

# Painted Canyons of the West- Sept. 5-13, 2022

featuring Utah's Five National Parks \* add a **Las Vegas** Post Stay

Highlights...Colorado National Monument • Moab • Arches National Park • Canyonlands National Park • Dead Horse Point State Park • Utah's Scenic Byway 24 • Capitol Reef National Park • Grand Staircase-Escalante National Monument • Bryce Canyon National Park • Zion National Park • Las Vegas

\*Call Join the Fun to Book this Tour **\$3975.00pp**

**\*Package Includes: AIR, Transportation to Airport & Overnight Car Parking from Viera & Ormond**



## Tour experiences

- Spend two nights in Moab with time to explore Arches and Canyonlands national parks.
  - Take in mesmerizing scenery on Utah's most picturesque byways.
  - Climb aboard Zion's open-air tram with an expert guide.

## Must-see inclusions

- Behold incredible views at Dead Horse Point State Park in Moab.
- Explore the amazing spires of Bryce Canyon National Park, known as hoodoos.
- Marvel at the sleek white formations at Capitol Reef National Park.

## Culinary inclusions

- Enjoy dinner and a wine-tasting in Colorado's wine country.
- Experience a "Cowboy Dinner" in Moab as the sunset illuminate's canyon walls above the Colorado River

Day 1: Denver, Colorado - Tour Begins Trek across the Southwest as you take in the sienna-colored canyons, towering spires and desert landscapes found in Utah's five national parks. Your journey begins in the mile-high city of Denver – an urban gateway to America's natural beauty.

Day 2: Denver - Grand Junction the Rocky Mountains are your traveling companions on the drive to Grand Junction. Look out at the natural scenery as you pass by Glenwood Canyon, a product of the Colorado River, carved more than 3 million years ago. Dine together at a family-owned vineyard and enjoy a wine tasting during Colorado wine country. Today breakfast and dinner will be included.

Day 3: Grand Junction - Colorado National Monument - Moab, Utah Set out to explore the Colorado National Monument this morning along Rim Rock Drive. Make your way to Utah on the Upper Colorado Byway, known by the locals as "River Road." As the iconic Fisher Towers loom over breathtaking mesas, make your way to Red Cliffs Lodge, nestled along the banks of the Colorado River. Relax tonight at a cowboy barbecue, where grilled steak is at the top of the menu. Today breakfast and dinner will be included.

Day 4: Moab - Arches - Canyonlands - Dead Horse Point - Moab Journey through the otherworldly oases of two national parks. Hike\* along sunset-colored arches as you make your way through Arches National Park. Continue to Canyonlands

National Park, resting in the heart of the Colorado Plateau, and discover a world of mesas, canyons, and arches. Close by, at the Island in the Sky, look out over a landscape of ethereal valleys and dreamy horizons. Today's Park pilgrimage ends atop the sheer sandstone cliffs of Dead Horse Point State Park. Today breakfast and lunch will be included.

Day 5: Moab - Capitol Reef National Park - Bryce Travel through the dramatic Utah desert on Scenic Byway 24. Visit Capitol Reef National Park, named for the curved white walls that resemble the U.S. Capitol building. On the Million Dollar Highway, take in views of Grand Staircase-Escalante National Monument, where layers of warm reds and oranges melt into smooth sided peaks. Spend the night in Bryce, your jumping-off point to Bryce Canyon National Park. Today breakfast will be included.

Day 6: Bryce Canyon National Park - Springdale (Zion) Spend the day in Bryce Canyon National Park and see the famous hoodoos – vibrant rock formations likened to fairy chimneys. Perhaps you'll start your morning with a hike\*, getting up-close and personal with the graceful geology. Consider wandering along the Navajo Loop or Queens Garden trails for incomparable views of your surroundings. As the day draws to a close, settle into Springdale, a small town perched just outside of Zion National Park. Today breakfast will be included.

Day 7: Springdale - Zion National Park - Springdale There are few places on earth that match the beauty of the red and white sandstone cliffs of Zion. Make the most of an entire day exploring this rock-ridden paradise. On Zion's open-air tram, wind along the Virgin River through the 2,400-foot deep, half-mile wide Zion Canyon. Choose how you spend the afternoon because it's your choice! Hike\* independently -OR- visit Zion's Human History Museum. Today breakfast will be included.

Day 8: Springdale - Las Vegas, Nevada Age-old nature is replaced with captivating energy, vibrant lights, and endless excitement in Las Vegas. Toast with your travel companions at a farewell lunch. Then, the evening is yours – spend your time along the neon-lit strip however you please. Today breakfast and lunch will be included.

Day 9: Las Vegas - Tour Ends Say goodbye to Las Vegas and the painted canyons of the west as you depart for home.

