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## OFF THE BEATEN TRACK IN AMERICA'S NATIONAL PARKS

### *Go Adventuring with Mountain Travel Sobek*

EMERYVILLE, CA—March 17, 2005—Planning to visit America's national parks this summer, but want to avoid the crowds and do something different? **Mountain Travel Sobek**, the pioneer in adventure travel, offers several active "family friendly" small-group tours designed to acquaint travelers with the wonders of America's natural heritage, but without the specter of hordes of other campers or lines of backed-up cars.

For more than 35 years, Mountain Travel Sobek has applied their expertise in creating the best off-the-beaten-path worldwide adventures to our own North American continent, with a program that includes more than 30 hiking, rafting, and sea kayaking adventures you would find difficult to do on your own, if not impossible. All trips are led by expert guides whose knowledge of natural history and local lore, combined with "people" skills and logistical savvy, guarantee a travel experience beyond the ordinary.

#### ***Hiking Yosemite's Ansel Adams Wilderness***

Enjoy the backcountry of Yosemite without having to backpack! **Yosemite's** Ansel Adams Wilderness is one of the best-kept secrets of California's High Sierra. From a base camp set beside a scenic lake in the heart of the Wilderness, take easy to moderate day hikes to panoramic vistas and sparkling lakes. Optional activities include fishing, photography, and just plain relaxation—your choice! Mules carry all the gear to the camp; guides do all the cooking and cleanup. 6-day trip departs July 17, July 24, July 31, Aug. 14, and Sept. 4, 2005. Land cost is from \$1590 (4-12 trip members). *10% discount for children 15 and younger (minimum age is 9).*

#### ***Yellowstone & Tetons Multisport***

A great way to try your hand at rafting and sea kayaking (and perfect for kids)! In the company of an expert naturalist guide, you'll marvel at **Yellowstone National Park's** plentiful wildlife, float the Snake River beneath the lofty majesty of the **Grand Tetons**, and sea kayak to an exclusive island camp on Jackson Lake that boasts jaw-dropping views of the Teton Range. 6-day trip departs June 26, July 10, July 24, and Aug. 7, 2005. Land cost is from \$2190 (6-12 trip members). *10% discount for children 15 and younger (minimum age is 6).*

#### ***Hiking the Grand Canyon***

The **Grand Canyon** is one of the world's most extraordinary natural wonders. On this adventure you'll encounter its ever-evolving landscape on foot, from the waterfalls and turquoise pools in the depths of Havasu Canyon (the "gem" of the Grand Canyon) to Mather Point high above the Colorado River. 6-day trip departs March 13, April 10, May 8, June 10, July 8, Sept. 18, and Oct. 30, 2005. Land cost is from \$1790 (11-20 trip members). *10% discount for children 15 and under (minimum age is 12).*

#### ***Bryce, Zion & the Grand Canyon ~ New for 2005!***

The ultimate Southwest "Grand Slam!" Hike off-the-beaten-path trails of **Bryce, Zion**, and the North Rim of the **Grand Canyon**. The daily dose of scenery includes eroded, multicolored rock formations and narrow slot canyons, while intimate lodges set in stunning remote locations are oases of comfort and tranquility after an active day of

exploring. 6-day trip departs June 19, July 17, and Aug. 14, 2005. Land cost is from \$2090 (9-12 trip members). 10% discount for children 15 and under (minimum age is 9).

### ***Alaskan Classics***

This lodge-based, multisport adventure is the ultimate way to experience south central and interior Alaska. Take a tram to the lofty heights of Mount Alyeska and then trek on a glacier, sea kayak past tidewater glaciers in Prince William Sound, go whitewater rafting through the heart of the Alaska Range, meet the dog sled team of three-time Iditarod champion Jeff King, enjoy fabulous wildlife viewing in **Denali National Park**, and ever so much more as you discover the diverse and beautiful attractions of this part of Alaska. 9-day trip departs July 11, July 25, Aug. 1, and Aug. 15, 2005. Land cost is from \$4495 + tax (3-10 trip members).

For more information on these trips, or Mountain Travel Sobek's many other North America or international adventure programs, call **1-888-MTSOBEK (687-6235)** or visit the website at [www.mtsobek.com](http://www.mtsobek.com).

Mountain Travel Sobek wrote the book on adventure travel, pioneering the concept of small-group adventure travel some 35 years ago, and has been exploring the world in imaginative ways ever since. It is the most experienced company you can choose for a trip to a remote place, and you can count on them to make your trip safe, memorable, and fun.

*Note to Editor: Images and interviews are available upon request. For further press information, please call Jennifer Hawkins at Hawkins International Public Relations at 1-212-255-6541.*