

Nature's Canyons

May 10 - 20, 2010

Mesa Verde, Canyon de Chelly, Verde Canyon, Grand Canyon, Zion Natl Park and Bryce Canyon!

Day 1 Pueblo, CO

Explore the amazing spirit of the Southwest and fall in love with the unforgettable desert landscapes, rich Native American heritage, delicious cuisine and exciting natural and historical attractions including the Grand Canyon. Stop this evening in scenic Pueblo for a relaxing overnight stay where the great plains give way to the towering white caps of the Rockies.

Day 2 CB, D Durango, CO

With world-class attractions like **Mesa Verde National Park**, a vibrant downtown district and spectacular Vallecito Lake, incredible Durango, Colorado has something for everyone. This evening enjoy dinner in a historic building at the **Steamworks Brewing Company**.

Day 3 CB Chinle, AZ

In operation for 126 years, the historic **Durango Silverton Railroad** will take you on a journey to a past rich in colorful characters, epic legends and adventure in the wild, untamed land of the American West! Board the narrow-gauge rail car and you're on your way through the San Juan National Forest as your conductor narrates local history. Built by the Denver & Rio Grande Railway to haul gold and silver out of the San Juan Mountains, this historic train is a must for history buffs and nature lovers alike.

Day 4 Flagstaff, AZ

Embark on a **Canyon de Chelly Jeep Tour** and let an experienced Navajo guide offer you the rare opportunity to experience this beautiful and spiritual canyon. With spectacular sheer red cliffs that rise 1,000 feet into the blue Southwestern sky and a chance to learn about the various peoples who have made this magical place their home, this unforgettable tour includes cliff dwellings, wildlife, breathtaking natural formations and Navajo artisans working their timeless crafts. Spend the first of two nights in Flagstaff, on legendary Route 66.

Day 5 CB, L Flagstaff, AZ

Nestled between two national forests, a ride on the **Verde Canyon Railroad** is filled with tunnels, trestles and unexpected natural delights around every winding bend only accessible by rail. Take the historic route from Clarkdale to the ghost ranch of Perkinsville and travel through the heart of Verde Valley, home of the majestic bald eagle. Enjoy a delicious lunch and panoramic views of this geological wonderland.

Day 6 CB Page, AZ

With a powerful and inspiring landscape, the **Grand Canyon National Park** overwhelms your senses with its stunning and indescribably vast beauty. Imagine early explorers as they mapped this incredible natural wonder of the world as you enjoy breathtaking views from the Southern Rim, enjoy time for exploring and learning the fascinating history of the canyon.



Day 7 CB Las Vegas, NV

Arrive in the spectacular desert oasis of Las Vegas today as the **Golden Nugget Hotel** welcomes you with great service and an exciting casino filled with all your favorite card, slot and keno games. Try your luck, enjoy fine dining or take in a legendary Vegas show as you enjoy time on your own this evening to explore the virtually unlimited options in America's favorite playground.

Day 8 Bryce Canyon, UT

Massive canyon walls ascend toward a brilliant blue sky in **Zion National Park**. See the unique sandstone cliffs, spectacular rock formations, rugged canyons, tumbling rivers and pine-blanketed peaks that make this area so special as sandstone monoliths like the Great White Throne, Grand Staircase and Checkerboard Mesa rise in the distance.

Day 9 B, D Moab, UT

This morning, enjoy a hearty breakfast and then take a journey from the southern end at Rainbow Point past the unforgettable pink, grey and white cliffs of Ponderosa Canyon. An unforgettable journey through **Bryce Canyon** takes you from the natural arches sculpted from the red rock of the Claron Formation to the dark green of the Ponderosa forest that peeks through the arches from the canyon below. After nightfall, revisit the wild, natural landscapes and explore the region at night from the tranquil Colorado River on a **Canyonlands by Night Tour**. Relax and enjoy the ride as the starry Southwestern sky spreads out above you and your guide takes you on a journey through the rich history of this amazing landscape.

Day 10 CB, D Denver, CO

Tour the fascinating **National Earthquake Information Center** and learn about the earth science research conducted in this unique facility. Learn how an earthquake is caused, how quakes are tracked and studied and hear advances in technologies that may eventually lead to prediction of these massive seismic events. For dinner, stop by a restaurant dedicated to providing families with scrumptious home-made delights and old-fashioned entertainment.

Day 11 CB Home

Complete the journey homeward through the beautiful scenery of Colorado and the rolling Great Plains.

Oklahoma City patrons will be brought to Wichita for an overnight on May 9 at no extra charge

Wichita & OKC Departures

\$1509 - PER PERSON DOUBLE

\$1979 - SINGLE

\$1399 - PER PERSON TRIPLE

\$1299 - PER PERSON QUAD

\$50 DEPOSIT PER PERSON

INCLUDED:

Deluxe Motorcoach Transportation
Quality Accommodations & Luggage Handling
Services of a Village Tours Director
Admissions Listed & 12 Meals

Optional Cancellation Insurance Available
Final Payment Due 35 days before departure