

Splendors of the West



Day 1

Motorcoach tour commences. Passengers should meet in the lobby of the Los Angeles hotel at 07:30 hours for an 08:00 hours departure.

Los Angeles – Palm Springs – Phoenix/Mesa, AZ

This morning traverse the metropolis of Los Angeles as you head east towards the desert. The desert towns of Palm Springs and Palm Desert are favorite winter vacation spots, originally made famous by stars such as Elvis Presley and Frank Sinatra. In the afternoon, cross the Colorado River, the region's main source of irrigation water, and enter the state of Arizona. Soon you will see the first Saguaro cacti, well-known icons of the Southwest Desert. By late afternoon, you will arrive in the metropolitan area of Phoenix. Phoenix/Mesa has developed so rapidly over the last decade that it now forms one large urban area with its closest neighbors, such as Scottsdale.

Day 2

Phoenix/Mesa – Sedona – Grand Canyon National Park

The highlight of the day is, of course, the Grand Canyon. But before you arrive, discover that Arizona has much more to offer. Travel north and leave the low desert behind and enter the Mexican Highlands of central Arizona before reaching the enchanting Red Rock Country. The highlight of the area is the charming town of Sedona, located at the lower end of Oak Creek Canyon. Founded in 1902, legend has it that Sedona was named after the old postmaster's beautiful daughter. The town is surrounded by a striking burnished landscape filled with incredible red rock formations. The temperate climate and gorgeous setting has attracted – and continues to attract – numerous artists and retirees throughout its relatively short history. As you leave Sedona, you will travel through Oak Creek Canyon where a winding road takes you to the Colorado Plateau, which extends from this point to the South Rim of the Grand Canyon. The Grand Canyon was carved in layer upon layer of sedimentary rock, over hundreds of thousands of years. The awesome impression this chasm leaves on visitors can't be captured in words or pictures. The Colorado River, the force that created this wonderland, now appears insignificant in this vast canyon. Every hour, the sunlight transforms the canyon to show the changing colors and shifting shadows.

The Grand Canyon by Helicopter

The immensity of the Grand Canyon can be truly appreciated when seen from the air. Your flight is a superb way to capture the beauty of this geological formation, recording over two billion years of history on its walls. Only by helicopter will you have access to this outstanding spectacle.

North Canyon tour 25 min: Adult: \$219 Child: \$199

Imperial tour 45 min: Adult: \$269 Child: \$229

- OPTIONAL EXCURSIONS

Day 3

Grand Canyon National Park – Monument Valley – Page/ Lake Powell

Travel east along the South Rim of Grand Canyon and head towards the Painted Desert. Enter the largest Indian reservation in the country, that of the Navajo Nation. Here, in an area through which their ancestors roamed as nomads, the Navajo have settled in small communities. The northern fringe of the reservation, bordering Utah and Arizona, is known as Monument Valley. After seeing pictures of the spectacular rock formations that dot the landscape, film director John Ford decided to make a western movie. Stagecoach, starring an unknown actor named John Wayne, was released in 1939 and has since become a classic. Enjoy the view that has inspired many film directors since that first western was made. Continue to Page, where you will spend the night.

Grand Canyon– Monument Valley– Page flight

Enjoy a beautiful morning flight crossing partly over the Grand Canyon to land next to Monument Valley. Monument Valley with all of its amazing mesa's has been immortalized by the western movies of John Ford with John Wayne. Tour this great valley by bus with a Navajo guide and take in this wonderful landscape. From Monument Valley you will fly to Page with beautiful views of Lake Powell. It is sure to be a wonderful day.

Adult: \$399 Child: \$399

Monument Valley Ground Tour

While visiting Monument Valley, take the spectacular one-hour ground tour with Navajo guides who will introduce you to their rich heritage. Enter the valley for a close look at monumental sandstone formations such as "Elephant Butte," and the "Left and Right Mittens" formations, etched out of the sandstone over eons of time. The highlight of this tour will be a stop at John Ford Point. Return from the adventure appreciative of the rugged beauty this valley has to offer.

Adult: \$34 Child: \$25

Day 4

Page/Lake Powell – Bryce Canyon

Shortly after leaving Page this morning, cross Glen Canyon Dam, the last of the major dams built to harness the power of water. A little further north, the road enters the state of Utah. Mormon pioneers, the first white settlers in this region, profoundly shaped the state. Mormon traditions and religious beliefs still pervade many aspects of daily life in the state. The first major town is Kanab, another popular filming location for western movies. Northeast of Kanab lies Bryce Canyon National Park, another wonder of the Colorado Plateau. The combined forces of wind, water and ice have carved an intricate landscape of rock pillars in strange shapes and sizes. These rock formations are known as Hoodoos. The Hoodoos create a maze of ever-changing forms and colors, ranging from bright orange to pale pink and ochre.

Antelope Canyon Tour

Antelope Canyon is one of the most photographed areas of the Southwest. A slot canyon, it is known for the beautiful colors that are played off the sandstone. A Navajo guide will lead you on an easy walk on the bottom of the canyon. A must for photographers!

Adult: \$35 Child: \$22

Ebenezer's Dinner and Show.

Enjoy an evening of Cowboy and some country music and local cuisine. This is a favorite among visitors of Bryce Canyon who come from many parts of the world. A pleasant experience to end your visit to Bryce Canyon. Ask your Tour Director for more information

Adult: \$29 Child: \$29

Day 5

Bryce Canyon National Park – Zion National Park – Las Vegas

Continue your discovery of the Colorado Plateau as you head south towards Zion National Park. View a chasm up to 3,000 ft / 900 m in depth carved by the Virgin River over the last 13 million years. Experience the beauty of orange, red and white sandstone from the bottom of the chasm. The peace and quiet of this area inspired early pioneers to give it the name it bears today. After the natural wonders you have seen over the last few days, nothing could be a greater contrast than the city of Las Vegas. The town was originally founded as an agricultural settlement. It was almost abandoned but started to boom after the state of Nevada adopted liberal gaming laws in the 1930s. Over the last ten years, Las Vegas has experienced an ever-increasing rate of growth. Now it appears that the

sky is the limit! Casinos try to lure visitors into their gaming halls with eye catching displays and shows.

Las Vegas Night Tour

See the best attractions in Las Vegas! The City where the action continues around the clock, becomes a bedazzling fantasy at night. As casinos try to outdo each other by creating ever more fanciful and outrageous attractions, it almost becomes impossible to see it all in just one night! Almost every few months a new highlight is added to Las Vegas and this tour will show you the best, the most colorful and the most fantastic Las Vegas has to offer! (Several stops will be made during the tour).

Adult: \$39 Child: \$29

Day 6

Las Vegas

Enjoy a full day of leisure in Las Vegas. Sit by the pool, shop, or speak to your tour director about one of the many possible optional excursions.

Indian Adventure and Skywalk

“My vision was to enable visitors to walk the path of the eagle...” stated David Jin, the creator of the Grand Canyon Skywalk. Commissioned by the Hualapai Indian tribe, the Skywalk is a U-shaped cantilevered glass bridge that protrudes 70 feet/21 meters beyond the rim of the Grand Canyon, giving visitors a view of the 4,000 feet/1219 meters drop to the Colorado River on the Canyon floor.

Opened to the general public since March 28, 2007, this unique design provides an unprecedented and exhilarating view of one of the seven natural wonders of the world. The Skywalk allows visitors to walk out and into the Canyon, peering through the glass floor down at the Canyon or over the glass walls into the valley beyond. Begin your journey with an aerial sightseeing tour to Grand Canyon West and the Hualapai Indian Lands. Enjoy a rustic ground excursion of the Hualapai lands, a light meal right at the edge of the canyon and the amazing Skywalk, before a return flight.

Adult: \$319 Child: \$319

Grand Voyager Flight

Fixed-wing charter aircraft flight, boat excursion and helicopter flight. Experience the Grand Canyon by airplane, boat and helicopter! Start with a fabulous aerial sightseeing tour of Lake Mead, Hoover Dam and the west rim of the Canyon before landing at Grand Canyon West. Descend 4,000 feet from the top of the Canyon to the floor by helicopter. A fabulous boat excursion on the Colorado River explores the beauty and majesty of the Canyon. Return to the top of the rim by helicopter. Visit with native Hualapai Indians during a short, narrated motor coach tour. A light meal is included. Fly back by fixed-wing charter aircraft.

Adult: \$469 Child: \$449

Please Note: Due to the increasing fuel cost, the Aviation industry might add a fuel charge to the price. Please ask your tour director for more information.

Black Canyon Float Trip

Your tour begins at the base of the Hoover Dam. As you leisurely travel down the river watching for waterfalls, hot springs and wonderful rock formations, you will receive a terrific narration on the history of the dam and the Colorado . You may also look forward to complimentary transportation to and from hotel.

Adult: \$139 Child: \$109

Rat Pack show with Dinner

Relive the days of the Rat Pack with Las Vegas' most famous entertainers. Start the evening off with a world classic Las Vegas style buffet where there is a wide variety of choices for everyone. Don't forget to leave room for dessert. The Rat Pack Show follows your evening meal where the past comes alive. Salut !

Adult: \$99 Child: \$99

Morning Cowboy Trail Ride

Enjoy the beautiful scenery of Red Rock Canyon. You set out on your gentle, well trained horse up a narrow canyon with limestone cliffs looming a hundred feet above you. You see ancient caves, fascinating geology formations, desert wildlife and the majestic Wilson Cliffs rising to over 7000 feet before you. Is Las Vegas really 20 min away? This isn't just a trail ride, This is a Cowboy Trail Ride.

Adult: \$125 Child: \$125

Sunset Cowboy Trail ride with BBQ

The setting sun causes the red sandstone to glow and the giant cliffs cast their long shadows across the valley floor as you and your horse begin your journey to find the perfect sunset. When you arrive at the overlook you have the best seat in the house. Later as darkness falls, you head back to camp for a hearty cowboy steak BBQ (additional choices available). After dinner you sit around the campfire listening to tall tales cowboy poetry and maybe a song or two. This is a Las Vegas adventure you won't soon forget.

Adult : \$165 Child: \$165

Day 7

Las Vegas – Death Valley National Park – Mammoth Lakes*

Passengers on the Western Trails, Western Trails & Hawaiian Days, or East meets West will return to Los Angeles today. The Western Trails and East meets West tours will end upon arrival in Los Angeles. Western Trails & Hawaiian Days passengers will proceed to the Hawaiian Islands.

As you reenter the state of California today, you will again experience a radical change in scenery. Heading northwest, you will find yourself in one of the most forbidding landscapes on earth, Death Valley. The valley gained its sinister name and reputation in the winter of 1849. A group of pioneers, believing this to be a shortcut to the California goldfields, started crossing the valley. The lack of food, water and direction split the wagon train into frantic parties, each striving to escape the barren wasteland. Several prospectors died before a way out was discovered. According to legend, one of the last survivors to leave turned around, **looked back and shouted: "Farewell, Valley of the Death!"**

At Zabriskie Point, admire the panoramic view of the seemingly endless valley from Badwater to Telescope Peak. Heading northwest again, you will come to the almost insurmountable barrier of the Sierra Nevada. Nestled in the eastern reaches of the mountain range lies Mammoth Lakes. The ski resort is located at the foot of Mammoth Mountain and is a favorite among skiers.

* Tioga Pass may be closed due to weather or road conditions, in which case you will overnight in Fresno or Visalia and a visit to Mammoth Lakes will not be possible. (Winter routing applies to all departures between October and May under normal snow conditions.)

Mammoth Mountain Aerial Tram with Breakfast

Enjoy an early morning start with breakfast on top of the mountain. The aerial tram **will take you even further up in elevation for spectacular views of the Sierra Nevada's** while enjoying your breakfast.

Adult \$29 Child \$29

Above excursion is subject to availability and is seasonal

Day 8

Mammoth Lakes* – Yosemite National Park

In the morning, scale the eastern wall of the Sierra Nevada and enter Yosemite National Park via Tioga Pass, the highest point on your entire tour. Gradually descend into the most popular part of the park, Yosemite Valley. Sheer granite cliffs tower thousands of feet above a tranquil valley floor, where forests and meadows are home to deer, coyotes, squirrels and a variety of birds. Take the opportunity to appreciate Yosemite's waterfalls, rivers, fragrances and history. Massive granite formations such as Half Dome and El Capitan are the highlights of the afternoon.

Day 9

Yosemite National Park – San Francisco

Depart early this morning to arrive in San Francisco, one of the most beloved cities in America.

“Be sure to wear some flowers in your hair. “

Passengers on the Splendors of the West will end their adventure upon arrival in San Francisco tonight.