

Utah – Bryce Canyon & Zion



Trip Summary

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.

Itinerary

Day 1: Las Vegas / St. George

This morning your guides will pick you up at your hotel in Las Vegas and drive 2.5 hours to Snow Canyon State Park where you'll begin your first hike of the trip amid lava flows and sandstone • 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! • Indulge in meal at a nearby restaurant before beginning this afternoon's adventure • Listen to a short bike talk by your informative guides before you bike under towering red sandstone cliffs and black lava rock, eventually ending up at our first night's accommodation • Tonight, enjoy some exceptional cuisine at the unique and contemporary Painted Pony restaurant in St. George • The Seven Wives Inn will be our home for the night • *Overnight at Seven Wives Inn (L, D)*

Day 2: Cedar Breaks National Monument / Bryce Canyon National Park

A freshly prepared breakfast will await you this morning • A short shuttle brings us to 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 head to Cedar Breaks National Monument • Spectra Point Trail at Cedar Breaks will introduce you to even more stunning geology such as hoodoos, arches, and windows as you wind around the outer edge of the gorge • Enjoy the desert scenery as we finish our shuttle towards Bryce Canyon National Park • Check into your home for the next two nights and relax before dinner • *Overnight at The Lodge at Bryce Canyon or Bryce Canyon Grand (B, L, D)*

Day 3: Peek-a-Boo and Queens Garden Trails

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 amphitheatres and take in the jaw dropping views from Rainbow Point • Share your favorite parts of Bryce Canyon with the group as you dine with everyone at the lodge • 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 The Lodge at Bryce Canyon or Bryce Canyon Grand (B, L, D)*

Day 4: Zion National Park

Depart Bryce Canyon National Park on your bike this morning as you take a relaxed, beautiful ride through Red Canyon • 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 • This afternoon, hike to Angel's Landing, one of the top-rated hikes in the world, before checking into your lodging for the next two nights, Springhill Suites • Take the evening to enjoy dinner on your own and explore the artsy town of Springdale • *Overnight at Springhill Suites (B, L)*



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Day 5: The Narrows

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 hotel before our farewell dinner at Bit & Spur • *SpringHill Suites (B, L, D)*

Day 6: Springdale / Las Vegas

For a final adventure, bike through Zion for the last time • Ride from the lodge to the Temple of Sinewava and then back to the visitor center to grab a delicious sack lunch for the road • Take in the beauty of this place one last time as we shuttle back to Las Vegas for our departures home • *(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.*

Activities

Hiking: 2 to 8 miles per hike, easy to moderately strenuous terrain

Biking: 8 to 15 miles per ride, easy to moderately strenuous terrain

Discovery: Hear tales of the region'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 magnificent bike rides and 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 "The Most Colorful Park in America" (Bryce) and "The Land of Rainbow Canyons" (Zion) 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.

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Distinctive Accommodations

Night 1: Seven Wives Inn

The Seven Wives Inn Bed and Breakfast located in downtown Saint George, Utah is a historic treasure in the painted southwest desert. Two grand Victorian homes on a well-groomed, green acre offer a selection of thirteen casually elegant rooms all with their own private bath. Impeccable and friendly service is the standard, your innkeepers will make every effort to make your stay comfortable and memorable. Open since 1981 the Seven Wives Inn takes pride in accommodating her repeat guests as well as opening her doors to all new ones.

Nights 2 & 3: The Lodge at Bryce Canyon or Bryce Canyon Grand Hotel

The Lodge at Bryce Canyon

Located in Bryce Canyon National Park you will experience the rustic elegance at one of the grand western lodges designed for national parks in the 1920's. A National Historic Landmark, The Lodge at Bryce Canyon is the only lodge of that era to remain largely intact. This historic lodge also offers unrivaled access to breathtaking views, world-class hiking trails, and a tranquil wilderness. As the only lodging within the national park, all of the facilities are just steps from the stunning ancient rock formations of the Bryce Amphitheater.

Bryce Canyon Grand Hotel

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 4 & 5: SpringHill Suites

The award-winning SpringHill Suites Springdale Zion National Park offers a comfortable, elegant setting for adventurers. Located only 1 mile from Zion's gate, the Springhill Suites is centrally located to explore everything southern Utah has to offer. After an exciting day of hiking, treat yourself to the luxuries the SpringHill Suites has to offer. Enjoy the outdoor pool and hot tub with amazing canyon views, splash pad, balconies, patios and fireplaces, or stroll along the Virgin River to take advantage of the desert dark night sky.

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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Arrivals & Departures

Please plan on arriving at least one day prior to your departure. Day one of your itinerary starts at 7:00 am or 7:20 am, depending on which Las Vegas hotel you are staying at. Your trip ends with a drop-off at the Las Vegas airport (1:30 pm) or your hotel (2:00 pm).

** Please note, there is a one hour time difference between Las Vegas, NV (PST) and St. George, UT (MST).*

Trip Price

\$2,898 (\$580 single supplement)

Trip Length

6 days/5 nights

2020 Dates

May 31 – June 5**

August 30 – September 4

*** Life is Good Departure*

Host City

Las Vegas, NV

Airport Code: LAS

Reservations & Availability

1-800-575-1540

*Sand castles, desert canyons, and blue
skies, an adventurer's dream*

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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:

Toll free: 800-575-1540

Phone: 406-655-4591

Online: austinadventures.com

Email: reservations@austinadventures.com

Mail: Austin Adventures, P.O. Box 81025, Billings, MT 59108

* 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.
- Bikes, helmets and 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 on your own.
- 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.



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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.