Grand Canyon & Red Rock Country
Southwest National Parks
September 26- October 5, 2021

Explore 5 iconic National Parks in spellbinding Red Rock Country including the Grand Canyon! Sunset at the canyon is spectacular! Thrill to towering rock formations in Sedona, the natural rock bridges of Arches National Park, grand mesas, buttes and pinnacles in Zion and Bryce Canyon National Parks, and the radiant cliffs at Capitol Reef National Park. This trip will take your breath away!

Grand Canyon and Red Rocks
- Double $3049
- Single $3947

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Highlights

- **5 National Parks**—Grand Canyon, Zion, Bryce Canyon, Arches and Capitol Reef
- Discover the geologic wonders of the Grand Canyon—at over 4,000 feet deep and 277 miles long, it is a sight you will not want to miss! Learn its history at Mather Observation Point.
- **Tour the magnificent Antelope Slot Canyons** on a private tour
- **Walk the Sonoran desert paths** at the Desert Botanical Garden in Phoenix
- **Explore Sedona** on a jeep tour
- Learn about WWII famed “Code Talkers”
- **Enjoy “cowboy” entertainment and dinner** by hosts Shannon and Jenifer Steed in the desert town of Escalante
- **Options at Moab** for an off-road Hummer ride or Colorado River Jet Boat ride
- **19 Meals including breakfast** every day

**DAY BY DAY ITINERARY:**

**DAY 1—OLD TOWN SCOTTSDALE**
All Guests on the recommended flight will be met and transferred to the hotel. This evening meet your friendly travel companions at our welcome dinner and hear about the excitement ahead.  

**DAY 2—DESERT BOTANICAL GARDEN/SEDONA**
Start your day off at the 140 Acre Desert Botanical Garden in Phoenix. Here you will get to walk the Sonoran desert paths to see beautiful plants that thrive in some of the driest and hottest parts of the world. If you are lucky you may even spot the three species of hummingbirds that live within the gardens. Then thrill to a scenic desert drive to Sedona, a city surrounded by unbelievable towering rock formations. Enjoy a tasty lunch before we hop on a Jeep for an exciting and thrilling tour of Sedona. Roll along the base of the Red Rocks and learn about the geography and history of Sedona’s incredible landscape on this ‘not too rough’ off-road adventure. Later relax and enjoy the views from your balcony in Sedona.  

**DAY 3—GRAND CANYON NATIONAL PARK**
This morning, travel through Oak Creek Canyon, a steep, narrow, and very colorful gorge, then get ready for your visit to the south rim of the Grand Canyon! After receiving a detailed history of the park at Mather Observation Point, enjoy some free time at the rim and maybe even do some hiking if you choose. Cap off the day with the Park’s famed Sunset Tour to catch the canyon sunset.  

**DAY 4—ANTELOPE SLOT CANYON/LAKE POWELL**
Venture on to Desert View Watchtower for a last breathtaking look at the Grand canyon before heading north to Page, AZ. Today we visit a secret slot canyon with a knowledgeable guide. This easy flat 300-meter walk through towering sandstone walls is sure to amaze! Make sure to bring your camera so you can catch the sunbeams dancing off these beautiful natural red sculptures. This unique natural wonder is not to be missed. After lunch we will cruise on the brilliant blue waters of Lake Powell. Enjoy the beautiful rock formations, painted walls and amazing colors of Lake Powell.  

**DAY 5—ZION NATIONAL PARK**
At Utah’s spectacular Zion National Park, you will see an unusual combination of plummeting canyons, wide plateaus and soaring multicolored sandstone cliffs. Enjoy a guided tram tour along the park’s Scenic Drive. Then enjoy a peaceful evening before starting another day of geological and cultural wonders in Bryce Canyon.
DAY 6–BRYCE CANYON NATIONAL PARK/COWBOY NIGHT
In Bryce Canyon National Park, pinnacles of limestone, sandstone, and mudstone shoot toward the sky in fanciful formation. Then in the desert town of Escalante, meet Shannon and Jenifer Steed. Shannon will share the town’s unique history with us, and you will get a “taste” of life in southern Utah when he and Jenifer cook up a great meal for dinner, complete with “cowboy” entertainment. B, D

DAY 7–CAPITOL REEF NATIONAL PARK/MOAB
Start the day with the grand mesas, buttes and pinnacles of Escalante National Monument and explore a replica of a six-room, 1,000 A.D. dwelling in an Anasazi Indian Village. Next, soak in the radiant cliffs of Capitol Reef National Park—the Navajo called them “sleeping rainbows”—followed by the rock sculptures of Goblin Valley. Tonight, you are free to explore downtown in Moab, where you will unpack for the next two nights. B, L

DAY 8–ARCHES NATIONAL PARK
With more than 1,500 arches, this geographic wonder of the world awaits! No one quite knows why this many sandstone “arches” were formed by nature in this one national park. We have a chance to see and photograph dozens! In the afternoon, relax or take a swim at the hotel or take one of our optional excursions. B, L

Option—Jet Boat Cruise This 3-hour, 30-mile jet boat ride on the Colorado River takes you from Canyonlands National Park to Dead Horse State Park. Price: $109 per person.

Option—Off-Road Hummer Adventure Experience a 2-hour “extreme” ride through the beautiful remote back-country. Although these trips are off the main road, the guides are well-versed on these trails, and your Hummer, the ultimate 4x4, provides an exciting yet comfortable ride. Price: $109 per person.

DAY 9–NAVAJO NATION/WWII “CODE TALKERS”
Today, head to the heart of Navajo Country. Get your camera ready for a picture postcard view of Monument Valley. Learn about the “Code Talkers” of World War II and the important role they played in military communications. B, L, D

DAY 10–PHOENIX/HOME
This morning return to Phoenix airport for our return flight where we say farewell to the Southwest’s rugged natural beauty. B

QUALITY ACCOMMODATIONS
Night 1: Hilton Garden Inn Scottsdale Old Town
Night 2: Sky Rock Inn of Sedona
Night 3: Red Feather Lodge Grand Canyon
Night 4: Lake Powell Resort & Marina
Night 5: Best Western Plus Bryce Canyon Grand Hotel
Night 6: Canyon Country Lodge in Escalante
Nights 7-8: Homewood Suites by Hilton Moab
Night 9: Cameron Trading Post

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Helpful Information

Average Temp
Temperatures vary greatly on this tour, as elevation changes (we go from 1,000 feet to over 7,000 feet above sea level). Expect highs in the mid 80’s (or warmer) and lows down to the mid-50’s (or colder) in some of the higher mountain elevations at night.

Time Zone
Mountain

Arrival Time
Schedule your flight to arrive by 3:00 p.m. on Day 1.

Departure Time
Schedule your flight home to depart after 2:00 p.m. on Day 10.

Walking Distance
Moderate to moderately extensive walking is required to fully enjoy this tour. Some walking in National Parks can be on uneven surfaces. High elevations may cause some difficulties for people who have breathing issues, please consult your doctor before the tour.

Hotel Amenities
Hair dryers, irons, ironing boards & coffee makers throughout tour. Guest laundry is available on Days 7 & 8. Exercise room and swimming pool available at most hotels.

Additional Information
Sunscreen and a pair of binoculars will add to your enjoyment of this tour. The road on the Off-Road Hummer Adventure can be rough in spots causing the ride to be bumpy especially after a heavy rain. The Off-Road Hummer Adventure is an "extreme" adventure, with portions offering a straight up and straight down ride. It is not recommended for the faint of heart or those not fond of heights. Elevations reach 7,000 ft on parts of this tour.
This is a no-smoking tour.
Guest Laundry in most hotels.
Further information is mailed upon receipt of your reservation. A total of three mailings are sent to assist you in preparing for your tour...Get Ready, Get Set and Go! Our “Get Ready” packet is sent confirming your reservation. Our “Get Set” packet provides further details approximately 90 days prior to departure with important details regarding making your travel arrangements. Finally, our “Go” packet arrives 2-3 weeks before departure containing all your final documents.

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2021 Terms and Conditions

Your Travel Price Includes:

• Quality hotel accommodations
• Entrance fees for all attractions described in the itinerary
• Meals as specified in the itinerary
• Country Travel Discoveries Director or Representative
• Modern transportation per itinerary
• Luggage handling for one suitcase per person at hotels
• Gratuities for---included meals, driver, guides, tour director
• Government imposed taxes, fees and airline fuel surcharges

Not included:

• Air transportation
• Items of a personal nature
• Meals & beverages not in itinerary

Payment Schedule
$250 Deposit payable with registration to be credited to final payment. Final payment is due 60 days prior to departure. You will receive an invoice stating the exact due date; a $50 late fee is charged if not received and your reservation can be canceled. Payments may be made by check or credit card.

Fees: A $100 fee will be non-refundable in the case of all cancellations to defray trip planning expenses. Optional excursions are non-refundable 14 days prior to departure.

Cancellation fees:
45 days prior to tour.........$100
44-31 days.........................$250
30-15 days.........................25% of tour price
14-8 days..........................50% of tour price
7 days of less.....................no refund

Do not purchase air until you have been advised our minimum has been met. The group size is a minimum of 15 and a maximum of 30.

Extra nights at our Scottsdale hotel can be reserved through Country Travel Discoveries for $198 per night.