



# Magnificent Canyon Country: *Utah's Mighty 5 Parks!*

**Arches National Park, Bryce Canyon, Zion National Park, Canyonlands National Park, Dead Horse Point, Capitol Reef National Park and Las Vegas!**

April 18 - 25, 2024      8 Days and 7 Nights

**Nowhere in America is the land so breathtaking, the air so clean and the water so pure as in this spectacular corner of the Southwest!**

Experience some of the grandest scenery on earth in this memorably eye-popping tour through Canyon Country and Utah's Mighty 5 Parks! More than eighty percent of Utah's land is set aside for public use - and when you see it, you'll understand why. Millions visit these parks every year to experience these kaleidoscopic vistas of stone grandeur seen no where else on the planet! From Moab to Zion, the National Parks will simply leave you in awe.

Experience the towering canyon walls as you float down the Colorado River. Your amazing journey in the Southwest ends in Las Vegas - where there is always something thrilling to do, from world-class dining and entertainment to casinos and shopping!

## Itinerary

### **April 18, 2024 - Moab, Utah**

Board your flight today bound for **Salt Lake City**. On arrival, you'll be met by your TRIPS escort and board your motor coach bound for **Moab** where you'll check in to your hotel with tonight's dinner on your own.

Overnight: Moab, UT - Fairfield Inn

### **April 19, 2024 - Canyonlands, River Boat and Light Show**

This morning, you'll be heading out to visit **Canyonlands** and **Island in the Sky Mesa**. Every overlook offers a different perspective on the brilliant landscapes of this National Park. Imagine wave after wave of deep canyons, towering mesas, pinnacles, cliffs and spires stretching as far as the eye can see! You'll also visit **Dead Horse Point** with breathtaking panoramic views of Canyonlands' sculptured pinnacles and buttes. And don't be surprised if it looks familiar - it's one of the most photographed viewpoints in Utah. Remember back when you saw **Thelma and Louise** plunge their classic '66 Thunderbird off the cliff - well, it wasn't really shot at the Grand Canyon, but right here! You'll have lunch on your own in the Canyonlands before returning to **Moab** with some free time to shop, wander or relax. Then tonight after your included **cowboy-style BBQ dinner**, you'll get to explore Canyonlands in a fascinating way - on the river - as you set out on a **flat-bottomed boat journey** down the calm-water section of the **Colorado River**. The 2,200 foot canyon walls tower above as your guide skillfully navigates the river, pointing out features such as a fossilized sea bed, Indian petroglyphs and the wonderful views of the arches! Once darkness settles in, the real show begins with **40,000 watts of natural light** illuminating the canyon walls. Lights, shadows, music, and narration make the stories of the canyon's formation, creation, and history come to life on the high walls above the river!

Overnight: Moab, UT - Fairfield Inn

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### **April 20, 2024 - Arches, Western Movies & Maybe a Hummer**

This morning you'll travel into **Arches National Park** where Mother

Nature's masterpieces are on full display! The park has one of the largest concentrations of **natural sandstone arches** in the world. You'll also find extraordinary geologic features such as spires, pinnacles, pedestals and balanced rocks, all highlighted by contrasting colors, landforms and textures! Your guide will share the history of the park and the early settlers who made their home here, in what was formally established as a national park in 1971. Lunch today is included in Moab, after which you'll visit the **Moab Film and Western Heritage Museum**. In the late 1940s, legendary **film director John Ford** discovered the rugged beauty of Moab's Canyonlands and filmed the first of many movies here. John Wayne, Maureen O'Hara, Rock Hudson, Henry Fonda, Lee Marvin

This afternoon, you might choose to join us for the most popular off-road experience in Moab - a Hummer ride! It's an experience that you can brag to your kids and grandkids about! Weave in and out of rock canyons, feel the excitement of climbing the Navajo Sandstone known as slickrock, laid down 200 million years ago! Within minutes of departure you'll be scaling one of Moab's famous red rock fins on your way to an area known as "Hell's Revenge." You'll Experience a spectacular overlook into the Colorado River and Arches National Park where you'll have time to get out and take photos of the incredible surroundings, including awesome views of the La Sal Mountains. It's the most exhilarating way to explore Moab's unique backcountry in style and comfort. **This optional Hummer Ride experience is priced at \$169.00 per person.**

and James Stewart are just a few of the legends who have worked on location in this area. The museum houses memorabilia from very early films to the present and is ever changing. Afterward, you might choose to join us on our very popular **optional TRIPS Hummer ride excursion** (see details in box). You'll return to the hotel this afternoon with the remainder of the day at leisure and dinner on your own in Moab. Overnight: Moab, UT - Fairfield Inn

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**April 21, 2024 - Goblin Valley, Capitol Reef & Boulder Mountain**

Depart Moab this morning for southern Utah, where you'll ride through **Goblin Valley**, named for the thousands of hoodoos that the locals refer to as 'goblins'. Your next stop is **Capitol Reef National Park**, named for a line of white Navajo Sandstone cliffs with dome formations similar to the white domes often placed on capitol buildings. After lunch on your own, you'll continue traveling on through the beautiful Southwest, stopping along the way at historic **Gifford Homestead** to visit its pioneer museum and store, widely renowned for famously **delicious pies!** Riding up Scenic Highway 12, one of America's most spectacular roads going up and over **Boulder Mountain**, you'll have incredible views of Capitol Reef, the Circle Cliffs and the Henry Mountains. On arriving to **Bryce Canyon**, you'll check into your hotel located less than 2 miles from the National Park, with tonight's buffet dinner included.

Overnight: Bryce Canyon, UT - Ruby's Inn (B/D)

**April 22, 2024 - Bryce Canyon National Park**

Check out of your hotel this morning, then explore eye-popping **Bryce Canyon National Park**. The hues and the intricate shapes of the canyon will carry you away into a fairyland fantasy! You'll find some of the most beautiful, unlikely rock formations on earth here, with hoodoos that'll fire up your imagination. These brown, red, orange, yellow and white limestone and sandstone pinnacles seem to shoot toward the sky in fanciful shapes. You'll understand the comment that early settler **Ebenezer Bryce** made when he said this canyon is "a hell of a place to lose a cow!" Return to Ruby's for your included lunch buffet, then make a stop at the trading post in **Mount Carmel** before traveling south toward **Zion National Park**. Following check-in to your hotel near Zion, enjoy dinner on your own tonight in Springdale.

Overnight: Springdale, UT - Zion Canyon Inn and Suites (B/L)

**April 23, 2024 - Zion National Park**

Your day begins with a morning visit to the amazing wonderland of **Zion National Park**, hailed as the **crowning glory of Utah** with its deep red canyons, massive monoliths and towering cliffs! As Utah's oldest and most famous National Park, **Zion** boasts spectacular rock formations, rugged canyons, tumbling rivers and pine-blanketed peaks. You'll have a picnic sack lunch to enjoy just as you wish here in this enchanting park, making for a truly wonderful way to wrap up your time exploring the spectacular Canyon Country of Utah! Later, going south into Arizona you'll stop at scenic **Horseshoe Bend**, a horseshoe-shaped incised canyon of the Colorado River with a spectacular overlook. Following check-in to your hotel, enjoy your included dinner tonight in Page.

Overnight: Page, AZ - Hyatt Place Hotel (B/L/D)

**April 24, 2024 - The Lights of Las Vegas**

After this morning's breakfast and check-out, you'll travel west to Las Vegas with lunch on your own along the way. Check in to your hotel mid-afternoon with the rest of your afternoon and evening free in the **"Entertainment Capitol of the World!"** There's plenty to do along the **four mile 'strip,'** from world class dining on your own tonight to shopping and entertainment and even people-watching, and don't miss the nightly **Fremont Street Experience** light show downtown. There are also of course those legendary casinos to try your hand at Lady Luck, and remember - **What happens in Vegas . . . Stays in Vegas!**

Overnight: Las Vegas, NV - Golden Nugget Hotel and Casino (B)

**April 25, 2024 - Journey Home**

After your days exploring the spectacular canyons of Utah - and the glitz and glamor of Las Vegas - following breakfast it'll be time to head to the airport and return home. **Memories of the stunning natural beauty of Utah's Canyonlands will be with you for years to come!** (B)

\*\*Please note that itineraries are subject to change.

# Magnificent Canyon Country!

# \$4,698.00

per person/double occupancy

Single Supplement is an additional \$998.00

**Trip cancellation/interruption Travel Protection is available and recommended.**

Check with your club representative for details.

### Inclusions

- Roundtrip airport transfers including gratuities
- Roundtrip airfare to Salt Lake City and from Las Vegas (checked baggage fee is not included)
- 7 nights hotel lodging with breakfasts daily
- 3 lunches and 3 dinners
- Admission to all parks and attractions including Canyonlands National Park, Arches National Park, Canyonlands River Cruise, Capitol Reef National Park, Bryce Canyon National Park, Zion National Park and more!
- Services of a full time, licensed Guide throughout your tour
- Private deluxe motor coach throughout the program
- Porterage of one suitcase per person
- All government taxes and fees

### Call today to reserve your space!!!

Reservations for **"Magnificent Canyon Country"** are accepted on a first come/first served basis.

An initial **\$650.00** deposit is required to hold space on this tour.

This deposit is fully refundable up to January 9, 2024. **Final payment is due in the TRIPS office on or before January 9, 2024.**

**Therefore, please make sure that payment is submitted to your club director at least 10 days prior to this date.**

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