

# 10 Day Southwest Kaleidoscope of Canyons, Northern California & Las Vegas

Gate 1 Tours

## DAY 1, Saturday or Monday - Arrive in Phoenix

Arrive in Phoenix and transfer to your hotel. Balance of the day at leisure  
\*Please note an optional evening activity will be offered on Day 1 of your itinerary and can be purchased from your tour guide. It is recommended that passengers interested in joining the optional tour select flights that arrive before 3:30 PM

**Overnight:** Fountain Hills

## DAY 2, Sunday or Tuesday - Sedona, Grand Canyon National Park

Wake up early to meet your tour in the lobby for an 8:00 am departure. Travel through the Sonoran Desert, the richest, most biologically diverse desert ecosystem in the Americas, replete with thousands of species of animals and plants, including the towering Saguaro cacti. The Saguaro is the magnificent symbol of the Desert Southwest, capable of growing to 50 feet tall. Continue to Sedona and see the spectacular red rock scenery. Situated in a unique geological area, Sedona is encircled by distinctive red-rock monoliths— with such names as Cathedral, Coffee Pot, Bell, and even Snoopy. Then drive through the breathtaking Oak Creek Canyon before arriving at Grand Canyon National Park, one of the seven great natural wonders of the world. Visit lookout points along the South Rim to fully experience this mile deep canyon – plunging gorges, rising spires, extinct volcanoes and below the rim, the winding Colorado River

**Overnight:** Grand Canyon National Park

## DAY 3, Monday or Wednesday - Monument Valley, Lake Powell

Today your tour will take you to the Navajo Indian Reservation, passing the trading post of Cameron. Continue through the Painted Desert to see Monument Valley, an area that embodies perhaps the most definitive and iconic images of the American West. The isolated red mesas and sand-swept buttes of Monument Valley have been photographed and filmed countless times for movies and advertisements. Because of this, many visitors often feel an instant familiarity with the landscape, a sense of déjà vu. In the afternoon, we will enter the town of Page, in the Lake Powell Region. Visit the mighty Glen Canyon Dam, the second highest concrete-arch dam in America. From here you will enjoy views of stunning Lake Powell

**Overnight:** Page

## DAY 4, Tuesday or Thursday - Bryce Canyon National Park

Enter the Beehive state of Utah this morning. Pass through the town of Kanab before visiting spectacular Bryce Canyon, where a tour through a multicolored world of sandstone spires and pinnacles will dazzle the eyes. Nature's artistry has created rocks in thousands of shapes and colors, beautiful in their setting against the



unusually blue sky. Enjoy the evening at leisure

**Overnight:** Bryce Canyon

#### **DAY 5, Wednesday or Friday - Zion National Park, Las Vegas**

Travel today to Zion National Park and see the massive rock formations carved by wind, time, and the Virgin River. This afternoon experience the contrast of Las Vegas, Nevada – the dazzling “Entertainment Capital of the World,” where round-the-clock shopping, nightly shows, and of course gambling are available. Once an oasis en route to California, Las Vegas began as a Mormon settlement and boomed during the silver rush. Today Las Vegas is one of the great gambling capitals of the world

**Overnight:** Las Vegas

#### **DAY 6, Thursday or Saturday - Las Vegas**

Today is at leisure for you to enjoy the many attractions that Las Vegas has to offer. In addition to world-class shopping, bustling casinos, and Broadway-caliber shows, you might simply stroll the famous Strip taking in its amazing sights and sounds, or lie by the pool at your hotel, soaking up the sun. Make sure to bring your appetite, as Las Vegas boasts some of the country’s top restaurants

**Overnight:** Las Vegas

#### **DAY 7, Friday or Sunday - Death Valley en route to Mammoth Lakes\*\***

Having enjoyed the fast pace of glamorous Las Vegas, it will be a sharp contrast this afternoon to enter the quiet and extreme environment of Death Valley. Situated in between some high and distant mountain ranges, this is by far the hottest spot on your journey! Stop at Zabriskie Point and Furnace Creek Ranch before continuing across the valley and ascending the Sierra Nevada Mountains to the alpine resort town of Mammoth Lakes\*\*. Mammoth Mountain was formed over 200,000 years ago as a series of volcanic eruptions. The area gained prominence as a gold mining town in the 19th century, but today it’s the skiing terrain and beautiful mountain vistas that attract visitors from near and far

**Overnight:** Mammoth Lakes\*\*

#### **DAY 8, Saturday or Monday - Yosemite National Park**

A short drive brings you over the Tioga Pass\*\* high in the Sierras into the scenic wonderland of Yosemite National Park. The park is home to a truly spectacular collection of waterfalls - most famously Bridalveil Falls - as well as groves of giant sequoias, the planet’s largest living things. Within the park, you will see the majestic, glacial-shaped granite formations of El Capitan (called “Shooting Star” by the Native Americans) and Half Dome, which rise from the valley floor

**Overnight:** Modesto

#### **DAY 9, Sunday or Tuesday - San Francisco**

Depart early this morning, crossing the Bay Bridge to arrive in San Francisco, one of the most beloved cities in America. Enjoy a full morning tour of the “City by the Bay”, including such sights as Fisherman’s Wharf, Union Square, Chinatown, Golden Gate Bridge and Park, and The Castro District. This will end your escorted tour. The balance of the day is at leisure. Other must-see attractions include Alcatraz, the San Francisco Zoo, Haight-Asbury and the Mission District

**Overnight:** San Francisco

#### **DAY 10, Monday or Wednesday - Return Home**

Transfer to the airport for your departure flight

<b>Dates &amp; Prices</b>	<b>Land Only</b>			<b>Air &amp; Land</b>
	Book By Dec 14	Book After Dec 14	Book By Dec 14	Book After Dec 14
2013				
Apr 13; 27; May 11	<b>\$1349</b>	\$1549	<b>\$1789 *</b>	\$1989 *
May 25	<b>\$1399</b>	\$1599	<b>\$1839 *</b>	\$2039 *

Jun 8; 22	<b>\$1449</b>	\$1649	<b>\$1889 *</b>	\$2089 *
Jul 6; 20	<b>\$1449</b>	\$1649	<b>\$1909 *</b>	\$2109 *
Aug 3	<b>\$1449</b>	\$1649	<b>Call For Air</b>	Call For Air
Aug 17; 31; Sep 7; 9; 14; 16; 21; 23; 28; Oct 12	<b>\$1449</b>	\$1649	<b>\$1949 *</b>	\$2149 *

### Featured Hotels

Radisson Fort McDowell Resort - <a href="#">details</a>	★★★★	Fountain Hills
Yavapai Lodge West - <a href="#">details</a>	★★★	Grand Canyon
Best Western Inn at Lake Powell - <a href="#">details</a>	★★★★+	Page
Best Western Ruby's Inn - <a href="#">details</a>	★★★	Bryce
Circus Circus Hotel & Casino - <a href="#">details</a>	★★★	Las Vegas
Mammoth Mountain Inn - <a href="#">details</a>	★★★	Mammoth Lakes
Doubletree by Hilton Hotel Modesto - <a href="#">details</a>	★★★★+	Modesto
Holiday Inn Golden Gateway - <a href="#">details</a>	★★★	San Francisco



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