our drive back to Las Vegas. Meals included: Breakfast

# Pricing

TRIP COST	PAYMENT TERMS
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• \$2,995 each based on double occupancy</li> <li>• Single Supplement: \$595</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• \$750 deposit due to hold space</li> <li>• Balance due 90 days prior to departure (can be auto-collected if you pay by credit card)</li> </ul>

TRIP PRICE INCLUDES	TRIP PRICE EXCLUDES
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Lodging as outlined in lodging section below based on double occupancy</li> <li>• Meals as noted in itinerary above</li> <li>• Non-optional activities as outlined in itinerary above</li> <li>• Ride-friendly snacks and beverages throughout each day</li> <li>• Hybrid or alloy road bike rental – carbon road bike or E-bike available for an upgrade fee</li> <li>• Services of professional trip leader(s)</li> <li>• Van support during the trip &amp; portering service</li> <li>• Black Sheep Adventures jersey, water bottles &amp; luggage tags</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Pre &amp; post tour travel</li> <li>• Alcoholic beverages</li> <li>• Optional activities such as spa treatments</li> <li>• Gratuities for your BSA guides</li> </ul>

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# Lodging

## Stovepipe Wells - 2 nights

Authentically western, rustic yet comfortable, Stovepipe Wells Village, with its unique hotel, Death Valley restaurant and Western saloon, has been at the end of the trail for vacationers since 1926.

## The Ranch at the Oasis at Death Valley (formerly Furnace Creek Ranch) - 3 nights

Only here can you stroll among lush date palms, float the day away in their spring-fed pool or disappear into the exhilarating landscape of one of America's largest national parks, and still return in time for a memorable dinner – and a sunset you'll never forget.

# Terms

## CANCELLATION POLICY

If you cancel for any reason the following refund schedule applies:

- 91+ days prior to trip start: A \$100 fee per person will be deducted from any refund.
- 61-90 days prior to trip start: Cancellation fee equal to 25% of trip cost
- 31-60 days prior to trip start: Cancellation fee equal to 50% of trip cost
- 0-30 days prior to trip start: No refund

## TRAVEL INSURANCE

We recommend travel insurance. For more information and to purchase, go to <http://my.travelinsure.com/bsaselect>

## WAIVER

All participants must complete our waiver online at <https://www.smartwaiver.com/v/bsabike2022/>

## DISCLAIMER

The above itinerary is subject to change depending on a variety of factors. In every case, Black Sheep Adventures will endeavor to make you aware of changes as soon as possible, but, occasionally, changes must be made immediately prior to, or during, a departure. We strive to offer the best quality trip for each area and will make every effort to offer a comparable or better vacation. Rest assured our goal is to leave you with the best possible experience so you choose to travel with us again and tell your friends all about us. Black Sheep Adventures acts only as an agent for the various independent suppliers that provide hotel accommodations, transportation, sightseeing, activities, or other services connected with this tour. Such services are subject to the terms and conditions of those suppliers. Black Sheep Adventures and their respective employees, agents, representatives, and assigns accept no liability whatsoever from any injury, damage, loss, accident, delay, or any other incident which may be caused by the negligence, defect, default of any company or person in performing these services. Responsibility is not accepted for losses, injury, damages or expenses of any kind due to sickness, weather, strikes, hostilities, wars, terrorist acts, acts of nature, local laws or other such causes. All services and accommodations are subject to the laws and regulations of the country in which they are provided. Black Sheep Adventures is not responsible for any baggage or personal effects (including bicycles or bicycle gear) of any individual participating in the tours arranged by Black Sheep Adventures. Individual travelers are responsible for purchasing a travel insurance policy, if desired, that will cover some of the expenses associated with the loss of luggage or personal effects.

## IMPORTANT NOTE ON BRINGING YOUR OWN BIKE

If you are bringing your own bike, per the above disclaimer, it is at your own risk. BSA will transport it, and our guides will endeavor to protect your bike as best they can. If you have a custom bicycle, rare bike or one that you are just terribly fond of, we encourage you to carefully consider the choice to bring it. If you do choose to bring your own bike, please ensure your homeowner's, renter's or trip insurance policy will cover the bike for loss to your satisfaction. Alternatively, please consider renting a bicycle from us. We have some nice full carbon and alloy road bikes for rent at a reduced rate.

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