

Canyon Lands



Grand Canyon sunrise

15 Days / 14 Nights

Roundtrip out of Las Vegas

Highlights

- * Las Vegas night lights
- * World-famous national parks, including Zion, Grand Canyon, Bryce Canyon, Arches, Canyonlands, and Capitol Reef.
- * Experience ancient native cultures at Mesa Verde National Park.
- * Travel with historic Durango – Silverton train (optional)
- * Unique geology, including a petrified forest and red sandstone plateau
- * Optional Lake Powell boating and exquisite Antelope Canyon-- slot canyon and photographer's paradise.



Navajo dancer

Explore Las Vegas, City of Lights

Meet your tour group in this exciting, lively city, and spend your first evening on the strip--complete with fascinating architecture, entertainment, and a unique culture distinct from any other in the world. This is truly a city that never sleeps. From this human-generated, metropolitan paradise we venture on into the natural landscapes of the West.



Journey through vast landscapes, canyons and desert lakes

This outdoor adventure offers you a glimpse into the fascinating geologic history of the Colorado Plateau. Stand dwarfed by giant sandstone arches, peer out over intricately carved river valleys-- including the unparalleled Grand Canyon-- and gaze over endless expanses of rugged beauty. Hike into the heart of Bryce Canyon, with its colorful hoodoo formations, or take a peaceful rim walk for stunning views into the canyon. Choose a boat ride on brilliant Lake Powell, travel down the Colorado River by night, or just relax in your comfortable cabins with a good book. Visit slot canyons and enormous rock formations formed by thousands of years of interacting elements. And, while you explore the many national parks and monuments featured on this tour, keep an eye out for wildlife and interesting plants.



Bryce Canyon hike

Experience cultural and natural history first hand.

As you tour through Monument Valley, home of many well-known western movies, you will be reminded of the difficulties that challenged the Navajo Nation as it struggled to survive in this beautiful, but dry and harsh landscape. Observe ancient culture at Mesa Verde National Park as you climb into monumental cliff dwellings. A ranger-guided tour will introduce you to the history of those who once inhabited these cliffs. An optional ride on the Durango and Silverton railway perfectly exhibits the history of western settlement, including the gold mining industry and the lives of early pioneers.



Lake Powell

Relax and enjoy.

Every evening you will relax in comfort at hotels near excellent restaurants. Our lodgings often include swimming pools, fitness centers and nearby attractions. Let us do the driving while you enjoy the sightseeing.



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This tour of Utah, Arizona, Colorado, Wyoming and Nevada combines the most noteworthy highlights of the Grand Circle area with lesser-known treasures off the beaten path.

Mesa Arch, sunrise at Islands in the Sky, Canyonlands N.P.

Day 1: Welcome to Las Vegas Meet and greet in Las Vegas, after which you are free to explore the strip and nightlife. 6pm

Day 2: Valley of Fire - Panguitch First stop at Valley of Fire State Park to view petroglyphs and intricate sandstone cliffs. 2 nights at Panguitch

Day 3: Bryce Canyon Explore the expanses of multi-colored limestone formations in Bryce Canyon N. P. Rim walk, optional hike into canyon, visitor center stop with informative video.

Day 4: Kodachrome St.P. – Escalante Petrified Forest - Torrey Drive scenic Hwy 12. Stop at Kodachrome Basin State Park. Afternoon hike (and swim) at unforgettable Calf Creek Falls.

Day 5: Capitol Reef – Goblin Valley - Moab Today's first stop is Capitol Reef National Park with a walk down Grand Wash, weather permitting. After lunch, pose with Disneylike rock formations at Goblin Valley State Park. Final stop at Sego Canyon to view ancient rock art, then drive to Moab, with its fine dining, many shops and galleries. 2 nights in Moab

Day 6: Arches N.P. Morning in Moab. Optional white water rafting on the Colorado River. Afternoon at Arches National Park with numerous walks to majestic arches. 2nd night in Moab.

Day 7: Canyonlands N.P. – Deadhorse Point S.P. – Durango Stop at Mesa Arch (pictured above), within the Islands in the Sky section of Canyonlands N.P., where the Green & Colorado Rivers meet. Then on to Dead Horse Point State Park, used as a natural corral by cowboys in the 19th century.

Day 8: Durango – Silverton -Durango Today's highlights are the old mining towns of Durango and Silverton. Take the optional 3-hour steam engine ride on the historic narrow-gauge railway. Afternoon shopping in Durango.

Day 9: Mesa Verde– Bluff or Blanding Explore ancient ruins of the Puebloan cliff dwelling Native Americans at Mesa Verde. Night in Bluff or Blanding, UT

Day 10: Valley of the Gods – Gooseneck S.P. – Monument Valley Drive through Valley of the Gods on to Gooseneck State Park. Highlight for day is a Navajo guided-tour through Monument Valley and a night spent in an authentic Navajo hogan.

Day 11: Horseshoe Bend – Lake Powell – Page We drive to Page near Lake Powell. There, we take a short hike to see the of Horseshoe Bend of the Colorado River. Optional tour of Antelope Canyon, boat trip on Lake Powell, raft trip on Colorado River.

Day 12: Page - Marble Canyon - Pipe Springs National Monument - Coral Pink Sand Dunes - Kanab We stop at Marble Canyon and then at Lee's Ferry and touch the water of the Colorado River. Tour of Mormon settlement at Pipe Springs N.M. Final stop at Coral Pink Sand Dunes. 2 nights in movie town Kanab.

Day 13: Grand Canyon North Rim We descend partway into the canyon on a hike and take several strolls along the rim, enjoying incomparable views over the largest canyon in the world.
Day 14: Zion N.P. Drive along scenic Mt. Carmel Road to Zion National Park. Drive and hike among rock formations carved by the Virgin River. Back to Las Vegas.

Day 15: Journey home or continue travel on your own.

