

Bicycle Tours in USA: Death Valley Adventure (TourzPlus)

OVERVIEW

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.

Learn more about what is included and what to expect on your TourzPlus tour at the [TourzPlus Tour Style](#) page.

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 spring departures.

TOUR FACTS

Tour Style	■ TourzPlus: Learn more about our TourzPlus tours at https://www.experienceplus.com/choosing-the-best-tour/styles/tourzplus
Includes	5 nights lodging, double occupancy; meals as noted in itinerary; non-optional activities as outlined in itinerary; ride-friendly snacks and beverages throughout each day; hybrid or alloy road bike rental – carbon road bike or E-bike available for an upgrade fee (\$100 for carbon; \$200-300 for e-bike); professional trip leader(s); van support & portage service; reusable water bottle, wool socks & luggage tags.
Countries	USA
Begin/End	Death Valley National Park
Arrive/Depart	McCarran International Airport (LAS)
Total Distance	254 km (158 miles)
Avg. Daily Distance	85 km (53 miles) per riding day
Tour Level	▶▶▶▶▶

Please Note: We may have small itinerary changes to this trip after you download this PDF document. If you have booked this trip and there are major changes, including changes to towns or activities, we'll email you directly. However, you should always be sure to refer to the ■ [online itinerary](#) for the most up-to-date trip information including arrival and departure tips before you depart for your trip:

<https://www.experienceplus.com/bike-tours/usa/death-valley-BSA>

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DATES & PRICES

DAILY RIDE SUMMARY

Day	Distance/Gain	Terrain	Day Level	Notes
1	51km / 335m (32mi / 1100ft)			
2	Hike day			
3	82km / 244m (51mi / 800ft)			
4	121km / 549m (75mi / 1800ft)			
5	Hike day			
6	Last Day			

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Biking into Death Valley

Highlights Rhyolite, Mesquite Flat Sand Dunes

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.

DAY 1: Sun, Feb 7th

Distance 51 km (32 mi)

Gain 335 m (1100 ft)

Meals Lunch, Dinner

Lodging ■ Stovepipe Wells Village Hotel

Hiking Wildrose

Highlights Panamint Range, Wildrose Peak

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

DAY 2: Mon, Feb 8th

Distance 13 km (8 mi)

Gain 823 m (2700 ft)

Meals Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

Lodging ■ Stovepipe Wells Village Hotel

Biking from Grapevine to Furnace Creek

Highlights Hiking Ubehebe Crater

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.

DAY 3: Tue, Feb 9th

Distance 82 km (51 mi)

Gain 244 m (800 ft)

Meals Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

Lodging ■ The Ranch at the Oasis at Death Valley

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Biking Badwater Road

Highlights Sunrise at Zabriskie Point, Dante's View

Your day starts early as you rise for 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 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.

Hiking Golden Canyon & Gower Gulch

Highlights Colorful canyon walls, old borax mines, the "red cathedral"

After yesterday, you've earned a day off the bike. We'll explore Golden Canyon where parts of the first Star Wars Movie (Episode IV) were filmed. We'll then 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.

Boardwalk at Ash Meadows National Wildlife Refuge

Highlights Shuttle 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.

DAY 4: Wed, Feb 10th

Distance 121 km (75 mi)

Gain 549 m (1800 ft)

Meals Breakfast, Lunch

Lodging ■ The Ranch at the Oasis at Death Valley

DAY 5: Thu, Feb 11th

Distance 10 km (6 mi)

Gain 335 m (1100 ft)

Meals Breakfast, Dinner

Lodging ■ The Ranch at the Oasis at Death Valley

DAY 6: Fri, Feb 12th

Distance 2 km (1 mi)

Meals Breakfast