

## Utah Mighty 5 National Parks Tour    Date: May 15-22, 2022

Of all the paths you take in life...make sure a few of them are dirt!

Join Susan Duval and explore the Mighty 5 National Parks of Utah; Arches, Canyonlands, Capitol Reef, Bryce Canyon, and Zion. Hiking, scenic viewpoints, local eateries, hidden gems and other fantastic experiences await! This small group, private tour will take you to mountain peaks, the rims of towering cliffs, and deep into narrow canyons carved through time. You will awe in wonder at the arches, spires, and hoodoo rock formations. Expansive vistas will overwhelm you with grandeur and add contrast to exploring the confines of narrow, twisting slot canyons. At night, take in the clean desert air under a canopy of stars as you reflect on the highlights of your day.

### **Day 1: May 15, 2022**

Arrive at the SLC Airport, and please use uber, taxi, or airport shuttle to get you to the hotel on your own. The rest of the day is free to explore Salt Lake City on your own. Enjoy dinner (not included) with your group this evening.

Springhill Suites Salt Lake City, UT

### **Day 2: May 16, 2022**

Depart Salt Lake City, UT at 7:00 am and travel to Canyonlands National Park, known for its dramatic desert landscape carved by the Colorado River. Hike to Mesa Arch for an up-close view of one of the most photographed arches in the Southwestern US. Explore the Grand Viewpoint and hike along the rim of the Island in the Sky, a huge, flat-topped mesa with panoramic overlooks. Other notable areas include the towering rock pinnacles known as the Needles, the remote canyons of the Maze and the Native American rock paintings in Horseshoe Canyon.

Homewood Suites Moab, UT    Meals B, L

### **Day 3: May 17, 2022**

An early-morning hike brings you to Delicate Arch in Arches National Park; continue on a hike to Landscape Arch, one of the longest natural arches in the world. Also visit the Windows Section and Double Arch. Be awed by the beauty of this park that guarantees sights of just what you might expect; over 2,000 impossibly natural arches grace the landscape of this place that boasts rich textures, rocky layers and swirling colors. Peer through the arches like a window or a picture frame, and watch the blue sky collide with the deep reds, oranges, and purples of the land. A scenic drive/hike along the Colorado River showcases ancient petroglyphs depicting animals, humans, and geometric patterns carved onto red-rock walls.

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### **Day 4: May 18, 2022**

Explore the mystical landscape of Goblin Valley State Park which is unlike any other in Utah. The landscape, covered with sandstone goblins and formations, is often compared to Mars. Visitors come to this section of the San Rafael Desert to explore the thousands of mushroom-shaped pillars resembling stone "goblins", which give the park its name.

Continue to Capital Reef National Park and delve into the narrows of Sulphur Creek or Grand Wash. Capitol Reef park is famous for its Water pocket Fold, known as a wrinkle in the earth that was caused by fault movement. Native Americans once called this colorful park landscape of tilted buttes, jumbled rocks, and sedimentary canyons the Land of the Sleeping Rainbow. Hike to the Hickman Bridge, a 133-foot natural bridge, or go down to the Grand Wash to explore the park's deep canyons and narrows. Hike to Sulphur Creek Overlook and enjoy the Panoramic Point overlook.

Capitol Reef Resort Torrey, UT    Meals B, L, D

### **Day 5: May 19, 2022**

Traverse the Canyons of Escalante Grand Staircase on your drive to Bryce Canyon National Park. Grand Staircase–Escalante National Monument is phenomenal. Marked by vertical drops at the Pink Cliffs, Grey Cliffs, White Cliffs, Vermillion Cliffs and Chocolate Cliffs. Sun-drenched Utah backcountry spreads out well beyond the visible horizon from the road as you travel along the All-American Road: Scenic Byway 12. This area boasts a mixture of colorful sandstone cliffs soaring above narrow slot canyons; picturesque washes and seemingly endless slickrock.

Upon arrival at Bryce Canyon National Park, spend some time meander along the Sevier River through the Hoodoos of Bryce Canyon.    Bryce Canyon Grand Hotel    Bryce Canyon City, UT    Meals B, L, D

**Day 6: May 20, 2022**

Rise early to watch the sun rise over Bryce Canyon from one of its many view overlooks. Bryce Canyon National Park, named after Ebenezer Bryce who was a Mormon homesteader in the 1870's, will satisfy your adventurous spirit. Here you can witness nature's powerful force on the earth, where rock and sand are twisted and formed by wind, water and other elements.

Continue on a short drive to Zion National Park along scenic Highway 12, which zips past red-rock mountains and yawning slot canyons. Zion National Park: Known for its slot canyons, soaring towers and monoliths, and scenic sandstone, is full of unique formations begging to be explored. Find yourself in awe as you wind through the magnificent canyon walls and towering cliffs that make up this majestic park. Hike the East Canyon Overlook Trail for a bird's-eye view of the canyon and delve into the 150-million-year-old history of Zion canyon's geologic formations.

Springhill Suites Springdale, UT Meals B, L

**Day 7: May 21, 2022**

This morning explore more of Zion and traverse the 3-mile Emerald Pools loop to see a trio of pools and waterfalls. Hike and explore the Narrows of the Virgin River before you return to Salt Lake City by 6:00 pm.

Springhill Suites Salt Lake City, UT Meals B, L

**Day 8: May 22, 2022 Departure**

Transfer to the SLC Airport on your own by using taxi, uber, or another form of transportation for your flight home. airport for your flight home Meals B

**Know Before You Go – Physical Activity Level**

You are physically healthy and have no mobility issues. You enjoy sightseeing that includes walking, standing or stair climbing. You're okay with longer days that are more active, such as multiple sightseeing stops, longer motorcoach journeys and getting on and off the bus.

**TOUR COST:** \$2,899.00 PP Shared Room paid by check

**SINGLE ROOM:** \$3,259.00 paid by check

Cost based on a minimum of 12 guests

\$300 non-refundable deposit to reserve your space paid by check  
Payments can also be made via Venmo or Zelle. Pay Pal payments add 4%

**Includes:**

Professional Tour Guide  
Modern, comfortable touring van  
7 nights lodging  
7 Breakfasts  
6 Lunches  
2 Dinners  
Park Entrance Fees  
Applicable Taxes and Fees

**Not Included:**

Flight to Salt Lake City UT  
Tips to tour guide / hotel staff  
Meals not included in itinerary  
Airport transfers

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