

9 Day Grand Canyon, Bryce Canyon & Zion National Parks

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Escorted Package Includes

- Flights St. Louis-Phoenix, Las Vegas-St. Louis
- Airline taxes & fuel surcharges
- 8 nights accommodations
 - 1 night Scottsdale
 - 1 night Grand Canyon South Rim
 - 2 nights Page
 - 2 nights Springdale (Zion National Park)
 - 2 nights Las Vegas
- 12 meals: 8 breakfasts, 1 lunches, 3 dinners
- Hotel portorage
- Sightseeing per itinerary in modern air-conditioned motor coach
- Services of English-speaking tour manager throughout
- Entrance fees per itinerary
- Comfortable wireless earphones for enhanced touring

Special Features

- Visit picturesque Sedona with its distinctive red rock formations and artists colony
- Tour Montezuma Castle, site of prehistoric Native American cliff dwellings
- Stand in awe at the rim of the Grand Canyon with its mesmerizing beauty
- View Lake Powell, one of the largest man-made lakes in the world
- Tour Bryce Canyon, a wondrous land of pines and oddly sculpted formations
- Discover Zion National Park, where desert rocks mingle with crystal rivers
- Enjoy glittering Las Vegas, with it's non-stop activities and colorful themed hotels
- Experience breathtaking Hoover Dam, one of the Modern Engineering Wonders

DAY 1, Arrive in Phoenix

Arrive in Phoenix. Your hotel is located in the colorful Old Town of Scottsdale, where the "Old West meets the New West". The Scottsdale/Phoenix area, with its captivating desert setting has inspired artists for generations. This region is also home to acclaimed museums and architectural masterpieces including Frank Lloyd Wright's elegant buildings created from desert rocks and sand. Tonight's Welcome Meeting introduces you to your Tour Manager and the exciting program that awaits you. Continue to a nearby restaurant for a Welcome Dinner with your fellow travelers. Your tour will begin with an orientation meeting with your Tour Manager at approximately 7 PM on the day of arrival.

Overnight: Scottsdale

Meals: Dinner

DAY 2, Sedona

Early morning drive to picturesque Sedona, known for its distinctive red sandstone formations, delightful artists' colony, and unforgettable scenery. Stop to visit Montezuma Castle, site of the 12th and 13th-century Native American cliff dwellings. Here, you will journey back in time at this preserved prehistoric Indian ruin with its excavated treasures from the mysterious Sinagua people of the southwest. Arrive in Sedona with time to explore the town or join the *optional* fun-filled Pink Jeep tour that takes you to an amazing 2000 feet to the top of the Mogollon Rim. Your afternoon drive takes you through winding Oak Creek Canyon on your way towards the Grand Canyon National Park, carved over millions of years by the Colorado River, considered one of the seven natural wonders of the world. Enjoy an evening at leisure

Overnight: Grand Canyon

Meals: Breakfast

DAY 3, Grand Canyon, Lake Powell

A memorable day awaits to explore the South Rim of the Grand Canyon with its unrivaled awe-inspiring views and breathtaking beauty. The Grand Canyon is more than a great chasm carved over millennia through the rocks of the Colorado plateau -- it is truly a momentous and unforgettable experience. Almost 280 miles long, the Grand Canyon varies in width from one to eighteen miles, with the Colorado River winding below. As you depart the canyon, stop at the Desert Viewpoint to see the exceptional views, including the Painted Desert - the colors are astounding. Travel to Page, in the Lake Powell region. The rest of the evening is yours to relax or explore Page independently

Overnight: Page

Meals: Breakfast

DAY 4, Full Day in Page

Enjoy a full day at leisure in Page. Consider joining the thrilling *optional* excursion to Monument Valley, including lunch. This great valley, with its rugged beauty, boasts sandstone masterpieces that tower at heights of 400 to 1,000 feet, framed by scenic clouds casting shadows that graciously roam the desert floor. Return to your hotel for dinner with the group

Overnight: Page

Meals: Breakfast, Dinner

DAY 5, Bryce Canyon National Park, Springdale

Morning drive to Bryce Canyon, a wondrous land of pines, pinnacles and oddly sculpted formations known as hoodoos, resembling the towers of fairy-tale castles, created by the wind and water erosion over eons of time. Magnificent spires tinted with many colors of pink orange and red put on a captivating show as the light changes

during the day. The sights are truly a delight for photographers. Perhaps you'll see some of the park's abundant wildlife, including elk, coyotes and much more. After a quick lunch, continue to charming Springdale, located outside Zion National Park. Upon arrival, evening is at leisure
Overnight: Springdale (Zion National Park)

Meals: Breakfast, Lunch

DAY 6, Zion National Park

Today, discover the wonderland of Zion National Park, where red desert rocks splashed with vivid colors mingle with rolling rivers and lush green canyons. Its colorful sandstone canyons and dramatic peaks and cliffs are contrasted by desert oases with abundant pools and cascading waterfalls. Look to the sky -- Zion is home to golden eagles, falcons and the endangered California condor. Highlights also include the famous trio of peaks known as the Three Patriarchs. Tonight, Farewell Dinner together caps a wonderful journey

Overnight: Springdale (Zion National Park)

Meals: Breakfast, Dinner

DAY 7, Las Vegas

Depart Zion National Park driving through colorful landscapes of the Mojave Desert to glittering Las Vegas. Orientation tour of this super energetic city introduces you to this "city that never sleeps" with its non-stop nightlife and fantasy-themed hotels. Balance of the day is at leisure to discover Las Vegas on your own. Tonight, dine at one of the endless buffets, or trendy restaurants, or, try your luck at the gaming tables or slot machines

Overnight: Las Vegas

Meals: Breakfast

DAY 8, Hoover Dam

After breakfast, travel the border between

Nevada and Arizona to view one of the biggest and best-known dams in the world, Hoover Dam. Upon arrival, begin a guided tour to learn about one of the modern engineering wonders in the US and a National Historic Landmark. After, take some time to explore the dam at your leisure. Perhaps venture out to the Observation Deck to see the stunningly beautiful Lake Mead. The reservoir covers 550 miles of shoreline and 247 square miles of area which is twice the size of Rhode Island. Return to Las Vegas for an afternoon and evening at leisure

Overnight: Las Vegas

Meals: Breakfast

DAY 9, Return Home

Depart Las Vegas to return home

Meals: Breakfast



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