




# CALIFORNIA/NEVADA

## DEATH VALLEY & RED ROCK

### ROAD BIKE TOUR

 **Road Biking**      **Hiking**


 Families with Older Kids  
Private Tours and Custom Tours  
Solos, Couples & Friends

 Departure: Las Vegas, NV

 Tour Offered: Jan, Feb, Mar, Apr, Oct, Nov

 Departs On: Monday

 Duration: 5 Days

 Lodging: First-Class Camping & Casual Inns or Casual Inns

 Fitness Level: 2-4

 Elevation Range: 0 - 5,000 ft.

Despite its rather foreboding name, Death Valley represents a stellar trekking destination. Hikers and bikers, climbers to rock hounds come to marvel at Spring’s astounding wildflower blooms and often return to enjoy the mild temperatures of fall and winter. Outdoors people will relish 3,000-square miles of headspace, while cyclists find enviable elbowroom afforded by 350-miles of road and trails. (A full 91% of Death Valley is designated wilderness.

Stopping to visit historic sites, we cycle across the big valley floor. Most sites are accessed by 1930s-era Civilian Conservation Corps (CCC) roads. Almost immediately we come to appreciate a very subtle legacy of the CCC: the bygone wisdom seen in roads built to respect, rather than conquer the landscape

We navigate around sunbaked foothills, knolls, and stacks of boulders etched in yellow clay, rose and tan. A long time ago, these fantastic landscape features served as the backdrop for the first Star Wars film, Death Valley standing in for the planet Tatooine.

Each day in this storied place—contemplating 20-mule team wagons, Death Valley Scotty, the lost 49ers—you wake up to an unfettered horizon. The evenings are given over to serious unwinding: watching the two-mile high Panamint Mountains transition from shades of cool blue to a deep, purple bruise as the evening light drops away. In the other direction, the Amargosa range to the east is radiant, bathed in bronze tones. When you experience these lands by road bike, led by people who have a deep connection to Red Rock and Death Valley, you’ll quickly learn this is not a place to be endured, but rather a world-class outdoor recreation destination.





## THE ESCAPE ADVENTURES EXPERIENCE

**For over 30 years, the hallmark of an Escape Adventures tour is personalized, hands-on service, before, during, and after each trip.**

### OUR PEOPLE

Our Trip Leaders are the best in the business. Trained personally by the owners, our WFR certified Leaders understand the areas you ride in and prioritize group safety.

### OUR COMMITMENT

We don't just preach environmental awareness, we live it. We recycle 90% of our waste and run our LEED Platinum facilities with solar and wind power. Additionally, our facilities are net zero energy (we produce more energy than we consume) which makes us the only commercial outfitter in the world who is net positive energy.

### OUR FOOD

Our Leaders prepare meals on the trip with an emphasis on fresh, local and organic foods, ensuring you have the fuel you need to ride, and a delicious meal at the same time.

### OUR SUPPORT VEHICLES

We provide a support van and trailer for every 9 guests on all of our trips so you can count on us to be there when you need us.







## DAY 1 | Dante's View

After meeting in Las Vegas we'll shuttle 3-hours to Death Valley National Park. Our first ride starts at the "top" of Death Valley: Dante's View. Perched high atop the black mountains at 5500 feet, Dante's View presents a remarkable rendering of the land below. Badwater Basin, the lowest, driest point in North America unfurls at your feet, while in the distance, Telescope Peak rises 11,331 feet (3455 m). This contrast creates the greatest topographic relief in the contiguous U.S. We enjoy lunch at the peak before taking off on our scenic ride down the mountain. Time permitting; we will continue our adventure with an exciting hike descending from Zabriskie Point down through Eagle Canyon.

**Total Mileage** | 30

**Total Hiking Mileage** | 3

**First-Class Camping** | Furnace Creek Campground

**Casual Inn** | Stovepipe Wells Hotel



## DAY 2 | Death Valley Wilderness

Today we'll ride through Death Valley's deep midsection, yielding a sense of the overwhelming scale and sheer divinity of the 3,000-sq mile wilderness to Stovepipe Wells; a Western-themed way station. Then we'll hike the gypsum-colored sand dunes, one of four dune fields within Death Valley before retreating back to home base for great food and relaxation.

**Total Mileage** | 26

**First-Class Camping** | Furnace Creek Campground

**Casual Inn** | Stovepipe Wells Hotel







## DAY 3 | Artist's Drive

Today's ride takes us to Artist's Drive. Aprons of pink, green, purple, brown, and black rock debris drape across the mountain front providing some of the most scenic evidence of Death Valley volcanic history. We'll skip over the first section of Artist's Drive— it climbs over 1000ft in just 3 miles— and instead ride from the peak of the U-shaped drive onward. We juggle counting colors with watching the road as there are many turns on this panoramic route.



**Total Mileage** | 25

**First-Class Camping** | Furnace Creek Campground

**Casual Inn** | Stovepipe Wells Hotel

## DAY 4 | Rhyolite Ghost Town

We pack up our camp after a delicious breakfast, say goodbye to our home in Furnace Creek and head off to Stovepipe Wells to play on the amazing sand dunes. These are the most photographed dunes in the world, so get your cameras ready for an amazing sight! After our exploration, we hop in the shuttle van for a ride to the top of Daylight Pass. Our ride will take us on a gradual descent to the famed ghost town of Rhyolite. With a little imagination the sights there will send shivers down your spine. After the ride, we'll return to the Las Vegas area to spend our final night in the Red Rock Canyon Conservation Area.



**Total Mileage** | 12

**Casual Inn** | The Element Summerlin





## DAY 5 | Red Rock Canyon

A short shuttle delivers us to the Red Rock Scenic Loop where we'll spend the morning exploring the park. The scenic one-way park road loops and winds around the hilly valley of Red Rock Canyon, past coral mounds, and along the base of the Wilson cliffs. We'll finish the day at the park overlook, with lunch and goodbyes before returning to town.



**Total Mileage | 15**

## Road Bike Tour Fitness Levels

	Level	Hours of Activity	Total Elevation Feet Gain	Road Bike Miles	Hiking Miles
Easy	1	1-3	700	5-10	1-5
	2	2-4	1200	10-15	5-8
Moderate	3	3-5	1800	15-25	8-10
	4	4-6	2200	25-35	10-12
Seasoned	5	5-7	3000	35-50+	12-16+



# HOW TO PREPARE

## ROAD BIKING

For optimal physical preparation, we recommend that you ride at least several hours per week during the month preceding the tour. During the tour you will be on your bike every day, and we can assure you that an unprepared bottom is a sore one! If you can't ride your bike, or don't own one, take a spin class at your local gym a few times a week.

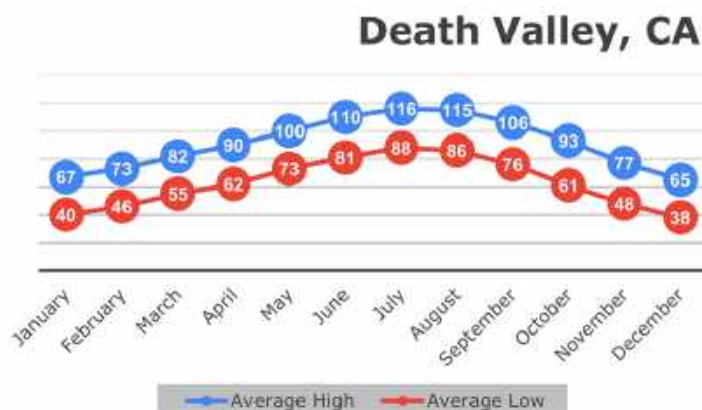
## HIKING

To prepare for the tour, we recommend that you hike, jog or run at least several hours per week during the month preceding the tour. Walk/run in the shoes and socks you are bringing on the trip. This will help prevent blisters and sore feet.



## WEATHER

You will be riding and sleeping at elevations over 4,000 ft. for this trip. Weather predictions in this area are often unreliable due to the elevation, so it is best to be prepared for cold evenings and inclement weather. Please use the following locations when checking the weather online: **Death Valley, CA**



## PACKING

Luggage is limited to one small soft-shelled suitcase or medium/large sized duffel bag (no heavier than 40 pounds). Please ensure your luggage container is water repellent. We also suggest bringing a hydration daypack or small backpack for valuables.

A complete list of what we consider essentials for every trip, as well as items that can be rented from Escape Adventures, is available at [www.escapeadventures.com/packing-lists/](http://www.escapeadventures.com/packing-lists/)



# BICYCLES AND GEAR

Make your trip as comfortable as possible on the body, as simple as possible for traveling, and hassle free on tour. By choosing to rent a bike from us, we will fit you with the newest, highest quality gear in the industry. Escape Adventures provides only high-end bicycles. All our bikes are equipped with carbon fiber frames and disc brakes designed for a smooth, comfortable ride.

## Specialized Roubaix Disc



Specialized has perfected the road bike. Ride confidently and comfortably for longer distances.

## Specialized Sirrus



Our most popular bike for moderate road bike tours is the proven Sirrus. This bike is suited for a wide range of cyclists.

## Specialized Turbo Creo eBike



For those of you who have wanted to join a bike tour but feared your fitness would hold you or the group back, fear no more.

## Co-Motion Periscope Tandem



Our tandem is ideal for getting you and your child out together, Tandem is available on request at an additional charge.

## Specialized Allez 24"



The Allez Junior is specifically designed for younger riders looking to keep up (or pass) Mom and Dad. The Allez gives all the performance they need to go fast!

## Specialized Riprock 20" & 24"



Escape Adventures is one of the only tour companies to provide a specific selection of kid's bikes for touring. Your child will feel confident on the Hotrock.

# ACCESSORIES

## Nite Ize Wraptor Smart Phone Mount

The Wraptor gives you full screen visibility and holds your phone safe and securely, even over rough terrain. It's designed to quickly attach and detach from the bar, and the base rotates between landscape and portrait mode with ease. It's a must-have if you want to spend less time fiddling with your device and more time pedaling your bike.



## NiteRider Lumina Micro 650 + Sabre 80

Even when you are on the road in the daytime, you need to be seen from all directions. We've teamed up with NiteRider to offer the best daytime lighting for your ride. Each road bike is equipped with a headlight and a taillight with the proper lumen output and run time to keep you safe from every angle.



## TRIP COST INCLUDES

All meals starting with lunch on the first day through lunch on the last day, RV site accommodations, Specialized road bike rental, support vehicles, snacks, first-aid, bike maintenance, community gear, and a custom sublimated Limited Edition Jersey.

## TRIP COST DOES NOT INCLUDE

Airfare to and from departure point, lodging before or after the tour, RV rental, or gratuities to Escape Adventures Trip Leaders. Tips to the Trip Leaders are given at your discretion and based on the quality of your experience. We suggest 10-20% of your trip cost divided between all Trip Leaders.

## MEALS

Our Trip Leaders prepare all of your meals on our camping trips. Expect three delicious meals a day consisting entirely of freshly prepared foods. These include fresh organic fruits and vegetables as well as meats.

## TRIP AMENITIES

First-class campers will enjoy well-maintained public campgrounds. Cell service for this tour may be spotty. Verizon is the best service to have for this area.



## KEEPING YOU UP TO DATE

We are always seeking opportunities to enhance this itinerary. We'll notify you of any changes prior to departure; other changes may be communicated on the trip by your Trip Leaders.

This is a general itinerary and may vary. Escape Adventures reserves the right to make changes due to weather, local conditions, government intervention, or any other unforeseen reasons that may affect the quality of the trip and/or safety of the participants. Accommodations are subject to change.



# FIRST-CLASS CAMPING



There is nothing better than rolling into camp to fresh made chips and salsa, homemade guacamole and Dutch oven enchiladas. Then making your way to the inviting campfire, sharing your favorite anecdote or image from the day's activities while marshmallows roast. Enjoy a small-batch local beer before retiring to your tent where inside a sturdy raised cot, fluffy sleeping bag, and a plush full size pillow await.

We choose well-maintained public campgrounds with scenic vistas. The majority feature indoor facilities and showers. However, in more remote backcountry camping scenarios, we'll provide portable toilets and private solar showers.

## CAMPING GEAR RENTALS



Camping gear may be rented or you may bring your own. Our camp gear package includes a three-man tent with ground tarp, sleeping bag, bag liner, full size pillow, raised cot and self-inflating ground pad.

# GATEWAY CITY: LAS VEGAS, NV

Las Vegas, the shimmering jewel of the Mojave Desert, captivates visitors with its dazzling lights, extravagant resorts, and endless entertainment. From its iconic Strip, pulsating with vibrant nightlife and world-class shows, to the opulent casinos offering thrilling gaming experiences, the city is a playground for indulgence and excitement. Beyond the glitz, discover culinary delights from renowned chefs, explore nearby natural wonders like Red Rock Canyon, or simply immerse yourself in the electrifying energy that defines "Sin City."



## HARRY REID INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT

HARRY REID INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT  
5757 Wayne Newton Blvd, Las Vegas, NV 89119  
(702) 261-5211  
[www.harryreidairport.com](http://www.harryreidairport.com)



LAS is conveniently located close to the popular strip area. Harry Reid International Airport is the twelfth-busiest airport in North America.

## LAS VEGAS HOTELS

RED ROCK RESORT  
1101 W. Charleston Blvd, Las Vegas, NV 89135  
(702) 797-7777  
[www.redrockresort.com](http://www.redrockresort.com)

BELLAGIO  
3600 S Las Vegas Blvd, Las Vegas, NV 89109  
(888) 987-6667  
[www.bellagio.com](http://www.bellagio.com)

## MEETING DEPARTURE INFORMATION

### MEETING LOCATION

ELEMENT LAS VEGAS SUMMERLIN  
(105555 Discovery Dr, Las Vegas, NV 89135  
(702) 589-2000  
<https://element-hotels.marriott.com>

### DEPARTURE TIME

9:00 AM on the first day of the tour.

### RETURN TIME

By 3:00 PM on the last day of the tour.





# CANCELLATION POLICY

In order to keep our tours affordable and provide proper notice to our lodging partners, we must adhere to this timeline, no exceptions. After our refund deadline has passed we cannot provide a refund for any reason, including circumstances beyond your control such as weather-related travel delays, family emergency, or injury. There is also no partial refund if you arrive late to your tour, or depart early. Insurance agencies however, offer a full or partial refund in many circumstances if you purchase travel insurance to cover your tour. Payment in full is due 60 days prior to trip departure.

## IF YOU CANCEL YOUR TRIP

## YOU WILL RECEIVE

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Up until 60 days prior to trip departure

100% of what you have paid minus a \$200 processing fee per person

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59-45 days prior to trip departure

50% of what you have paid minus a \$200 processing fee per person

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45-30 days prior to trip departure

15% of what you have paid minus a \$200 processing fee per person

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29-0 days prior trip departure

No Refund

# TRAVEL INSURANCE

We strongly encourage you to purchase travel insurance to protect against extenuating circumstances such as illness and injury-believe us, they do come up! You can purchase Peek Protect at the time of booking your adventure online or through our office.

# TRANSFER POLICY

If you would like to change to a different tour or departure date after signing up, we will be happy to transfer you on a space available basis up until 60 days prior to your tour. Please provide your transfer request in writing - email is sufficient. Please note, a \$25 transfer fee will be deducted from your previous payments for each transfer, and if you later choose to cancel your tour, the cancellation deadlines will apply to the date of the originally scheduled tour.

# TOUR CONFIRMATION

Escape confirms tours 60 days prior to tour departure; prior to this time, tours may be cancelled due to low enrollment. After your tour is confirmed, it will not be cancelled for low-enrollment, but in rare cases may be cancelled due to weather, government intervention, unsafe trail conditions, or any other reason that would affect the quality of the scheduled tour or the safety of its participants. If we are forced to cancel your tour, we will provide a 100% refund and work to add you to another trip that works for you.

# TRAVEL PLANS

We advise you to avoid non-refundable flights and other travel arrangements and are not responsible for the costs of such arrangement in the event your tour is cancelled. The travel insurance offered in conjunction with our tours covers the cost of your tour but does not cover additional costs such as travel to and from your tour departure location, and hotel stays prior to or following your tour. Please consider purchasing additional insurance coverage.



## SIMILAR TRIPS FROM ESCAPE ADVENTURES

### **BRYCE AND ZION ROAD BIKE TOUR THE HEART & SOUL OF THE SOUTHWEST**

- Families with Older Kids  
Private Tours and Custom Tours  
Solos, Couples & Friends
- Departure: St George, UT
- Tour Offered: May, Jun, Jul, Aug, Sep, Oct
- Departs On: Sunday
- Duration: 6 Days
- Lodging: First-Class Camping or Casual Inns
- Fitness Level: 2-4
- Elevation Range: 3,000 - 11,000 ft.

Welcome to Utah’s Color Country. Owing to the largest concentration of parklands in North America, plus vast open views, this is no less than a cyclist’s paradise.



### **ARIZONA ROAD BIKE TOUR TUCSON & SAGUARO NATIONAL PARK**

- Private Tours and Custom Tours  
Solos, Couples & Friends
- Departure: Tucson, AZ
- Tour Offered: Jan, Feb, Mar, Apr, Sep, Oct
- Departs On: Monday
- Duration: 5 Days
- Lodging: Luxury Inns & Restaurants
- Fitness Level: 3-4
- Elevation Range: 2,000 - 8,000 ft.

Enjoy a winter time retreat to Americas Southwestern prize – Tucson. As one travel journalist put it, “Tucson is a dream landscape for a cyclist worth his or her electrolytes.”

