

The Grand Canyon & Its Neighbors

Private SUV with Driver-Guide

or Self-Drive with Private Local Guides Throughout

8 days / 7 nights

Highlights *Private guided exploration of three National Parks -- Grand Canyon, Bryce Canyon and Zion; half-day float trip through the upper Grand Canyon; a variety of areas to explore at Lake Powell, including Grand Staircase Escalante National Monument, Monument Valley and Lake Powell.*

Day 1 – Arrive Phoenix/Travel to Sedona –

Secure your rental car at the airport. Then drive about two hours to your lodging in a beautiful desert canyon in Sedona. Enjoy local hikes, the swimming pool and a variety of spa treatments. Or take some time to visit Sedona shops and galleries. Enjoy dinner at the resort.

Day 2 – Grand Canyon Guided Tour & Hike / Lunch at Historic El Tovar Restaurant / Grand Canyon Historic Structures / Optional Helicopter Tour –

After an early breakfast, drive about 2 ½ hours to Grand Canyon National Park. An experienced private guide will lead you for a morning hike around the Canyon rim and into the Canyon on trails little-used by other hikers. Your guide will interpret the geology, flora and fauna of the Canyon. Lunch will be at the historic El Tovar Hotel near the Canyon Rim, followed by a guided visit to the historic lodges and buildings on the Canyon rim, including a private tour of the photography studio of pioneers Emery & Ellsworth Kolb. Following your Canyon tour, an optional 45-minute narrated helicopter flightseeing tour over the Canyon is available. Continue about three hours to your accommodations in the Lake Powell area.

Day 3 – Morning Free at the Resort / Float Trip on the Colorado River in the Grand Canyon –

Your morning is free to relax at the resort or enjoy the pool and spa. After lunch, drive approximately 30 minutes to the put-in point for your shared 4-hour float trip on the Colorado River through the upriver edge of the Grand Canyon. You'll float through sheer walls over 2,000 feet tall on the gentle waters of this portion of the river. You'll take out in the late afternoon to return to the resort for dinner.

Day 4 – Your Choice -- Explore Grand Staircase Escalante National Monument, Navajo National Monument or Lake Powell --

The Grand Staircase Escalante National Monument contains slot canyons, archeological sites, waterfalls, paleontological sites and unique rock formations. You can choose among a variety of guided 4-wheel drive and hiking tours to archeological sites, paleontological sites, slot canyons and interesting rock formations. You will be amazed and among only a handful of people who explore this little-known wilderness. A picnic lunch is served in the field.

Navajo National Monument is the centerpiece of Monument Valley, an area sacred to the Navajo and other Native Americans. Drive about 2.5 hours to Monument Valley, where a Navajo guide will lead you through the area to view the unusual rock formations characteristic of the area. Your visit will include sites open exclusively to Native people and their guests. A lunch of Navajo-style foods is included.

Lake Powell was created by the construction of the Glen Canyon Dam. You can enjoy several hours on the lake in a private or shared boat, with activities including observation of the many colorful rock formations, kayaking, hiking and swimming. A lunch is served on board.

Day 5 – Morning Free. Drive to Bryce Canyon National Park –

Enjoy the local hikes, swimming or the spa at your hotel this morning. After lunch, drive about three hours to Bryce Canyon National Park.

Day 6 – Bryce Canyon National Park Guided Tour & Hike –

Bryce Canyon National Park and its sister Zion National Park are two gems on the Colorado Plateau in Southern Utah. The two parks are filled with exceptional pinnacles and spires, and complement one another, with Bryce Canyon providing views from the rim of its canyon and Zion from its floor. On your full day at Bryce Canyon, your private guide will take you on a morning tour throughout the Park, interpreting the flora and geology for you. After your

private tour, we suggest you have lunch at the historic Bryce Canyon Lodge. In the afternoon, enjoy a hike on your own from the Canyon rim down into the Canyon and back to the inn.

Day 7 – Zion National Park Guided Tour & Hike –

After breakfast, enjoy a scenic 2-hour drive through canyon country to Zion National Park. Upon arrival, have lunch, and then enjoy a half-day of exploration at Zion National Park with a private guide. The forest of pinnacles here is spectacular, and your private guide will take you on trails away from the crowds to some of the best formations. In the late afternoon, drive about one hour to your overnight accommodations.

Day 8 – Drive to Las Vegas Airport / Depart –

After breakfast, the drive to Las Vegas Airport is about 2 ½ hours. Return your rental car and depart.

Included: Lodging, including all room taxes and resort fees.

Guided private tours in the National Parks – full day at Grand Canyon, half days at Bryce and Zion.

Guided private and shared activities as described in the itinerary.

All special equipment and gear required for each activity.

Lunches on Days 2 & 4.

Not Included: Meals, except for two lunches shown.

Optional helicopter tour at the Grand Canyon.

Car rental, which will be arranged by your travel consultant.

Gratuities to guides, hotel and restaurant staff.

Alcoholic beverages.

Travel insurance.

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