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### VENTURE BEYOND YOUR WILDEST DREAMS

Your Launchpad for Adventure

> Town overview of the gateway to California's natural wonders.

Yosemite National Park The perfect base camp for touring Yosemite National Park and all of its iconic wonders.

**Bodie State Historic Park** Step back in time for a peek into life in the wildest town in the West during California's Gold Rush era.

Mono Lake Explore the natural wonders of this ancient lake and learn about its tufa towers, brine shrimp and millions of migratory birds.



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Mammoth Lakes

Hike to amazing vistas, ride the extensive bike path network, paddle on alpine lakes and take in music and art festivals – fun for everyone.

Mammoth Adventure Center Extreme fun headquarters with Scenic Gondola Rides, Via Ferrata and Mammoth Bike Park – the

> #1 mountain bike park in the United States.

Mammoth Mountain World-class skiing and boarding at California's highest mountain resort

More Winter Fun Tamarack Cross Country Ski Center and fun off the slopes in this spectacular, snowy wonderland.

19 Fly or Drive Trips of a Lifetime!

> How to build your California trip around this majestic-in-scale destination.

**7** The Ultimate Map Getting to the unbelievable is unbelievably easy.







#### Visit Yosemite Like a Pro

No trip to California would be complete without visiting Yosemite National Park! Known for deep valleys containing some of the world's tallest waterfalls, granite monoliths, giant sequoia trees and wild meadows, the immense park stretches nearly 3,108 square kilometers (1,931 square miles).

Yosemite's eastern entrance is just 45 minutes from Mammoth Lakes and accessed via Tioga Pass, the highest highway pass in California – open from early summer to late fall (subject to snow conditions). Visiting from the east side allows you to not only see the iconic sights of Yosemite Valley, about a two-hour drive away, but also to spend time in the nearby, often-overlooked high country. Waterfalls reach peak flows in late spring and early summer, while the high-elevation Tuolumne Meadows area is spectacular and uncrowded in the fall.



#### YOSEMITE ADVENTURES

Yosemite Valley and Giant Sequoias
Tour Yosemite National Park including
Yosemite Valley.

Hike among giant sequoias in the Tuolumne and Merced groves, or channel your inner Ansel Adams with a stop at Tunnel View to frame the ultimate photo of Yosemite Valley. Feel the spray of Bridalveil and Yosemite falls, walk alongside the towering granite of Half Dome to Mirror Lake and marvel at climbers scaling the vertices of El Capitan.

#### Tuolumne Meadows High Country

Assemble a gourmet picnic and catch the Yosemite Area Regional Transportation System bus into the Yosemite high country. Disembark at the Tuolumne Visitor Center and choose an easy hike to a carbonated spring or a moderate scramble up a granite dome.

Use the park's free shuttle to roam from the pristine shores of Tenaya Lake to the craggy outlooks of Olmsted Point.

### YOSEMITE AREA REGIONAL TRANSPORTATION SYSTEM

#### YARTS

Watch the scenery – not the road! Round-trip transportation on YARTS' luxury buses is offered daily from Mammoth Lakes. Your fare includes the park entrance fee, and YARTS connects with free park shuttles inside Yosemite.

Ride YARTS for free when you show your boarding pass for flights in or out of Mammoth Lakes. Arrive in Yosemite refreshed and ready to explore!





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## BODIE STATE HISTORIC PARK

#### California's Official Ghost Town

Bodie State Historic Park is the largest unrestored, best preserved ghost town from California's Gold Rush era, having produced over \$35 million in gold and silver from 1877 to 1888 when the community swelled to nearly 10,000 residents!

Once notorious as the wildest town in the West – with its saloons, bordellos, gambling houses and opium dens – the town is now preserved as a California State Historic Park, with beautifully weathered buildings, a museum and visitor center. 170 structures still stand in a state of "arrested decay," including a general store where the same items remain from when it was locked up in 1912.







#### **BODIE GHOST TOWN TIPS**

Wander the long-abandoned streets of Bodie and peek into the windows of the general store, hotel, saloon, jail, schoolhouse, barbershop, undertaker and several houses for a glimpse of life in a bygone era. Visit the museum and cemetery and take a tour of Bodie's last remaining gold and silver ore stamp mill.

The road to Bodie is closed once winter storms arrive, and re-opens in spring when weather permits. Note: the last three miles of road are unpaved.

Drinking water and restrooms are the only services available, so pack a picnic lunch, sunscreen and jacket for your Bodie outing.









#### An Ancient Lake

Over a million years old and covering more than 168 square kilometers (104 square miles), Mono Lake has no outlet, so water leaves only through evaporation – causing the lake to be 2.5 times saltier and 80 times as alkaline as the ocean. The unique biosphere supports tiny brine shrimp and alkalai flies, which provide food to millions of migratory and nesting birds.

The photography focal point is the oddly-shaped tufa towers, formed by fresh water springs percolating up from the bottom of the lake and interacting with the lake's salt water. These tufa towers have grown to heights over 9.1 m (30 ft).

Stop by the Mono Basin Scenic Area Visitor Center to learn more about this fascinating, ancient inland sea – and stroll among the tufas at the lake's South Tufa State Reserve.





#### MONO LAKE AND JUNE LAKE ADVENTURES

Rise early and drive 30 minutes north from Mammoth Lakes for a morning kayak tour among Mono Lake's otherworldly limestone tufa towers. Don't miss exploring the South Tufa State Reserve where a short, self-guided interpretive trail winds through the tufa towers and describes the lake and importance of its ecosystems.

Grab some food in Lee Vining before heading south, and take a side trip to June Lake. Cast a line in one of the many lakes along the June Lake Loop, or rent a stand-up paddleboard or kayak right on the beach, then spend the rest of the afternoon relaxing in the soft sand.

## MAMMOTH LAKES

#### Play big in our massive mountain paradise!

Endless adventures await – from hikes to amazing vistas and geologic wonders, cycling on scenic bike paths, exploring the wilderness on horseback, or sampling world-class cuisine at a festival, Mammoth Lakes delivers excitement for everyone.

With a name like Mammoth Lakes, you can be sure that water activities abound here! Clear, pristine lakes beckon – perfect for dipping your toes or catching a trophy trout. Create lasting memories as you pilot a pontoon boat, balance a stand-up paddleboard, hike to a sandy beach or explore Hot Creek Geological Site.

#### Devils Postpile National Monument and Rainbow Falls

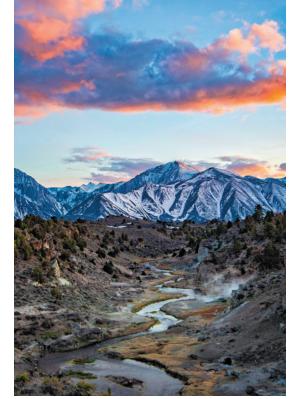
The 323.7 hectare (798 acre) Devils Postpile National Monument is situated in Mammoth Lakes' "backyard" and preserves a columnar basalt formation formed by flowing lava about 82,000 years ago. As the lava cooled, it contracted and split into symmetrical, vertical columns subsequently smoothed by glacial ice.

Downstream, Rainbow Falls drops over 30 m (101 ft) and is named for the colorful rainbows reflected in the mist by the midday sun.















#### MAMMOTH LAKES ADVENTURES

#### Mammoth Lakes Basin

Rent bikes and jump on the free trolley to Mammoth Lakes Basin from The Village at Mammoth. At Horseshoe Lake, ride the unpaved loop trail, crossing seven bridges before joining the paved Lakes Basin path. Pass lakes and waterfalls beneath towering granite crags as you descend the 8 km (5 miles) back to town, stopping at designated pullouts for perfect photo opportunities.

Spend your afternoon paddling a kayak or stand-up paddleboard. Rentals are available at marinas in the Mammoth Lakes Basin.

#### Horseback tours, golf, entertainment

Spend your morning on horseback! Take a half-day ride through pine forests with Mammoth Lakes Pack Outfit, passing high alpine lakes and lush meadows. Shorter rides are available for families with very young children.

Play an afternoon round of golf on one of two stunning mountain courses. Your ball flies further at altitude, so you may even take a few strokes off your game! Take in free entertainment at The Village at Mammoth for the evening, whether it's family movie night or there's a live band playing. Unwind over cocktails while the kids hang out in a nearby sandbox or play ping-pong or ladder ball.



#### LAKES BASIN TROLLEY

The free Lakes Basin Trolley travels from The Village at Mammoth to the Mammoth Lakes Basin during summer and fall. The trolley stops at four alpine lakes, providing access to fishing spots, hiking trails, marinas, resorts and a pack station. The trolley also has a 16-bike trailer – so bring your bike and ride the Lakes Basin Path back to town!

#### **DEVILS POSTPILE AND RAINBOW FALLS TIP**

Catch the Reds Meadow Scenic Shuttle (fee) from Mammoth Mountain Adventure Center to Devils Postpile National Monument. Hike along the San Joaquin River to the monument, then follow the trail to the top to see the hexagonal columns resembling floor tiles. Continue on the easy 3.2 km (2 mile) hike to Rainbow Falls before jumping back on the shuttle and return to the Adventure Center.



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#### **Summit Adventures**

Ride the Scenic Gondola to the top of Mammoth Mountain where you can snap a selfie at the 3,369 m (11,053 ft) summit sign, enjoy lunch with panoramic views at the Eleven53 Café, and discover the Sierra's history at the interpretive center. For a one-way trip, head back down on foot for a rewarding hike with great views.

#### Via Ferrata

Challenge yourself with a guided Euro-style climbing adventure on the rugged cliffs of Mammoth Mountain. Via Ferrata, which means "iron path," is a network of climbing routes using steel cables, iron rungs and suspended bridges fixed to the rock that climbers are attached to for safety. Great for families, groups or individuals – no previous climbing experience required.

#### Mammoth Bike Park

With 130+ km (80+ miles) of singletrack offering plenty of jumps, berms and drops, and some of the most radical terrain in the country, Mammoth is the biggest, baddest and best bike park in the U.S. Our beginner-friendly Discovery Zone is the best place to learn and is specifically designed to make progression easy.

Try a class 1 pedal assist e-bike and explore more of the mountain without tiring yourself out. Top-of-the-line e-bikes and beginner-friendly e-biking lessons available.





#### **ADVENTURE CENTER KIDS' ACTIVITIES**

#### Ropes Course

Kids climb, stretch, balance and crawl through a climbing net, log walk, planks, and swings – then rappel to finish.

#### EuroBungee Trampoline

Bouncers safely fling nearly 7.6 m (25 ft) in the air to flip and perform gravity defying stunts.

#### Climbing Wall

Climbers of all ages and abilities can take the challenge on this rock wall with routes from easy to nearly impossible. Experienced staff will teach you the ropes.

#### Junior Zip Line

Fly without wings as you sail almost 7.3 m (25 ft) in the air along the 93-m (306-ft) long zip line. Smile as you fly over a creek, and wave to the bikers below.

#### Gem Mining

Pint-sized prospectors will enjoy sifting through sand and rocks at Woolly's Mining Co. for gemstones, arrowheads and more by using a sluice box.









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## MAMMOTH MOUNTAIN

#### Skiing and Snowboarding

World-famous Mammoth Mountain Ski Area truly lives up to its 'Mammoth' name, with 28 chairlifts and two gondolas accessing over 1,416 hectares (1,500 acres) of skiable terrain. Boasting a summit elevation of 3,369 m (11,053 ft), Mammoth is the highest resort in California. 150 distinct runs offer something for everyone, from easy learning terrain to wide-open bowls and expert chutes. It's not unusual here to share a chairlift ride with an Olympian or see a gold medalist soaring high above a massive terrain park. Mammoth Mountain is an official training mountain of the U.S. Olympic Team, annually hosting numerous events featuring both professional and up-and-coming athletes.







#### MAMMOTH MOUNTAIN TIPS

#### Canyon Lodge Area

Get acquainted with Mammoth Mountain's vast terrain by taking a morning mountain tour led by a friendly host. Then cruise perfectly groomed runs between Canyon and Eagle lodges, bash bumps or seek out powder stashes off Chair 22 or the Cloud Nine Express. After a full morning of skiing, take the Village Gondola or the Ski Back Trail to The Village at Mammoth for a leisurely lunch before finishing the day with a trip to Woolly's Tube Park and Snowplay for an awesome snow tubing experience.

#### Main Lodge Area

Venture to the top of the Sierra! From Main Lodge, ride the gondola to the summit of Mammoth Mountain. Visit the Eleven53 Interpretive Center for 360-degree views and interpretive exhibits detailing the unique landscape before descending your choice of intermediate or expert above-treeline terrain. You may also ride the gondola back down.

#### Ski & Snowboard School

Lessons are available at each base lodge for all levels. Please note that Main Lodge has the most ideal beginner lift and terrain for first-time skiers and snowboarders.







## MORE WINTER FUN

#### Ski and Snowshoe Tours, Snowmobiling and Ice Skating

Take a break from downhill skiing or snowboarding and join a morning naturalist tour on Nordic skis or snowshoes at Tamarack Cross Country Ski Center, or explore the meticulously groomed trail system at your own pace.

Spend the afternoon on a snowmobile! Take a guided trip, or map out your own route. There are over 160 km (100 miles) of groomed trails available, as well as thousands of hectares of expansive, open terrain.

Finally, enjoy an evening ice skating session at the Community Recreation Center before treating yourself to a fine-dining meal to complete your stay.



#### **Tamarack Cross Country** Ski Center

Tamarack Cross Country Ski Center is the epicenter of cross country skiing and snowshoeing in Mammoth Lakes. Embark on 30 km (19 miles) of freshly groomed cross country trails and skating lanes while you participate in a full moon or winter naturalist tour. Afterwards, relax by the crackling fire and treat yourself to mulled cider and dessert at Tamarack Lodge and Resort.





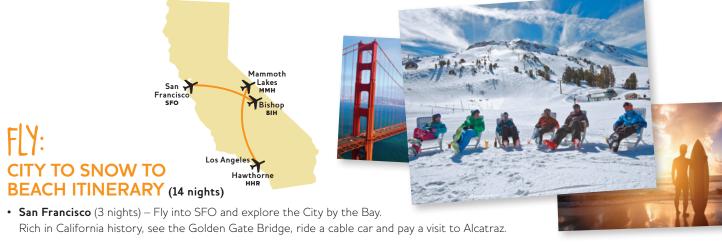




## FLY OR DRIVE TRIPS OF A LIFETIME!

With Mammoth Lakes' perfect location, you can build memorable trips around Mammoth Lakes with visits to Los Angeles, San Francisco or Las Vegas – all of which are within a 5-hour drive. Mount Whitney, the highest peak in the lower 48 states at 4,418 m (14,494 ft), and Death Valley National Park, which includes the lowest point in North America at 86 m (282 ft) below sea level, are both nearby.

California is an enormous state, with diverse climate zones ranging from pleasant beach weather year-round to deserts that are scorching in summer and wonderful in winter. Snowfall totals in the Sierra Nevada range average around 1,016 cm (400 in) annually, and winter snowstorms can bring over 75 cm (30 in) of snow in a short period of time. Be aware that many high-elevation roads and passes are closed from late fall until early summer, so plan your route accordingly.



- Mammoth Lakes (8 nights) Fly SFO to BIH for a winter holiday in Mammoth Lakes skiing and snowboarding on legendary Mammoth Mountain, plus ice skating, tubing, snowshoeing and snowmobiling. You can also visit Mammoth's sister resort June Mountain (another IKON resort), just a 20-minute drive north from Mammoth Lakes.
- · Los Angeles area (3 nights) Fly MMH to HHR (Hawthorne) to experience the heart of Southern California culture, with beaches, surfing, and Hollywood glamor.

### DRIVE: **SURF TO SIN TO** PEAKS ITINERARY (14 nights) • Los Angeles (2 nights) – Home to

- Hollywood and beautiful beaches, experience the heart of Southern California culture.
- Las Vegas (3 nights) Experience the bright lights and big attractions of "Sin City."
- Mammoth Lakes (3 nights) Explore Yosemite National Park, Devils Postpile National Monument, Rainbow Falls, Mammoth Adventure Center, Mammoth Lakes Basin, then Bodie State Historic Park and Mono Lake on your way to Lake Tahoe.
- Lake Tahoe (2 nights) Visit the largest alpine lake in North America.
- San Francisco (2 nights) See the Golden Gate Bridge, ride a cable car and pay a visit to Alcatraz before heading south along Coastal Highway 1.
- Coastal Highway 1 to Los Angeles (2 nights) Drive the scenic Pacific Coast Highway and take in sights including Hearst Castle and the Big Sur coast before ending your journey in Los Angeles.



## **AIR SERVICE**

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Flying directly to Mammoth Lakes couldn't be easier. The Mammoth Yosemite Airport is only a 10-minute drive to the heart of downtown. www.VisitMammoth.com/Fly

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The drive along the Sierra Nevada mountain range to Mammoth Lakes offers spectacular views of 4,267 meter mountain peaks and open valley. US 395 is a statedesignated Scenic Byway that is routed through the Owens Valley. Times and distances

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Seasonal air service to Mammoth Lakes makes getting here easy. Connect to Mammoth Lakes from cities around the world when you fly on United into Eastern Sierra Regional Airport (BIH) in Bishop. Or hop on an Advanced Airlines flight from Hawthorne (HHR), Burbank (BUR) or Carlsbad (CLD) to Mammoth Yosemite Airport (MMH), just 10 minutes from town.