



HIKING ADVENTURES

Few forms of exercise provide greater enjoyment, more benefits or allow more intimate means of exploring old cultures and new environments than walking or hiking. Whether you want a casual interpretive nature walk or a challenging hike, Desert Adventures offers exciting hiking for all abilities at a variety of Palm Springs area attractions or on our 1000-acre private desert site where we have blazed miles and miles of excellent, safe hiking trails. For safety, all of our hiking adventures are capped at a maximum of 20 people per group and each group is accompanied by two expert and entertaining Desert Adventures' Naturalist Guides who will provide fascinating narration every step of the way. **All guides are CPR and First Aid Certified.**

HIKING ALONG THE SAN ANDREAS FAULT (3 Hours)



Explore a "desert badlands" and the strange and eerie world of the **SAN ANDREAS FAULT**. You will be entertained and enthralled as your expert Naturalist Guides brings the desert and its geology and history to life. You will see twisted and tormented landscapes, warped and bent by the powerful movement of the Earth's crust. You will see anticlines, synclines and entire mountains heaved upward. Hills of "fault gauge" [ground up rock] clearly mark the path of destruction along the fissure. Learn how tectonic forces created the slanted, vertical and wave-like structures that have been described as the most tortured landscape on earth.

Your hiking adventure will also take you to a natural palm oasis where you can peer into a large crevice in the earth with water bubbling up out of the desert and to a culturally & historically accurate recreation of a Cahuilla Indian Village that sits on a registered archeological site where

Cahuilla villages existed thousands of years ago. The village includes a depiction of the water manipulation practiced by the tribe, a ceremonial house and kishes. A short walk brings you to a large metate' [grinding stone] that overlooks the Village offering an incredible view of the Coachella Valley.

PALM SPRINGS INDIAN CANYONS HIKING ADVENTURE (3 Hours)

Visit Andreas Canyon, where the contrasting greens of magnificent fan palms and more than 150 species of plants within a half-mile radius beckon the desert traveler to this lush palm oasis. A scenic foot trail leads through the canyons, passing groves of stately skirted palms, unusual rock formation (some containing indian petroglyphs) and the perennial Andreas Creek, where one can still see the bedrock mortars and Metates' [grinding stones] used centuries ago for food preparation by the Cahuilla Indians. This tranquil setting is excellent for photography, bird-watching, hiking, or enjoying a delicious picnic at one of the tables along the trail.

Your hiking adventure also includes a scenic trek from Andreas Canyon to Murray Canyon, where Peninsula Big Horn Sheep, wild ponies, and other wild animals still roam the high ground above the canyon.

Because it is less visited than Andreas Canyon, Murray Canyon offers its own secluded beauty and is home to at least one known endangered species of bird, the Least Bells Bireo, which nests in the canyon.





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PALM SPRINGS AERIAL TRAM HIKING ADVENTURE (3 Hours)



Experience the extremes of our valley as we take you from the valley floor at sea level to the Palm Springs Aerial tramway, the largest vertical cable rise in the United States. Ride on brand new, rotating cable cars to the Palm Springs Aerial Tramway's 8,514-foot Mountain Station.

At the top, enjoy a view that stretches all the way to Mexico, fresh mountain air and more than 54 miles of hiking trails. On the 15-minute trip to the top, experience five different life zones with flora and fauna approximating a trip from Mexico's warm Sonora Desert to the alpine wilderness of Alaska. After your hike, relax at the Tram restaurant overlooking Palm Springs, refresh yourself at the bar, or check out the unique gift shop.

JOSHUA TREE NATIONAL PARK HIKING ADVENTURE (3 Hours)

Travel through the high desert, home to over 25 different animals, several Indian tribes, gold miners, cattle ranchers and rustlers. This beautiful area holds a fistful of American history, plus it encompasses some of the most interesting geological displays found anywhere in the world.

The rugged mountains of twisted rock and exposed granite monoliths testify to the tremendous earth forces that shaped and formed California's Wild West!

Don't forget your camera, as you will want to take pictures of the gigantic boulders, Joshua-trees, yucca's and other lush plant life that thrives in this area.



PROGRAM INCLUSIONS

- Two CPR & First Aid Certified expert naturalist guides who will provide an entertaining and informative fully-narrated tour
- Nature walk or hiking geared to the guests' ability
- Bottled water and granola snacks
- All admission fees & taxes
- Guide gratuities

Roundtrip transportation via deluxe van or mini-coach is also available.

PROGRAM ENHANCEMENTS

- Assorted soft drinks, fruit juices, and/or Snapple beverages
- Assorted individually packaged snacks (Candy bars, cookies, chips)
- Picnic Lunch (Choice of ham, turkey, roast beef or vegetarian sandwich, potato salad, fresh fruit, cookie, soft drink)

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