

National Parks of the American West

September 25 - October 2, 2011

Blazing trails here we come! See the red rocks of Sedona, Oak Creek Canyon's stunning natural beauty, the Grand Canyon, Lake Powell, Bryce & Zion National Parks, Las Vegas and Route 66!

\$ 1485 Per person, double occupancy. Airfare is additional

INCLUDES: Round-trip **transportation between airport & hotel**

Accommodations for 7 nights

Full **breakfast** every day

Farewell dinner with wine at Zion

Las Vegas: Spend two nights in the entertainment capital of the world.

Route 66: Travel along a portion of this historic highway.

Montezuma Castle: Visit the site of a Native American cliff dwelling.

Sedona: Enjoy the spectacular Red Rock Country landscape.

Oak Creek Canyon: Travel through this area of stunning natural beauty.

Grand Canyon National Park: Stay inside the park; stroll along the rim with your Tour Director at sunset; marvel at the magnificent canyon views.

Lake Powell: Enjoy views of the lake and the impressive rock formations.

Bryce Canyon National Park: Travel along the amphitheater of pink, orange and red hoodoos.

Zion National Park: Explore the towering rock formations of Zion Canyon.

Day 1 - Arrive Las Vegas (2 nights) Welcome to Las Vegas! A complimentary transfer is provided to the tour hotel. Your Tour Director is available at the hotel this afternoon to greet you and answer your questions. Join us at 6:00pm for a Welcome Drink at the hotel. Hotel: Las Vegas Hilton

Day 2 - Las Vegas at leisure Today is free for you to do as you please. Relax by the swimming pool, attend one of the shows, or try your luck at the casinos. Perhaps explore the theme hotels on the Strip and let yourself be swept away by the wonders both inside and out. Enjoy free shows along the Strip as a volcano erupts at the Mirage, pirates sink a galleon at Treasure Island, water fountains perform a musical ballet at the Bellagio, and a spectacular light show changes the color of the "Lake of Dreams" into a variety of bright hues at the Wynn hotel. (Full breakfast)

Day 3 - Las Vegas – Montezuma Castle – Sedona Today your Tour Director reveals a Hidden Treasure! Leaving behind the bright lights of Las Vegas, travel along parts of the historic Route 66 into the desert landscapes of central Arizona. View the ancient cliff dwellings at Montezuma Castle National Monument before winding through some of the West's most famous

scenery in Red Rock Country. Arrive at the quaint town of Sedona, an eclectic mix of Western, Native and New Age cultures. (Full breakfast / Dinner) Hotel: Radisson Poco Diablo Resort

Day 4 - Sedona – Grand Canyon National Park Enjoy free time in Sedona to shop, visit the town's many art galleries or join an optional 4WD tour through the countryside. Then climb through the dramatic Oak Creek Canyon, with incredible views looking back over Sedona and Red Rock Country. Continue into the pine-covered Kaibab Plateau for your first view of the amazing Grand Canyon at Mather Point. Enjoy the changing views of this natural wonder as you travel to the hotel located near the South Rim. As the sun sets, join your Tour Director on a stroll along the rim and watch the colors change on the canyon's walls. (Full breakfast)

Hotel: National Park Lodges

Day 5 - Grand Canyon – Navajo Country – Lake Powell There is time this morning to admire the canyon's amazing colors in the sunrise light. Or for an entirely different perspective, why not take an optional flightseeing tour for a spectacular bird's eye view of the Grand Canyon? Journey east into the vast Navajo Indian Reservation and stop at a historic Indian trading post with a chance to purchase native handicrafts. Then it's on through the Painted Desert to Glen Canyon Dam, spanning the Colorado River and backing up its waters to form the magnificent Lake Powell. With over 1,900 miles of towering sandstone shoreline, the lake's deep blue waters fill thousands of tiny fingers and hidden coves. There is time for an optional cruise on beautiful Lake Powell before tonight's dinner at the lakefront hotel. (Full breakfast / Dinner) Hotel: Lake Powell Resort

Day 6 - Lake Powell – Bryce Canyon National Park – Zion National Park (2 nights) The incredible beauty of Utah comes to life today. On arrival at Bryce Canyon National Park, view the otherworldly collection of pink, orange, and red sandstone spires called hoodoos. Travel along the rim of the amphitheater and marvel at the magnificent formations carved by Mother Nature into a fantastic landscape of fairytale castles, cathedrals and a maze of trails and hideaways. Continuing on, drive through some of the West's most breathtaking scenery. View the Checkerboard Mesa, one of Zion's most famous landmarks, and arrive at the impressive Zion Canyon. Witness the amazing results of millions of years of erosion, including the Great Arch of Zion. Check-in at your hotel where every room offers incredible canyon country views. (Full breakfast) Hotel: The Majestic View Lodge

Day 7 - Zion National Park sightseeing & at leisure You have the entire day to explore Zion National Park, a virtual "Garden of Eden," often said to be the most beautiful place in the U.S. After a stop at the Visitors Center, explore Zion Canyon at your leisure aboard the park's complimentary shuttles and discover this masterpiece of deep red canyons, mesas, buttes, massive monoliths and colorful towering cliffs rising steeply one-half mile above the lush greenery of the canyon floor. The afternoon is at leisure in Zion. Perhaps take a hike to Emerald Pools or up to Angels Landing for breathtaking views, or walk through the Virgin River Narrows. This evening join your newfound friends for a Farewell Dinner. (Full breakfast / Farewell dinner)

Day 8 – Zion - Depart Las Vegas Travel through historic St. George, home of Utah's first Mormon temple, and down the spectacular Virgin River Gorge. Entering the vast Mojave Desert, arrive back in Nevada and Las Vegas where the tour ends. A complimentary transfer is provided to Las Vegas International Airport and to the tour hotel in Las Vegas for passengers extending their stay. (Full breakfast)

Please do not schedule any flights before 3.00pm. You can take a late afternoon / evening flight home or we can arrange an additional night in Las Vegas. You may arrange your own flights or we will be happy to book them for you.