

Southwest Adventure



Explore Southwest nature, culture and history.

15 Days / 14 Nights

from Phoenix, Arizona

Highlights:

- * Deserts and giant cactus forests
- * Nature hikes in seldom-visited national monuments: Chiricahua, Tent Rock, White Sands
- * Boat excursion on the biggest lake of New Mexico
- * Tramway ride and city views by night
- * Tour of the Museum of Space History and U.S. Missile Museum
- * Pearls of the Southwest: Santa Fe and Sedona
- * Ancient forest at Petrified Forest National Park and Painted Desert
- * One of the world's largest meteorite craters
- * White Sands National Monument with gypsum sand dunes
- * South Rim of Grand Canyon



Journey to the heart of the desert.

Tours begin in Phoenix, AZ, where you will be immersed in the special beauty of the Sonora desert. You will be dwarfed by giant Saguaro and Organ Pipe cactus and surrounded by the sounds of the desert as you watch for unique wildlife.



Enjoy authentic Western culture.

Wander through Tombstone, location of the famous OK Corral gunfight. Explore a ghost town and learn about the many abandoned settlements and the troubles that plagued so many of these old-time western towns. And, for a bit of fun, indulge yourself in authentic western meals, or go shopping for cowboy hats and belt buckles. Experience the Wild West, from the traditional to the contemporary.



Old Mesilla

Take in the expanse of Southwestern landscapes.

From the well-known wonders of the Grand Canyon, Sedona's rock formations, and the giant logs of the Petrified Forest, to seldom-visited attractions like the Chiricahua and Tent Rock formations, White Sands National Monument and more-- this tour combines the well-known with the rare and unusual. Hike and drive through vastly colorful "painted" hills, Relax at a river surrounded by forests, then hike through volcanic history.



Wigwam Motel, Route 66

From thriving desert cities to quaint country towns.

Stroll through art galleries, museums and old missions, as you explore Tucson, Santa Fe, Sedona and Flagstaff; revel in the unique atmosphere of Ajo, a tiny town in the middle of the desert; spend the night in a Route 66 Wigwam; and relax in a hotel with lake view, far removed from the bustle of everyday life.



White Sands National Monument



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Organ Pipe Cactus
(Steno cereus
Thurberi) and
Diablo Mountains.
Organ Pipe N.M., Arizona

From magnificent
natural scenery
to cultural history
and fine South-
western cuisine
this guided tour
takes you beyond
the usual sights.

Day 1: Phoenix – Desert Botanical Garden 4pm Meet and greet in the Hotel Lobby.

Day 2: Pioneer AZ Living History Museum – Casa Grande Ruins N.M. - Ajo Visit the Casa Grande Ruins N.M. and Sonora Desert National Monument. Night in Ajo

Day 3: Organ Pipe Cactus N.M. – Mission San Xavier del Bac - Tucson This morning's highlight is the Organ Pipe Cactus N.M. and visit San Xavier Mission.
2 Nights in Tucson, AZ.

Day 4: Biosphere2 – AZ Sonora Desert Museum – Saguaro N.P. Visit Biosphere2 and the Saguaro N.P, explore the famous Arizona- Sonora Desert Museum.

Day 5: Tombstone –Chiricahua N.M. – Willcox Drive to historic Tombstone and see the O.K. Corral, explore unique rock formations in Chiricahua N.M. hotel in Phoenix, Arizona for our "meet and greet" including light dinner, appetizer and drinks offered.
Night in Willcox, NM

Day 6: Silver City - City of Rocks St.P. – Las Cruces Explore City of Rocks St P. and visit scenic Rock Hound State Park.
2 Nights in Las Cruces, NM.

Day 7: White Sands Missil Range – NM Museum of Space History – White Sands N.M. View White Sands Missile Range museum, New Mexico Museum of Space History, then spend the rest of the day and evening at the beautiful White Sands N.M.

Day 8: Las Cruces – Truth or Consequences Drive to Truth or Consequences at the Rio Grande. Enjoy a variety of optional activities including hot spas, horseback riding, a boat trip on Elephant Butte Lake. Or relax at the lake view hotel.
Night in Elephant Butte

Day 9: TorC – Fort Craig –El Camino Real Heritage Center – Sandia Peak – Santa Fe Stop at ruins of Fort Craig, view wildlife in Bosque del Apache National Wildlife Preserve, Tram ride and dinner at Sandia Peak.
2 Night in Santa Fe, NM.

Day 10: Santa Fe Independent exploration of Santa Fe. Visit museums, see old churches, visit the State Capitol and the famous Santa Fe railroad.

Day 11: Tent Rock N.M. – Acoma Sky City – Route 66 – Gallup.

Hike in Tent Rocks N.M. and visit a slot canyon, tour the Acoma Sky City Pueblo. Night in Gallup

Day 12: Petrified Forest N.P. – Flagstaff – Sunset Crater N.M. – Cameron Explore Petrified Forest National Park and the Painted Desert. Visit a Meteor Crater.
2 Nights in Cameron

Day 13: Grand Canyon N.P. We spend the day Grand Canyon South Rim. We drive along Desert View Drive and stop at viewpoints.

Day 14: Oak Creek Canyon – Sedona – Phoenix. Oak Creek Canyon to Sedona, hike, eat and shop. Night in Phoenix, Arizona

Day 15: Tour ends here.

