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It's Time for a New  
*adventure*



# National Parks Odyssey

Tour Dates: September 6 – 17, 2024

## NATIONAL PARKS

- Petrified Forest National Park
- Grand Canyon National Park
- Zion National Park
- Bryce Canyon National Park
- Arches National Park with Local Tour Guide
- Canyonlands National Park with Local Tour Guide

## LANDMARKS/ATTRACTIONS

- Antelope Canyon Guided Tour w/Navajo Guide
- Gouldings Tour at Monument Valley w/Navajo Guide
- Canyon de Chelly National Monument
- Canyonlands by Night Colorado River Boat Ride
- Horseshoe Bend, Arizona and Carl Hayden Visitor Center at Glen Canyon NRA

- Sky City Tour with Sky City Cultural Center & Haak'u Museum
- Dead Horse Point State Park with Local Tour Guide

## TOUR ALSO INCLUDES:

- Photo-Ops at Wilson Arch, Gooseneck State Park, Mexican Hat Rock, Forrest Gump Point and Window Rock
- 11 Nights Hotel Accommodations featuring:  
2 Nights at Red Cliffs Lodge on the Banks of the Colorado River near Moab, Utah with one Full Day of Leisure (photo above)
- 22 Meals Listed in Details: B (11 Breakfasts), L (5 Lunches) & D (7 Dinners)
- Cowboys & Cowgirls of the West Cowboy Dinner
- Cowboy Steak Dinner near the Banks of the Colorado River
- Motorcoach Driver & Tour Guide Gratuities
- Deluxe Motorcoach Transportation
- Tour Directors: Frank & Marsha Scherer



**NATIONAL PARKS ODYSSEY has always been a TRAVELER'S FAVORITE**



**DAY 1:** It's Time for a New Adventure with Travel Masters NWA! Let's Head 'em up, move 'em out! It's time to hit the trail once again for our "National Parks Odyssey" tour. This tour is a Traveler's Favorite and we've traveled these parts before so we have experience under our belts! We're headed **W-E-S-T** and this evening we kick off our tour with "Cowgirls & Cowboys in the West"! We will step back in time at a Chuck Wagon dinner at Los Cedros Ranch. The evening will be complete with a cowboy guitarist, historian, horses, wranglers on horseback, delicious foods in a authentic ranch atmosphere. The Menu includes: Chuck Wagon Beef Brisket, Smoked Sausage, Old Fashioned Cowboy Beans, Southern Style Potato Casserole, Seasonal Fresh Fruit, Sweet Iced Tea/ Bottled Water, Hot Rolls with Creamery Butter & Country Jam and Cowgirl Dessert of the Day! After the sun sets in the west we'll call it a day! . . . a good, good day at that! **Overnight: Amarillo, Texas (D)**

**DAY 2:** It's time to giddy'up and head towards New Mexico. Did you know this tour features 6 National Parks? Plus you'll be amazed at the natural landmarks along the way! That is why this is truly a traveler's favorite tour! As everyone knows, part of the fun of our tours are the great times we have on the road heading to our destinations. We'll be getting to know fellow travelers, so sit back, relax and enjoy the scenery looking out the large windows of our spacious motor coach. We have a couple of special stops today along our route. Lunch will be in Sky City (on your own) with a visit to Sky City Cultural Center & Haak'u Museum for a tour of Sky City. **Overnight: Gallup, New Mexico (B)**

**DAY 3:** This morning we are headed to Petrified Forest National Park. The Petrified Forest is known for her beauty and brains! Best known for globally significant Late Triassic fossils, the park attracts geologists, paleontologists, archaeologists, historians, and biologists; just to name a few. And of course the tourists, like us, searching for the scenic vistas, all the vast wilderness, beautiful skies and amazing landscapes. Get ready, this afternoon several of us will mark something off our "Bucket List" while others will visit an old friend – The Grand Canyon. We will visit the Desert View Watchtower along with Grand Canyon Village (South Rim), Verkamp's Visitor Center and the Kolb Studio. We can take a walk and enjoy the beauty of the Grand Canyon. We will enjoy a group dinner this evening at Cameron Trading Post. **Overnight: Cameron, Arizona (B, D)**

**DAY 4:** Rise & Shine! We have a great day planned. Carolene Ekis owns and operates Antelope Canyon Tours. As a member of the Navajo Nation, Carolene offers tours to some of the most sacred (and sought-after) places on the planet. A guide is

required to visit Antelope Canyon, and Carolene and her team ensure that visitors access these lands in accordance with tribal rules and customs, while also providing an unforgettable experience. She was recognized with the Arizona Office of Tourism's Lifetime Achievement Award during the 2023 Arizona Governor's Conference on Tourism. We have a morning tour planned at Antelope Canyon followed by a delicious group lunch. Following lunch we'll enjoy another beautiful location, Horseshoe Bend. A social media hotspot, Horseshoe Bend has become one of the most recognized and visited places in Glen Canyon National Recreation Area. **Overnight: La Verkin, Utah (B, L)**

**DAY 5:** This morning we will visit Zion National Park. For Mormon pioneers, Zion was often used to mean the Kingdom of Heaven, sanctuary or a happy, peaceful place. We will gaze up at massive sandstone cliffs of cream, pink, and red that soar into a brilliant blue sky. Zion's unique array of plants and animals will enchant us as we absorb the rich history of the past and enjoy the excitement of our present day adventure. There is nothing like a peaceful morning at Zion National Park. After our visit of Zion NP we will travel to Bryce Canyon National Park. This is one of the most scenic roads in Utah, and all of the US for that matter, ENJOY! Then we arrive Bryce Canyon National Park! There is no place quite like Bryce Canyon. Hoodoos (odd-shaped pillars of rock left standing from the forces of erosion) which can be found on every continent, but here is the archetypal "hoodoo-iferous" terrain. Descriptions fail. Cave without a roof? Forest of stone? More of God's beauty! What a day of beautiful creations we will have today! Following our day of touring we will stop for a Cowboy Buffet. **Overnight: Richfield, Utah (B, D)**

**DAY 6:** It's time for a new adventure today – Arches National Park with a our local step-on guide. At Arches, we will discover a landscape of contrasting colors, landforms and textures unlike any other in the world. The park has over 2,000 natural stone arches in addition to hundreds of soaring pinnacles, massive fins, and giant balanced rocks. This red rock wonderland will amaze you with its formations. Next, we are in for a treat – Red Cliffs Lodge near Moab, Utah. Red Cliffs Lodge

is on the banks of the Colorado River at the foot of dramatic red rock cliffs. This evening you will be impressed at our surroundings as we enjoy a Cowboy Cookout. Red Cliffs Lodge will be our home for the next two nights, so enjoy listening to the Colorado river flow as you fall into a relaxing sleep each night. **Overnight: Red Cliffs Lodge, Moab, Utah (B, D) 2-Night Stay**

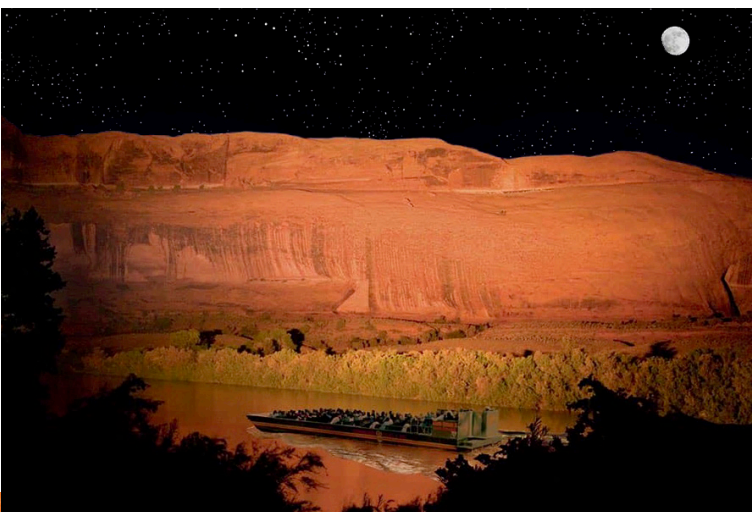


*Photo at left is at Red Cliffs Lodge*



**DAY 7:** Morning, Glory! This morning sleep in, get some rest and enjoy breakfast overlooking at the beautiful scenery of the towering Red Cliffs and the Colorado River. Maybe take a short walk out to the river's edge or better yet perhaps a dip in the pool. Then there are the different things you could book on your own. Experience the thrill of adventure with your choice of Moab river rafting trips, off-road hummer safaris, guided tours, horseback riding, one-of-a-kind Moab mountain biking, and so much more! (If you sign-up we'll share more details later). You can always do something a little quieter too like maybe do a load of laundry, take a nap or enjoy a wine tasting at their winery. Plus, Hollywood has filmed numerous films in this area so be sure to check out the "Movie Museum" at Red Cliffs Lodge. They share information about all of the old westerns that were filmed in this area like "Rio Grande" with John Wayne. **Overnight: Red Cliffs Lodge, Moab, Utah (B)**

**DAY 8:** This morning after another beautiful sunrise at breakfast we say farewell to Red Cliffs Lodge. We head back into town where we will welcome our step-on guide who will take us on a scenic drive to Canyonlands National Park. Once at the park we will enjoy a picnic lunch. Canyonlands has countless canyons and fantastically formed buttes carved by the Colorado River and its tributaries. Rivers divide the park into four districts: the Island in the Sky, the Needles, the Maze, and the rivers themselves. We will also visit Dead Horse Point State Park (this is the place where the closing scene was filmed for the movie Thelma & Louise starring Susan Sarandon and Geena Davis). Following our afternoon of touring we'll have free time in Moab. Tonight we are in for a real treat, Canyonlands by Night dinner and tour. Prior to boarding the boat for the boat ride and world-famous Sound and Light display, we will enjoy a delicious cowboy-style, dutch-oven meal. Next, we will step aboard our boat, where nothing is quite as beautiful as a stunning night view of the serene Colorado River, the surrounding dusty Canyonlands, and the shimmering stars above, all set to music. Hope you are as excited as we are, it's sure to be a great evening! We are changing hotels in Moab tonight staying next door to tonight's attraction. **Overnight: Moab, Utah (B, L, D)**



**DAY 9:** Today we officially start heading for home, but we have so much more to see enroute. Today's photo stops/attractions include:

Wilson Arch a natural sandstone arch that has a span of 91 feet and height of 46 feet. Yes, it's huge!!! We'll enjoy a picnic lunch at Bluff Fort. In 1880, Mormon pioneers went looking to establish a mission on the San Juan River in an area that was known to be a hideout for lawless men. The mission, Mormon leaders believed, would be a tool to establish law and order, maintain friendly relations with the Native Americans, and create a safe haven for settlers of the state.

Goosenecks State Park – Gaze at the results of 300 million years of geological activity, where the San Juan River winds and carves its way through the desert 1,000 feet below. The San Juan River twists and turns through the meander, flowing a distance of over six miles while advancing one and a half miles west.

Mexican Hat Rock – The name "Mexican Hat" comes from a curiously sombrero-shaped rock outcropping. The rock measures 60-foot wide by 12-foot tall.

Forrest Gump Point – The location near Monument Valley where the iconic movie character "Forrest Gump" declared it was time to go home. (You have to watch the movie to understand so maybe we will watch it on the way home for a refresher).

John Wayne's Cabin at Goulding's Trading Post - Goulding's dates back to 1921 when Harry and his bride Leone (nicknamed Mike) purchased 640 acres of property. They operated a trading post for decades. During the depression, Harry sent a gallery of photographs of the local environs to Western movie director John Ford, who was looking for new places to film. Ford fell in love with the Monument Valley landscape, and he and actor John Wayne would eventually film many movies here. John Wayne, the "Duke" made five movies here, "Stagecoach" (1939), "Fort Apache" (1948), "She Wore a Yellow Ribbon" (1949), "Rio Grande" (1950), and "The Searchers" (1956). The site is on the National Register of Historic Places.

Let's go see Monument Valley!!! We'll step off our motorcoach and step on to Goulding's open-air vehicles for a tour of Monument Valley with a local step-on guide! The tour covers the famous 17-mile loop of Monument Valley. View many of the famous monuments when the tour makes stops at The East and West Mittens viewpoint, John Ford's Point & Three Sisters viewpoint, the Totem Pole viewpoint, Artist's Point, and the North Window viewpoints. This tour offers you the opportunity to visit an authentic Navajo Hogan. During our tour, you will have the opportunity to stop and gaze at the panorama where John Ford, John Wayne, and countless other historical figures of the Southwest have left their footprints. All tours include the entry fee to Monument Valley Tribal Park, a map, tickets to Earth Spirit Theater and traditional Navajo cultural demonstration. Our local guide is a Navajo who grew up in and around the Monument Valley area. During the tours, they provide access to trails and paths not open to the public while offering insight about the Valley. They are proud of their heritage and are more than happy to share stories about their culture and history. So don't hesitate to ask! How exciting! Let's go!!! **Overnight: Kayenta, Arizona (B, L)**



**DAY 10:** Today we are again heading South/East towards home but again there is so many things to see! We'll visit Canyon de Chelly National Monument where we will visit some of their overlooks like "Spider Rock". Later today we'll enjoy another notable landmark "Window Rock". Until 1936, the area was sparsely populated and known by the Navajo only by its ceremonial name Ni' Atñii' gi ("Center of the World"). It is located where the seat of government and capital of the Navajo Nation is. **Overnight: Albuquerque, New Mexico (B, L)**

**DAY 11:** Today we are back on I-40 and headed due East for Home! Well have a few interesting stops like lunch (on your own) at a Route 66 Diner. We'll also visit a classic car and memorabilia museum that is sure to knock your socks off! This evening we'll find ourselves back in Amarillo for a good night's rest before we start our last day enroute home. **Overnight: Amarillo, Texas (B)**

**DAY 12:** Today is a travel day home. We'll stop in Elk City, Oklahoma for lunch at a restaurant we found on our scouting trip. Then we'll be back on the road where we'll share great memories as we travel towards home. We'll all be chatting about our "favorite" part of this wonderful itinerary. Could it be our visit to the Grand Canyon National Park or the relaxing morning we had at Zion National Park. Then there was our visit to Arches National Park with local tour guide and our stunning night views of the serene Colorado River. How about everything we did on our last few days enoute home? Monument Valley? I think everything on the National Parks Odyssey itinerary is something worth talking about! Well it's time for a new adventure . . . where to next?? (B, L)

**PRICE (PER PERSON):**

- \$3600 Double
- \$3300 Triple/Quad
- \$4775 Single

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**DEPOSIT:** \$300 Deposit due with Reservation

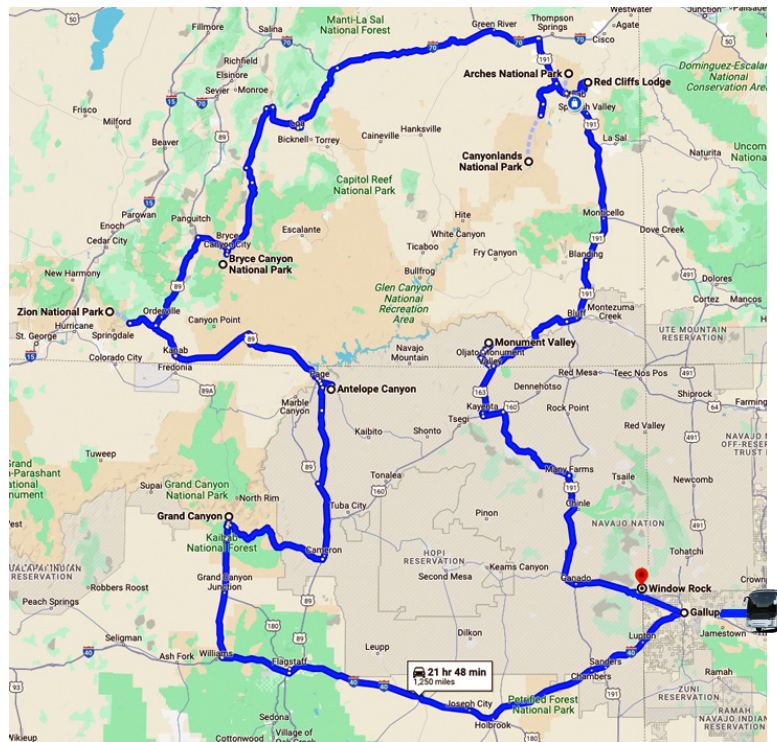
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*Believe it or not . . . This photo is REAL! Taken on our tour in September, 2014 when we visited Red Cliffs Lodge.*



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Legal Name: \_\_\_\_\_ (Passport/Driver's License) Date of Birth: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

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Name Tag Name: \_\_\_\_\_ (if different from your first name you listed above)

Roommate's Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Date of Birth: \_\_\_\_\_

Please check room preferences (Note: We will request, can't guarantee):  Two Beds  King  Handicapped  Near Elevator

Please list any special needs or requests: \_\_\_\_\_

Will you be celebrating a birthday, anniversary, or any other special occasion while on this tour? \_\_\_\_\_

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Tour Price (per person)  Single  Double  Triple/Quad Deposit Amount: \_\_\_\_\_ Travel Protection Plan Amount: \_\_\_\_\_

Total Amount Enclosed: \$ \_\_\_\_\_ Number of people on this reservation: \_\_\_\_\_

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