

# *Canyon Country* *& native American Experience*

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## **The Most Spectacular Scenery in the Southwest**

Seven days and six nights of breathtaking beauty await you in Canyon Country! From Utah's oldest and most famous, Zion National Park, to the hues and intricate shapes of nearby Bryce Canyon National Park, you'll experience absolutely awesome sights. You'll discover the essence and spirit of some of the most spectacular scenery in the southwest while driving one of America's most spectacular roads, Scenic Highway 12. Cutting through the heart of the American Southwest, we'll tour the Grand Staircase, Escalante National Monument, Capitol Reef and Dead Horse Point Parks.

A visit to Goulding's Lodge helps discover the mystery and wonder that is the Navajo land. Learn about the traditions and way of life from your Navajo guide when exploring Monument Valley and see if you recognize the location of many famous western films! At The Edge of the Cedars Museum, you'll find a repository for all Anasazi artifacts uncovered in Southeast Utah - fabulous!



**Arches National Park**



**Bryce Canyon National Park**

### **TOUR HIGHLIGHTS**

- ◆ **Zion National Park**
- ◆ **Utah Trails Village of Many Nations Culture Center**
- ◆ **Bryce Canyon National Park**
- ◆ **Scenic Highway 12**
- ◆ **Capitol Reef National Park**
- ◆ **Jet Boat Sunset Ride on the Colorado River**
- ◆ **Dead Horse Point State Park**
- ◆ **Arches National Park**
- ◆ **Edge of the Cedars Museum**
- ◆ **Goulding's Lodge**
- ◆ **Navajo Guided Tour of Monument Valley**
- ◆ **Lake Powell**
- ◆ **Grand Canyon National Park**
- ◆ **Las Vegas**



**Grand Canyon National Park**



**Lake Powell**



**Dead Horse Point State Park**



**Monument Valley**



**Colorado River Jet Boat Ride**

## Tour Itinerary

### Day 1: Indianapolis- Las Vegas/St. George

Arrive Las Vegas where your tour escort will meet us at the airport at 3:00pm to start the tour. Depart Las Vegas and travel north to southern Utah's largest city, St. George. Known as "Utah's Dixie," many of the early settlers in the area grew cotton in the warm dry climate. Check into your hotel and enjoy a get-acquainted banquet with fellow passengers. BW Abbey Inn, St. George (D)

### Day 2: Zion / Bryce Canyon

Today we're off 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." The Paiutes believed mischievous spirits lived among the 2,000-foot high towers and would not enter the canyon alone or remain there after dark. We will have the opportunity to explore Zion Canyon, a brilliant green canyon set against the backdrop of sheer red cliffs, with an occasional lacy waterfall fanning out from the rocks. Arrive Utah Trails Village of Many Nations Culture Center, located just outside Zion's east entrance, for a Native American experience. Many native cultures are represented here with the opportunity to learn about their history, lifestyle, beliefs, food, music, art and crafts. There will be demonstrations, hands on activities and a delicious lunch. Depart Zion and travel to nearby Bryce Canyon National Park for sightseeing. The hues and intricate shapes of Bryce Canyon carry even the most mature adult away into a fairyland fantasy. The Paiute Indians used a word to describe Bryce that translates into, "red rocks standing like men in a bowl-shaped canyon." Mormon settler Ebenezer Bryce, for whom the canyon was named, described it as "a hell of a place to lose a cow." We need not be a pioneer or an Indian to decide for ourselves how best to describe it. One thing is certain, you'll love Bryce Canyon. Overnight just outside of the park at Ruby's Inn. (CB, L)

### Day 3: Capitol Reef / Dead Horse Point

This morning enjoy a drive on one of America's most spectacular roads. Scenic Highway 12 has been designated as an "All American Road," the crown jewel of the Scenic Byways system. First we will be traveling through Grand Staircase - Escalante National Monument, with vast expanses of cream and rose colored Navajo sandstone. There are dramatic cliffs, high mesas, beautiful streams and deep canyons in multi-hued colors across the 1.9 million acre monument. Stop in the town of Boulder for touring of Anasazi State Park with its ancient Indian ruins. Then climb up and over Boulder Mountain reaching altitudes over 9,000 feet with incredible views of Capitol Reef, the Circle Cliffs and the Henry Mountains. Arrive Capitol Reef National Park for a wonderful picnic lunch under towering cottonwood trees and sightseeing of ancient petro glyphs, beautiful rock formations, deep canyons and pioneer history. The park was established to protect a 100-mile wrinkle in the earth's crust called The Waterpocket Fold. After touring in Capitol Reef, 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 make our way to the nearby town of Moab and check into our hotel. This evening join the group for a unique experience. First enjoy a delicious BBQ dinner served on the banks of the Colorado River. Then board a jet boat for a sunset ride up the river through spectacular red rock canyons. As we return we'll

enjoy the amazing night sky along with a light and music presentation known as Canyon lands by Night. Moab Valley Inn, Moab. (B, L, D)

### Day 4: Arches / Monument Valley & The Navajo

This morning we are off to Arches National Park. The brand new 18,000 square-foot visitor's center will introduce us to the unique geologic forces that created the highest concentration of natural arches in the world with over 2,000 named arches within its 73,000-acre boundary. Visit all the park highlights including Park Avenue, Balance Rock, The Windows and Delicate Arch. Return to Moab with some free time to shop and have lunch on your own, then depart and travel south. The Anasazi Indians will come alive today as we learn of their history and discover their artifacts at the Edge of the Cedars Museum in Blanding. Travel to the Goosenecks of the San Juan River for a picture stop, and then enter the Navajo Nation. Arrive at world-famous Monument Valley and historic Goulding's Lodge. After checking in, experience an evening of Navajo culture, food and entertainment. (CB, D)

### Day 5: Monument Valley / Lake Powell / Grand Canyon

This morning we will meet our Navajo guide and board a 4-wheel drive vehicle for a scenic tour of Monument Valley, location for scores of famous western films, television programs and commercials. As we travel through the valley and visit famous locations such as John Ford Point, Artist Point and The Totem Pole, we will also learn more of the Navajo traditions and way of life. After time to view the monoliths up close and personal, we'll continue on to beautiful Lake Powell, the second largest man-made reservoir in the United States. After time to enjoy lunch on your own, set out on a scenic cruise to explore Lake Powell's fascinating geology and get an unusual look at Glen Canyon. After the cruise, depart to see "One of the Wonders of the World," Grand Canyon National Park. This 1.2 million acre national park hosts a vast variety of wildlife and scenic wonders. Learn about the geology and history of the canyon while taking in its breathtaking beauty as you traverse the South Rim from Desert View to Grand Canyon Village. The Colorado River is the main contributor in the creation of the vast canyon and can still be seen carving its way through the rock roughly a mile below. After time to visit many of the scenic points, check into the Quality Inn just outside the park. Evening free. (B)

### Day 6: Grand Canyon / Las Vegas

This morning, return to the Grand Canyon National Park for an early morning view and some additional touring. Then depart and travel on what was once Route 66 as we head west through northern Arizona. Stop in Kingman for lunch and touring of the Route 66 Museum, which highlights the glory days of cross-country automobile travel. Then enter Nevada and arrive in the "Entertainment Capitol of the World," Las Vegas. Enjoy a driving tour on the way to our hotel located on the famous Las Vegas Strip. The rest of the afternoon and evening are yours to go shopping, enjoy world-class dining, take in a show or test your skills against lady luck in the casinos. Flamingo Hilton or similar. (B)

## Canyon Country & Native American Experience

Wednesday-Tuesday  
October 20-26, 2010  
7 days / 6 nights

Cost per person: Coach Only  
\$1,999 (D)  
\$2,355 (S)

Cancellation Insurance:  
\$150 (D), \$180 (S)

Deposit per person: \$400

Balance due: July 20, 2010

For reservations, call:  
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### Your Tour Includes:

- Round trip airfare from Indianapolis
- Airport transfers
- Home Pick-up & Return
- Transportation by coach
- 6 nights accommodations
- Baggage handling
- 11 meals:
  - ⇒ 6 breakfasts
  - ⇒ 2 lunches
  - ⇒ 2 dinners & one BBQ dinner on the banks of the Colorado River
- Admissions to National Parks, monuments, museums, and attractions highlighted in itinerary
- All taxes and gratuities for included meals & hotel
- Professional Tour Director
- Operated by an Interlude Travel Partner
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### Day 7: Las Vegas - Indianapolis

Transfers to the Las Vegas Airport have been arranged. As you travel home, remember all the wonderful memories and friends you have met on your fabulous vacation! (B)

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