

Western National Parks Tour

North Rim Grand Canyon Arches Zion Lake Powell Bryce Canyon

June 11 – 22, 2012

Days 1-3 **Travel to Page, Arizona** for a two night stay at the **Lake Powell Resort**

Day 4: Today we'll explore Lake Powell on a one of a kind boat excursion. Enjoy cruising past 50 miles of Lake Powell to Rainbow Bridge National Monument. Witness firsthand the power of wind and water in their role of sculpting this remarkable landscape. This evening enjoy free time at the resort.

Day 5: We will make our way to the **North Rim of the Grand Canyon**. Here you can experience the canyon's colors, shadows, formations, and its rugged solitude. A guide will come aboard to tell us about the uniqueness of the area. Overnight in a frontier cabin at the North Rim.

Day 6: **Grand Canyon to Zion National Park**

This morning we leave the Grand Canyon and travel northward across the Kaibab Plateau to Zion National Park. The Mormons called this spectacular outdoor wonderland the "Heavenly City of God," because its massive formations of extremely vertical rock looked like huge cathedrals and thrones. Lake West Temple rises to 7,795 feet. Driving through the park road, we at first feel threatened by the narrow, steep walls of side canyons, which branch out in all directions from the main gorge, and then we become fascinated by the constant changing of colors. After seeing one of the park's more noted landmarks, the Temple of Sinawava, a natural amphitheater surrounded by pink cliffs, we exit the park to Zion Park Inn for our overnight stop.

Day 7: **Zion National Park to Bryce Canyon National Park**

Leaving beautiful Zion Park and Hotel behind, we head to Dixie National Forest and Bryce Canyon National Park. Though much smaller than Zion, Bryce has its own brand of unique beauty, featuring weird looking formations known as hoodoos. These formations undergo a constant change of color from the reflection of sunlight hitting at different angles. From the rim drive, the oddly shaped rocks and cliffs resemble castles, animals, people, and houses. We will overnight in Bryce, Utah.

Day 8: **Scenic Drive**

Today will be a beautiful scenic drive from Bryce Canyon to Escalante Canyon to Capitol Reef National Park to Moab, Utah where we spend two nights.

Day 9: **Arches National Park**

This morning we visit Arches National Park. This timeless, natural landscape of giant stone arches, pinnacles, spires, fins and windows was once the bed of an ancient sea. The power of erosion has laid bare the skeletal structure of the earth for all to see. Tonight relax and enjoy your surroundings in the Moab area. A spectacular sight!

Days 10-12: We travel back home after visiting some of the most scenic wonders in the world.

10-12: Travel Home

Price includes: Motorcoach transportation, hotels, luggage handling (1) bag, all breakfasts, 12 lunches or dinners, entrance fees for all tours listed in brochure, and guide services

(Trip Cancellation insurance is highly recommended and can be purchased for ANY trip. If you purchase cancellation insurance at the time of deposit, insurance covers pre-existing medical conditions for you.)

Price per person based on:

Single - \$2600

Double - \$ 2200

Triple - \$ 2000



Deposit of \$50 due on

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