



Itinerary

Painted Canyons of the West featuring Utah's Five National Parks

Sep 29, 2019 - Oct 7, 2019

Pre Night: Sheraton Denver Downtown Hotel



Located in the financial and business district, the Sheraton Denver Downtown Hotel is mere steps away from bistros, microbreweries, shopping and entertainment. Hop on the shuttle to be taken around to the top destinations of Denver, like the Denver Performing Arts Complex and professional sports stadiums. Back at the hotel, enjoy the amenities and a comfortable stay.

Day 1: Denver, Colorado - Tour Begins



If the Colorado River is a necklace, Utah's five national parks are its jewels that sparkle with some of the most captivating scenery in the western United States. But first, you'll start in the mile-high city of Denver and meet your fellow travelers at a welcome reception.

Hotel

Sheraton Denver Downtown Hotel
Denver

Weather

High 77°
Low 48°
Rain 1"

Day 2: Denver - Grand Junction



The wild and unscarred Rocky Mountains are your traveling companions on the drive to Grand Junction. Look out at the romantic scenery as you drive past Glenwood Canyon, a product of the Colorado River, carved more than 3 million years ago. Dine together as guests of our friends, the West family, and enjoy a wine tasting in the midst of Colorado wine country.

Hotel

Doubletree Hotel Grand Junction
Grand Junction

Culinary

Breakfast & Dinner

Weather

High 80°
Low 50°

Day 3: Grand Junction - Colorado National Monument - Moab, Utah



Set out to explore the Colorado National Monument this morning along the Rim Rock Drive. On what's referred to by the locals as the "River Road," the Upper Colorado Byway delivers you to Utah. As the iconic Fisher Towers loom over breathtaking mesas, make your way to the Red Cliffs Lodge, nestled along the banks of the Colorado River. Relax tonight at a cowboy BBQ where grilled steak is at the top of the menu.

Hotel

Red Cliffs Lodge
Moab

Culinary

Breakfast & Dinner

Weather

High 68°
Low 42°

Day 4: Moab - Arches - Canyonlands - Dead Horse Point - Moab



Your journey through the otherworldly oases of two national parks begins today. Explore and discover the geological nuances of the world's largest concentration of natural sandstone arches on a hike* at Arches National Park. At the heart of the Colorado Plateau, Canyonlands National Park is a sublime and solitary wilderness of rock; a color wheel of canyons, mesas, buttes, and arches that work together to create Utah's largest national park. Close by, in the Island in the Sky District, the canyons of the Green and Colorado rivers are dreamily showcased. Your journey through these national parks ends today atop the sheer sandstone cliffs of Dead Horse Point State Park. Legend says the point was used as a corral for wild mustangs that roamed the mesa top.

Hotel

Red Cliffs Lodge
Moab

Culinary

Breakfast & Lunch

Weather

High 68°
Low 42°

Day 5: Moab - Capitol Reef National Park - Bryce



Travel through the dramatic Utah desert on Utah's Scenic Byway 24 to Capitol Reef National Park. Named in part for the Navajo Sandstone's resemblance to the U.S. Capitol building, to stand inside its desert landscape is to find it virtually impossible to tell where the earth stops and the sky begins. Over Boulder Mountain on Scenic Byway 12, known as the Million Dollar Road, views of Grand Staircase-Escalante National Monument are anything but scarce. The mountain is North America's highest timbered plateau. Spend the night in Bryce tonight, at the gateway to Bryce Canyon National Park.

Hotel

Best Western Plus Bryce Canyon Grand
Hotel
Bryce Canyon National Park

Culinary

Breakfast

Weather

High 61°
Low 26°
Rain 1"

Day 6: Bryce Canyon National Park - Springdale



Fairy chimneys and goblins: the hoodoos of Bryce Canyon National Park are famous. These red and orange hued rock formations – products of thousands of years of wind and water exposure – dominate the park's landscape. Take some time this morning for an optional hike.* Consider circuiting the Navajo Loop or Queens Garden trails. Just outside of Zion National Park, Springdale offers views from its main street that are almost equally as grand as the ones inside the park.

Hotel

Holiday Inn Express/springdale Zion Park Inn
Zion National Park

Culinary

Breakfast

Weather

High 61°
Low 26°
Rain 1"

Day 7: Springdale - Zion National Park - Springdale



There are few places on earth that match the beauty of the red and white sandstone cliffs of Zion. In this ethereal paradise, spend the entire day exploring. On Zion's open-air tram, wind along the Virgin River through the 2,400 feet deep, half-mile wide Zion Canyon. This afternoon, it's your choice! You may choose to hike* independently -OR- visit Zion's Human History Museum. Tonight, enjoy the company of your travel companions at a farewell dinner.

Hotel

Holiday Inn Express/springdale Zion Park Inn
Zion National Park

Culinary

Breakfast & Dinner

Weather

High 61°
Low 26°
Rain 1"

Day 8: Springdale - Las Vegas, Nevada



Nature's spectacle is replaced by a spectacle of lights – a neon culture where everything is glamorous. Viva Las Vegas!

Hotel

Golden Nugget
Las Vegas

Culinary

Breakfast

Weather

High 81°
Low 54°

Day 9: Las Vegas - Tour Ends



Memories of an unforgettable journey accompany you on your voyage home today.

Post Night: Golden Nugget



Would you like to end your vacation with an additional Hotel in Las Vegas, NV?