

Captivating Canyonlands

Day 1: Phoenix, AZ - A Globe Treks representative will pick you up at your door, setting the stage for an unforgettable adventure. We'll whisk you away to Charlotte airport (CLT), where a non-stop flight will carry you to Phoenix Sky Harbor. Our custom-built Globe Treks motorcoach awaits your arrival. We will visit the world-famous Desert Botanical Gardens this afternoon, setting the stage to better understand the flora and fauna of the Sonoran Desert and the Desert Southwest. Explore over 50 acres of exhibits and trails with a collection of almost 100,000 unique plants including over a hundred endangered species. A warm welcome feast awaits us in Phoenix, setting the tone for the camaraderie and friendships to be built on the captivating journey ahead.

Day 2: Grand Canyon - After savoring a delightful breakfast, we'll begin our immersion in the Southwest with a drive to the legendary Grand Canyon. Prepare to be humbled as we stroll along the rim, gazing into this natural masterpiece carved over millions of years by wind and water. Our luxurious two-night stay at the Grand Hotel, nestled just a few miles from the canyon's majestic rim, promises comfort and serenity.

Day 3: Grand Canyon - Today, a professional guide will accompany us as we embark on a scenic drive along the rim of the Grand Canyon. With each stop, from breathtaking Mather Point to the hidden gems tucked along the rim, we will be enveloped by the grandeur that stretches as far as the eye can see. The Grand Canyon is a testament to nature's artistry, revealing Earth's ancient history with endless vistas and breathtaking panoramas. As the sun bids us farewell, we'll gather at the historic El Tovar Hotel for a regal dinner, savoring both culinary delights and the mesmerizing hues of a sunset over the rim.

Day 4: Zion National Park - Our Southwest adventure carries us next to Zion National Park, a realm of towering cliffs and vibrant landscapes. En route, we will stop at Page, AZ, where the iconic Horseshoe Bend and the majestic Glen Canyon Dam await our admiration. As we arrive at Zion, prepare to be enchanted by the sheer magnitude of its beauty. Unpack at the awe-inspiring Zion Park Lodge, nestled within this natural sanctuary, and take a relaxing after-dinner stroll beneath towering cliffs accentuated in evening light as the sun sets over the red rock walls.

Day 5: Zion National Park - Today, we will embark on an exploration of Zion National Park, guided by a knowledgeable expert. Traverse the winding roads and tunnels, witnessing nature's masterpiece come alive before our eyes. Encounter the enigmatic Checkerboard Mesa, stand in awe as you pass through the iconic tunnel, and revel in the ancient secrets whispered by the towering walls of the Barrow. In every step, every vista, you'll find a piece of the untamed spirit that Edward Abbey once described with profound reverence.

Day 6: Bryce Canyon National Park - Leaving the tranquility of Zion behind, we will venture past checkerboard Mesa towards Bryce Canyon National Park, a realm of ethereal hoodoos and breathtaking amphitheaters. Guided by an expert, we'll immerse ourselves in the park's enchanting landscapes, exploring hidden nooks and crannies that reveal the intricate tapestry woven by nature's hand. As night falls, we will find enjoyment in the comfort of the Bryce Canyon Lodge, nestled within this captivating sanctuary.

Day 7: Capitol Reef National Park - Our journey continues along scenic Highway 12, one of the most scenic highways in the nation and through Grand Staircase-Escalante National Monument with amazing views the entire drive. Capitol Reef is a hidden gem in the desert, characterized by its stunning desert landscapes, towering sandstone cliffs, narrow canyons, and unique geological formations. The park's name is derived from the white Navajo Sandstone domes resembling the U.S. Capitol building and the barrier-like cliffs that acted as a "reef" to early settlers. We will spend a night at the luxurious Capitol Reef Resort, located outside the park and home to breathtaking views.

Day 8: Moab - Arches National Park - Today, we venture to captivating Arches National Park, a sanctuary of stone arches sculpted by time and nature's artistic hand. Traverse this surreal landscape, where delicate arches seem to defy gravity, and towering monoliths stand as sentinels guarding ancient secrets. Unpack for two nights in nearby Moab and savor the tranquility of the Red Cliffs Lodge, a luxurious retreat nestled amidst this mesmerizing backdrop.

Day 9: Moab Canyonlands National Park - As the sun begins its ascent, we embark on a journey through the otherworldly realm of Canyonlands National Park. Feel the vastness of this untamed wilderness as we stand on the precipice of sheer cliffs, surveying the labyrinth of canyons below. As day turns to night, we will gather for a memorable chuckwagon dinner, filling our hearts and bellies. As darkness falls, prepare to be enthralled by a mesmerizing evening light show, which with the help of nature's palette transforms the canyons into a symphony of vibrant colors.

Day 10: Denver, CO - Our voyage leads us to Denver, passing through the captivating landscapes of Grand Junction and over majestic Vail Pass in the Rocky Mountains. Enveloped by the rugged beauty of the Colorado River and Clear Creek, we will savor a scenic drive that serves as a testament to nature's unrivaled artistry. In Denver, we'll indulge in a final celebratory dinner, raising our glasses to the memories forged amidst the grandeur of the American West.

Day 11: Travel Home - With hearts filled with awe and spirits ablaze, we bid farewell to the canyons and parks of the American West. Boarding a non-stop flight from Denver to Charlotte, we embark on a homeward journey, carrying with us the imprints of nature's majesty and the stories of the untamed beauty we have witnessed. As the Globe Treks representative meets us at Charlotte Airport, we reflect on the profound impact of this extraordinary adventure, forever etching the grandeur of the American West into the fabric of our souls.