



BEST OF UTAH Trip 3

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FINAL

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DAY 1: WEDNESDAY, OCT 6, 2021

- 5:30AM *Royal Excursion* bus ready for loading at the SMC Niles campus parking lot. Please park in the southwest corner.
- 5:45AM **Bus departs** for Chicago O'Hare Airport.
- 7:00AM Bus arrives at O'Hare Airport.
- 9:37AM American Flight 1559 leaves for Las Vegas.
- 11:42AM Arrive in Las Vegas and load *Windstar* bus and have lunch at *In N Out Burger*.
- 4:30PM Arrive in Springdale, UT and our lodging for the next three nights: *The La Quinta Inn and Suites*.
For dinner enjoy the wonderful and free Springdale shuttle bus system to a plethora of fine local restaurants (no franchises).

DAY 2: THURSDAY, OCT 7, 2021

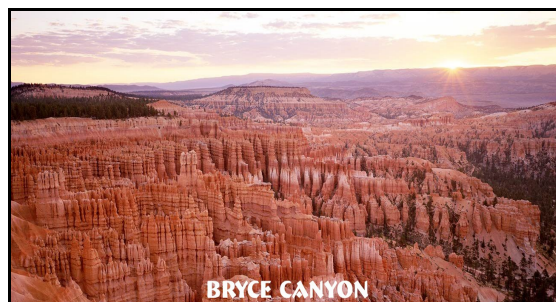
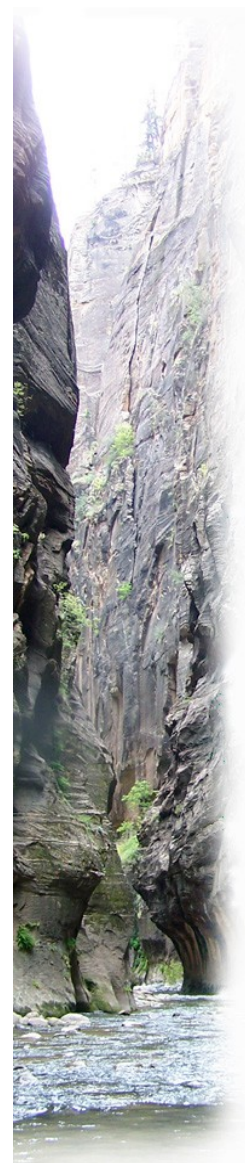
- 6:00AM Deluxe breakfast buffet starts at hotel.
Following breakfast use the free Springdale and Zion National Park shuttle buses for a smorgasbord of wonderful hikes, shopping and dining opportunities. The *Narrows*, *Top to Bottom* and *Subway* hikers need to pick up permits at Park Headquarters today.

DAY 3: FRIDAY, OCT 8, 2021

- 6:00AM Deluxe breakfast buffet starts at hotel.
- 6:00AM The *Subway*, *Bottom Up*, *West Rim Trail* and *Narrows*, *Top to Bottom* hikers meet for special shuttles to your hikes. Other hikers will use the free shuttle system to get to their choice of great hikes in Zion Canyon.

DAY 4: SATURDAY, OCT 9, 2021

- 6:00AM Deluxe breakfast buffet starts at hotel.
(Pack trail lunch & **Check Out**)
- 9:00AM Board bus for the hour and fifty minute drive to Bryce Canyon.
- 10:50AM Arrive at Bryce Canyon Visitors Center.
- 11:30AM 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: SUNDAY, OCT 10, 2021

- 7:30AM Hot breakfast buffet starts at hotel. **(Check Out)**
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: MONDAY, OCT 11, 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: TUESDAY, OCT 12, 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 then 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: WEDNESDAY, OCT 13, 2021

- 7:00AM Hot breakfast buffet starts at hotel. **(Check Out)**
8:00AM Load bus and leave for a beautiful four and half hour drive to the *Grand Escalante* area and Page, AZ.
12:00PM We will do a short but beautiful hike to *Horseshoe Bend*. Then we will go to our hotel - *Hyatt Place Page/Lake Powell* – and after check in you'll hike Rim View Trail for some outstanding views of Lake Powell and Glen Dam.
TIME NOTE: Page is one hour behind Moab.



DAY 9: THURSDAY, OCT 14, 2021

- 7:00AM Hot breakfast buffet starts at hotel. **(Check Out)**
7:45AM Load bus to head for Las Vegas McCarran Airport (4 hrs 15 min)
2:30PM American Airlines Flight 2292 leaves for Chicago O'Hare Airport.
8:20PM Land at O'Hare Airport.
12:00AM ETA at Niles Campus.