

SAMPLE ITINERARY



Friday · June 15th, 2018 - Friday · June 22nd, 2018

Best of the Southwest - National Geographic Sweepstakes

Program Meals

Friday · June 15th	Day 1: Arrive to Springdale Desert Pearl Inn (2 nights) Dinner Included
Saturday · June 16th	Day 2: Explore Zion National Park Privately Guided Zion Narrows Tour Breakfast, Lunch and Dinner Included
Sunday · June 17th	Day 3: Explore Bryce Canyon National Park and Transfer to Torrey, Utah Bryce Canyon National Park Cougar Ridge Lodge Breakfast, Lunch and Dinner Included
Monday · June 18th	Day 4: Explore Escalante-Grand Staircase National Monument Privately Guided Hiking in Escalante Breakfast, Lunch and Dinner Included
Tuesday · June 19th	Day 5: Explore Capitol Reef National Park Self Guided Exploration Capitol Reef National Park Breakfast, Lunch and Dinner Included

Wednesday · June 20th

Day 6: Transfer to Luxury Camp at Grand Canyon North Rim
Luxury Camp at Grand Canyon North Rim (2 nights)
Breakfast, Lunch and Dinner Included

Thursday · June 21st

Day 7: Explore Grand Canyon National Park
Grand Canyon North Rim - Non-Guided Hiking
Breakfast, Lunch and Dinner Included

Friday · June 22nd

Day 8: Depart for Home
Breakfast Included

Program Meals

A VISA gift card will be provided prior to departure which can be applied to meals. \$30 per person for breakfast, \$30 per person for lunch and \$50 per person for dinners and will be allocated as described in below itinerary.

Friday · June 15th

Day 1: Arrive to Springdale

Upon arriving to either St. George Municipal Airport in Utah or McCarran International Airport in Las Vegas, you will pick up your rental vehicle and drive to Springdale, UT. Springdale is located near the West entrance of Zion National Park and considered the Gateway to Zion. After checking into your hotel, you will have the remainder of the evening at your leisure.



Jun 15 · 3:00 PM

Check-in

Jun 17 · 11:00 AM

Check-out

2 nights

Duration

Desert Pearl Inn, a haven in the western desert for family vacations and romantic getaways, nestles beside the Virgin River and the majestic cliffs of Zion National Park in Springdale, Utah. The Inn is more than the experience of sunny days, breathtaking outdoor recreation, and starry nights tucked in a deep canyon of stony copper. There is also at this oasis, a soul you will discover at every turn.

Native stone walkways and sun hued stucco are framed by beams of old-growth Douglas fir and redwood reclaimed from a 100-year-old railroad trestle that once spanned the Great Salt Lake to blend Inn with land. The private balconies and terraces of our spacious rooms open onto towering red rock formations along the tree-lined river. A bench at the water's edge, sounds of a soothing waterfall, handcrafted one-of-a-kind furnishings—every element, artfully chosen for both beauty and function, reflects our love of the area and the warmth of our welcome.

Room Selection

Category

King Riverside

Dinner Included

\$100 allotted for dinner on VISA gift card. (\$50 per person)

Saturday · June 16th

Day 2: Explore Zion National Park

This morning you will meet your guide in the lobby of the hotel and begin your day exploring Zion National Park. If weather allows, you will have the opportunity to explore the world famous Zion Narrows with your private guide!



Privately Guided Zion Narrows Tour

(435) 632-0432

792 Zion Mount Carmel Hwy, Springdale, UT 84767

This morning you will meet your guide in the lobby of the hotel at 7:30AM for your day of hiking.

Your Narrows Tour is private, for you and your group only. You will travel together by shuttle or van, (seasonally dependent), and venture beyond the Riverside Walk as far as the junction with Orderville Canyon, approximately 5-6 miles round trip.

You will have the opportunity to delve deep into the geologic story of Zion, human and natural history and highlight many significant moments in the 18 million year timeline of the Narrows. Along the way there are many moments of learning but also a great deal of fun, reflection and meditation and photography galore!

Breakfast, Lunch and Dinner Included

\$220 allotted for meals on VISA gift card. (\$110 per person)

Sunday · June 17th

Day 3: Explore Bryce Canyon National Park and Transfer to Torrey, Utah

This morning you will depart from Springdale and drive approximately 1 hour and 30 minutes to Bryce Canyon National Park. There, you will have the opportunity to explore the park on your own before continuing your drive to the Cougar Ridge Lodge in Torrey, UT.



Once you arrive at Bryce Canyon you will have the opportunity to hike a series of loop trails including Navajo Loop Trail to the Queens Garden Trail or to the Peekaboo Loop Trail. During your day, you may have lunch at Bryce Canyon Lodge.

Navajo Loop & Queens Garden Hike

This hike is hands down the best way to see the hoodoos of Bryce Canyon. The views from sunrise point and sunset point on the rim area stunning, but you will experience an entirely different Bryce Canyon from the canyon floor while looking up at the hoodoos.

Challenge Level: Moderate - Strenuous

Hiking Distance: 3.5 miles 1 - 3 hour round trip

Trailhead Directions: The trailhead starts at Sunset Point where you begin hiking down the Navajo Loop Trail. You start by hiking down Wall Street, a narrow canyon with high rock walls on either side. Soon after you will reach the flat canyon floor with the option to finish the Navajo Loop or continue on along the Queens Garden Trail to see more of the canyon. If you have time, hike on to Queens Garden where you will see some of the most spectacular formations in the park. After your final ascent up to the rim you will arrive at sunrise point with a final view of the canyon.

Options: You can split the hike up into 2 separate loops (Navajo Loop or Queens Garden Loop) if you are constrained for time.

After exploring Bryce Canyon, you will drive approximately 2 hours to the Cougar Ridge Lodge.



Cougar Ridge Lodge

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Torrey, UT 84775, USA

Jun 17 · 2:00 PM

Check-in

11:00 AM

Check-out

The unique 42 acre property on which Cougar Ridge Lodge and Casitas were built was discovered many years ago in Torrey, Utah the gateway to Capitol Reef National Park and other spectacular areas in Southern Utah. With suites and casitas in a remote and scenic area, this is a great environment for guests to seek adventure, learn and just relax.

Breakfast, Lunch and Dinner Included

\$220 allotted for meals on VISA gift card. (\$110 per person)

Monday · June 18th

Day 4: Explore Escalante-Grand Staircase National Monument

This morning you will drive to Escalante where you will meet your private guide for slot canyon hiking in the region. Afterwards, you will return to the lodge where the rest of the evening is at your leisure.



Privately Guided Hiking in Escalante

Escalante abounds with slot canyons of all shapes, sizes, and colors of sandstone. Some canyons traverse sandstone tinted red from iron, while others are stark white - bleached of their iconic rust color. Still there are other canyons around Escalante that are reminiscent of a candy cane with red and white striping through the walls. Some slot canyons require down climbing, fun squeezes and mindful footwork while others are wider, allowing you to walk through on a flat sandy floor.

Breakfast, Lunch and Dinner Included

\$220 allotted for meals on VISA gift card. (\$110 per person)

Tuesday · June 19th

Day 5: Explore Capitol Reef National Park

Today you have at your leisure to relax and explore Capitol Reef National Park.



Self Guided Exploration Capitol Reef National Park

Today you have the day to explore Capitol Reef National Park. This park preserves the Waterpocket Fold, a 90-mile long wrinkle in the earth's crust, called a monocline. The Fold extends 70 miles, from nearby Thousand Lake Mountain to the

Colorado River (now Lake Powell). Capitol Reef National Park was established to protect this grand and colorful geologic feature, as well as the spectacular eroded jumble of cliffs, domes, monoliths, twisting canyons and graceful arches.

Breakfast, Lunch and Dinner Included

\$220 allotted for meals on VISA gift card. (\$110 per person)

Wednesday · June 20th

Day 6: Transfer to Luxury Camp at Grand Canyon North Rim

Today you will depart from Torrey, UT and drive approximately 4.5 hours to your remote luxury campsite near the Grand Canyon North Rim. You will meet your guides at the Jacob Lake Inn in Fredonia, AZ where you will follow them to your campsite. After settling into your tents, you will have the evening to relax or venture into the Grand Canyon for sunset.

Note: Your luxury campsite will be set up in the Kaibab National Forest approximately 15 minutes from the entrance to the Grand Canyon.



Luxury Camp at Grand Canyon North Rim

Jun 20

Check-in

Jun 22

Check-out

2 nights

Duration

North Rim Luxury Camping offers a serene and enthralling Grand Canyon experience. It is more remote and less developed than the South Rim, and so it attracts far fewer tourists. The North Rim fits nicely into a multi-park tour that includes Zion, Bryce and Lake Powell as it is a relatively short drive between those scenic destinations. Set up just for you, this private luxury campsite enables you to enjoy the best that nature has to offer in the comforts of a 4-star accommodation. Your private tents are canvas in style with either queen, twin, or bunkbeds, plus down comforters and bedside tables with lamps. Enjoy the tent or relax in the lounge area as your guides prepare all of your meals. You will have fresh towels, private toilets, a hot shower and plenty of shade to enjoy your time around the camp. You will also have a telescope for evening star gazing. This is the best way for you to bond with your family privately and comfortably around a bonfire.

Breakfast, Lunch and Dinner Included

\$120 allotted for meals on VISA gift card. (\$60 per person for breakfast and lunch). Dinner included at luxury camp.

Day 7: Explore Grand Canyon National Park

Today you will explore the North Rim of the Grand Canyon on your own. Additional hiking recommendations can be made prior to departure.

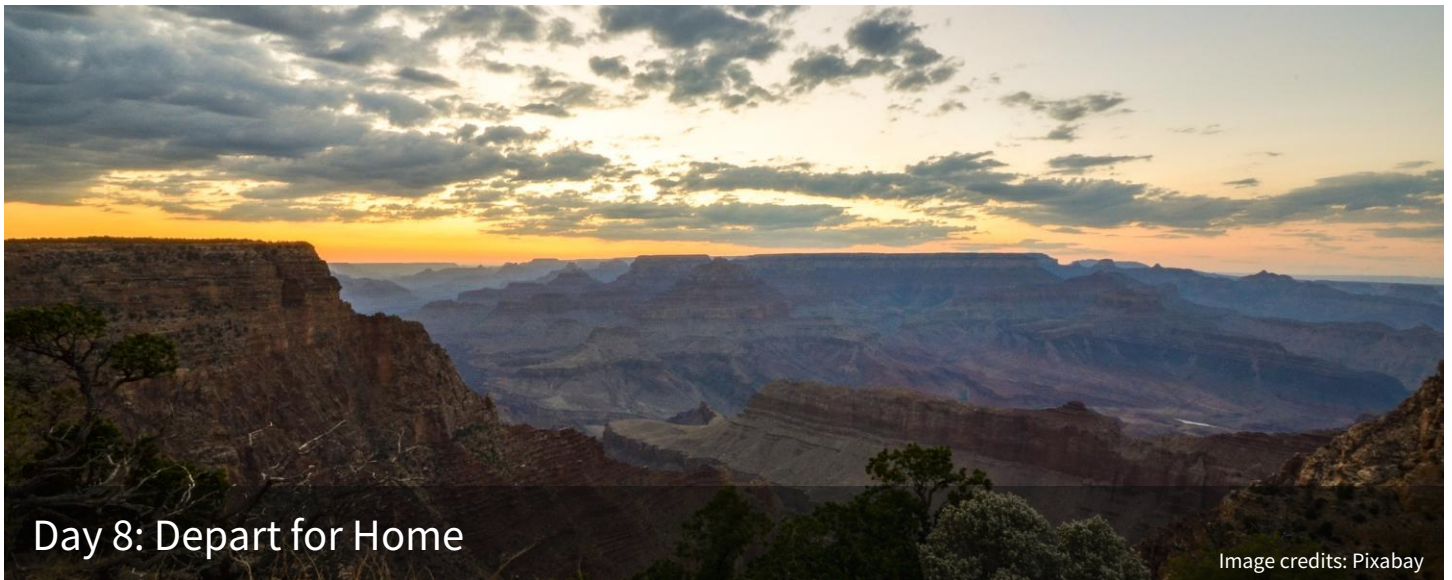


Grand Canyon North Rim - Non-Guided Hiking

After waking up at camp, a hot breakfast will be provided before beginning your full day of hiking and exploring the Grand Canyon North Rim. There are several short hikes that offer incredible views of the canyon, including Cape Royal & Angels Window and the Widforss Trail. Cape Royal is a short hike (approximately 1 mile) offering a viewpoint at Angels Window which is a natural arch in the canyon before ending at Cape Royal. The Widforss Trail follows the canyon rim for approximately 2.5 miles then heads into the forest to emerge at Widforss Point—a distance of 5 miles one way. Once your time in the canyon is complete, you will return to your campsite for your evening under the stars.

Breakfast, Lunch and Dinner Included

All meals provided at camp.



Day 8: Depart for Home

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At the appropriate time today, you will depart from camp and begin your journey home. St. George Regional Airport is approximately 3 hours and La Vegas McCarran International Airport is approximately 4 hours and 45 minutes away.

Breakfast Included

Breakfast included at camp.