

# ARIZONA DESERT and CANYONS

**16 DAYS – MOTORCOACH**

*This tour features America's most colourful and spectacular canyon scenery as you journey through Arizona and Utah. ARIZONA, famous for its revitalizing climate, is a colourful land of deep canyons, vast deserts and rugged mountains. Your UTAH visit highlights the unique beauty of two National Parks: Zion and Bryce Canyon.*

Relax at the popular resort areas of Phoenix and Tucson with time to explore. Marvel at the magnificent Grand Canyon and enjoy the excitement of Las Vegas. Sightseeing includes London Bridge, Sonora Desert Museum, Oak Creek Canyon, Tombstone, Monument Valley, Four Corners Monument, Glen Canyon and more!

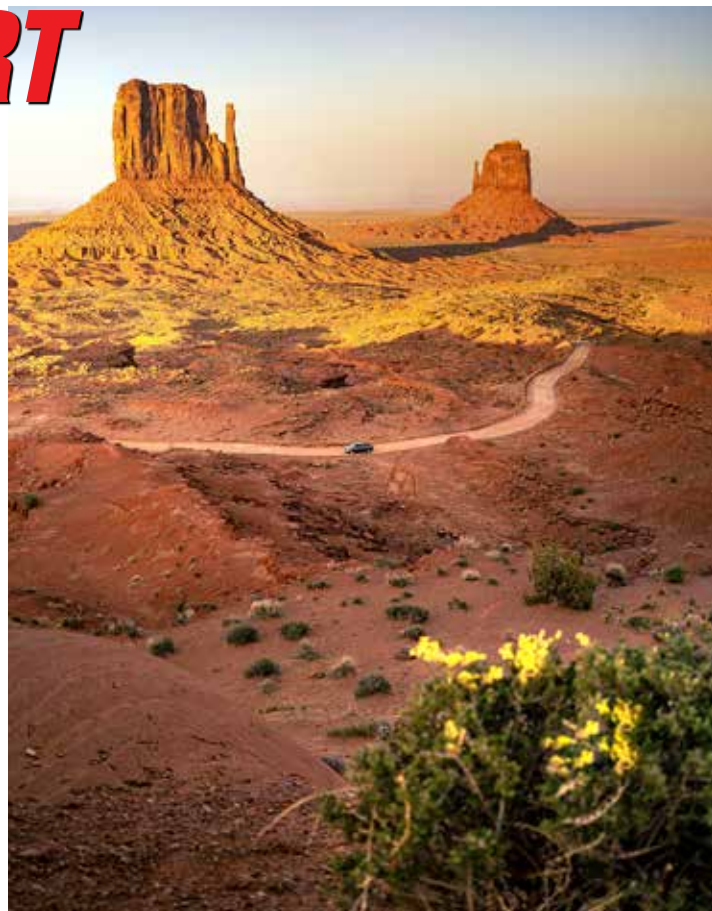
**DEPARTURE:** Edmonton 7:00 a.m., Red Deer 9:00 a.m., Calgary 12:00 p.m., Fort Macleod 2:00 p.m., Lethbridge 2:30 p.m.

## DAY

- 1 EDMONTON to CALGARY to GREAT FALLS:** *Monday.* Your *Southwestern Holiday* begins as you are welcomed aboard your deluxe coach in Edmonton. Travel south via Red Deer, Calgary to Lethbridge, meeting additional travel companions enroute. Stop at the duty-free store before entering the USA and arrive at the **Holiday Inn** in Great Falls, Montana for overnight. Join an informal WELCOME MEET and GREET upon arrival.
- 2 GREAT FALLS to OGDEN:** *Tuesday.* Sit back and soak in the scenery as you journey through the rugged mountains of Montana and the high plains of Idaho. Cross into Utah and follow the Wasatch Mountains into the Great Salt Lake Basin for overnight.
- 3 OGDEN to LAS VEGAS:** *Wednesday.* Travel south through Utah, along the scenic Virgin River Canyon, across a corner of Arizona and into Nevada. You are on your way to Las Vegas, where glitter and glamour is everywhere and neon lights flash day and night. Enjoy a **DRIVING TOUR** of the strip on the way to your hotel, the **Golden Nugget**, located on Fremont Street amid all the action. Tonight, take in the one-of-a-kind **FREMONT STREET EXPERIENCE** at your doorstep! This busy pedestrian-only corridor features shops, restaurants, street performers and an overhead zip-line. Watch the Viva Vision Light Show as super-sized animations and high-resolution special effects are displayed on a digital screen canopy 90 feet overhead.
- 4 LAS VEGAS to LAKE HAVASU CITY:** *Thursday.* Leave the bright lights of Las Vegas behind and proceed to the resort town of Lake Havasu City. Enter



Gunfight at Tombstone, Arizona.



Monument Valley, Arizona.

Arizona and visit historic OATMAN on Route 66. This old gold mining town is a unique adventure, with tame burros roaming the streets and characters right out of the old west. Continue on to view the famous LONDON BRIDGE, rebuilt stone by stone on the banks of a man-made lake in the Arizona Desert.

- 5 LAKE HAVASU CITY to TUCSON:** (3 nights) *Friday.* Continue to Tucson, Arizona's second largest city, and visit the PRESIDIO SAN AGUSTIN DEL TUCSON – birthplace of the city. Stay for three nights at the **Holiday Inn Express Tucson Mall** hotel.
- 6 TUCSON:** *Saturday.* A **GUIDED TOUR** of this centuries-old city is a great way to start an exciting day. Be entertained with a visit to **OLD TUCSON STUDIOS**, the setting for many western movies and TV shows. Then experience the world-famous **ARIZONA SONORA DESERT MUSEUM**, a unique zoo and museum featuring the plants and animals native to the Sonora Desert.
- 7 TUCSON:** *Sunday.* Today tour the "Old West". First stop is **TOMBSTONE**, one of the West's most remarkable collections of frontier mining-town buildings. Take in a **GUNFIGHT AT THE O.K. CORRAL** and take time to explore this old-time



setting. Continue to BISBEE where you will see turn-of-the-century Victorian structures full of old-west history and copper mining lore. Visit the first cemetery to be called "BOOT HILL" on your way back to Tucson for your last night.

**8 TUCSON to PHOENIX AREA:** (2 nights) *Monday*. This morning a short drive brings you to Phoenix, a desert paradise nestled beneath a mountain playground. Upon arrival meet your local guide and depart on a GUIDED TOUR of the "Valley of the Sun" to acquaint you with the many attractions the area has to offer. The name accurately reflects the fact that the sun shines 300 days of the year. Your tour will include the Old Scottsdale area and a visit to one of the last citrus farms near the city. Arrive at your hotel, the **Holiday Inn Express Tempe**, conveniently located near the Arizona Mills Mall. During your stay enjoy an outdoor pool, whirlpool and fitness center.

**9 PHOENIX AREA:** *Tuesday*. Enjoy a FREE DAY to take advantage of the amenities of your hotel, a round of golf, or browse in some of the unique area shops.

**10 PHOENIX AREA to GRAND CANYON:** *Wednesday*. Travel to the magnificent Grand Canyon National Park where you will overnight close by. Highlights enroute include a visit to the ruins of MONTEZUMA CASTLE NATIONAL MONUMENT, the artists' village of SEDONA and a glorious drive through OAK CREEK CANYON, with its shaded banks of Sycamore and Cottonwood trees.

**11 GRAND CANYON to MONUMENT VALLEY:** *Thursday*. A thrilling visit to the IMAX THEATRE to view a Grand Canyon movie is a perfect start to your day. You will be awestruck as you meander along the south rim of the world's greatest natural wonder – neither pictures nor words can fully describe the GRAND CANYON! Then it's on through the Painted Desert to Kayenta for an included DINNER and overnight at the **Hampton Inn** near Monument Valley.

**12 MONUMENT VALLEY to PAGE:** *Friday*. Join us this morning as you experience MONUMENT VALLEY NAVAJO TRIBAL PARK with a local guide. After lunch, take a scenic drive through Navajo nation to the famous FOUR CORNERS MONUMENT, where Utah, Colorado, Arizona and New Mexico meet. Travel through GLEN CANYON NATIONAL RECREATION AREA on your way to LAKE POWELL, one of the world's largest man-made lakes, before arrival to your hotel in Page for overnight.

**13 PAGE to BRYCE CANYON:** *Saturday*. Start your day with an interesting stop at GLEN CANYON DAM before you head to Utah. After a lunch stop in Bryce Canyon Village, enjoy a visit to BRYCE CANYON NATIONAL PARK, known for its crimson-coloured hoodoos. Travel past the expansive Bryce Amphitheatre, a hoodoo-filled depression lying below the Rim Trail. These crimson-coloured spires of rock catch the sun's rays, giving them a hue all their own. After visiting spectacular overlooks in the park, return to Bryce Canyon Village for overnight at **Ruby's Inn**.

**14 BRYCE CANYON to ZION CANYON to OGDEN:** *Sunday*. This morning visit ZION NATIONAL PARK, where massive stone formations resemble temples and cathedrals and the soaring canyon walls are ablaze with ever-

**INCLUDED IN YOUR HOLIDAY:** •First class transportation on an air-conditioned, washroom-equipped motorcoach •Quality accommodation and tax •Services of an experienced Tour Director and Driver •Baggage handling, one average piece per person •Travel Bag •Admission to attractions and sightseeing as outlined in the itinerary •Welcome Meet and Greet •Las Vegas Driving Tour of Strip •Fremont Street Experience •Oatman •London Bridge •Presidio San Agustin del Tucson •Guided Tour of Tucson •Old Tucson Studios •Arizona Sonora Desert Museum •Tombstone •Gunfight at O.K. Corral •Bisbee •Boot Hill Cemetery •Guided Tour of Phoenix area •Free Day in Phoenix •Montezuma Castle National Monument •Sedona •Oak Creek Canyon •IMAX Theatre •Grand Canyon National Park •Dinner in Kayenta •Guided tour of Monument Valley Navajo Tribal Park •Four Corners Monument •Lake Powell •Glen Canyon National Recreation Area •Glen Canyon Dam •Bryce Canyon National Park •Zion National Park •Farewell Dinner •15 Meals Include: 13 Breakfasts and 2 Dinners.



London Bridge in Lake Havasu City.

changing colours. Continue through the state of Utah, passing through Salt Lake City before arriving in Ogden for overnight.

**15 OGDEN to GREAT FALLS:** *Monday*. Journey north through Idaho to the state of Montana and arrive in Great Falls for your last evening at the **Holiday Inn**. Join your fellow travellers for a HOSTED FAREWELL DINNER.

**16 GREAT FALLS to CALGARY to EDMONTON:** *Tuesday*. Stop at the duty-free store and then re-enter Canada. Return home with fond memories of your sunny southwestern holiday.

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<b>DEPARTURE DATES 2025</b>	
16 Days: February 10	
<b>COST PER PERSON – CANADIAN FUNDS</b>	
Triple:	\$3,609.00
Twin:	\$4,249.00
Single:	\$5,949.00
<b>NO GST ON THIS TOUR</b>	
<b>EARLY BOOKING DISCOUNT:</b> \$85.00 twin sharing per person.	



Saguaro National Park, Tucson.