



# THE TRAVEL CLUB

## *Pre-Departure Itinerary*

## **Canyon Country**

**Featuring Arizona, Utah and Las Vegas**

**Thursday, October 7– Friday, October 15, 2010**

Your tour begins in Scottsdale, where you'll spend time with a Native American tribe member, then tour downtown Phoenix, Camelback Mountain, Paradise Valley and Old Town Scottsdale. You'll pass through Sedona on your way to the open country of Oak Creek Canyon, Kaibab National Forest and finally a day touring the Grand Canyon and Lake Powell. From there, you'll explore the sacred Navajo land of Monument Valley before taking in the breathtaking natural beauty of Bryce Canyon National Park and the red and white sandstone cliffs of Zion National Park. In stark contrast, you'll end your journey in Las Vegas! A painted desert and natural wonder in its own right!

### **Includes**

- Round-trip regularly scheduled flights from Boston to Scottsdale and Las Vegas to Boston
- Eight nights' first class accommodations
- Twelve meals: seven breakfasts, five dinners
- Round-trip airport/hotel transfers
- Sightseeing and touring

### **Rates**

**\$2,549** per person double occupancy

**\$2,519** per person triple occupancy

**\$3,299** single reservations

Add \$50 for current air taxes, fees, charges and surcharges. Cancellation waiver and travel insurance is \$140 per person. Although not required, we recommend purchasing the waiver. Purchase must be made at the time of booking.

### **Trip Planner**

**Day 1:** Flight from Boston

**Days 1-2:** Doubletree Resort, Scottsdale AZ

**Day 3:** Grand Canyon Lodges, Grand Canyon, AZ

**Days 4-5:** Lake Powell Resort, Page AZ

**Day 6:** Zion Park Inn, Zion National Park, UT

**Days 7-8:** Planet Hollywood, Las Vegas, NV

**Day 9:** Return flight to Boston

### **Features:**

Tour of Scottsdale and Phoenix, Camelback Mountain, visit to Sedona, Oak Creek Canyon, Kaibab National Forest, Grand Canyon, Cameron Trading Post, Monument Valley, Jeep tour, Bryce Canyon National Park, Las Vegas

## **DAILY ITINERARY**

### **Day 1: Thursday, October 07, 2010 - Scottsdale, Arizona - Tour Begins**

Fly from Boston to day to begin your tour. A tour of canyon country features some of America's most colorful and spectacular scenery and includes visits to three national parks. Your vacation begins in the colorful city of Scottsdale.

### **Day 2: Friday, October 08, 2010 - Scottsdale - Phoenix - Scottsdale**

This morning will be a highlight of your trip as you enjoy a chat with a local Native American tribe member. Learn about the different tribes of the area, their histories, and modern day life of Native Americans in Arizona. After your presentation, a local guide will introduce you to Scottsdale and Phoenix. Highlights of this tour include downtown Phoenix, Camelback Mountain, Paradise Valley, Old Town Scottsdale and more. Next, you will learn how Native American jewelry and handicrafts are made at a jewelry-making demonstration. The rest of the day is at leisure to check out Old Town Scottsdale or just relax at your hotel. **(B,D)**.

### **Day 3: Saturday, October 09, 2010 - Scottsdale - Sedona - Grand Canyon**

Begin the day with a visit to the beautiful city of Sedona and take some time to shop in the marketplace. You will be amazed with Oak Creek Canyon, where the rock formations seem to change hue with every turn in the road. Later, as you travel through the spectacular Kaibab National Forest, you will reach the South Rim of the Grand Canyon. **(B,D)**

**Day 4: Sunday, October 10, 2010 - Grand Canyon - Lake Powell**

This morning you will have ample time to explore the Grand Canyon. Behold amazing views of the canyon with a drive along the South Rim. Theodore Roosevelt, upon visiting the canyon, is quoted as saying, "This is one of the great sights which every American, if he can travel at all, must see." Later, a short drive brings you to Cameron Trading Post. For nearly a century, the post has been a haven for travelers, traders, and explorers who come from all points of the globe to see the wonder of the Grand Canyon and experience the Native American cultures of the Southwest. Continue north through mesa-studded desert scenery before arriving at your home for the next two evenings, Lake Powell Resort, a stunning hotel that overlooks the sparkling blue waters of Lake Powell. **(B,D)**

**Day 5: Monday, October 11, 2010 - Lake Powell - Monument Valley - Lake Powell**

Begin your day with an invigorating breakfast cruise\*\* along lovely Lake Powell. Journey through the territory of the Navajo nation and arrive in Monument Valley, a sacred Navajo land featuring colorful sandstone spires that rise hundreds of feet from the valley floor. Enjoy an exciting Jeep tour, narrated by one of the Navajo tribe members. A stop will be made at a Hogan. The history and symbolism of a Hogan represents every aspect of Navajo life: their thinking, reasoning, planning and their philosophy. Later today, return to Lake Powell for an evening of leisure. **(B)**

**Day 6: Tuesday, October 12, 2010 - Lake Powell - Bryce Canyon National Park - Zion National Park**

Today, travel to Bryce Canyon National Park, truly one of the most spectacular scenic wonders of the world. The formations within Bryce Canyon National Park, called Hoodoos, are the creation of wind and water erosion over eons of time. Iron oxidizing within the rock causes the natural orange and red hues that color these formations. Your final destination for the day is the red and white sandstone cliffs of Zion National Park\*\*\*. In sheer magnitude and color, Zion is very likely one of the most awe-inspiring national parks in the world. **(B,D)**

**Day 7: Wednesday, October 13, 2010 - Zion National Park - Las Vegas, Nevada**

Climb aboard Zion's open-air tram to truly experience spectacular scenery as you wind alongside the Virgin River through the 2,400 foot deep, 1/2 mile wide Zion Canyon. Later, leave nature's beauty behind for the glitz and glamour of the Las Vegas strip. Probably the most famous stretch of road in the world, its 4 miles of neon-lit resorts with around-the-clock action is like nowhere else on earth. A two-night stay provides you plenty of time to enjoy the shows, the casinos and all the fun. **(B)**

**Day 8: Thursday, October 14, 2010 - Las Vegas**

Today is yours to do as you please. Lounge by the pool sipping cool drinks, experience an amazing one-of-a-kind show, go hiking, or try your luck in the casino. Or perhaps explore the hotels on the strip with themes that capture your attention as you get swept away by the wonders inside. Take time to visit Mandalay Bay's Shark Reef aquarium or stop by the Luxor to see the sphinxes and pyramid. New York-New York brings the "Big Apple" to life right on the Vegas strip. See the Eiffel Tower, "ooh" and "ahh" at the Mirage volcano, or watch pirates battle at Treasure Island. The Las Vegas strip brings the world to you. **(B,D)**

**Day 9: Friday, October 15, 2010 - Las Vegas - Tour Ends**

Depart for home with amazing memories of your vacation.

**PLEASE NOTE:** *This pre-departure itinerary is designed to give you an idea of how this itinerary is structured. We reserve the right to make any changes to your final itinerary if deemed necessary, at any time prior to departure.*

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