



# CANYON COUNTRY EXPERIENCE

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Experience America's canyons and venture through a world of colorful vistas from Phoenix to Las Vegas! Explore many incredible National Parks on this captivating adventure!

Discover the artist's village of Sedona with some free time to explore the many shops and art galleries. Marvel at the breathtaking beauty of the Grand Canyon Village and visit the "Eighth Wonder of the World," Monument Valley, on the Navajo Indian Reservation. See highest concentration of natural arches in the world at Arches National Park. Explore Zion Canyon, a brilliant green canyon set against the backdrop of sheer red cliffs and occasional waterfalls and Bryce Canyon, known for the crimson-colored spire-shaped rock formations called "hoodoos". Take an exhilarating sunset jet boat ride on the Colorado River and enjoy a BBQ on the banks. This enriching and mesmerizing tour will provide you and your family memories to last a lifetime!

From: **\$3,369** per person, land, based on double occupancy

## AAA EXCLUSIVE HIGHLIGHTS

- 7 nights' hotel accommodations
- Transportation via motorcoach
- Entrance fees to attractions, National Parks and Monuments as mentioned in the itinerary
- Oak Creek Canyon
- Grand Canyon National Park
- Monument Valley
- Edge of the Cedars Museum & Ruins
- Arches National Park and Moab
- Jet Boat Ride on Colorado River
- Dead Horse State Park and Canyonlands
- Capitol Reef National Park
- Grand Staircase and Escalante National Monument
- Bryce Canyon National Park
- Zion National Park
- Las Vegas
- Meals: 7 breakfasts, 1 lunch and 4 dinners
- Services of a Western Leisure Tour Director
- Gratuities Driver, Tour Director, Local Guides



## CANYON COUNTRY EXPERIENCE ITINERARY

### Day 1

#### Welcome to Phoenix, AZ

Arrive in Phoenix and catch the hotel shuttle transfer to your hotel in Phoenix. Your Tour Director is there to greet you and assist with check in. Dinner is on your own this evening but meet the group in the lobby and indulge yourself with the hotel's Kickback® with a rotating menu of dinnertime snacks, cold beverages, beer, wine, mixed drinks and more from 5:30-7:00pm. Drury Inn & Suites Airport or similar, Phoenix - 1 night

### Day 2

#### Phoenix - Grand Canyon

This morning, we'll visit the bustling artists village of Sedona with some free time to explore the many shops and art galleries. Later, you'll see the grandeur of nature in Oak Creek Canyon, the incomparable setting for Zane Gray's Call of the Canyon, written here in 1921. This afternoon, travel to Grand Canyon National Park. Learn about the geology and history of the canyon while taking in its breathtaking beauty at all the best viewpoints along the South Rim including Grand Canyon Village. This evening, join the group for a welcome dinner. (B, D) Holiday Inn Express Grand Canyon or similar, Tusayan, AZ - 1 night

### Day 3

#### Navajo Nation - Monument Valley

This morning, we'll take in more sightseeing of Grand Canyon National Park. Later, we'll enter the Navajo Nation and make our first stop at the Cameron Trading Post. Here you will find authentic jewelry, blankets, pottery and much more! Next, you are on your way to an area that has been called the "Eighth Wonder of the World," Monument Valley. Meet your Navajo guide and board a 4-wheel drive vehicle for a scenic tour of Monument Valley. Enjoy and evening of Navajo culture, food, and entertainment. (B, D) Goulding's Lodge or similar, Monument Valley, UT - 1 night

### Day 4

#### Arches National Park

Today, we'll make our way to the town of Moab for some free time. Next is Arches National Park and the 18,000 square-foot visitors' center that will introduce you to the unique geologic forces that created the highest concentration of natural arches in the world. Visit all the park highlights including Park Avenue, Balance Rock, The Windows, and Delicate Arch. In the late afternoon, join the group for a unique experience as you take a Jet Boat Ride on the Colorado River through spectacular red rock canyons. As the sun dips in the west, the canyon colors come to life and after this thrilling ride, enjoy a delicious BBQ dinner served on the banks before returning to your hotel. (B, D) Fairfield Inn or similar, Moab, UT - 1 night

### Day 5

#### Deadhorse Point State Park - Capitol Reef National Park

This morning, travel to Dead Horse Point State Park for one of the most spectacular scenes in the southwest. You will see the expanse of Canyonlands National Park stretching to the south and the mighty Colorado River 2,000 feet below. Next, we'll arrive at Capitol Reef National Park for a wonderful picnic lunch and then a drive over Boulder Mountain reaching altitudes over 9,000 feet with incredible views of Capitol Reef, the Circle Cliffs, and the Henry Mountains. Then travel through Grand Staircase - Escalante National Monument, with vast expanses of cream- and rose-colored Navajo sandstone. This evening, arrive Bryce Canyon and check into your hotel located just outside the park. (B, L) Best Western Bryce Canyon Grand Hotel or similar, Bryce Canyon, UT - 1 night

### Day 6

#### Bryce Canyon and Zion National Parks

Today, we'll enter Bryce Canyon National Park for amazing sightseeing. The Paiute Indians used a word to describe Bryce that translates into, "red

rocks standing like men in a bowl-shaped canyon." Later this afternoon, we'll take a short drive to see Utah's oldest and most famous national park, Zion National Park. An early Mormon settler described the park's massive formations as "temples built by hands, not of man." Tonight, we will gather for our last group dinner and talk about all the great times we have had in Utah's Canyon Country. (B, D) Hampton Inn & Suites or similar, Springdale, UT - 1 night

### Day 7

#### Zion National Park - Las Vegas

Zion is a fitting climax to your western adventure! Today you are in charge: If you're feeling very adventurous, choose the hike through the Zion Narrows. Or try the more relaxing but still beautiful Emerald Pool Hike. Whichever you choose, you are guaranteed a magnificent experience! After lunch on your own, make your way back to Springdale and we're off to Las Vegas! (B) Treasure Island or similar, Las Vegas, NV - 1 night

### Day 8

#### Depart Las Vegas

This morning, transportation has been provided to the airport for your flights home. As you travel home, remember all the wonderful memories and friends you have met on your fabulous vacation! (B)

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