

Wendinger Travel invites you to

Wonders & Warmth of the Southwest

Featuring: Laughlin, Grand Canyon, Hoover Dam
Canyon de Chelly, Albuquerque, Santa Fe & more

Feb. 26 - Mar. 6, 2025



\$ 2,475 per Person



Itinerary

Wednesday, February 26

Escape the Minnesota winter when our flight departs for a fun-filled week of *Wonders & Warmth of the Southwest*. Discover the land of enchantment & national monuments, historical sites, parks, and yes...casinos! With a warm welcome to "Fabulous Las Vegas" we will have a photo stop of the iconic sign just off of the strip. We will be able to view the glitz of Vegas with its neon signs, high-rise restaurants, hotels & casinos. This exciting "playground" for adults offers food venues, slots, blackjack,

Laughlin, NV



craps, poker & more for those who want to try their luck! Late this afternoon, we will travel to Laughlin to our hotel for the next three nights at the Aquarius Casino Resort, along the banks of the Colorado River. The evening is yours to relax and become familiar with this magical oasis of the desert.

Thursday, February 27

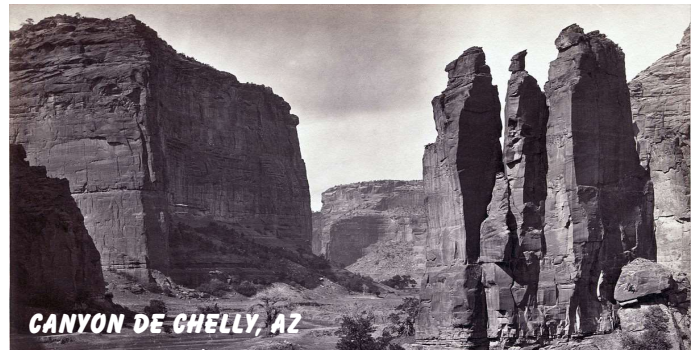
Today, we're off to one of the "Wonders of the World" – Hoover Dam. The massive, arch-gravity dam is one of the greatest engineering achievements in human history. We'll tour the Visitor Center, offering theater level displays, get a first-hand look at the massive generators of the Power Plant, and capture scenic photos from the Overlook. We'll return to our hotel for a relaxing evening on our own.

Laughlin, NV

Friday, February 28

After breakfast, we will travel to an authentic Western town, the once mining Ghost Town of Oatman, where the "wild" burros wander and greet tourists. It might be wise to bring a few carrots with you, as these "citizens" beg for hand-outs all day long. This afternoon, we'll wind our way on the Colorado River aboard the

Celebration Steamboat for a 90-minute cruise while the Captain tells tales of Laughlin's history. There's always something to do in Laughlin, and this evening you may want to enjoy the beautiful, three mile Riverwalk, connecting major casinos and making the entertainment district easy to explore on foot. The hotel is yours to enjoy at your leisure.



Saturday, March 1

Our travels today include gazing at the immense beauty of the Grand Canyon. The IMAX Theater at the Visitor Center presents a short documentary, "*Grand Canyon – the Hidden Secrets*", inspiration guaranteed! We'll continue driving through Grand Canyon National Park while making our way to our overnight accommodations at the Cameron Trading Post. Sunset views, the people, and the culture unlike anywhere else invite us to experience the Southwest.

Cameron, AZ

Sunday, March 2

Professional Navajo guides await our arrival and are eager to take us on a guided jeep tour, introducing us to the stunning beauty of *Canyon de Chelly National Monument* in Chinle, Arizona. Taking pride in offering more than just viewing their scenery, they'll teach us the history of their canyons and about the people. Is your stomach growling? We'll have a chance to experience local flavor with an included Navajo Taco for lunch. Your appetite will definitely be satisfied with

Gallup, NM



tasty Fry Bread topped with various taco ingredients. Our road trip continues to Gallup, NM for our overnight stay at the Hampton Inn & Suites.



Monday, March 3 Albuquerque, NM

After departing our hotel, we'll have a mid-morning arrival in cultural Old Town, the heart and soul of Albuquerque, NM. There will be ample time for enjoying lunch on our own at one of the cafes and visiting the unique local shops. Our afternoon will be filled with a guided tour of Albuquerque which is rich in history, diverse in culture and contains many historic adobe buildings. Tonight our hotel, the Drury Inn & Suites, offers complimentary hot food and cold beverages at their "5:30 Kickback"!

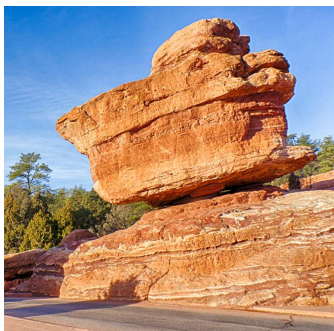
Tuesday, March 4

Colorado Springs, CO

This morning, we'll have a short drive to the Spanish town, Santa Fe, the capitol of the state of New Mexico. A multiplicity of cultures, Native American Indian, Spanish, Mexican and Anglo, provide a rich and very colorful heritage. You will marvel at the **Loretto Chapel**, home of the miraculous staircase sometimes referred to as St. Joseph's Staircase. Puzzling architects and engineers, the mysterious staircase makes over two complete 360 degree turns, stands 20 feet tall, has no center support and rests solely on its base and against the choir loft. Our overnight accommodations will be at the Hampton Inn of Colorado Springs, CO.



LORETTO CHAPEL, SANTA FE



GARDEN OF THE GODS

Wednesday, March 5

Kearney, NE

We will start our day with a tour of the **Garden of the Gods Park**, a registered National Natural Landmark. Imagine dramatic views, 300-foot towering sandstone rock formations against a backdrop of snow-capped Pikes Peak and brilliant blue skies. This world-class Visitor & Nature Center and Museum is the most visited attraction in the region with all new interactive exhibits. A trained Colorado naturalist will "step-on" our coach to give a tour of the park. Our afternoon travels will lead us into Nebraska for our overnight stay at the Holiday Inn in Kearney.

Thursday, March 6

Home

This time, of year over 600,000 Sandhill Cranes migrate to the Platte River Valley before resuming their northward migration. We will make a stop to learn more about the migration at the visitor center at the Rowe Sanctuary. Traveling homeward, take time to reflect on the sights, cultures and wonderment of your **Southwest vacation**.



For More Information:

Wendinger Travel • P.O. Box 386
New Ulm, MN 56073 • Phone: **507-359-3111**
Email: info@wendingertravel.com

Tour Price: \$2,475 per person based on two persons sharing a double room. Single accommodations are **\$494** additional charge.

Deposit and Payment: A **deposit of \$350.00** per person is required to secure your reservation. Full payment is due **November 26, 2024**. Credit cards are accepted. A 3.3% processing fee will be added.

Pick Up Locations: New Ulm, Hutchinson & New Prague. Please indicate on the reservation form. Finalized route & pick-up locations determined by Wendinger Travel at time of invoicing.

Responsibility: Wendinger Travel acts only in the capacity of an agent for travelers in all matters pertaining to hotel accommodations, sightseeing tours and transportation by motor coach and is not to be held responsible for damage, expense, or inconvenience caused by itinerary or schedule changes, nor for loss, injury, or damage to any person or property, from any cause whatsoever, including parked vehicles while on a Wendinger Travel tour. The right is reserved to decline to accept or retain any person as a member of this tour. Wendinger Travel is not responsible for individual needs of travelers. To ensure a safe and enjoyable experience, a travel companion **MUST** accompany all guests requiring special assistance.

Cancellation policy: A full refund will be made up to 90 days prior to departure date. Up to 89 days prior, 50% of the tour price will be refunded. No refund will be given within 45 days before departure date.

COMPLETE the *Wendinger Travel Reservation Form*, fill in name of this tour, the dates and the deposit amount, indicate your pick up point, and mail along with a check made out to Wendinger Travel to ensure your spot on this tour.



Your Trip Includes:

- Non-stop Airfare from Minneapolis to Las Vegas - one way only
- Deluxe motor coach transportation from Las Vegas to all attractions and back to Minnesota
- Eight nights accommodations (based on double occupancy)
- Luggage handling (one suitcase per person - at hotels only)
- Breakfast each morning
- Hoover Dam Power Plant Tour
- Colorado River Cruise - Laughlin
- ½ day trip to Oatman
- Grand Canyon National Park & IMAX theater
- Guided jeep tour of Canyon De Chelly National Monument w/Navajo Taco Luncheon
- Guided Tours: Albuquerque, Santa Fe, & the Garden of the Gods Park
- Fully escorted

Wendinger Travel recommends trip insurance to protect you and your investment. Our trusted partner, Travel Insured International, offers a variety of protection plans for your convenience.