

PACKING LIST - DEATH VALLEY

PACK YOUR BAGS!

The AdventureWomen team has curated this list for your adventure in Death Valley. It is meant to provide packing guidelines, but please also think about how you travel and what works for you as individuals. If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to ask! It's what we are here for.

Dress for the Weather

While Death Valley is famously known as one of the hottest spots on earth—regularly exceeding 120 degrees in summer. During the spring, the temperatures are generally in the 70s and 80s, making for a warm and relaxing stay, ideal for walking and hiking. Please note, however, that for every 1,000 feet of elevation gain, the temperature will drop by three to five degrees. So while it can be quite warm on the valley floor, it could be in the 40s or 50s in the mountains. Rain is unlikely, but rain gear is important just in case. Make sure to bring clothing appropriate for all types of weather – layers are key!

note: There is a coin-op self-serve laundromat at the Ranch, but we recommend you bring enough so you can enjoy your trip without doing laundry!

Luggage

You will be traveling in a 12-15 passenger van, and we encourage you to travel lightly. However, there are no luggage restrictions. Your carry-on bag or personal item should be your daypack, which you will need to carry for most of your activities during the daytime. It should be able to fit under the seats in the van (the size that would fit under an airline seat).

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Clothing & Gear

- Daypack - we recommend a hiking-style backpack between 20 and 30 liters with a comfortable hip belt. Your pack should fit several extra layers of clothing, water, your camera, and anything else you might want during the day
- 1 pair hiking boots or trail shoes with ankle support
- 1-2 pairs synthetic hiking pants (ideally with zip-off legs) or shorts
- 1 pair warm leggings or hiking pants
- 3-5 synthetic t-shirts
- 1 warm hiking shirt or base layer
- 1 warm jacket (e.g., fleece or puffy)
- 1 rain jacket or shell (can double as wind-resistant layer)
- 1 sunhat (wide brim suggested)
- 1 warm hat
- 1 pair warm gloves (e.g., fleece)
- 1-2 Buffs or bandanas
- 3-5 pairs hiking socks that wick moisture
- Casual clothing for evenings (note: there is one restaurant that has an evening dress code of "smart casual" attire - this just means no shorts or t-shirt)
- Casual shoes for evenings
- Bathing suit
- Sleepwear
- Underwear & bras
- Nalgene or other reusable water bottle - 1 liter suggested
- Masks/face coverings
- Hiking poles - you can bring your own or borrow them
- A few of your favorite snacks to carry on hikes

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AdventureWomen Essentials

- Travel documents (identification documents, airline tickets/itinerary, money)
- Write down or print out your travel insurance number
- Locks for your luggage if desired
- Travel alarm clock (or phone)
- Headlamp or small flashlight with spare batteries
- Binoculars - 8x40/42 center focus models are excellent - these are optional but great for wildlife viewing
- Digital camera, memory cards, battery charger
- Sunglasses, case, and strap
- Spare glasses, contact lenses, cleaner, saline, etc.
- Money belt or neck pouch
- Sunscreen and lip balm with SPF**
- Hand sanitizer**
- Toiletries: soap, shampoo, and conditioner (may be provided at certain hotels); toothbrush, toothpaste; small packet of tissues; tampons and panty liners (avoid plastic applicators)
- Earplugs - optional. We recommend silicone earplugs if you are a light sleeper
- Assortment of stuff sacks and bags - please consider bringing reusable stuff sacks or silicone bags to reduce the use of disposable plastics
- Reading material/journal and pens

- Cotton-tipped applicators
- Oral rehydration tablets/packets - helpful to rehydrate at higher altitudes
- Antidiarrheal medication
- Mild laxative
- Antacid
- Cold remedies
- Ibuprofen/acetaminophen
- Eye drops
- Tweezers, scissors (travel size), safety pins

If you prefer to buy a complete kit, we recommend the Smart Travel first aid kit.

Reminder: Be sure to bring a variety of clothing that can handle the possibility of 90-degree weather down to 40-degree weather in the mountains. The key is layers!

Personal First Aid Kit

- Prescription medicine you usually take (in original containers)
- Person epi pen - if you need one, don't forget to pack it!
- Bandages, gauze, ace bandage, blister prevention
- Antiseptic wipes/spray
- Antibiotic ointment