



DEATH VALLEY ADVENTURE CAMPING TRIP ITINERARY



Lets' go winter desert camping at the lowest elevation in the United States! "In this below-sea-level basin, steady drought and record summer heat make Death Valley a land of extremes. Yet, each extreme has a striking contrast. Towering peaks are frosted with winter snow. Rare rainstorms bring vast fields of wildflowers. Lush oases harbor tiny fish and refuge for wildlife and humans. Despite its morbid name, a great diversity of life survives in Death Valley." – National Parks website. We will enjoy a number of the incredible sites by day hiking from our car-camping style campsites. No hiking experience is necessary as long as you are in good physical condition. Weather permitting; most hikes are interpretative nature walks but we have potential to do some peak hikes which can be up to 6-8 miles one way with a significant elevation gain/loss.

In order for your experience to be a pleasurable one, we ask that you thoroughly read the information in the handouts provided, including the **Itinerary**, the **General Trip Expectations** and follow the recommendations on the **Packing list**. You must supply your own lunches, money for road meals, and personal equipment. (Camping gear rentals are available <http://recreation.sa.ucsb.edu/adventure-programs/outdoor-gear-rentals>) This trip requires that you be in good physical condition. Please feel free to contact the Adventure Center at (805) 893-3737 during business hours if you need any additional information and/or our leaders have not contacted you five days before departure date.

Minimum Experience Level: Hearty Beginner or Experienced Hiker

Itinerary:

Thursday- Drive from UCSB to Death Valley National Park and camp at Furnace Creek Campground.

Friday- Explore the lowest point in North America ...Death Valley! Canyons, salt flats, craters, buttes and dunes to hike everywhere. Camp again at Furnace Creek.

Saturday- Option for Telescope Peak hike or more sightseeing, Stovepipe Wells, Salt Flats, Gower Gulch.

Sunday- Drive back to the California Coast and UCSB.

*****All itineraries are tentative due to weather, park and road conditions and other factors beyond our control.*****

Departure Location: Adventure Rental Center turnout to the right of the main entrance of the Recreation Center.

Departure Time: Meeting time specified on website, introduction email and receipt so we can load your personal equipment and leave within an hour. As a courtesy to the group, please be prompt. If you are not there on time we will leave without you. No refunds for no-shows.

Approximate Drive Time: 6 hours

Approximate Return Time: 7 P.M. on Day 4 depending on traffic.

No Drugs or Alcohol: University regulations and program policies do not allow alcohol or drugs on this trip. Thank you for your cooperation.

Refund Policy: Once an offering is **full**, you will be offered a refund (less \$20 service charge) **only** if someone pays for your spot. If the offering is **NOT** full:

- **30 or more days** before the course date- Full refund less \$20 processing fee.
- **29 to 8 days** before the course date- 50% refund less \$20 processing fee.
- **Less than 8 days** before the course date- no refunds available.