

DISCOVER ZION, BRYCE & BEYOND! STANDARD INCLUDING EXPERIENCES 8 Days/ 7 Nights

Day

Details

Day 1



LAS VEGAS ARRIVAL - ST. GEORGE

1 Night

Arrive in Las Vegas and drive 90 min to St. George which is 118 miles northeast from Las Vegas. The city lies near the convergence of three distinct geological areas: the Great Basin, Colorado Plateau and the Mojave Desert, attributing to the stunning valleys, beautiful landscapes and wildlife. This warm weather retreat is known for wide open spaces, golf courses, state parks and proximity to Zion National Park. This unique setting lends itself to charming hotels, restaurants, and galleries surrounded by vast and stunning landscapes. Explore Snow Canyon State Park, this blend of Navajo sandstone, petrified sand dunes and lava fields make up a beautiful playground. Nearby Anasazi Valley Trail, or Tempi'po'op, is home to some spectacular ruins of an old Anasazi Farmstead and some of the most well preserved petroglyphs in the Southern Utah region. Traverse the numerous trails the city has to offer. Dining suggestions, Wood Ash Rye (Advenire Hotel), Cliffside Restaurant (Inn on the Cliff), Painted Pony, George's, Benja's, Xetava (Kayenta Art Village) and Station 2 Bar.

Day 2



ST. GEORGE - ZION/SPRINGDALE

1 Night

Today you will drive about an hour to Springdale which is located just outside of Zion National Park amidst breathtaking mountain panoramas. Springdale has been named one of the 20 'prettiest towns' in the United States by Forbes Traveler. This community is home to farmers markets, art galleries, outfitters, gift shops, hiking, bike trails and more. Along the way you will encounter Sand Hollow State Park, renowned for its red sand beaches, stunning red rock formations and variety of activities including water and motorized recreation. Located off Hwy 9 in Rockville, after crossing an iron lattice-truss bridge built in 1926 you will find one of Utah's best preserved ghost towns-Grafton. The cemetery includes graves of both early settlers and Paiutes dating back to 1862. The abandoned town site with adobe schoolhouse, Russell home and crumbling cabins is notably known as the location for the famed bicycle scene from the 1969 classic "Butch Cassidy and the Sundance Kid." Zion National Park is famous for its iconic hiking trails and dramatic surroundings; from strenuous, moderate/family friendly and wheelchair accessible hikes. No charge for the Zion shuttle that transports you throughout the town and park. Today you will be captivated by a Back-country Bliss four-hour ATV Adventure (Retail cost is 212 per person but since you are booking a part of this package the price is heavily discounted). Enjoy local history, geological formations, and pristine high desert environment on this special excursion. Afterwards enjoy a stroll alongside the Riverside Walk Trail, Angel's Landing or cool off in the Virgin River. Dining suggestions: Switchback Grille and Steakhouse, King's Landing & Bistro, Spotted Dog Cafe, Oscar's Cafe, Bit N Spur, Meme's Cafe, Stagecoach Grill, Red Rock Grill.

Day 3



ZION/SPRINGDALE

1 Night

The intensity of the colors-the vivid ruby of the rocks, the clear sapphire of the sky, the emerald of the grass-make Zion National Park a treasure of the West. Today, explore Emerald Pools which is an easy to moderate hiking trail or if you prefer a more strenuous hike, we recommend 'The Narrows' which is surrounded on three sides creating a natural amphitheater-gear for this self-guided hike can be booked in advance. Today you will start early with a half-day Bike ride offered by Zion Outfitters (basic to moderate skill level required) where you will be able to enjoy some of the most memorable trails in the park. Then in the afternoon you will embark upon a VIP Helicopter Tour operated by Zion Helicopters that gives you an unforgettable bird's-eye perspective of the vast and unique landscapes in and around Zion (retail cost is 259 per person for both activities but since you are booking a part of this package the price is deeply discounted). Later in the day, you may also want to enjoy Zion's best kept secret, scenic Kolob Terrace road located nearby. The road runs from the town of Virgin up to the Kolob Resevoir, cutting in and out of Zion National Park as you witness some of the most spectacular rock formations and diverse landscape. Dining suggestions: Switchback Grille and Steakhouse, King's Landing & Bistro, Spotted Dog Cafe, Oscar's Cafe, Bit N Spur, Meme's Cafe, Stagecoach Grill, Red Rock Grill.

Day 4



ZION/SPRINGDALE - BRYCE CANYON

1 Night

Today you will drive about two hours northwest to Bryce Canyon National Park, situated along a high plateau at the top of the Grand Staircase, the park's high elevations include numerous life communities, fantastic dark skies, and geological wonders that defy description. Explore Bryce Canyon National Park and soak up the fresh air and wide open spaces. There are plenty of trails to practice social distancing. Today you will explore Bryce with a guided one-hour ATV Tour offered by Ruby's Adventure Tours that takes you on a fun adventure through ponderosa pine forests to the rim of Bryce Canyon National Park. (Retail cost is \$75 per person but since you are booking a part of this package the price is deeply discounted; please note that the inclusion is only available April-October). Hang around at night to enjoy the incredible night sky programs. You will find all difficulty levels for hiking, from easy (Mossy Cave; Rim Trail; Queens Garden) to moderate (Navajo Trail; Tower Bridge) to strenuous (Fairyland Loop; Peek-A-Boo Loop). Dining suggestions: Lunch/Dinner at the Bryce Canyon Pines or Ruby's Inn Cowboy Steakhouse, IDK BBQ in Tropic, The Pizza Place in Tropic, Stone Hearth Grille in Tropic.

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BRYCE CANYON - ESCALANTE

1 Night

Take a road trip along Scenic Byway 143- Utah's Patchwork Parkway. Enjoy Panguitch Lake, parts of Cedar Breaks and loop back to Bryce Canyon via Highway 89. Enjoy the space and solitude you will find driving this route. Red Canyon- Dixie National Forest is similar to the iconic hoodoos in Bryce Canyon. Enjoy hiking, horseback riding and mountain biking on trails for all skill levels (optional). The trails in Red Canyon are all pet-friendly. Kodachrome Basin State Park is less than a 30 minute drive from Bryce Canyon National Park. Home to several towering spires and sandstone chimneys, the hues of Kodachrome contrast those of Bryce Canyon nicely. Kodachrome boasts trails for all skill levels and incredible night sky opportunities. Near Kodachrome Basin you can choose some off-the beaten path hikes such as Willis Creek a local favorite, or drive an additional 20 miles down a dirt road and take a selfie at Grosvenor's Arch. In the afternoon start your journey on the second half of the Scenic Byway 12- Utah's All-American Road. This route connects Bryce Canyon to Utah's lesser known national park, Capitol Reef. Today's destination is Escalante, a quaint community with a lot of small-town charm and culture. Take time to enjoy the view points along the way. Stop at the Escalante Petrified Forest State Park for another hike or cool off with a kayak or paddle board rental (optional) at wide hollow reservoir, or learn more about the heritage in the area and stop at the Hole-in-the Rock Visitor Center. Take an evening hike at Calf Creek Falls- this six mile (9 km) round trip hike ends at a 126-foot cascading waterfall. Dining suggestions: IDK BBQ, The Pizza Place in Tropic, Escalante Outfitters or Circle D, Escalante Outfitters, Circle D or Canyon Grill at the Canyon Country Lodge, Kiva Koffeehouse, Magnolia's or Burr Trail Grill.

Day 6



GRAND STAIRCASE-ESCALANTE NATIONAL MONUMENT

1 Night

This morning you may take a hike through a Slot Canyon or rappel down one if you are really adventurous. Exploring the Grand Staircase Escalante National Monument will likely keep you occupied for at least the entire day. Some of the top locations to experience are Devil's Rock Garden (15 mi.

down the Hole in the Rock Road- make sure you have a high-clearance vehicle) or Spooky and Peekaboo Slot Canyons (26 miles down the Hole in the Rock Road). Dining suggestions: Dinner- Circle D, Canyon Grill at the Canyon Country Lodge, Hell's Backbone Grill.



ESCALANTE - LAS VEGAS

1 Night

Today you are on your way to Las Vegas, a modern-day desert oasis and entertainment metropolis. Take an off-the-beaten path journey along Scenic Byway 143- Utah's Patchwork Parkway. You will access this by taking SR 24 and onto Heritage Highway 89. Enjoy Panguitch Lake, parts of Cedar Breaks and drop into Cedar City via Scenic Byway 14. Once in Cedar City, get on I-15 and you will leave the natural backdrop of Utah for the striking neon of Las Vegas. Enjoy the glitz & glamour of this desert playground. Welcome to fabulous Las Vegas! Dining suggestions: From signature dining to casual, Las Vegas offers fabulous restaurant choices. Discover why SAHARA is "Las Vegas' hottest hotel for foodies" - Forbes Travel Guide.

Day



LAS VEGAS DEPARTURE

Your tour ends upon check-out from your hotel.