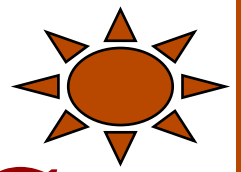




Southwest CANYONLANDS



September 2 – 13, 2025 (12 days)

Go West! The pioneers said, so let's Go West!

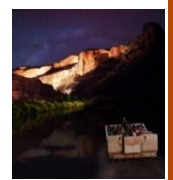
Traveling west to Des Moines, IA for our first night. **Day 2:** On to Ogallala, NE to visit the **Great Platte River Road Archway Museum**. A must see in your lifetime. We also visit the **Gothenburg Pony Express Station**. Dinner at the **Front Street restaurant**. A chance to visit the attached **Cowboy Museum** and **General store**. **Day 3:** Departing for Denver CO. where we meet up with our special



guide for the next seven days. A visit to the **Buffalo Bill Museum and Grave**. Learn about William F. "Buffalo Bill" Cody, one of the most famous people of his time, and his Wild West show. See for yourself why he wanted buried on top of Lookout Mountain. An evening free in Silverthorne CO, a beautiful mountain community on the Blue River nestled high in the breathtaking Rockies. **Day 4:** Descend from the mighty Rockies and enter the red-rock country of the Colorado Plateau. Cross the border to Utah's Canyon Country. Visit **Dead Horse Point State Park** – one of Utah's most spectacular state parks. Towering 2,000 feet above the Colorado River, the overlook provides a breathtaking panorama of Canyonlands' sculpted pinnacles and buttes. Millions of years of geologic activity created spectacular views from Dead Horse Point State Park. Deposition of sediments by ancient oceans, freshwater lakes, streams, and windblown sand dunes created the rock layers of canyon country. A Picnic Lunch to enjoy the view. Off to nearby **Arches National Park**. Arches National Park is home of the famed Delicate, the park boasts the world's greatest concentration of natural arches, each the product of millions of years of deposition and scouring. Over 2000 named



arches within its 73,000-acre boundary. This evening **Canyonlands by Night sound & Light Show**- begins with a delicious Cowboy Style Dutch oven dinner over looking the Colorado River. Then you'll board the a flat-bottom boat and head upriver as the evening darkness grows. Once you arrive at the turnaround spot, 40,000 watts of light shine on the canyon walls as the shadows come to life with a recorded program. Stories about the formation, creation, and history of the



area from the prescriptive of the Native Americans, Catholic Conquistadors and Mormon pioneers. **Day 5:** Travel through the San Rafael Swell for a visit to **Capitol Reef National Park**. The park is characterized by sandstone formal cliffs and canyons, and a 100-mile-long bulge in the earth's crust called the Waterpocket Fold. Erosion has carved the rock into marvelous shapes. Another wonderful picnic lunch under the towering cottonwood trees. Enjoy a drive on one of America's most spectacular roads, **Scenic Highway 12**. Designated as an "All American Road", the crown jewel of the Scenic Byway system. We'll reach altitudes over 9,000 ft with incredible views of Capitol Reef, The Circle Cliffs, and the Henry Mountains. We'll see the **Grand Staircase at the Escalante National Monument**-a vast and austere landscape embraces a spectacular array of scientific and historic resources. Dramatic cliffs, high mesas, beautiful streams, and deep canyon Hues across the 1.9 million acre monument. A late afternoon guided tour of the most beautiful place **Bryce Canyon National Park**- despite its name, its not actually a canyon, but rather a giant natural amphitheater created by erosion along the eastern side of the Paunsaugunt Plateau. Distinctive due to its geological structures, called Hoodoo, formed from wind, water, and ice erosion of the river and lakebed sedimentary rocks. The Paiute Indians used a word to describe Bryce that translates into "red rocks standing like men in a bowl-shaped canyon." Western Food/Entertainment at



Ebenezer's Barn & Grill, named after Ebenezer Bryce, and the canyon gets its name.

Day 6: This morning, we return to Bryce Canyon National Park for a spectacular Morning View. A short drive to Utah's oldest and most famous national park, **Zion National Park**. Early Mormon settlers describes the parks massive formations as "temples built by hand, not of man." The Paiutes believed mischievous spirits lived among the 2,000 ft high towers and would not enter the canyon alone or remain there after dark. After lunch, time to explore Zion on your own. A shuttle system will allow you to explore at your own pace. This evening we'll spend in **Kanab**, also known as **Little Hollywood**, due to the many movies and television shows filmed in the area. **The Little Hollywood Movie Museum** reveals how Southern Utah became the backlot for some of the most spectacular movies ever made in Hollywood. It uses actual movie sets as the centerpiece of its exploration of the stars and stories of how a sleepy tiny town became a haunt for Hollywood stars. From its beginnings with Tom Mix in Deadwood Coach, to Clint Eastwood's classic The Outlaw Josey Wales, John Wayne's mystique with Stagecoach and Charlton Heston evoked the Bible with The Greatest Story Ever Told and the wrath of technology with Planet of the Apes. Kanab was also home to classic TV series The Lone Ranger and Gunsmoke. Enjoy a western dinner and gift shop. **Day 7:** Today we travel across the Arizona Strip and climb the beautiful **Kaibab Plateau**. Reaching elevations over 8,000 ft



and a favorite of Teddy Roosevelt and home to the unique white tailed Kaibab Squirrel. **Time to visit the Grand Canyon National Park North Rim.** Learn about the geology and history of the canyon while taking in its breathtaking beauty, The North Rim provides a much quieter and more natural Grand Canyon experience, Lunch with a view at the **Grand Canyon Lodge**. An afternoon visit to **Jacob Lake Lodge**, an old-fashioned family run lodge with a presentation on **Navajo Arts & Craft**.



Appreciate the emerald waters, towering red rock cliffs and blue skies on a **Lake Powell Scenic Boat Cruise**. Tonight an evening at the **Red Heritage Dinner Show**. Discover the beautiful culture of the Navajo, one of the largest and oldest Native American



tribes in the United States. Enjoy an authentic dinner and show for an unforgettable experience!



Day 8: Today we'll experience the wondrous scenery of **Monument Valley Tribal Park**, a sacred place to the Navajo. The towering pinnacles and buttes of this area have been the backdrop for countless films, television programs, and commercials. We arrive at **Goulding's Lodge** to meet our **Navajo guide and board our Jeep** for a personal scenic tour and learn more of the

Navajo traditions and way of life. At lunch try a Navajo Taco or Navajo Stew at the Lodge. In the afternoon take a guided tour of **Canyon de Chelly National Monument**. It these walls could talk... they would tell you that for 5,000 years, people have lived in these canyons-longer than anyone Their homes and images tell us their stories. Today, Navajo families make their homes, raise livestock, and farm the lands in the canyon. The National Park Service and Navajo Nation are actively working together to manage park resources Overnighting in Canyon de Chelly.



Day 9: Journey South with a stop at the historic **Hubbell Trading Post** in Ganado. The oldest operating Trading Post on the Navajo Nation. It has been selling goods and trading Native American Art since 1878. Enter the "Land of Enchantment", New Mexico with a visit to the **Acoma Pueblo & Sky City Cultural Center**. It is built high atop a sheer-walled, 367-foot sandstone bluff towering above a beautiful valley. Continuously occupied since

1150 A.D. Sky City is the oldest inhabited community in North America. The mesa-top settlement is known worldwide for its unique art and rich culture, and it is truly one of the most magnificent vistas in the Southwest. A guided tour of the **Acoma Pueblo** after lunch. Continue to Albuquerque NM with a stop at the **Indian Pueblo Culture Center** for an



introduction to the 19 pueblo tribes of New Mexico. Next, historic **Old Town** for free time to explore hidden courtyards, stroll under covered portals and shop at the many fine specialty stores and galleries. It's tree-lined plaza and charming adobe building and churches are delightful. We will say goodbye to our Special tourguide at dinner in a local restaurant. **Day 10:** Traveling East today with a unique stop for Lunch and overnighting in Oklahoma City



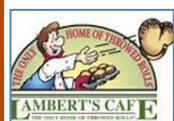
OK. **Day 11:** Time in Oklahoma City this morning. A visit to the **National Memorial Museum and Grounds**. The site of the 1995 bombing of the Alfred P Murrah Federal Building. Next, **The National Cowboy & Western Heritage Museum** is America's premier institution of Western history, art and culture. See the world's most extensive collection of American rodeo photographs,



barbed wire, saddlery, and early rodeo trophies Back on the road to Ozark, MO an



dinner at the famous **Lambert's Cafe**-home of the throwed rolls. Have a Hearty appetite and Duck! **Day 12:** Returning home with many memories of the spectacular Southwest Canyonlands!



Tour Includes: All Attractions, 24 Meals (11 Breakfasts, 6 Lunch 7 Dinners), 11 Nights Quality Lodging, Travel via Motorcoach.

Cost per person.....**Double \$5325**

Triple \$5100, Quad \$4715, Single \$6605

Deposit of \$300 per person with reservation. Balance Due August 2, 2025. Cancellations After August 2, 2025: 100% of recoverable costs

Departs: Ft. Wayne, Auburn, Kendallville, Goshen

