Las Vegas - Las Vegas

Embark on an adventure from Zion National Park to Bryce Canyon, Utah’s most famous national parks! They are only 90 minutes apart, but strikingly different and yet there is so much more! Southwestern Utah’s Bryce Canyon & Zion National Parks are two of the most geologically fascinating and stunningly beautiful places on earth.

Explore rim country with a hike to Angel’s Landing, 1,200 feet above the valley floor. Hike the most magnificent slot canyon around: Zion National Park’s Virgin River Narrows, ranked fifth out of America’s best 100 adventures by National Geographic Adventure Magazine. Browse galleries in the artist conclave of Springdale and unwind each night while marveling at the brilliance of Utah’s star-lit sky.

Highlights

Hike
Past waterfalls, natural springs and hanging gardens in Zion’s Virgin River Narrows, ranked one of America’s best adventures by National Geographic
The magical hoodoo rock formations of Bryce’s Peek-a-Boo and Queens Garden trails
One of the top rated hikes in the world by climbing 1,200-feet above the valley floor to Angel’s Landing

Bike
Through the breathtaking red canyon walls of Snow Canyon State Park

Explore
Sculpted rock gardens of brilliantly colored spires, cliffs and natural amphitheaters and take in eye-popping views from Rainbow Point

Plus...
Marvel at monolithic hoodoos, arches, and windows as you wind around the outer edge of the gorge in Cedar Breaks National Monument
Here’s What’s Included; We’ve Got You Covered.

All guiding services
Two experienced guides per trip. Having two guides allows for much greater flexibility, meaning you’re able to go at your own pace.

All accommodations
A range of hotels, lodges and inns. The locations are chosen for their history and amazing scenery.

All meals
Breakfast, lunch and dinner on all days, except where indicated on the itinerary (breakfast on day 1, dinner on day 4 and lunch/dinner on day 6).

All activities
Hiking, biking and more! On this trip we’ve refined the subtle art of adventure travel, allowing you to discover these two magnificent National Parks on foot and by pedal.

All transport
When you’re not travelling under your own steam, there will be comfortable air-conditioned vans to stretch your legs.

Itinerary

Day 1
Hike and Bike Snow Canyon State Park
Our trip begins in Las Vegas where we’ll begin our journey with a drive to Snow Canyon State Park and our first hike of the trip amid lava flows and sandstone. The State Park canyon is carved from the red and white Navajo sandstone in the Red Mountains and the lava rock we’ll see along this trail is a result of cinder cones that erupted anywhere between 1.4 million and 27,000 years ago! After lunch we’ll change up our hiking boots for wheels, our afternoon adventure will start with a short bike talk by our informative guides before we hop on bikes to ride under towering red sandstone cliffs and black lava rock, eventually ending up at our first night’s accommodation. The Seven Wives Inn Bed and Breakfast located in downtown Saint George, Utah, is a historic treasure in the painted southwest desert.

Seven Wives Inn (Lunch, Dinner)

Lava Flows Hiking Distance: 1.6-3.2 kilometres (1-2 miles), 0.5-1 hour
Elevation Gain: 121 metres (396 feet)
Elevation Loss: 121 metres (396 feet)

Biking Distance: 22 kilometres (14 miles), 1-2 hours

Day 2
Hike Cedar Breaks National Monument
A freshly prepared breakfast will await us this morning before we head to the Red Cliffs Desert Reserve where we’ll take a neat hike. Red Cliffs is a 62,000-acre scenic wildlife reserve set aside to protect the Mojave Desert tortoise and other rare plants and animals. After a picnic lunch, we’ll drive to Cedar Breaks National Monument and hike the Spectra Point Trail. This stunning rim trail takes you out to an outcropping on the southern end of the park, the views to the east and the north are quite spectacular, and so is the giant bristlecone pine that sits near the point. We’ll continue on our drive through to Bryce Canyon National Park, a sprawling reserve in southern Utah, known for its riorange-colored hoodoos, spire-shaped rock formations. Our accommodation for the next two nights, the Bryce Canyon Grand Hotel, is surrounded by fantastic scenery, most notably the hoodoos which you’ll encounter in the coming days.

Bryce Canyon Grand (All meals)

Red Cliffs Desert Reserve Hiking Distance: 3.2 kilometres (2 miles), 1-2 hours
Spectra Point Trail Hiking Distance: 3.2 kilometres (2 miles), 1-2 hours
Day 3

**Hike Peek-a-Boo and Queens Garden Trails**

After a hearty breakfast we'll embark on a hike through the magical hoodoo rock formations of Bryce's Queens Garden trail. The trail drops down into the canyon and we'll wander through natural sculpted rock gardens of brilliantly colored spires, cliffs, and natural amphitheaters with the trail looping up with the Peek-a-boo trail, creating a figure-8, passing by the Wall of Windows, the Hindu temples and many more exquisite series of arches and hoodoos. There's also an opportunity to head to the southern end of the National Park to take in the jaw dropping views from Rainbow Point. Afterwards we can all share our favorite parts of Bryce Canyon with the group as we dine at Bryce Pines. If you’re a night owl, be sure to take advantage of one of the clearest night skies around and try your hand at finding some of the constellations.

**Bryce Canyon Grand (All meals)**

**Queens Garden Hiking Distance:** 4.7 kilometres (2.9 miles), 1-2 hours  
**Elevation Gain:** 192 metres (630 feet)  
**Elevation Loss:** 192 metres (630 feet)

**Peek-a-boo Hiking Distance:** 8.4 kilometres (5.2 miles), 2-3 hours  
**Elevation Gain:** 443 metres (1453 feet)  
**Elevation Loss:** 443 metres (1453 feet)

Day 4

**Bike Bryce Canyon, hike Zion National Park**

We’ll depart Bryce Canyon National Park on our bikes this morning as we take a relaxed, beautiful ride through Red Canyon. This peaceful trail will take you past a variety of pink, orange, and red rock formations and through patches of ponderosa and bristlecone pine trees. After our morning bike, we’ll drive to Zion National Park, winding through the magnificent canyon walls and towering cliffs that make up this majestic park. We’ll get straight into it and hike Angel’s Landing, one of the top-rated hikes in the world, a trail cut into solid rock in 1926 leads to the top of Angels Landing and provides views of Zion Canyon. With chain-assisted rock scrambling sections, stunning views, and vertigo-inducing heights, this hike is more about the journey than the destination. Later we'll check into our accommodation for the next two nights, Springhill Suites, located only one mile from the parks entrance. The evening is then yours to explore and enjoy on your own.

**Springhill Suites (Breakfast, Lunch)**

**Biking Distance:** 12.8 kilometres (8 miles), 1-2 hours  
**Angels Landing Hiking Distance:** 8.7 kilometres (5.4 miles), 3-5 hours  
**Elevation Gain:** 426 metres (1400 feet)  
**Elevation Loss:** 426 metres (1400 feet)

Day 5

**Hike Zion National Park**

Zion National Park has a unique geography and a variety of life zones that allow for unusual plant and animal diversity, the canyon walls are reddish and tan-colored Navajo Sandstone, eroded by the North Fork of the Virgin River. Today we'll explore more of the wonders this park has to offer today, spending a full day walking and wading along the Virgin River, into the sheer walled canyon of The Narrows. This gorge, with walls a thousand feet tall and the river sometimes just twenty to thirty feet wide, is recognized as one of America's best adventures by National Geographic. We'll soak up the captivating scenery as we pass waterfalls, natural springs and hanging gardens. Afterwards we'll head back to our accommodation and have time to relax and reflect on the trip before our celebratory farewell dinner.

**Springhill Suites (All meals)**

**The Narrows Hiking Distance:** Up to 8 kilometres (5 miles), as far as you want to go
Day 6

Bike Zion National Park, farewell!
This morning for a final adventure we'll hop on bikes to ride through Zion for the last time, from the lodge to the Temple of Sinawava. The Temple of Sinawava is the park's hallmark, with its paved trail following the Virgin River upstream through ever-narrowing canyons of sandstone to the Zion Narrows, framed by hanging gardens of flowers and waterfalls. We'll return on the same route, stopping off at the Visitor Centre for lunch, before we take in the beauty of this place one last time before heading back to your hotel or the airport in Las Vegas. This is the end of your trip and we’ll leave you refreshed and invigorated from the good food, exercise, rest, and great times you’ll have had with us!

(Breakfast)

Biking Distance: 24 kilometres (15 miles), 1.5-2 hours
Useful Info

No Forced Single Supplement
Most other travel companies charge all solo travellers a single supplement fee. We don’t! When it comes to accommodation, our trip fares are based on a twin-share rate, which means we’ll match you up with another person of the same gender to share a room with. If there’s no one suitable to share with, there’s no forced single supplement! Having said that, if you specifically request your own room, you can opt to pay the additional single supplement fee.

PLEASE NOTE: If you book within 90 days and you’re a Forced single, you’ll be required to pay for your own room.

Group Size
This trip has a maximum of 12 guests for the adult only departures and a 18 guests for the family departures, plus two experienced guides.

Trip Start
On the first day of the trip we can pick you up from DoubleTree by Hilton Airport hotel at 7am or from the Residence Inn by Marriott in Henderson at 7.20am, please meet in the hotel lobby(s).

Trip End
On the last day of the trip we can drop you off at the Las Vegas airport in time for the flights below, or anywhere in central Las Vegas about 2pm.

Recommended flights
Arrival: We recommend arriving into Las Vegas the night before the trip starts. If that isn’t possible please contact us to arrange an alternative arrival time.

Departure: Flying out on the last day of the trip, we recommend departing from Las Vegas after 3pm. If you are considering alternative flight times please check with us.

Fitness
As an Activity Level 2-3 trip, you’ll need a good level of fitness for the ‘Bobcat’ trip - it’s an adventurous trip with both hiking and biking, and has options to suit a wide range of fitness levels and outdoor experience. If you keep reasonably active and like to give things a go, you’re likely to enjoy the trip much more and if you’re used to pushing yourself, we’ll keep you challenged as well! Typically, hikes on this trip range between two and five hours to complete and more, or less hiking can be available. Advance preparation means you’ll enjoy the active and outdoor nature of your trip even more. Please head to our Fitness Guide for great tips on how to prepare along with a workout plan!

Active Adventures Club
Did you know that once you’ve booked a trip with us, you become part of the Active Adventures Club? As a club member you’ll earn Active Dollars and receive exclusive offers!

Active Adventures Assurance
Our Active Adventures Assurance to you is a sign of our confidence in what we do and our ability to deliver exceptional adventure tours - rain, hail or shine!

Lifetime Deposits, refunds outside 30 days and our free trip guarantee - read more here.
General Trip Information
You can find details on recommended flights and fitness, as well as trip start and end in the ‘specific information’ section at the end of each itinerary.

Accommodation
You’ll love the interesting places we’ve discovered over the years. You’ll visit really spectacular and off-the-beaten-track locations and stay in comfortable bed and breakfasts, lodges, apartments and hotels for the most part. Keep in mind that the most remote locations have limited accommodation options, but 5-star scenery!

Outdoor Experience
Our trips allow you to make the most of the backcountry, whether you’re relatively new to hiking or a seasoned trekker. Our highly trained and experienced guides will be at your side, safely guiding you to magnificent places that you wouldn’t get to on your own. The challenges are there, if you’re looking for them, and all we ask is that you be energetic and in reasonable shape and we guarantee you’ll have an incredible time. You don’t have to have been kayaking to enjoy paddling out on the water and you don’t need to be a serious biker to enjoy most of the rides we do. In fact, we have so many options available that you don’t need to ride or paddle at all if you’d rather hike or just laze around!

Included
The fare includes just about everything, specifically:

- All guiding services. We have two guides per trip, and on our smallest trips, one of our most experienced guides will look after you.
- Comfortable accommodation for the entire period you are with us.
- Breakfast, lunch and dinner on most days, as indicated, with many delicious meals prepared by your guides, who are adept at catering for all dietary requirements. Alcohol is not included, although we do spring a few drinks here and there!
- All activities described in the itineraries including hiking, kayaking, biking and rafting, except the optional extra activities that are available at additional cost.
- All transportation from trip start to end.
- The highest level of service from our guides and from our experienced team behind the scenes. We’re always here for you and we always go the extra mile!

Not Included
This is your all-inclusive vacation and there are no hidden costs. You’ll have a few meals and drinks to cover, extra activities if you choose them, and you’ll probably feel like tipping your guides at the end of a fabulous trip, though you won’t need to pull out your wallet every few minutes on your Active Adventures trip!

Flexibility
We’re really flexible and none of our itineraries are written in stone, so if you have a particular interest you’d like to include or you need to leave a trip earlier or join later (at an altered fare), just let us know and we can almost always make it happen.

Likewise, all adventure travel requires a certain amount of flexibility and we sometimes have to make minor changes to the accommodation or activities because of weather and availability, but we have plenty of options up our sleeve and the experience to keep your trip running seamlessly.

Itinerary Updates
We update our itineraries annually, so please check our website for the most up-to-date itineraries and pricing. We make every effort to ensure itinerary accuracy at the time of printing, though changes may occur without prior notice due to local circumstances.