



Canyon Lands 2013

Day 1: Las Vegas - Welcome to Las Vegas, the world-renowned city of lights, shows, gambling, world class shopping, and more. Travel Dream West invites you to dinner. We will get to know each other and your tour guides will hand out tour documentation.



Las Vegas Strip

Day 2: Las Vegas – Valley of Fire – Panguitch - Drive to Bryce Canyon National Park. On the way, visit and hike in unique red colored Valley of Fire State Park with petroglyphs and marvelous sculpted sandstone cliffs. Continue on to St. George, before driving up the Colorado Plateau where we stay at comfortable cabins near Bryce Canyon.



Valley of Fire State Park St. George

Day 3: Bryce Canyon National Park - Explore Bryce Canyon, one of the most beautiful National Parks of the West. Stop at the visitor center with interactive displays and a movie, drive and walk along the scenic rim trails, and those more adventurous hike through the deep canyons of Bryce. Optional horseback ride through the canyons. 2nd night near Bryce Canyon.



Bryce Canyon N.P. hike Bryce Canyon

Day 4: Panguitch – Escalante NM – Torrey - Drive on beautiful, most scenic Highway 12, one of the few designated "All American Highways". Stop at photogenic Kodachrome Basin State Park for a walk. At Escalante Petrified Forest State Park discover colorful fossilized tree trunks. Depending on temperatures, enjoy a longer afternoon hike to Lower Calf Creek Falls. Night in Torrey, gateway to Capitol Reef National Park.



Highway 12 Calf Creek waterfall

Day 5: Torrey – Capitol Reef – Moab - Explore Capitol Reef National Park on a 2 hour hike through a gigantic slot canyon (weather permitting). Discover Goblin Valley State Park on an hours' walk through fun goblin-like rock formations. Stop at seldom visited Sego Canyon and see amazing petroglyphs and pictographs. Drive to Moab, a lively western town and gateway to both Arches and Canyonlands National Park. Utah. Stay for 2 nights in Moab downtown.



Capitol Reef N.P. Goblin Valley State Park

Day 6: Moab – Arches National Park - Spend the morning in Moab, a city of native art galleries, optional whitewater adventures, mineral and rock shops, restaurants and more. Today's highlights are walks and hikes in Arches National Park including the famous Delicate Arch.



Arches NP Colorado River

Day 7: Canyonlands National Park – Durango, Colorado - in the morning walk in Canyonlands National Park to famous Mesa Arch. Then visit Dead Horse Point State Park overlooking the Colorado River Plateau, where the Green and Colorado Rivers meet. Enjoy fantastic views. On to the Wild West town of Durango, Colorado, where we stay for 2 nights. Enjoy an evening stroll through historic downtown with its many galleries, shops and good restaurants.



Mesa Arch, Canyonlands, N.P.

Day 8: Durango – Silverton - Main attractions are the historic towns of Durango and Silverton. An optional ride on the historic Durango & Silverton narrow gauge railway steam train is highly recommended. This train has been in operation for 128 years and was used in 1882 to transport silver and gold from the San Juan mountains. Another night in attractive Durango.



Durango & Silverton narrow gauge train



Silverton City

Day 9: Durango – Mesa Verde National Monument – Bluff - Visit the ancient dwellings of Native Americans at Mesa Verde National Monument and participate at a ranger led tour. Stop at the Four-Corners-Monument for pictures and great-priced Native American art and fry bread. Evening and night in or near small pioneer town Bluff.



Mesa Verde N.M.



Four-Corners NM.

Day 10: Bluff – Gooseneck State Park – Monument Valley - Drive through Valley of the Gods, a largely undiscovered version of Monument Valley. Stop by Gooseneck State Park for views of over-entrenched San Juan River. Explore Goulding's Lodge, home to John Ford and John Wayne during the filming of many western movies such as Stagecoach. Then experience first hand the fantastic landscapes of Monument Valley, filming location for numerous western movies. Enjoy Navajo hospitality on a jeep tour and memorable stay for the night within Monument Valley at a traditional Hogan. Navajo dinner, campfire entertainment and breakfast included.



Monument Valley



Night at Hogan



Day 11: Monument Valley – Lake Powell - Drive to Page at Lake Powell. Short hike to the famous viewpoint Horseshoe Bend of the Colorado River. Participate at an optional boat tour on Lake Powell and a Native guided Antelope Canyon tour. Night in or near Page, Arizona



Antelope Canyon



Lake Powell

Day 12: Page – Lee's Ferry – Coral Pink Sand Dunes – Pipe Springs National Monument - Kanab First stop at deep Marble Canyon, touch Colorado water at Lee's Ferry before driving up to the plateau and participate at a guided tour through Mormon Fort at Pipe Spring National Monument where we learn about pioneers and natives. Visit Coral Pink Sand Dunes in beautiful evening light. Two nights in historic wild west movie town Kanab,



Marble Canyon



Pink Sand Dunes

Day 13: Grand Canyon National Park – Kanab - Leave for a great adventure to Grand Canyon National Park along the North Rim. (April and May departures will visit Grand Canyon South Rim instead). Explore the park on hikes and walks; enjoy marvelous views and an unforgettable sunset (weather permitting). Time permitting participate at an evening ranger talk at Grand Canyon Lodge.



Grand Canyon North



Ranger Talk

Day 14: Zion National Park – Las Vegas - A scenic drive along Mt. Carmel highway leads to Zion National Park, a wonderland of towering cliffs and deep gorges colored in shades of crème, orange and red. Walk to a wonderful view point, then take a ranger led shuttle bus through Zion Canyon and enjoy a hike. Drive back in the later afternoon to Las Vegas. Night in Las Vegas.



Zion National Park



Las Vegas

Day 21: Today, our tour ends. Independent travel or flight back home.



Goodbye und Aufwiederssehen!