

**INSIGHT VACATIONS**

*The Art of Travelling in Style*

## **WONDERS OF THE AMERICAN WEST**





## KEY


1 Central Hotels + Nights

① Scenic Hotels + Nights


● Place Visited

○ Optional Place Visited

||||| Trip Option

 Cruise

 Train

 Join/Leave Options

 Included Flights

 UNESCO Heritage Site

## Day 1 | Arrive in Las Vegas



Experience everything you love about Paris, right in the heart of the Strip. At Paris Las Vegas Hotel and Casino, see the City of Lights with the same passion, excitement and ambiance of Europe's most romantic city. This evening join your Travel Director and companions for a Welcome Dinner with wine.

**Meals:** Dinner with Wine

**Hotel:** Paris Las Vegas

## Day 2 | Zion National Park



After a brief stop in St. George, arrive in Utah's first national park, Zion National Park. Follow the paths where native people and pioneers once walked as you gaze up at massive sandstone cliffs of cream, pink and red. Learn about the park at the Visitor Center before taking a narrated tram ride along Zion Canyon Scenic Drive alongside the rushing Virgin River and soaring canyon walls. This winding road, closed to private vehicles during the summer, will take you to some of the most treasured spots in the park. This evening, arrive at Bryce Canyon Lodge for a leisurely two nights inside the park to explore the nearby trails and vistas.

**Meals:** Breakfast

**Hotel:** The Lodge at Bryce Canyon

## Day 3 | Whimsical Bryce Canyon National Park



Start the day by travelling through Bryce Canyon National Park, the great natural amphitheatre. Encounter some of Utah's most unusual, whimsical eroded rock formations that characterize this National Park. With your Travel Director, learn how wind, erosion and iron oxidation created the spellbinding hoodoos. Opt to explore by horseback joining a ride in the Dixie National Forest and the rim of Water Canyon amphitheatre, the first canyon in Bryce Canyon National Park. You'll then climb Bristlecone Pine Ridge lined with 1,500-year-old Bristlecone Pines (one of the oldest living things on the North American continent.) This evening, go off the beaten path and into the woods of Bryce Canyon to view the colour-changing hoodoos as the sun sets. Conclude the day feasting on a three-course dinner with wine while being entertained by local musicians.

**Meals:** Breakfast, Dinner with Wine

**Hotel:** The Lodge at Bryce Canyon

## OPTIONAL EXPERIENCES:

**Ruby's Horseback Adventures** - If you're looking for a scenic tour of the Bryce Canyon area, our 1-hour horseback ride takes in the Dixie National Forest and the rim of Water Canyon Amphitheater, the first canyon in Bryce Canyon National Park. Leaving the rim, you climb Bristlecone Pine Ridge with standing 1,500 year old Bristlecone Pines (one of the oldest living things on the North American continent).



From this ridge, you will also see Boat Mesa and Sinking Ship Peak, some of the higher points in Fairyland Amphitheater.  
**Adult: 88.00 USD**

#### Day 4 | Escalante National Monument and Capitol Reef



Experience Grand Staircase-Escalante National Monument, an outstanding biological resource spanning five life-zones, from low-lying desert to coniferous forest. As you explore this rugged land of the Ancestral Puebloan and Fremont people, discover how they were experts at farming. Rock art panels, occupation sites, campsites and granaries built by their descendants still remain today. Venture to Capitol Reef National Park's landscape of colorful canyons, ridges, buttes and monoliths. Admire its white sandstone cliffs resembling capitol building domes and reefs evoking barrier reefs of the sea.

**Meals:** Breakfast

**Hotel:** Element Moab

#### Day 5 | Arches National Park and Canyonlands National Park



In the morning, visit the greatest concentration of natural arches in the world at Arches National Park. Some 6,000 natural sandstone arches can be found within the boundaries of the national park. Take a short walk to Delicate Arch Viewpoint to view the iconic arch, a 52-foot freestanding natural arch that is widely considered the most recognized landmark in Utah. Then it's on to Canyonlands National Park for a drive onto the Island in the Sky, a mesa resting 1,000 feet (305 meters) above the surrounding countryside offering spectacular views over the dramatic sandstone formations. This evening, have your pick of a locally sourced meal, choosing from three local restaurants.

**Meals:** Breakfast, Dinner with Wine

**Hotel:** Element Moab

#### Day 6 | Mesa Verde National Park



Enjoy a deep discovery of the fascinating Mesa Verde National Park. Learn how the park protects some of the best-preserved Ancestral Puebloan archaeological sites in the United States and is considered one of the top cultural attractions in the Western United States. Among 600 historic cliff dwellings, view the ancient pueblo dwellings known as Cliff Palace, the largest cliff dwelling in the country. This evening, settle in for a relaxing stay inside Mesa Verde National Park.

**Meals:** Breakfast

**Hotel:** Far View Lodge

## Day 7 | Durango Free Time and Monument Valley



This morning, amble through the streets of historic Durango before stopping near the iconic backdrop of Forrest Gump's last run featured in the film. Deepen your knowledge and your connection with the first peoples of this land as you travel to Monument Valley for an Authentic Cookout Dinner with members of the Navajo Nation. Hop in an off-road, open-air vehicle to the cookout site where you'll enjoy a delicious barbeque grilled dinner with a chance to try traditional Navajo fry-bread. Bask in the stunning red rock scenery and take in the sounds of nature as you enjoy your picnic style dinner with members of the Navajo Nation. Savour each moment of this insightful MAKE TRAVEL MATTER® Experience that provides a sustainable workforce for the Navajo people.

**Meals:** Breakfast, Dinner

**Hotel:** Goulding's Lodge Monument Valley

## Day 8 | Monument Valley to Mystery Valley



Embark on an exclusive Insight Experience into Mystery Valley's relatively unknown haven of Anasazi Ruins and rock art. Explore this intriguing stretch of desert full of graceful geological formations, petroglyphs, scattered artefacts like broken pottery shards and breath-taking views of the spectacular buttes of neighbouring Monument Valley Tribal Park. A true hidden gem, your visit accompanied by a local Diné (Navajo) guide is a unique opportunity for a guided tour among ancient Indigenous ruins. Continue through the barren beauty of the desert to Monument Valley Navajo Tribal Park where you will board off-road open-air vehicles to explore the valley. This area is also the backdrop for many Western Hollywood hits, including "Stagecoach" and "Fort Apache." Inspired by these iconic movies, you'll find "John Wayne's cabin" at nearby Goulding's Lodge. This small structure was used for exterior shots in "She Wore a Yellow Ribbon," starring Wayne himself.

**Meals:** Breakfast

**Hotel:** Goulding's Lodge Monument Valley



## Day 9 | The Wonders of The Grand Canyon



Begin your final day visiting the historic Cameron Trading Post to pick up some Navajo jewelry, baskets, pottery and artwork. Continue to Desert View for one of the best views of the Grand Canyon from its watchtower. Admire this iconic building inspired by ancient Native American watchtowers and decorated with murals by a Hopi artist. Our visit and MAKE TRAVEL MATTER® Experience contributes to the development of the Desert Viewpoint Intertribal Cultural Heritage Site which will allow guests to interact with Native Americans representing the 11 Indigenous tribes traditionally associated with the Grand Canyon. Journey on to Grand Canyon National Park, one of the seven natural wonders of the world. Choose to hike along the scenic Rim Trail with your Travel Director. Alternatively, join a Local Expert, Canyon Tim, for a fascinating discussion on the wonders of this natural phenomenon, the local flora and fauna and how you might be able to spot local wildlife. End your vacation inside Grand Canyon featuring a three-course Celebration Dinner with wine and spectacular sunset views over the canyon.

**Meals:** Breakfast, Dinner with Wine

**Hotel:** Grand Canyon National Park Lodge

## Day 10 | Return to Las Vegas



Wake up to the backdrop of the Grand Canyon and enjoy some peace and tranquillity before the day trippers arrive. You may take an optional flight-seeing helicopter ride for stunning views over the Grand Canyon before your journey ends with a departure transfer to Las Vegas International Airport, arriving at 16:00. For those extending their stay in Las Vegas, complimentary hotel transfer to Paris Las Vegas is also included.

**Meals:** Breakfast

## OPTIONAL EXPERIENCES:

**Grand Discovery Air Tour South Rim - 45 Min. Fixed-Wing Aircraft Flight** - There's no better way to experience the grandeur of the Grand Canyon South Rim than on a fascinating aerial tour offering unobstructed views. Sit back and feel the thrill of this Natural Wonder as you fly over the Kaibab National Forest, Kaibab Plateau, Confluence of Colorado, Little Colorado River, Imperial Point and Zuni Corridor.  
**Adult: 204.00 USD**

*\*Please Note: this optional experience is weather permitting.*

**Grand Kingdom - 40 Min. EcoStar Helicopter Flight** - Soar across the canyon rim on a helicopter flight, watching as the bottom seemingly drops out from under your feet. Gaze deep into the core of the canyon over 5,000 feet down to the confluence of the Little Colorado River. Then drift past Imperial Point - a rugged spire standing alone near the North Rim of the Canyon. Flying at the same altitude as the North Rim, you may feel you can reach out and touch the canyon walls. Then head back to Grand Canyon South Rim via the Dragon Corridor, another of the Grand Canyon's most picturesque sections.  
**Adult: 374.00 USD**

*\*Please Note: this optional experience is weather permitting.*

**North Canyon Tour Helicopter Flight. Bell Aircraft - 25 minutes** - The Grand Canyon opens up before you on a memorable helicopter experience over its southern and northern rims. After flying over the Kaibab National Forest, enter the Dragon Corridor - the deepest and widest part of the Grand Canyon. Marvel at the canyon's legendary beauty through the specially designed oversized windows of your helicopter. Have your camera ready to capture the colourful stone walls and sweeping vistas surrounding you. Fly over the mighty

Colorado River toward the canyon's rugged North Rim and soar along with rock formations, including the Tower of Ra and Vishnu Schist.  
**Adult: 264.00 USD**

*\* Please Note: this optional experience is seasonal.*  
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