Arizona / Utah –
Grand Canyon to Bryce & Zion

Trip Summary
Explore the wonders of three national parks: Grand Canyon, Zion and Bryce Canyon on this eight-day adventure through the American Southwest. Discover your favorite vista from the South Rim as you hike down into the depths of the Grand Canyon via the South Kaibab trail. Photograph the dramatic scenery of sights like Horseshoe Bend and Antelope Canyon. Soak up the sorbet-colored, sandcastle-like spires and hoodoos of Bryce Canyon. Trek down the Narrows and peer beyond Angels Landing after a 1400 ft ascent in Zion National Park. This Southwest hiking adventure gets you intimately acquainted with three of America’s most stunningly beautiful national parks.

Itinerary
Day 1: Las Vegas / Grand Canyon National Park
Early morning pick-up in Las Vegas, Nevada • We immediately leave the “City of Lights” behind as we make our way down to Arizona and the South Rim of the Grand Canyon (4.5 hours + stops) • Enjoy a homemade picnic lunch prepared by your guides • This afternoon, we check out the fascinating architecture of Hermit’s Rest before embarking on a “wow-inducing” hike skirting the rim of the Grand Canyon • Tonight, enjoy dinner in the Arizona Room at Bright Angel Lodge • Overnight at Kachina or Thunderbird Lodge (L, D)

Day 2: Grand Canyon National Park
This morning, we hike down South Kaibab trail to Cedar Ridge • The South Kaibab Trail winds us down into the depths of the Grand Canyon, giving us a much different perspective looking up at the Rim from below • We make our way down to Cedar Ridge, where the views of the Canyon and its colorful walls will leave you in awe • After a trailside lunch and break, we begin our hike up and out, stopping frequently to catch our breath and take in the magnificent surroundings • The afternoon is yours to relax or explore the South Rim Village • We’ll meet back up for an early dinner in the restaurant of the famous El Tovar Hotel • Overnight at Kachina or Thunderbird Lodge (B, L, D)

Day 3: Horseshoe Bend / Antelope Canyon / Page
Eat breakfast before we shuttle east towards Page (2.5 hours + stops) • We’ll make several stops along the way first at Desert View Watchtower, an unusual stone tower designed in Ancestral Puebloan style by architect Mary Colter, and next at Horseshoe Bend where an incredible view of a U-shaped bend in the Colorado River beckons photographers • Lunch at a local restaurant in Page • Mid-afternoon we walk through the amazing natural wonder of Antelope Canyon • The richness of the canyon’s colors at a great time of day light-wise are sure to make for some beautiful photographs • Enjoy a wonderful dinner in Page before retiring to your downtown hotel • Overnight at Best Western Plus at Lake Powell (B, L, D)

Day 4: Bryce Canyon National Park
Bid Page goodbye as we make our way towards Bryce Canyon National Park (3 hours + stops) • Upon arrival, sit down to a picnic lunch before heading out on a trek to explore the sorbet-colored, sandcastle-like hoodoos and spires of Bryce Canyon • Check into your Bryce Canyon lodging before a casual dinner with the group • Overnight at Bryce Canyon Grand or Bryce Canyon Lodge (B, L, D)
Day 5: Bryce Canyon National Park
After a hearty breakfast, embark on a hike through the magical hoodoo rock formations of Bryce’s Peek-A-Boo and Queens Garden trails • Trek through natural sculpted rock gardens of brilliantly colored spires, cliffs, and natural amphitheaters and take in the jaw dropping views from Rainbow Point • Share your favorite parts of Bryce Canyon with the group as you dine tonight • If you are 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 • Overnight at Bryce Canyon Grand or Bryce Canyon Lodge (B, L, D)

Day 6: Red Canyon / Zion National Park
This morning, we look for the fifteen small arches along the aptly-named Arches Trail just outside Bryce • Shuttle into Zion through an entrance that will leave you in awe as you wind through the magnificent canyon walls and towering cliffs that make up this majestic park (2 hours + stops) • Hike to Angel’s Landing, one of the top-rated hikes in the world, before checking into your lodging for the next two nights • Take the evening to enjoy dinner on your own in Springdale • Overnight at Zion Lodge or Springhill Suites Zion (B, L)

Day 7: Zion National Park
Explore more of the wonders that Zion has to offer today • Spend a full day walking and wading along the Virgin River, into the sheer walled canyon of the Narrows** • Soak up the captivating scenery as you pass waterfalls, natural springs and hanging gardens • The Narrows hike is recognized as one of America's best adventures by National Geographic and is one that you will not soon forget • Take time to relax and reflect at the Inn before our farewell dinner at Bit & Spur • Overnight at Zion Lodge or Springhill Suites Zion (B, L, D)

Day 8: Zion National Park / Las Vegas
Take one last hike through Zion National Park before we shuttle to Las Vegas for drop-off at the airport or your post-trip hotel (3 hours + stops) • No overnight (B, L)

*Trip itineraries are subject to change without notice due to road, weather and other factors outside of our control, for the safety and enjoyment of our guests, as deemed necessary and appropriate by Austin Adventures.

** During the spring, an alternate hike to Observation Point may be arranged if the Virgin River is running too high or too cold.
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Activities

**Hiking:** 1 to 8 miles per hike, easy to strenuous terrain (sometimes multiple shorter hikes will be completed within one day)

**Discovery:** Widely considered as one of the world’s most spectacular canyons, the Grand Canyon is one of the “Natural Wonders of the World.” Called Kaibab by the Paiute Indian tribe, meaning “mountain lying down” or “mountain turned upside down,” the creamy white Kaibab Limestone forms the surface on which you’ll stand on while viewing the Canyon. Were you aware that the Grand Canyon is neither the deepest, longest, or widest canyon in the world; however, many consider it to be the most inspiring. Hear tales of Utah’s history from Butch Cassidy to Mormon settlers. Learn about Canyon Country geology, including hoodoos, arches, alcoves and fins. Known for its slot canyons, soaring towers and monoliths, and scenic sandstone, Zion National Park is full of unique formations begging to be explored. Delve into the 150 million year old history of Zion canyon’s geologic formations. Bryce Canyon National Park, named after Ebenezer Bryce, a Mormon homesteader in the 1870’s, will satisfy your adventurous spirit with its options for awe-inspiring hikes. Discover your inner thrill seeker as you ascend the narrow switchbacks to Angel’s Landing. Absorb the magnificence of one of the most legendary canyons in all of Zion National Park, the Zion Narrows, as you walk and wade along the North Fork of the Virgin River in the midst of towering canyon walls. Come visit Grand Canyon, Bryce Canyon and Zion National Parks to witness for yourself what all the hype is about!

Austin Adventures guides are experienced facilitators and regional experts. They will take the time to explain the details of each activity, answer any questions, and demonstrate the use of all equipment. Each activity has been carefully planned to include options for all levels. Most importantly, Austin Adventures guides will help you select the distance that’s right for you.

**Meals**

The hallmark of an Austin Adventures vacation is our exceptional dining. All meals: breakfasts, lunches, snacks, dinners, refreshments and receptions – except one dinner on your own – are included as indicated by itinerary. (B = Breakfast, L = Lunch, D = Dinner). Alcoholic beverages and related gratuities are not included in the trip price.

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Distinctive Accommodation

Nights 1 & 2: Kachina or Thunderbird Lodge
Built in the late 1960’s Kachina and Thunderbird Lodges sit directly on the rim of the Grand Canyon. For guests seeking a more contemporary lodging option, Kachina or Thunderbird lodge is a great choice. The guest rooms have a comfortable modern ambiance and are all similar in size and amenities. Many guests choose Kachina or Thunderbird due to their prominent location in the center of the historic district. Either lodge is a great choice for active guests as they are located directly on the Rim Trail. This trail spans from Hermits Rest to the Kaibab Trailhead, approximately 12.8 miles. From your room you can hike in either direction.

Night 3: Best Western Plus Lake Powell
Enjoy the natural beauty of the Grand Canyon State at this Page, Arizona hotel, which not only offers scenic landscapes, but also offers easy access to many of the area’s most popular attractions. The well-appointed rooms at the Best Western Plus Lake Powell are charmingly decorated in southwest décor and offer free high-speed wireless Internet access, a Keurig Coffee maker, a hairdryer and much more. Many guests take advantage of the seasonal outdoor heated pool and hot tub – it’s the perfect way to unwind after a long day of sightseeing or just to take a break and soak in the Arizona sun.

Nights 4 & 5: Bryce Canyon Grand or similar
Located in southwest Utah just north of Bryce Canyon National Park, the Bryce Canyon Grand Hotel is surrounded by fantastic scenery, most notably rock spires of every shape and size, known locally as "hoodoos." Experience for yourself Bryce Canyon's newest and most luxurious accommodations and amenities with the best in western hospitality. The Bryce Canyon Grand offers an enclosed courtyard offering guest privacy for the pool, whirlpool, and patio areas. You’re invited to experience Bryce Canyon City’s newest lodging facilities while visiting the breath taking Bryce Canyon National Park.

Nights 6 & 7: Springhill Suites or similar
The award-winning SpringHill Suites Springdale Zion National Park offers a comfortable, elegant setting for travelers seeking inspiration, family adventure and relaxation. Located only one mile from Zion's gate in the town of Springdale, this hotel is centrally located to explore all that Zion National Park has to offer. The outdoor pool and hot tub with amazing canyon views are the perfect way to relax after a day of exploring Zion!
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Arrival & Departures
Please plan on arriving at least one day prior to your trip departure. Day one of your itinerary starts in Las Vegas, NV at 7:00 or 7:20 AM, depending on your hotel. Your trip ends with a drop-off at either the Las Vegas airport (2:00 pm) or your Las Vegas hotel (2:30 pm).

Trip Price
$3,698 ($580 single supplement)

Trip Length
8 days/7 nights

2020 Dates
May 3 – 10
May 12 – 19

Host City
Las Vegas, Nevada (LAS)

Reservations & Availability
1-800-575-1540

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Trip Reservations

Reservations, Deposits and Balances Due
To make a reservation, contact Austin Adventures with your choice of trip and dates. A $500 per person deposit is required to confirm your reservation. Some Custom and International programs may require additional deposits. Full payment is required at the time of booking if your trip departs within 90 days. Choose one of the following contact methods:

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Online: austinadventures.com
Email: reservations@austinadventures.com
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* You may also book your Austin Adventure with your preferred travel professional.
** We accept most major credit cards and personal checks (U.S. funds made payable to Austin Adventures). Please do not send cash.

Included in the Trip Price
- Double occupancy rooms with private baths.
- All meals: breakfasts, lunches, snacks, dinners, refreshments and receptions.
- Fully trained, first-aid certified professional guides and knowledgeable local partners.
- Any necessary equipment – all safe and well maintained.
- Vehicle support and land transportation during the trip.
- Austin Adventures T-shirt, water bottle, luggage tags and luggage service.
- Pre-departure and packing information.
- Incidental expenses such as taxes, dining and housekeeping gratuities, local partner and expert gratuities and national park entrance and permit fees.

Not Included in the Trip Price
- Gratuities to Austin Adventures guides.
- Alcoholic beverages and related gratuities.
- One dinner during the trip.
- Pre-and post-trip accommodations and associated expenses.
- Air and land transportation to/from host cities.
- All types of personal insurance.
- Personal expenses.

Pre-departure Information
After receiving your reservation and deposit, we’ll send you a pre-trip planner with general information about the area you’ll be visiting, a packing list, exercise guidelines, a guest information questionnaire and a liability release agreement for you to sign and return within 10 days.
Private Custom Trips
Maybe your vacation schedule doesn’t fit our list of trips and dates. Or perhaps you’d prefer a slightly different itinerary or level of luxury and activity. A Custom Adventure is the perfect answer. You pick the date and destination and brief us on the size of your group, what activities you want, your “must haves” and just how you like to relax and unwind. No detail is too small, no idea too outrageous. Our staff of experts will help create a tailor-made vacation that’s just right for you and your group. In short, if you can dream it, we can make it happen.

Room Occupancy, Single Supplements, and Shared Room Assignments
All trip prices are based on double occupancy. Single rooms are available for an additional charge, referred to as a “single supplement.” If you’re traveling alone and wish to share a room, make the request at the time of booking. Austin Adventures will attempt to find a suitable roommate for you. If you book 90 days before the trip and we cannot find you a suitable roommate, we will take care of the single supplement. *some restrictions may apply

Minimum Age
The minimum age on our non-family designated adult and teen adventures is sixteen years old.

Cancellations and Refunds
The following cancellation policies and cancellation fees are in effect:
***As with deposits on some international and custom programs, refund schedule may vary, speak with your Adventure Consultant for details.
Cancellation 91 days or more before trip departure – Full trip payment refunded less a $300 per person administration fee
Cancellation 61-90 days before trip departure – Full trip payment less 25% per person is refunded
Cancellation 31-60 days before trip departure – 50% of the trip payment is refunded
Cancellation 0-30 days before trip departure – No refund is given

Our Guarantee
Exceeding your expectations is our number one priority. In the unlikely event that you are dissatisfied with something during your trip, immediately notify your guide(s). If he or she is unable to resolve the issue, call our main office and give us the details of the problem, and a chance to correct it. We will do our best to find a resolution. If we are unable to do so during your trip, we will work with you upon your return home to arrive at a fair and equitable solution, including up to a full refund.