

THE TRAVEL CLUB

US National Parks: Grand Canyon to Yellowstone

12 DAYS: Friday, May 3-Tuesday, May 14, 2019

\$3,819 per person double occupancy; \$4,639 for single reservations

LET'S EXPLORE THE DRAMATIC NATIONAL PARKS OF AMERICA'S WEST! We'll start in Santa Fe—"The City Different"—whose downtown is a designated historic district of pueblo-style architecture, Spanish churches, twisting streets, galleries and tiny boutiques. Explore the Old West mining town of Durango and tour Mesa Verde National Park and its 800-year-old cliff dwellings. Browse Native American crafts at Cameron Trading Post and enjoy the exhibits of Navajo culture at the Navajo Interactive Museum before enjoying a full day to explore the Grand Canyon. See the red and white sand-stone cliffs of Zion National Park and the arches, bridges and Hoodoos of Bryce Canyon National Park. Spend three nights in Wyoming's resort-cowboy town of Jackson and discover Grand Teton National Park—the mountains of the imagination—and Yellowstone, the world's first national park.

Your tour package includes

- 11 nights in handpicked hotels, 11 breakfasts, 4 dinners with beer or wine
- 8 guided sightseeing tours, Expert Tour Director & local guides, Private deluxe motor coach

Included highlights

- Loretto Chapel, Mesa Verde National Park, Monument Valley, the Grand Canyon, Zion National Park, Bryce Canyon, the Grand Tetons, Yellowstone National Park,

Tour pace

On this guided tour, you'll walk for about 2 hours daily across mostly flat terrain, including paved trails and dirt paths, with some hills and high altitudes.

FEATURES

Santa Fe tour including Loretto Chapel. Visit Durango. Mesa Verde National Park tour, Monument Valley. Cameron Trading Post. Grand Canyon: South Rim scenic walk, free day. Zion National Park: tram ride. Bryce Canyon National Park: tour by bus and on foot. Jackson. Grand Teton National Park: tour by bus and on foot. Yellowstone National Park: tour with photo stops. **OPTIONAL: Grand Canyon—helicopter ride.**

ACCOMMODATIONS

DAY 1 Flight from Boston

DAYS 1-2 Lodge at Santa Fe, Santa Fe

DAY 3 Far View Lodge, Mesa Verde

DAY 4 Hampton Inn, Kayenta

DAYS 5-6 Best Western Premier Grand Canyon Squire Inn, Grand Canyon

DAY 7 Holiday Inn Express Springdale, Zion National Park

DAY 8 Salt Lake Plaza Hotel, Salt Lake City

DAYS 9-11 Elk Country Inn, Jackson

DAY 12 Return flight to Boston

or similar hotel accommodations



Santa Fe, New Mexico

Day 1: Arrival in Albuquerque

Included meals: Dinner

Welcome to New Mexico! Arrive in Albuquerque and transfer to your hotel in Santa Fe. Then, gather with your Tour Director and fellow travelers at a welcome dinner.

Day 2: Sightseeing tour of Santa Fe

Included meals: Breakfast

Enjoy a guided sightseeing tour of New Mexico's capital city, settled by a Spanish conquistador nearly 400 years ago. • See the Cross of the Martyrs and Saint Francis Cathedral • Pass through the plaza in the heart of the city to view the State Capitol Building and Palace of the Governors • Enter Loretto Chapel to view the miraculous staircase Enjoy a free afternoon to explore the rest of the city on your own.

Mesa Verde, Colorado

Day 3: Transfer to Mesa Verde National Park via Durango

Included meals: Breakfast, Dinner

Cross the Colorado border, stopping in the Old West mining town of Durango, Colorado, en route to Mesa Verde. • Pass by Chimney Rock and Abiquiu Lake • Take in the stunning landscapes that inspired the work of artist Georgia O'Keeffe • Explore Durango to feel its frozen-in-time charm

Kayenta, Arizona

Day 4: Mesa Verde National Park & transfer to Kayenta

Included meals: Breakfast, Dinner

Take a guided tour of Mesa Verde National Park before transferring to Kayenta, Arizona, through Monument Valley. • View fascinating 800-year-old cliff dwellings that honeycomb the walls of the canyon • Enjoy free time to visit either the gift shop or Spruce Tree House and Museum • Pass by Monument Valley's iconic "Mexican Hat," a sombrero-shaped rock formation

The Grand Canyon, Arizona

Day 5: The Grand Canyon via Tuba City & the Cameron Trading Post **Included meals: Breakfast**

Learn about the culture and history of the Navajo tribe during a stop at the Explore Navajo Interactive Museum. Then, pay a visit to the Cameron Trading Post before arriving at the Grand Canyon. Upon arrival, take a scenic walk along the South Rim with your Tour Director. • Marvel at the rocky formations that reflect millions of years of geologic evolution • View the Colorado River running one mile below

Day 6: Free day visiting the Grand Canyon **Included meals: Breakfast**

Enjoy a full free day at the Grand Canyon exploring the rims and plateaus on your own or add an excursion.

Optional Excursion **Grand Canyon Helicopter Ride** **\$199/pp**

Enjoy a bird's-eye view of the Grand Canyon aboard a thrilling half-hour-long helicopter ride. Soar over the massive canyon, taking in a unique perspective on the striated terrain far below. From high above the canyon rim, you can begin to fully appreciate the immense scale of this natural wonder. Please note: This excursion is weather dependent. Save \$10 when you book this excursion up to 3 days before your tour departs (On-tour price: \$209)

Zion National Park, Utah

Day 7: Transfer to Zion National Park **Included meals: Breakfast**

Pass by the Vermilion Cliffs National Monument before arriving in Zion National Park. • Discover why 19th-century Mormon settlers named Zion after their heavenly city • View the yellow and orange-hued, dramatically eroded sedimentary rocks • Take in magnificent vistas on an open-air tram ride with commentary

Salt Lake City, Utah

Day 8: Bryce Canyon National Park tour & transfer to Salt Lake City **Included meals: Breakfast**

En route to Utah's capital city, stop for a visit to Bryce Canyon National Park. • Tour the park by bus and on foot • Take in up-close views of its distinctive pink limestone and sandstone formations, including awe-inspiring arches, spires, and bridges • View colorful rock pinnacles known as "hoodoos"

Jackson, Wyoming

Day 9: Transfer to Jackson & Grand Teton National Park tour **Included meals: Breakfast**

Cross into Wyoming on a scenic drive en route to the resort town of Jackson. Then, set out to explore Grand Teton National Park, home to the youngest mountain range in the Rockies. • Drive through stunning Logan Canyon and past turquoise Bear Lake • Tour Grand Teton National Park by bus and on foot • Try to spot elk, coyotes, black bears, wolves, and the elusive mountain lion Enjoy a free evening in Jackson.

Day 10: Yellowstone National Park**Included meals: Breakfast**

Venture out into Yellowstone National Park, designated the world's first national park in 1872, for a full day of sightseeing. • Drive through the park with stops for photos • See cascading waterfalls, bubbling mud pots, and the famous geyser, Old Faithful • Keep an eye out for the bison, mountain goats, moose, and grey wolves that call the park home

Day 11: Free time in Jackson**Included meals: Breakfast, Dinner**

Enjoy a free day in Jackson or add excursions. Later, gather with your group for a farewell dinner.

Day 12: Departure**Included meals: Breakfast (excluding early morning departures)**

Transfer to the airport for your flight home or continue on to Missoula.