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## **SIERRA NEVADA HIGH ROUTE**

**The Classic High Trans-Sierra Route**

**West to East**

**Wolverton, Sequoia Nat'l Park to Shepard Pass Trailhead, Owens Valley**



**General Description:** This high elevation Trans-Sierra tour is one of the ranges' most spectacular passages. As the route weaves its way from Wolverton ski area in Kings Canyon National Park to Shepherd Pass trailhead, it treads over seven passes of 12,000 ft. or higher, each with a superb ski run off the "back" side. True to its name, once through the first pass the tour stays above tree line until the descent to Owens Valley Desert Floor near Independence, CA. Near the half way point at Triple Divide Peak we'll stop and sample the incredible bowls of Cloud and Deadman Canyons. Two miles up and over two miles across these giant glacial cirques are the skiers pot-of-gold at the end of the rainbow. A rolling tour through the Kern Plateau and descent down Shepard's Pass brings us down again to the tree line and the conclusion of the tour. We have skied the High Route many times and have organized this tour from West to East, we feel this is the best direction, are able to get on the snow within a few miles of the Wolverton trailhead, as opposed to hauling your skis 5,000 vertical feet up Shepard's Pass. The descents are excellent especially with the spring sun warming the eastern slopes for our mid-morning runs down the eastern sides of the passes. Join us for an adventure of a lifetime!

**Location:** Kings Canyon & Sequoia National Parks, California

**Itinerary's:** Our first day we meet 7:00 am at the Woodlake Airport in Woodlake, CA. (our return point via private air charter), just west of Three Rivers and the southern entrance to Sequoia National Park. We will do a pack check, avalanche safety discussion, and then carpool to the trailhead at Wolverton parking area in Sequoia National Park, approximately 45 miles / 1.5 hrs. From the trailhead we will ski to tour to a camp on the Tablelands, just pass the Pear Lake Hut. Day Two, Tablelands Over Horn Peak Pass around the top of Deadman Canyon. Day Three: Over Glacier Ridge to Cloud Canyon to Glacier



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Lake at the base of Triple Divide Peak. Day Four, Over Triple Divide Pass to Colby Canyon and the base of Milestone Pass. Day Five, Over Milestone Pass down Milestone Canyon camp on the Tyndall Plateau. Day Six, Over Shepherd Pass, our final major pass on the route descending to the Shepherd Pass Trailhead stay at Anvil Camp. Day Seven, Final descent out to Shepherd pass trailhead for our vehicle shuttle to the Independence Airport. We meet our Chartered aircraft for the quick flight from Independence to the Woodlake Airport flying over our route, landing back at to our vehicles. Finally a shuttle to retrieve our remaining vehicle at the Wolverton parking lot. *\*Remember campsites locations, daily travel may change daily due to snow conditions & weather.*

**Food:** Group breakfasts, dinners and hot beverages are included, Please bring your favorite, high-calorie, high-carbohydrate lunches and snacks.

**Maps:** USGS 15' Mt. Whitney, Triple Divide Peak.

**Level:** Participants on this tour should be in excellent physical condition and have advanced alpine, Randonnee or Snowboarding advanced backcountry experience -**split boards only**. The Sierra High Route has over 13,000 ft. of Ascent with over 12,500 ft. of descent over 36 plus miles.

**Group Size:** Guide to Client ratio 1:3 Minimum Group size 2 clients / Maximum Group 6 clients

**Dates 2017:**

May 3<sup>rd</sup> – 9<sup>th</sup>

May 11<sup>th</sup> – 17<sup>th</sup>

**Cost:** \$1,995.00\* per person w/2 skiers (Group size limited to 2-6)

**Cost with additional Skiers:** with 3- \$1,825.00 pp / with 4 or more - \$1,695.00 pp

\* Includes charter air flight back to trailhead

**Includes:** Professional instruction / guides, chartered air flight back to trailhead, breakfasts, dinners and hot drinks, tents, stoves, avalanche safety equipment, radios, group climbing equipment, group camping equipment, permits and permit fees.