

Wendinger Travel invites you to
**Explore the National Parks
of the West**

Featuring the Grand Canyon, Arches,
Zion, Bryce Canyon, Monument Valley,
Canyonlands & Capital Reef National Parks

September 12 - 22, 2023

\$2,698 Per Person

Tuesday, September 12

Salina, KS

We'll begin our journey to the National Parks of the West by boarding the motor coach at designated pick-up locations. Lunch will be en route while making our way to our overnight stay at the Courtyard by Marriott in Salina, Kansas.



Wednesday, September 13

Colorado Springs, CO

Relax and leave the driving to us as we travel across the plains of Kansas. We will make a brief stop at the Romanesque, Cathedral of the Plains, which is one of the eight wonders of Kansas. Constructed of the native limestone, this structure features 141-foot spires and stained-glass windows imported from Germany. The scenery gradually changes as we can begin to see the Colorado Rockies as we arrive in Colorado Springs for our overnight stay at the Drury Inn & Suites, just in time for their "kick back" reception.

Thursday, September 14

Cortez, CO

Today, we'll enjoy traveling through the scenic Colorado Rockies, with an afternoon drive along the **Million Dollar Highway**, America's first National Scenic Highway. This breathtaking seventy-mile section of the San Juan Skyway provides valley and gorge views and jaw-dropping vista after vista. It's one of the most scenic drives in the USA. Our evening stay is at the Holiday Inn Express of Cortez.

Friday, September 15

Grand Canyon Village, AZ

Our day begins with a stop at the only Quadripoint in the United States – **Four Corners Monument** in the Southwestern United States where the borders of Arizona, Colorado, New Mexico and Utah meet. An ethnic lunch is included before an exciting 1.5-hour jeep tour on a **Monument Valley Safari**. Discover geological wonders following the unpaved 17-mile Sandy Trail, taking you into the Lower Monument Vistas Outlook and John Fords point, the origin of well-known Western films. We'll travel near Rain God Mesa reaching the Totem Pole Outlook, where you can capture photos of Monument Valley's incredible geography and learn history of the area. Late this afternoon, we will continue our travels to one of the Seven Wonders of the World, the Grand Canyon. Your first glimpse will be a breathtaking view of the sunset over the canyon (weather permitting) before making our way to our hotel in the Grand Canyon Village for our overnight stay.

Saturday, September 16

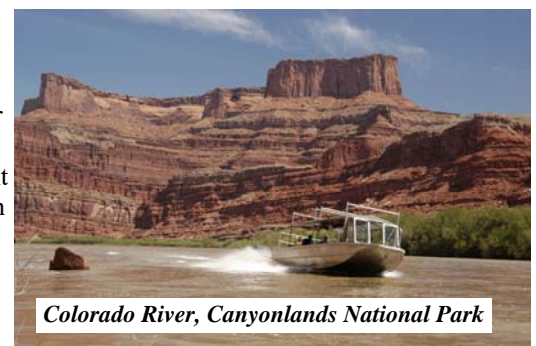
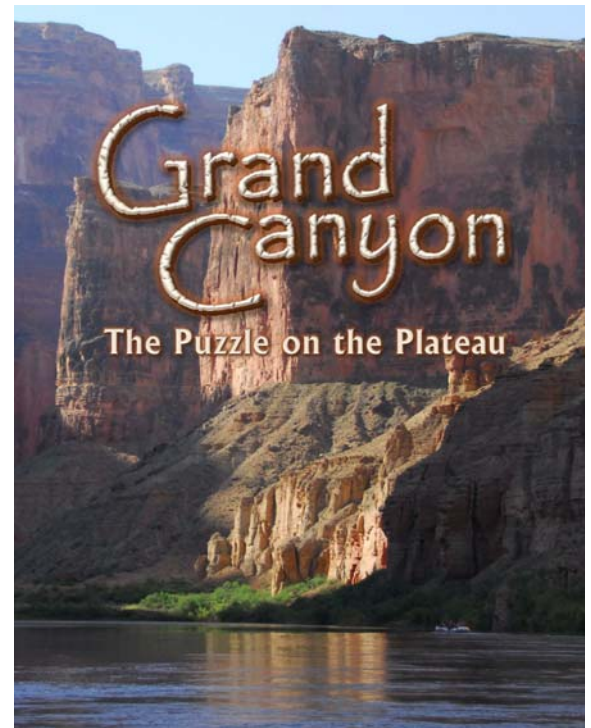
Springdale, UT

We'll begin the day by meeting our step-on guide at the **Grand Canyon National Park**. The steep canyon, more than one mile deep, 277 miles long and 18 miles wide, is one of nature's most spectacular examples of erosion. Our luncheon stop, with an included meal at the Trading Post in Cameron, offers a view of the Little Colorado River Gorge. Crossing into Utah this afternoon, we'll visit the town of Kanab, commonly referred to as "Little Hollywood", due to its history as a filming location for most Western movies. This evening we enter Zion National Park for our overnight stay at the SpringHill Suites.

Sunday, September 17

Bryce Canyon, UT

Enjoy breakfast at the hotel before touring the spectacular **Zion National Park**. In sheer magnitude and color, Zion is very likely one of the most awe-inspiring National Parks in the world. We'll enjoy a Tram ride through the park, taking time to view the magnificent rock formations above. After an included lunch en route we will embark on an afternoon of touring the **Bryce Canyon National Park**. Millions of years of wind, water and geological mayhem have shaped and etched the cliffs at Bryce, which isn't actually a canyon, but rather the eastern slope of the Paunsaugunt Plateau. Driving along Rim Road, we'll notice tall spires known as "hoodoos", displaying colors of pink, orange and red. Tonight, we will be staying at the historic Ruby's Inn.



Monday, September 18 Moab, UT

Today, we'll make our way to Moab, just outside of Arches and Canyonlands National Park. Our drive will take us through **Capitol Reef National Park** on the Capitol Reef Scenic Byway; passing over Boulder Mountain in the Dixie National Forest. We'll travel over Devil's Backbone which offers one of the most outstanding views in America. We will have an included lunch as we make our way to our hotel, the Best Western Canyonlands in Moab, UT.

Tues., Sept. 19 Grand Junction, CO

After breakfast, enjoy a scenic Jet Boat Cruise on the Colorado River into **Canyonlands National Park**. The narrated tour will include picture stops viewing an extensive panel of petroglyphs and towering red sandstone cliffs hugging the river. Watchful eyes spot eagles, mule deer, bighorn sheep or the occasional lone coyote. This relaxing journey gives you an opportunity to drift with the rhythm of the river, while enjoying the magnificent scenery and the silence of the wilderness. This afternoon, a step-on-guide will join us on the motor coach for a tour of **Arches National Park** which contains the world's largest concentration of natural stone arches. This National Park is a red, arid desert punctuated with oddly eroded sandstone forms such as fins, pinnacles, spires, balanced rocks and arches, truly "miracles of nature". Our hotel greets us with a welcome reception at the Grand Vista in Grand Junction, Colorado.

Wednesday, Sept. 20 Denver, CO

Begin your day with an eye opening, full buffet breakfast at the hotel before making your way to Denver, traveling either by an **optional scenic Amtrak excursion** or



aboard our motor coach. The Amtrak will wind through the spectacular Rocky Mountains and the 6-mile Moffat Tunnel, crossing the Continental Divide and traveling along the sparkling Colorado River for an evening arrival at the hotel. Motor coach travelers will enjoy a leisurely drive through the beautiful ski resort areas such as Vail, before arriving at the

Drury Inn & Suites of Denver, CO. A complimentary selection of hors d'oeuvres and beverages are offered until 7 PM to their guests.

Thursday, September 21 York, NE

Today, we will travel east into Nebraska with a stop in Kearney at the Great Platte **River Road Archway Monument**, paying tribute to its bountiful history. This eight-story structure spans the highway much like a bridge and traces the westward migration through murals and life-size figures. We then continue on to our overnight stay in York, NE at the Hampton Inn.

Friday September 22 Home

Following breakfast, we'll board our motor coach, taking one last look at the landscape of Nebraska as we head homeward toward Minnesota. Bidding farewell to fellow travelers with whom we explored the National Parks of the West on this incredible adventure!

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.

Wendinger Travel requests all non-smoking rooms unless otherwise specified.



Your Trip Includes:

- 11 days deluxe motor coach transportation
- 10 nights accommodations based on double occupancy
- Baggage handling
- Million Dollar Highway, Four Corners Monument & Monument Valley Jeep Tour
- National Parks: Grand Canyon, Zion, Bryce Canyon, Canyonlands, Arches, & Capital Reef
- Breakfast each morning, & five lunches
- Jet Boat Cruise of Colorado River to Canyonlands National Park
- Guided Tour of Grand Canyon & Arches
- Great Platte River Road Archway Monument
- Fully Escorted

General Information: Tour Price: **\$2,698** per person based on two persons sharing a double room. Single accommodations are \$1,100 additional charge.

Deposit and Payment: A deposit of \$350.00 per person is required to secure your reservation. Full payment is due June 15, 2023. Credit cards are accepted. A 3.5% processing fee will be added

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Cancellation policy: A full refund will be made up to 60 days prior to departure date. Up to 45 days prior, 50% of the tour price will be refunded. No refund will be given within 45 days before departure date.

Explore the National Parks of the West Reservation Form - September 12-22, 2023

Name _____

Room Partner _____

Address _____

City, State, Zip _____

Phone _____ Cell Phone _____

Email: _____

Optional - Amtrak through the Rockies - \$65 per person - Quantity # _____

Indicate tentative pick-up point: ___ New Ulm ___ Hutchinson ___ New Prague

Interested in a Quote for Travel Protection. Insurance is based on your age and the cost of the trip. Please provide your birthdates and a quote will be sent with your confirmation.

DOB: _____ DOB _____

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