

## UTAH'S MIGHTY FIVE NATIONAL PARKS 10 Days 1 Country 7 Cities

UTAH'S 'MIGHTY FIVE' ADVENTURE-FILLED, ACTION-PACKED EXCURSION WHICH WILL SEE YOU HIKE, WALK AND EXPLORE SOME OF AMERICA'S MOST EPIC NATURAL LANDSCAPES.



### THE ITINERARY

#### **Day 1** Arrive Grand Junction

The 'River City' extends a warm welcome as your launch pad to an in-depth encounter with the Might Five National Parks of Utah. Relax after your journey or explore on your own before joining your Travel Director and fellow travellers this evening for a Welcome Reception.

- ★ Hotel - Wine Country Inn
- ★ Included Meals - Welcome Reception

#### **Day 2** Grand Junction – Canyonlands National Park – Moab (2 Nights)

We head to canyon country this morning and see first-hand the power of the Colorado River carving its way through the rocky red landscape at Canyonlands National Park. Ascend to the top of the Island in the Sky mesa and admire Canyonlands' spectacular landscape below. We will hike to Grand View Point Overlook, Mesa Arch, and White Rim Overlook or Murphy's point Overlook. Tonight we will also be joined by a local specialist, Tom Tills, a renowned National Park photographer, who will give us guidance on how to take the best photos on this trip. This evening, 'Connect With Locals' at the rustic Moab Grill where you'll enjoy a 'Be My Guest' dinner with the owner who worked at the grill as a waitress when she was a teenager.

- ★ Hotel - Homewood Suites
- ★ Included Meals - Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

#### **Day 3** Arches National Park

Admire the exquisite natural sandstone shapes that dot the landscape in Arches National Park. Learn how Mother Nature's magic touch has left her indelible mark with wind and rain when you embark on a strenuous hike up to famous Delicate Arch. Continue your exploration with a walk to Double Arch, Landscape Arch or Turret Arch. Take a well-deserved break this afternoon or explore the town of Moab at your leisure.

- ★ Included Meals - Breakfast, Lunch

#### **Day 4** Moab – Capitol Reef National Park

See the other-worldly hoodoos of Goblin Valley State Park this morning - these mushroom-shaped rock pinnacles make for a memorable hike and photo opportunity before you arrive at Capitol Reef National Park. Upon arrival, enjoy some free time to explore on your own. In the evening, enjoy the rustic charm of this special resort, located on the edge of the park, offering truly spectacular landscapes, and breathtaking views.

- ★ Hotel - Capitol Reef Resort
- ★ Included Meals - Breakfast, Dinner

#### **Day 5** Capitol Reef National Park – Bryce Canyon National Park (2 Nights)

Lace up your boots for an exhilarating morning hike in Capitol Reef National Park, whose colourful canyons and capitol-shaped domes provide the perfect backdrop for an adventure. Continue your journey along an "All American Road", Highway 12, one of America's most scenic highways, before embarking on a short hike in Kodachrome Basin State Park. Here, you will have the opportunity to select the trail that best suits your adventurous spirit. This dramatic landscape features striking layered stone spires which are a sight to behold. We continue to Bryce Canyon National Park, where we'll spend the next two nights.

- ★ Hotel - Best Western Rubys Inn
- ★ Included Meals - Breakfast, Regional Dinner

#### **Day 6** Bryce Canyon Free Time

You'll have a full free day to relax or explore the eerie landscapes of Bryce Canyon National Park today. Everyone will be able to self select hikes and walks that best suit them, from leisurely to strenuous. Admire the rusty red limestone spires that rise up surreally from the desert floor to meet Utah's skies from scenic viewpoints or follow one of the many trails into the hoodoos and beyond.

- ★ Included Meals - Breakfast

#### **Day 7** Bryce Canyon National Park – Lake Powell (2 Nights)

A pink, red and orange canvas awaits visitors to Coral Pink Sands State Park. Climb up the coral-hued dunes to admire the wind sculpted ripples of the dunes. Embark on a short hike to see Horseshoe Bend and the flowing Colorado River which has carved its way through the red-coloured sandstone. Then you're on your way to Lake Powell Navajo Tribal Park, for a tour of the world renowned Slot Canyon.

- ★ Hotel - Lake Powell Resort
- ★ Included Meals - Breakfast, Dinner

#### **Day 8** Lake Powell Free Time

Enjoy a full free day to spend as you wish in the water wonderland that is Lake Powell. Relax and rejuvenate, enjoying the amenities and scenic views from the comfort of the resort. Or consider joining one of the organized optional activities, like our famed Colorado River Float Trip.

- ★ Included Meals - Breakfast

## Day 9 Lake Powell – Zion National Park

One spectacular natural sight gives way to another when you drive along the Vermillion Cliffs, witness the striking colours as they wander and wind along the mountains and cliffs. Arriving into Zion National Park late morning, select from many fantastic hikes including Watchman Trail, Hidden Canyon, Angel's Landing, Observation Point and the Narrows. They range from easy to strenuous. Later, this evening, join your new friends and Travel Director for a well-deserved Farewell Dinner.

- ★ Hotel - Springhill Suites

## Day 10 Zion National Park – Depart Las Vegas

Don't leave Zion without a morning hike under your belt. You'll have the whole morning to spend as you wish before departing for Las Vegas mid-afternoon.

- ★ Included Meals - Breakfast

## ABOUT THIS TRIP

### What's included

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

### The Trafalgar difference

- **CONNECT WITH LOCALS** Dine at a local restaurant in Moab, which closes for an exclusive Be My Guest dinner. You'll meet the owner, who once worked as a waitress at the restaurant when she was a teenager and learn how she came to buy the restaurant. (Day 2)
- **LOCAL SPECIALISTS** Meet a renowned National Parks photographer and learn how to take the best photographs. (Day 3)

### Sightseeing highlights

- VISIT Utah's 'Mighty Five' iconic national parks: Arches, Canyonlands, Capitol Reef, Bryce Canyon and Zion National Parks.
- HIKE to Grand View Point Overlook, Mesa Arch, Delicate Arch, Antelope Canyon, Horseshoe Bend, and many more!
- SEE hoodoos of Goblin Valley State Park
- SCENIC DRIVE along an "All American Road", Utah's Highway 12

### 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