The Canyon Country Experience

INCLUDED:
- Includes 7 nights accommodations
- Transportation by motorcoach
- Services of a professional: Western Leisure Tour director
- 13 meals: 7 breakfasts, 2 lunches, 4 dinners
- Entrance fees to attractions, national parks and monuments as outlined on our itinerary
- Tips for included meals.
- Luggage handling (1 suitcase per person)
- Donation to Buffalo Toronto Public Media
- Customer gratuities for your AAA tour manager, professional tour director, driver

NOT INCLUDED:
- Airfare: (PHX and return from LAS)
- Items of a personal nature (i.e. room service, telephone, liquor, etc.)
- Customary gratuities for the local guides and outfitters

CANCELLATION POLICY: Horizon Club Tours and AAA Western and Central New York recommends the purchase of Allianz Travel Insurance products to protect your trip investment.

COST PER PERSON

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Rates are per person based on occupancy. $500 per person deposit due at time of booking. Final payment due Monday, March 4, 2024. Travel insurance is strongly recommended. Ask for a quote at time of booking. Minimum 30 passengers

ACTIVITY LEVELS: Group travel requires a unique blend of adventurous spirit, physical and mental alertness, and a capacity for accepting situations as they exist. To help you choose the AAA vacation that is best for you and to ensure the most efficient operation of our tours we feel our activity level scale located on the front of the brochure will help you select the pace that’s right for you.

- Easy – Very leisurely pace, minimal physical activity, stepping on and off the coach, and shorter touring days
- Moderately Easy – Easy pace, some stairs and standing, three to four blocks of walking at a time on level terrains
- Active – Moderate pace, good mobility needed, stairs and prolonged standing, includes city walking tours, some shorter and some longer days
- Moderately Challenging – Fast pace, some strenuous activities, walking on varied terrain and up to two miles at a time
- Challenging – Vigorous pace, frequent strenuous activities, extensive walking and longer touring days

For more information or to book:

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The Canyon Country Experience

Friday, June 7: Day 1 – Phoenix
Arrive in Phoenix today. A shuttle transfer will take you to your hotel in Phoenix. Your Tour Director is there to greet you and assist with check-in. Dinner is on your own this evening but meet the group in the lobby and indulge yourself with the hotel’s “KICKBACK” with a rotating menu of dinnertime snacks, cold beverages, beer, wine, mixed drinks and more from 5:30-7:00pm.

Drury Inn & Suites Phoenix Airport, Phoenix, AZ

Saturday, June 8: Day 2 – Phoenix - Grand Canyon
Today you’ll travel through the desert into the high plateaus of Arizona. Continue into the heart of redrock country, and the resort town of Sedona. We’ll step back in time for a fun tour aboard the Sedona Trolley. Later, you’ll trade the charm of this bustling village for the grandeur of nature in Oak Creek Canyon, the incomparable setting for Zane Gray’s Call of the Canyon, written here in 1921. As you travel north you will sightsee along the canyon’s towering red sandstone cliffs, which are home to a multitude of wildlife. This afternoon travel to Grand Canyon National Park, *A UNESCO World Heritage Site, for sightseeing. This 1.2-million-acre National Park hosts a vast variety of wildlife and scenic wonders. Learn about the geology and history of the canyon while taking in its breathtaking beauty at all the best viewpoints along the South Rim including Grand Canyon Village. The Colorado River is the main contributor in the creation of the vast canyon and can still be seen carving its way through the rock roughly a mile below. After visiting many of the scenic points, check into the hotel just outside the park.

Join the group for a welcome dinner.

Holiday Inn Express Hotel & Suites Grand Canyon, AZ (B, D)

Sunday, June 9: Day 3 – Navajo Nation - Monument Valley
This morning we will take in more sightseeing of Grand Canyon National Park. We will explore the views and area of the Grand View and Desert View before exiting the park. We will then depart the Grand Canyon, enter the Navajo Nation, and make our first stop at the Cameron Trading Post. Here you will find authentic jewelry, blankets, pottery, rugs, and sand paintings, all produced by the local Indians. After time to browse at the post, continue your journey through Indian country and the Arizona badlands. Next, you are on your way to an area that has been called the “Eighth Wonder of the World,” Monument Valley, on the Navajo Indian Reservation. Today you will be immersed in the rich cultural heritage of the “Dineh” people. Their arts, music and livelihood are all closely tied to the dramatic desert landscape that is their home. After checking in, meet your Navajo guide and board a 4-wheel drive vehicle for a scenic tour of Monument Valley, location for scores of famous western films, television programs and commercials. As we travel through the valley and visit famous locations such as John Ford Point, Artist Point and The Totem Pole, we will also learn more of the Navajo traditions and way of life. Then experience an evening of Navajo culture, food, and entertainment.

Goulding’s Lodge, Monument Valley, UT (B, D)

Monday, June 10: Day 4 – Arches National Park
Depart Monument Valley traveling north to Blanding where the Anasazi Indians will come alive today as you learn of their history and discover their artifacts at Edge of the Cedars Museum & Ruins. Next, we make our way to the town of Moab, also known as the “Adventures Capital of Utah,” and have some free time for shopping and lunch on our own. Then you are off to nearby Arches National Park for sightseeing. The 18,000 square-foot visitors’ center will introduce you to the unique geologic forces that created the highest concentration of natural arches in the world with over 2,000 named arches within its 73,000-acre boundary. Visit all the park highlights including Balance Rock, The Windows, and Delicate Arch. In the late afternoon, join the group for a unique experience as you take a Jet Boat Ride on the mighty Colorado River through spectacular red rock canyons. As the sun dips in the west, the canyon colors come to life while you learn about the river’s ecosystem, geology, and history. After a thrilling ride, enjoy a delicious BBQ dinner served on the banks of the Colorado River before returning to your hotel.

SprigHill Suiter, Moab, UT (B, D)

Tuesday, June 11: Day 5 – Dead Horse Point - Capitol Reef National Park
This morning travel to Dead Horse Point State Park for one of the most spectacular scenes in the southwest. You will see the expanse of Canyonlands National Park stretching to the south and the mighty Colorado River 2,000 feet below. Next, we arrive at Capitol Reef National Park for a wonderful lunch. The park was established to protect a 100-mile wrinkle in the earth’s crust called “The Waterpocket Fold”. Here we will see towering cottonwood trees and views of ancient petroglyphs, beautiful rock formations, deep canyons, and pioneer history. Next enjoy a drive on one of America’s most spectacular roads. Scenic Highway 12 has been designated as an “All American Road,” the crown jewel of the Scenic Byways system. Drive up and over Boulder Mountain reaching altitudes over 9,000 feet with incredible views of Capitol Reef, the Circle Cliffs, and the Henry Mountains. Then travel through Grand Staircase – Escalante National Monument, with vast expanses of cream- and rose-colored Navajo sandstone. There are dramatic cliffs, high mesas, beautiful streams, and deep canyons in multi-hued colors across the 1.9-million-acre monument. This evening, arrive at Bryce Canyon and check into your hotel located just outside the park.

Best Western Plus Ruby’s Inn, Bryce Canyon, UT (B, L)

Wednesday, June 12: Day 6 – Bryce Canyon and Zion National Parks
Enter Bryce Canyon National Park for sightseeing. The hues and intricate shapes of Bryce Canyon carry even the most mature adult away into a fairyland fantasy. We’ll have the day to explore Bryce. The Paiute Indians used a word to describe Bryce that translates into, “red rocks standing like men in a bowl-shaped canyon.” Mormon settler Ebenezer Bryce, for whom the canyon was named, described it as “a hell of a place to lose a cow.” We will have lunch on our own near Bryce Canyon. Later this afternoon we will take a short drive to see Utah’s oldest and most famous national park, Zion National Park. An early Mormon settler described the park’s massive formations as “temples built by hands, not of man.” The Paiutes believed mischievous spirits lived among the 2,000-foot-high towers and would not enter the canyon alone or remain there after dark. We will check into your hotel and then you are on your own this evening to have dinner and then explore Springdale or relax.

Hampton Inn Springdale, Moab, UT (B)

Thursday, June 13: Day 7 – Zion National Park – Las Vegas
Zion is a fitting climax to your western adventure! Today we will enter this majestic National Park. You are in charge. If you are feeling very adventurous, choose the hike to the entrance of the Zion Narrows. Or try the more relaxing but still beautiful Emerald Pool Hike. Whichever you choose, you are guaranteed a magnificent experience! We will have lunch at the Zion Lodge before we head off to “The Entertainment Capital of the World,” Las Vegas. Tonight, we will gather for our last group dinner to recall all the great times we had in Utah’s Canyon Country.

TREASURE ISLAND, LAS VEGAS, NV (B, L, D)

Friday, June 14: Day 8 – Journey Home
This morning transportation has been provided to the airport for your flights home. As you travel home, remember all the wonderful memories and friends you have met on your fabulous vacation!