

El Camino del Diablo

The Devils Highway



Join us for a 3-day, 2-night camping trip on El Camino del Diablo, The Devils Highway. The road has been used as early as the 1500's, but it received its vicious name in the mid 1800's when miners and pioneers ventured to California for the gold rush. Throughout the roads history many travelers have met untimely ends, but it was during the California Gold Rush that the death toll reached its peak. Travelers, knowing nothing of

the dangers that lay ahead, set forth on the trail ill-prepared for the hardship and the thirst of the desert. It is estimated that some 400 to 600 people died traveling this unforgiving road. Many of the graves of these unfortunate souls can be discovered along El Camino del Diablo even today.

The terrain for all three days will include river washes, sand dunes, lava rock, erosion, and rutted roads. While the road will offer moderate obstacles, the scenery will offer breathtaking views.

The first day of our trip, we will drive through the Barry M. Goldwater Range and see old-abandoned military equipment. While driving through the range we will make a stop at the historical Tinajas Altas. These are nine cup-like pools perched one above the other in a precipitous cleft of granite, a main source of water for the exhausted travelers. After the Tinajas, we will continue on to where camp will be set. While everyone sets camp, we'll prepare a well earned dinner for everyone, and then all will rest up for the next day's adventures.



On the second day, we will leave camp and drive south, through the Cabeza Prieta National Wildlife Refuge. We will take the road as far as it will allow, enjoy the scenery, explore the land, and visit the various graves of past unfortunate travelers. Once all has been explored, we will travel back to our campsite and rest while enjoying dinner.

For the last day, we will pack up camp and head for home. Along the way we will pass more beautiful mountains, washes, sand dunes, and lonely graves.

Certain restrictions do apply. For more information please call Via Tierra at 480-556-0999.



An old whiskey bottle tucked safely in its owner's grave.

March 8, 9, & 10, 2003

\$369.00

Price Includes

Double occupancy per vehicle

Hotel stay March 7, 2003

Breakfasts and Dinners

Limit - 10 vehicles

