Itinerary

National Parks of America
May 18, 2020 - May 29, 2020

Pre Night: Courtyard by Marriott Scottsdale
The Courtyard by Marriott Hotel features an ideal location near the finest restaurants, shopping, and golf that Scottsdale has to offer. The rooms are designed to be comfortable and functional.

Day 1: Scottsdale, Arizona - Tour Begins
Join us on a journey through five of America’s most incredible national parks. Your tour opens in Arizona where you will enjoy a stay in the world-famous resort town of Scottsdale. This evening, join your fellow travelers at a welcome dinner.

Hotel
Courtyard By Marriott Scottsdale
Scottsdale

Culinary
Dinner

Weather
High 93°
Low 58°

Day 2: Scottsdale - Sedona - Grand Canyon
Begin the day with a visit to the artists’ colony of Sedona where you will see the amazing rock formations change hue with each turn in the road. Afterward, travel through the beautiful scenery before arriving at one of the Seven Natural Wonders of the World, the spectacular Grand Canyon.* Upon arrival, relax at one of the many public seating areas overlooking the immense and colorful canyon. Take a moment to reflect as you stand in awe of this iconic natural treasure. Before dinner you may wish to take a short hike to explore the area.

Hotel
Yavapai East Lodge (delaware North)
Grand Canyon

Culinary
Breakfast & Dinner

Weather
High 69°
Low 38°

Day 3: Grand Canyon - Lake Powell
Today, travel to Carl Hayden Visitors Center and look out over Glen Canyon Dam and see to the end of Lake Powell. Later today, arrive at Lake Powell where you’ll enjoy dinner and sunset views of the lake.

Hotel
Lake Powell Resort
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Culinary
Breakfast & Dinner

Weather
High 81°
Low 55°
Day 4: Lake Powell - Zion National Park, Utah

This morning, embark on a delightful breakfast cruise on scenic Lake Powell. Today's destination is the red and white sandstone cliffs of Zion National Park.** Zion is very likely one of the most awe-inspiring national parks in the world, just in sheer magnitude and color. You'll have time for a leisurely hike on the Lower Emerald Pool Trail to see the lower pool and waterfalls. Then enjoy the view from the floor of the canyon as you ride along on the Zion tram.

Day 5: Zion National Park - Bryce Canyon - Salt Lake City

En route to Salt Lake City we will stop at Bryce Canyon National Park,** truly one of the most spectacular scenic wonders of the world. The formations within the park, called Hoodoos, are the creation of wind and water erosion over eons of time. Iron oxidizing within the rock causes the natural orange and red hues that color these formations. A drive north takes you to Salt Lake City, the "City of the Saints," for a 2-night stay.

Day 6: Salt Lake City

Enjoy a tour of Salt Lake City featuring the Great Salt Lake, the State Capitol and the residential district. Then, take the rest of the day to relax or independently explore. Perhaps you will choose to explore Temple Square: this beautifully landscaped 10-acre plot of ground in the heart of downtown Salt Lake City is one of Utah's most visited attractions. The square's centerpiece is the 6-spired granite Salt Lake Temple, and adjacent to this imposing edifice is the domed Tabernacle, home of the famous Mormon Tabernacle Choir and the great Tabernacle organ.

Day 7: Salt Lake City - Jackson Hole, Wyoming

En route to Wyoming you will see the majestic Bear Lake Summit. Later, arrive in the cowboy town of Jackson Hole. Tonight, experience a fun-filled evening of cowboy entertainment and a traditional chuck wagon*** dinner.

Day 8: Jackson Hole

The day is yours to enjoy Jackson Hole. Optional activities include shopping, canoeing, hiking and river-rafting trips. Of course, your Tour Manager will be ready with suggestions.

Day 9: Jackson Hole - Grand Teton & Yellowstone National Parks

From Jackson Hole, pass through Grand Teton National Park. Towering more than a mile above the valley of Jackson Hole, the Grand Teton rises to 13,770 feet. Twelve Teton peaks reach above 12,000 feet and support a dozen mountain glaciers. The Teton Range is the youngest range in the Rockies and displays some of North America's oldest rocks. Later, arrive at the amazing Yellowstone National Park**** and explore the incredible sights of this magnificent park. One of the many highlights is the world-famous Old Faithful Geyser, a fountain of steam that rises more than 130 feet in the air.
**Day 10: Yellowstone - Cody - Sheridan**

A delightful day of sightseeing begins with a trip along Yellowstone Lake and over Sylvan Pass. From the mountains to the prairies, the scenery is simply amazing. As you pass through Cody, a stop will be made at the Buffalo Bill Center of the West, a tribute to one of the most colorful figures of the Old West, Buffalo Bill Cody. Before turning in for the night in Sheridan, drive through the incredible Bighorn Mountains and journey through the territory of the Great Sioux Nation.

**Hotel**
Holiday Inn Sheridan
Sheridan

**Culinary**
Breakfast

**Weather**
High 67°
Low 39°
Rain 2°

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**Day 11: Sheridan - Rapid City, South Dakota**

Visit Crazy Horse Memorial, a monument dedicated to the Native Americans of this great land. You’ll also have the opportunity to visit the Native American Cultural Center to learn about their culture and customs. Here, Native Americans discuss the movements of their dances and the significance of wearing different feathers and clothes. Later, see one of the country’s most famous landmarks, Mount Rushmore, whose four figures carved in stone represent the first 150 years of American history. At tonight’s farewell dinner you will meet a local Lakota Native American and learn all about their fascinating way of life, past and present.

**Hotel**
Alex Johnson Hotel
Rapid City

**Culinary**
Breakfast & Dinner

**Weather**
High 71°
Low 42°
Rain 2°

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**Day 12: Rapid City - Tour Ends**

Your tour comes to a close, leaving you with many wonderful memories.