



BEST OF UTAH Trip 1
TENTATIVE ITINERARY

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DAY 1: SATURDAY, SEP 18, 2021

- 6:00AM *Royal Excursion* bus ready for loading at the SMC Niles campus parking lot. Please park in the southwest corner.
- 6:15AM Bus departs for Chicago O'Hare Airport.
- 7:20AM Bus arrives at O'Hare Airport.
- 10:20AM American Flight 2456 leaves for Las Vegas.
- 12:12PM Arrive in Las Vegas and load *Windstar* bus.
- 2:45PM Arrive at *Snow Canyon* in St. George, UT for 3.7 mile point to point hike.
- 5:15PM Leave for 50 minute drive to Springdale, UT and our lodging for the next three nights: The La Quinta Inn and Suites.
For dinner enjoy the wonderful Springdale shuttle bus system to a plethora of fine local restaurants (no franchises).

DAY 2: SUNDAY, SEP 19, 2021

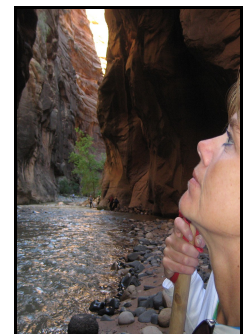
- 6:00AM Deluxe breakfast buffet starts at hotel.
Following breakfast use the free Springdale and Zion National Park shuttle buses for a smorgasbord of wonderful hikes, shopping and dining opportunities. The *Subway* hikers will board their special shuttle at 9:30AM.

DAY 3: MONDAY, SEP 20, 2021

- 6:00AM Deluxe breakfast buffet starts at hotel.
- 9:00AM *West Rim, Narrows, and East Rim* hikers meet for special shuttles to your hikes. Other hikers will use the shuttle system again to get to their hikes in Zion Canyon.

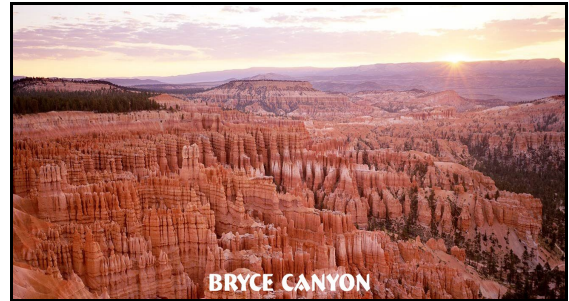
DAY 4: TUESDAY, SEP 21, 2021

- 6:00AM Deluxe breakfast buffet starts at hotel.
- 9:00AM Board bus for the hour and fifty minute drive to Bryce Canyon.
- 10:50AM Arrive at Bryce Canyon Visitors Center.
- 11:30AM Leave for lunch in Bryce Canyon City.
- 1:00PM Board bus for drop offs at *Fairyland Point* or *Sunset Point* for hikes ranging from 3.1 to 10.6 miles.
- 4:00PM Meet at Bryce Lodge for *happy hour*.
- 5:00PM Bus leaves for lodging: *Bryce Canyon Resort*. Enjoy dinner at the *Cowboy Ranch House Restaurant* in our resort or take a shuttle to Bryce Canyon City for dinner.



DAY 5: WEDNESDAY, SEP 22, 2021

- 7:00AM Hot breakfast buffet starts at hotel.
- 9:00AM Bus leaves for a two hour and ten minute ride to *Capital Reef National Park*.
- 11:10AM Arrive at Visitors Center at *Capital Reef National Park*.
- 11:45AM Leave for quick lunch stop.
- 12:45PM Start 5.1 mile hike at *Grand Wash*.
- 4:00PM Leave on bus for the two hour ride to the adventure capital of the USA – Moab, UT.



Our lodging for the next three nights is the *Big Horn Lodge* and lots of cool restaurants are nearby. Also, you will need to shop for trail lunch supplies for tomorrow's hikes.

DAY 6: THURSDAY, SEP 23, 2021

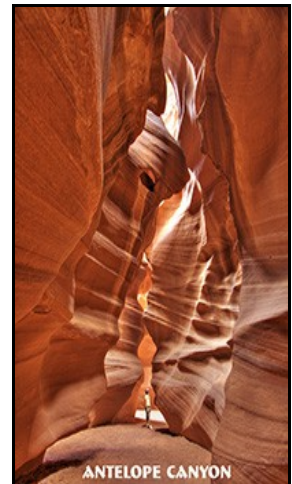
- 7:00AM Hot breakfast buffet starts at hotel.
- 9:00AM Load bus for short ride to *Arches National Park* where we will do three shorter hikes, including *Corona Arch* (3.0), *Delicate Arch* (3.1), and *Devil's Garden* (2.0 to 5.5). We will also stop at the Visitors Center. Following the hikes we will return to Moab for wining, dining and shopping.

DAY 7: FRIDAY, SEP 24, 2021

- 7:00AM Hot breakfast buffet starts at hotel.
- 9:00AM Load bus for the thirty six minute ride to *Canyonlands National Park*. We will stop at the Visitors Center and then journey on with a scenic ride to *Grandview Point*. Here we will take a stunning 2.0 RT hike. We will the head for nearby *Dead Horse Point State Park* with a lunch en route. Once at *Dead Horse Point* we will do a loop hike of 9.2 miles that includes some of the best views in Utah. Shorter hikes can be arranged. We will then journey back to Moab for our last evening in this wonderful town.

DAY 8: SATURDAY, SEP 25, 2021

- 7:00AM Hot breakfast buffet starts at hotel.
- 9:00AM Load bus and leave for a beautiful four and half hour drive to the *Grand Escalante* area and Page, AZ.
- 2:00PM We will do a short but beautiful hike through *Upper Antelope Canyon* and then travel over to *Horseshoe Bend* for another short but spectacular hike. Also if time permits we will stop at a scenic overlook of Glen Dam at Lake Powell before settling in at our lodging for the evening: *Hyatt Place Page/Lake Powell*



DAY 9: SUNDAY, SEP 26, 2021

- 7:00AM Hot breakfast buffet starts at hotel.
- 8:00AM Load bus to head for Las Vegas McCarran Airport (4 hrs 15 min)
- 3:10PM American Airlines Flight 168 leaves for Chicago O'Hare Airport.
- 8:56PM Land at O'Hare Airport.
- 12:45AM ETA at Niles Campus.