



NATIONAL PARKS AND MONUMENTS OF ARIZONA AND UTAH

SEPTEMBER 22 - OCTOBER 1, 2020

Provided by Universal Travel

September 22 – Phoenix and Flagstaff: Today, board your flight bound for Arizona! On arrival, meet your Universal travel representative and travel to Flagstaff. This evening enjoy a welcome dinner in town! **Overnight: Flagstaff (D)**

September 23 - Grand Canyon: Enjoy breakfast at your hotel this morning, then board your luxury motor coach, making your way to the Grand Canyon Visitor center. Upon arrival see the acclaimed IMAX movie Grand Canyon - The Hidden Secrets. Next, depart for a driving tour along the south rim of one of America's most spectacular landmarks. Nearly two billion years of Earth's geological history have been exposed as the Colorado River and its tributaries cut their channels through layer after layer of rock while the Colorado Plateau was uplifted. One of the Seven Natural Wonders of the World, the Canyon is 277 miles long, up to 18 miles wide and attains a depth of over a mile. Enjoy lunch and free time in the Park and after a final glimpse at the beauty of the Grand Canyon, you'll head east! Check in to your hotel with the remainder of the day at your leisure. **Overnight: Moenkopi area (B)**

September 24 – Hopi Reservation – Painted Desert - Navajo Nation : Chinle: After a leisurely breakfast this morning, you continue traveling east through the Hopi reservation, the Painted Desert and the Navajo Nation. The Painted Desert is an expansion of badland hills, flat-topped mesas and buttes. The name Painted Desert refers to the rainbow of colorful sedimentary layers and are often been described as a multicolored layer cake. On your journey today, learn how over the centuries both Hopi and Navajo have survived as a tribe, and to this day managed to retain their culture, language and religion despite influences from the outside world. This afternoon, you stop at the Hubbell Trading post and stretch your legs. Later today you arrive at your hotel. Dinner is served in the hotels dining room. **Overnight: Chinle (B,D)**

September 25 – Canyon De Chelly Nat. Monument – Oljate Monument Valley - Moab: After breakfast, you'll enjoy a driving tour along the rim of the Canyon De Chelly with spectacular views from the scenic overlook into the canyon, including the 800 feet tall Spider Rock spire and its surrounding, towering sandstone cliffs. For nearly 5,000 years, people have lived in these canyons - longer than anyone has lived uninterrupted anywhere on the Colorado Plateau. Your second stop today is the Oljato Monument Valley - Navajo Tribal Park. Enjoy an included lunch at The View Restaurant with breathtaking views over the valley. After some free time at the visitor center you continue your scenic drive through Monument Valley as you enter Utah! Later today you check in to your hotel in Moab for the next 3 nights! After some time to freshen up, enjoy a cowboy style BBQ dinner! **Overnight: Moab (B,L,D)**

September 26 – Colorado River Cruise – Hummer off road tour – Wine tasting Today embark on a one-hour jet boat tour of the Colorado River. You will cruise the calm-water section of the Colorado River in a covered boat as your captain skillfully navigates the jet boat down the river and 2,200 ft. canyon walls tower above. Admire spectacular views of Moab arches, Indian petroglyphs, and a unique view of an Indian granary. Return to your hotel with some free time before you are off to an off-road experience in a comfortable custom 4x4 Hummer vehicles with raised seating in the rear for optimum passenger viewing. Climb to the top of seldom-seen, awe-inspiring overlooks, venture to ancient Indian ruins and writings and return with a new feeling of freedom and unforgettable memories! This evening enjoy a wine tasting at the award winning Castle creek winery! After sampling a variety of red and white wines, enjoy dinner at the Red Cliffs Lodge, located on the banks of the mighty Colorado River and surrounded by 2000-foot cliffs! **Overnight: Moab (B,D)**

September 27 – Arches National Park – Canyonlands: After breakfast this morning, you'll first visit Arches National Park! Also known as the Red Rock Wonderland, admire the landscape of contrasting colors, land forms and textures unlike any other in the world. The park has over 2,000 natural stone arches, in addition to hundreds of soaring pinnacles, massive fins and giant balanced rocks. You return to Moab in time for an included lunch. Early this afternoon you head back out exploring the mighty Canyonlands, the largest national park in Utah. The park is best known for its dramatic desert landscape carved by the Colorado

River. Soak in indescribable views from the Island in the Sky, a huge, flat-topped mesa with panoramic overlooks. Another stop today is at Dead Horse point before returning to your hotel with the remainder of the evening at your leisure.

Overnight: Moab (B,L)

September 28 – Capital Reef National Park – Boulder Mountain – Escalante National Monument: After a leisurely breakfast and checking out of your hotel, your journey continues southwest today. First you will see Capital Reef National Park. Even considering Utah's many impressive national parks and monuments, it is difficult to rival Capitol Reef National Park's sense of expansiveness, of broad, sweeping vistas, of a tortured, twisted, seemingly endless landscape or of limitless sky and desert rock... is almost like a planet unto itself! With lunch on your own along the route, you will continue on State Highway 12, the gem of all scenic drives, and there really is nothing quite like it! Enjoy the panoramic views of Boulder Mountain and drive through the Escalante National Monument. Over the last 20 years, Grand Staircase-Escalante has claimed its place as a crown jewel equal to Utah's national parks. The monument is world renowned for its remarkable stunning scenery and its vast expanses of the Navajo sandstone. You arrive in the afternoon at your hotel located just outside of Bryce Canyon National Park. Tonight's dinner is at your leisure. **Overnight: Bryce (B)**

September 29 – Bryce Canyon National Park - Red Canyon: Bryce Canyon National Park, a sprawling reserve in southern Utah, is known for crimson-colored hoodoos, which are spire-shaped rock formations formed by frost weathering and stream erosion of the river and lake bed sedimentary rocks. Bryce Canyon, which despite its name, is not a canyon, but a collection of giant natural amphitheatres along the eastern side of the Paunsaugunt Plateau. The rim at Bryce varies from 8,000 to 9,000 feet and the red, orange, and white colors of the rocks provide you with spectacular views! After an included lunch you will visit Red Canyon. From the Native Americans who traveled the canyons, to people like J.W. Humphry who constructed the tunnels, Red Canyon has fascinated people for centuries. Unique vermilion-colored rock formation and stands of Ponderosa pines make the canyon exceptionally scenic. This area has been called the "most photographed place in Utah". After checking in to your hotel and some free time, enjoy dinner at a local restaurant! **Overnight: Springdale (B,L)**

September 30 – Zion National Park: Today you visit and tour Zion National Park, Utah's oldest and perhaps most famous and one of the most visited National Parks in the US! It is believed the first people to explore what is now Zion National Park entered the canyon looking for food. Thousands of years later more than 4 million people come from around the world to feed more than their bodies. Most visitors today come to nourish their souls with the sight of the verdant valleys and vermilion cliffs of Zion. After free time for lunch at your leisure, you leave all the Parks and monuments behind you as you enter Nevada. This afternoon you check in to your hotel. Tonight, enjoy a farewell dinner. **Overnight: Henderson (B,D)**

October 1 – Flight home: This morning after a leisurely breakfast you check in to the airport for your flight home. Fond memories of your Southwest Adventure will last forever! **(B)**

**Itinerary is subject to change*

Trip inclusions:

Round trip airport transfers
Airfare from to Phoenix and back from Las Vegas
Service of a professional tour guide and luxury motor coach throughout the itinerary
9 night hotel accommodations
17 meals - 9 breakfast, 3 lunch, 5 dinner
Service of a Universal Travel representative
All driver and guide and step on guide gratuities
Admissions to all Parks and Monuments mentioned on the itinerary
Exclusive Jetboat cruise and Hummer off road adventure
Wine tasting
Porterage of one suitcase per person

\$3798.00

Based on double occupancy

\$4698.00

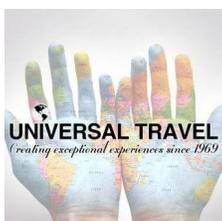
Single rate

**Travel Protection is available
and strongly recommended**

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