

BEST OF THE CANYONLANDS 7 Days 1 Country 3 Cities

TAKE IN THE MILE HIGH CITY OF DENVER AND SAN JUAN NATIONAL FOREST ON THIS REGIONAL EXPLORER TRIP.



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Day 1 Arrive Denver

Channel your inner pioneer as you embark on an epic encounter with the peaks, canyons and deserts of what was once the treacherous Wild West. We kick-start our journey in Denver, exploring the Mile High City at leisure before meeting our Travel Director and fellow expeditioners for a Welcome Reception this evening.

- ★ Hotel - Sheraton Denver Downtown
- ★ Included Meals - Welcome Reception

Day 2 Denver – Vail – Moab (2 Nights)

Descend into the foothills of the Rockies and cross the Continental Divide en route to the alluring alpine village of Vail. The launch-pad to powder days enjoyed within a world of startling white, Vail's enchanting old-world feel will linger in your mind as you journey to Moab, whose rugged beauty was immortalised on the big screen by the legendary John Ford in the 1940s. Admire the blazing rocky red cliffs as the sun sets over the desert or explore this gateway to a myriad of adventures - tonight is yours to enjoy on your terms.

- ★ Hotel - BW Plus Canyonlands Inn
- ★ Included Meals - Breakfast

Day 3 Canyonlands and Arches National Parks Excursion

Tread lightly through the captivating landscapes of Utah's Canyonlands and Arches as you explore Mother Nature's profound mark on the surrounding geology. Deep canyons, towering spires and mesas give way to thousands of fiery sandstone arches during today's encounter with two soul-stirring national parks. See iconic Delicate Arch and if you like, take a short hike to the view point for an up close look. Reconnect with nature and admire how the land has adapted to the ravages of wind, water and time. Then, enjoy the rest of the day at leisure.

- ★ Included Meals - Breakfast

Day 4 Moab – Mesa Verde National Park – Monument Valley

This morning, we'll arrive at the UNESCO-listed Mesa Verde National Park, we'll enjoy a rare opportunity to delve into the history and culture of the once-flourishing community of the Ancestral Pueblo people. Explore their beautifully preserved dwellings hewn from the sandstone cliff centuries ago and look down at the massive Cliff Palace, the largest cliff dwelling in the world. This evening, we join our generous Navajo hosts for a traditional cookout Regional Dinner against the surreal backdrop of Monument Valley.

- ★ Hotel - Goulding's Lodge
- ★ Included Meals - Breakfast, Regional Dinner

Day 5 Monument Valley – Grand Canyon National Park

The arresting beauty of Monument Valley is ours to explore this morning as we join a Local Specialist for a drive in an open-air vehicle past its towering sandstone buttes and mesas that rise up from the barren landscape. We continue through the ancestral home of the Navajo, arriving at Cameron Trading Post for a quick shopping stop and perhaps a taste of traditional fry bread. Driving along the scenic Desert View Drive, we skirt the South Rim of the Grand Canyon and gaze into its mesmerising multi-coloured depths before meeting another Local Specialist to gain insights into its geologic life. Our grand adventure almost at its end, we join our fellow travellers for a Farewell Dinner to reminisce over the epic landscapes encountered along our journey.

- ★ Hotel - National Park Lodges
- ★ Included Meals - Breakfast, Farewell Dinner

Day 6 Grand Canyon National Park – Las Vegas

Rise early to catch the first rays of light as they illuminate the canyon. Consider an optional helicopter or fixed-wing aircraft flightseeing trip to view this feat of nature from the sky or enjoy a leisurely morning, before we journey to Sin City. Desolation gives way to desert oases as we cruise back in time past motels, diners and gas stations towards the dazzling lights of Las Vegas.

- ★ Hotel - Harrahs Las Vegas
- ★ Included Meals - Breakfast

Day 7 Depart Las Vegas

Our exhilarating adventure has come to an end. Take your transfer to Las Vegas International Airport or consider extending your stay at Harrah's.

- ★ Included Meals – Breakfast

ABOUT THIS TRIP

What's included

- **6 NIGHTS** Accommodation
- **9 MEALS** 6 breakfasts, 3 dinners
- **ON-TRIP TRANSPORT** Land transportation included. Where applicable, Intra-air between cities are not included.

The Trafalgar difference

- **LOCAL SPECIALIST** For included sightseeing in Monument Valley and at the Grand Canyon. (Day 5)

Sightseeing highlights

- VISIT Vail, Arches and Canyonlands National Parks, Moab, the cliff dwellings of Mesa Verde National Park, Monument Valley, Grand Canyon National Park, Las Vegas
- SCENIC DRIVE along Desert View Drive, Route 66
- SEE Delicate Arch

Travel highlights

Specific transfer information can be found here:

- ✓ Audio Headsets for flexible sightseeing
- ✓ Daily breakfast and an average of 50% of evening meals
- ✓ Luxury air-conditioned coach with WiFi in most countries or alternative transportation (such as rail journeys)
- ✓ Cherry-picked hotels all tried and trusted
- ✓ Handcrafted Highlights
- ✓ Optional Experiences and free time
- ✓ All portage and local charges included
- ✓ Must-see sightseeing and surprise extras
- ✓ An expert Travel Director and separate Driver
- ✓ All hotel tips, charges and local taxes
- ✓ Airport transfers on the first and last day of your guided holiday
- ✓ VIP entry to many sights