

Canyons and Indian Lands



TOUR AT A GLANCE:



3 US States: Nevada, Utah and Arizona

Accommodation: 7 hotel nights

Length: 8 days

Meals: Paid locally

Departs: Las Vegas

Staff: Professional tour leader

Trip code: PCZ

Group size: Maximum 13

Transport: Private vehicle

Please see our website for detailed destination information and insider tips.

★ TRIP OVERVIEW

With its high cliffs and cascading waterfalls, **Zion National Park** is one of the Southwest's most beautiful and dynamic places. There are a wide variety of trails to choose from and you will have plenty of opportunities to explore.

"Mysterious", "breathtaking" and "out of this world", are only a few descriptions offered by past visitors to **Bryce Canyon National Park**. Wherever you walk, you will encounter a kaleidoscope of colours and a fantasyland of rock spires that will leave you searching for your own way to describe this 'indescribable' place.

Monument Valley is the ancestral home of the **Navajo people** and a perfect setting for incredible sunrises and sunsets. Take an included and Navajo guided 4x4 tour to lesser visited areas of the park and experience an incredible array of rock formations and Native American culture.

Last up is the **Grand Canyon National Park**. Walk the rim or hike down on a trail, seek inspiration from a beautiful sunset, take in a scenic flight or simply relax at the edge of this vast natural wonder. Head back to civilisation and the bright lights of **Las Vegas** for the end of your adventure.

HIGHLIGHTS:

- ▶ Navajo guided backroads tour in Monument Valley
- ▶ Grand Canyon IMAX Theater
- ▶ Zion's sandstone cliffs, canyons and valleys
- ▶ Bryce Canyon's rock hoodoos and bizarre rock formations
- ▶ Monument Valley - home of the Navajo
- ▶ Grand Canyon sunrise or sunset
- ▶ Visit Seligman on the original and iconic Route 66
- ▶ See the world famous hotels on the Las Vegas Strip
- ▶ Scenic walks and inspiring hikes



★ ITINERARY AND DETAILS

Day 1: Las Vegas Welcome to the 'Neon City' in the Nevada desert, a place everyone should experience at least once in their life. The opportunities are endless here and if you arrive early, you'll have a full day to explore so why not try your luck on the tables, see one of the many world-class shows or sample an all-American buffet? Join us at 18:00 hrs for a welcome meeting with your group and tour leader. Afterwards you're free to take in the cityscape at night; wander along the Strip and see the neon lights in all their colourful glory.

Optional Activities:

- Go karting US\$26
- Vegas Strip Helicopter flight US\$124
- Gun range US\$100 approx. (multiple packages available)
- Get married in Las Vegas (not legally binding) US\$220
- Roller coasters US\$25-\$40

Accommodation: Hotel included | **Meals:** Paid locally

Day 2: Las Vegas - Zion National Park Zion effortlessly mixes peaceful beauty with powerful landscapes and the tree lined Virgin River supports fragile flora and fauna as it meanders below massive, cathedral-like sandstone walls. Zion Canyon was named by the early Mormon settlers of Utah who thought of it as their 'promised land' and it offers some of the best hiking in the Southwest USA.

Accommodation: Hotel included | **Meals:** Paid locally

Day 3: Zion National Park You have a full day to further explore the delights of Zion National Park. There are various hikes to choose from, ranging from easy to strenuous. Of all the walks within the park, one you simply must do is the famous and challenging hike to Angels Landing. Once you've conquered this epic trail you'll be greeted with the most breathtaking panoramas you've ever laid eyes on. For a less strenuous walk take one of the short hikes from the valley floor to view the Lower Emerald Pools then continue on to the sparkling Upper Emerald Pools, passing a waterfall along the way to discover Zion's 'beach'. Cool off from the summer sun by exploring the Riverside Walk section of the Virgin River. If weather conditions permit, you may choose to hike deep into the Zion Narrows. Dry feet is not an option as you wade through the Virgin River between towering walls. The cool waters and the shadow of the canyon can provide a much needed respite from the scorching sun.

Accommodation: Hotel included | **Meals:** Paid locally

Day 4: Bryce Canyon National Park Leaving Zion National Park you climb in elevation to over 8,000 and traverse a high plateau to Bryce Canyon National Park. "Mysterious", "breathtaking" and "out of this world" are only a few of the descriptions offered by past visitors to describe this fascinating natural amphitheatre of pink, orange and white sandstone spires, known locally as hoodoos.

There are a variety of scenic overlooks and trails that range from easy to strenuous in difficulty. The Navajo or Peek-a-Boo Loop trails will enable you to hike right in amongst these unique rock formations. Wherever you walk, you'll encounter a kaleidoscope of colours and a fantasy land of rock spires that'll leave you mesmerised. For the photographers amongst you, you may prefer to remain on the rim and photograph the ever-changing shadows and hues as the sun makes its way across the wide-open sky. This is the picture perfect moments you've been waiting for.

Optional Activities:

- Western horseback riding at Bryce US\$65-\$90

Accommodation: Hotel included | **Meals:** Paid locally

Day 5: Monument Valley Today you travel south-east along the border of Utah and Arizona and make a stop at the immense Glen Canyon Dam en route to Monument Valley in the heart of the Navajo Nation. This is sacred land to those who call it home and the red sandstone monoliths and spectacular sunsets and sunrises have been the backdrop to countless Westerns. Explore the incredible array of rock formations on an included Navajo guided back roads tour and learn the magic and myth of the rich Native American culture.

Accommodation: Hotel included | **Meals:** Paid locally

Day 6-7: Grand Canyon National Park Continue south through the Navajo Reservation to the Cameron Trading Post to shop for local jewellery, crafts and cultural souvenirs. Begin your visit at eastern entrance of the mighty Grand Canyon where you'll catch your first glimpse of it at Desert View. This incredible spectacle is difficult to comprehend, even as you stand at the rim or hike down into the canyon. Carved over several millennia, this massive wonder of nature is 277 miles (445km) long, up to 18 miles (29km) wide and over one mile (1.6km) deep. Snaking through the canyon floor is the mighty Colorado River, which runs 1450 miles (2330 km) through seven US states and two Mexican states.

Your tour includes an included visit to the IMAX Theater, which'll give you a good overview of the area and how it developed over time. In your free time, we highly recommend a scenic helicopter flight over the canyon, offering perspectives you simply can't see by just visiting on foot. Alternatively, stroll the easy meandering South Rim Trail, hike your way down the more challenging trail to Plateau Point, or simply relax at the canyon's edge and enjoy a spectacular sunset over one of the world's most fantastic natural wonders.

Optional Activities:

- Grand Canyon helicopter flight US\$254-\$284

Accommodation: Hotel included | **Meals:** Paid locally

Day 8: Route 66 - Las Vegas From the epic Grand Canyon you'll travel south to Williams and west to Seligman where you'll stop for an optional lunch at the Snow Cap Diner along a section of the iconic Route 66. Prepare to be dazzled all over again with the neon clad streets of Las Vegas - this sure does make for a memorable end to a fantastic eight days!

This tour ends at our gateway hotel at approximately 17:00 hrs. We can book your post-tour accommodation at our gateway hotel if required. If you are planning to fly tonight, please do not book a flight that departs before 21:00 hrs.

Please note we also offer this trip as a camping alternative on different dates, tour code PCX.

OPTIONAL ACTIVITIES

There are opportunities for optional activities during your tour. Your tour leader will organise these on your behalf and you will pay locally in cash. You'll find the main optional activities listed above under each itinerary day description, along with guideline prices. It may not be possible to do all optional activities listed on each tour.

PHYSICAL RATING/PREPARATION

This active tour is suitable for people of all levels of experience and fitness, although we recommend some training prior if you intend to hike the national park trails. Active tours are about exploring the places you visit so whether it's sightseeing, walking, hiking or biking you'll be experiencing the best from each place. You'll also be able to choose from a whole range of optional activities, everything from horse riding to helicopter flights, depending on your interest, budget and ability. Walks, hikes and activities cater to everyone from beginner to expert, ranging in difficulty from easy to strenuous.

GUARANTEED DEPARTURES

All departure dates for this trip are 100% guaranteed, so once you've booked and paid your deposit you're going. Please check our website for our latest range of departure dates for this trip.

TOUR ITINERARIES

Although each tour follows an itinerary, there is a certain amount of flexibility and from time to time your tour leader may suggest changes. This may be due to road conditions, weather or a visit to a special attraction or event that happens to be in progress. Flexibility is key and often a side diversion will be a highlight of the tour. Hikes and optional activities cannot be guaranteed and may vary depending on ability, group interest, local weather conditions and time of year.

All details are provided in good faith. Due to the nature of travel, this information can change and should therefore be taken as an indication only and not as a contractual obligation on the part of Grand American Adventures. If you have any questions, please contact us.

Please ensure that you download an up-to-date copy of this dossier before you depart to ensure you have the most up-to-date information. Our itineraries are occasionally amended in response to customer feedback or for operational reasons.

This dossier is valid for all tours departing in 2017. Itineraries may be subject to change with the publication of our 2018/19 brochure in Autumn 2017, at which point revised 2018 dossiers will be made available.

★ CUSTOMER FEEDBACK

"This was a truly amazing holiday. I'll be telling people I shared dinner with the Navajo for the rest of my life! And such a lovely group of people to share it with." – **Nikki Soyza from England**

"Relaxed atmosphere. Free time and a wide range of hiking options to accommodate everyone." – **Shirley from England**

Please see our website for more customer reviews from independent reviewer Feefo.

★ BEFORE YOU DEPART

FLIGHT ARRANGEMENTS

For anyone leaving from the UK we would be pleased to book your flight in conjunction with your tour. Please contact us for competitive prices on flights departing from most UK airports.

If you are booking your own flights, you are free to arrive at any time on day one but it is advisable that you arrive in plenty of time to reach your joining hotel and attend your welcome meeting. We also suggest that you book your return flight the day after your tour finishes. If you have to return home on the day your tour finishes, please make sure that your flight does not depart before 21:00 hrs.

Please note that we cannot be held responsible for any delays, cancellations, changes to your flights, or any missed flights. We are unable to delay a tour, or finish a tour early due to your flight times.

CITY SIGHTSEEING

If you are spending extra time in our gateway cities, you can now plan in advance by pre-booking unique city sightseeing day tours in addition to your trip. Find out more at: www.grandamericanadventures.com/citytours

TRAVEL INSURANCE

It is a condition of joining any of our tours that you must be insured against medical and personal accident risks (to include repatriation costs, air ambulance and helicopter rescue service). You will be asked to provide details of your insurance policy, including insurer, policy number and phone number before embarking on the trip.

We offer an insurance policy that is designed specifically to cover the potential risks on our tours - particularly the many optional activities offered. If you do not take our policy, you must ensure that the policy you do take offers an equivalent level of protection and covers you for the activities involved - be aware that some policies do not include, or restrict, coverage for this type of travel. There may be cheaper policies available, but this does not mean it may be better value - we strongly advise you check fully what will and won't be covered. Any claims concerning matters for which you are insured must be directed to your insurers.

Please note: We can only offer cover for passengers residing within the European Union. For those outside the EU we recommend Journeyman Services who have a tailored policy for Grand American Adventures clients. Visit www.journeyman-services.com.

PASSPORT AND VISAS

It is important that you apply for your American entry ESTA while in your home country. For specific visa information, please consult the relevant embassies. Please note it is your responsibility to ensure you have valid passport and the correct visas for your tour.

VISA AND RULES FOR ENTRY TO THE USA

Travellers from the EU and certain countries are eligible to travel to the USA under the Visa Waiver Program. All eligible travellers who wish to travel under the Visa Waiver Program must apply for an ESTA (Electronic System for Travel Authorisation) before travelling to the USA. At the time of compilation there is a US\$14 fee for the electronic entry ESTA. The ESTA will be valid for a period of two years, or until a person's passport expires. You should apply for an ESTA at least 72 hours before you travel, and we recommend you carry your ESTA approval with you. All travellers wishing to enter the US under the Visa Waiver Program will need to hold a passport with an integrated chip (an ePassport). New rules exclude from the VWP most people who have travelled to Iran, Iraq, Sudan or Syria since 1 March 2011, and those who have dual nationality of these countries. This means that existing ESTAs could be revoked, and you will instead need to apply for a visa from the nearest US Embassy or Consulate.

You can apply for an ESTA at: <https://esta.cbp.dhs.gov>

Passengers that have not applied for and received travel authorisation via ESTA prior to travel may be denied boarding, experience delayed processing or be denied admission at the US port of entry. However, neither possession of a visa nor meeting the basic requirements for travelling visa-free on the VWP, guarantees admission to the United States. As with most countries, the final determination of admissibility is made by immigration officials at the port of entry.

Important reminder: If you are refused boarding or denied admission at the US port of entry you will still be subject to our cancellation charges in accordance with the terms of our contract with you.

HEALTH REQUIREMENTS

If you have any medical conditions, take prescribed medicines, or have a condition that will affect your participation in the tour, you must inform Grand American Adventures or your travel agent at the time of booking. Please be aware we may require a doctor's note prior to travel for some conditions. This information is essential in case of emergency. All of our vehicles carry a basic first-aid kit, but for everyday use you should

bring your own medical supplies, such as pain relievers, antibiotic cream and upset stomach relievers, in addition to sunscreen and insect repellent.

★ WHAT YOU NEED FOR YOUR TOUR

SPENDING MONEY

We recommend you take at least US\$50 dollars per day for meals not included in the tour, drinks, snacks and other incidentals. You should also budget for expected tipping, as well as for the optional activities that you would like to do. Guideline prices for the most popular optional activities are listed on our website.

We suggest you bring USD\$150 with you in cash to have with at the beginning of your trip. ATM's and cash machines are readily available throughout North America and major credit cards are widely accepted throughout the country. All ATMs in the USA charge to withdraw money (from \$1-\$5). In some off-the-beaten-track destinations ATM's and cash machines may be limited. Please ensure that your credit or debit cards have international access and a PIN number to access your funds at the start of the tour. It is recommended to advise your bank of your international travel, to avoid your credit card being blocked for fraud.

PRE-PAID CURRENCY CARDS

It is personal preference as to how you take your money and it's recommended to take some cash with you for arrival. Grand American Adventures recommend FairFX prepaid credit cards, as these can be a cost effective and safe way to take funds overseas. Please ask one of our sales consultants or visit www.fairfx.com/grandamericanadventures to find out how to receive a FREE currency card, worth a retail value of £9.95.

TIPPING

Although it may not be customary in your country, it is normal and expected in North America to tip local guides, waiters, bar staff, taxi drivers and anyone who provides a service for you. Service workers are paid a low wage and depend on tips for their livelihood. It can be embarrassing if you're confronted by a local who is expecting a tip and you are not aware of how much to offer. For this reason we have listed guideline prices below.

A 15-17% tip is standard in restaurants and you should also expect to tip \$1 per drink in bars, \$1-2 per bag for porters as will 10% for taxi drivers. It's also typical to tip around 10% for local guides who provide optional activities.

Your tour leader will work long and hard for you during your tour and we recommend a discretionary tip of US\$5-10 per passenger per day if your leader's performance meets or exceeds your expectations.

LUGGAGE ALLOWANCE

One suitcase, soft holdall or rucksack (23kg maximum) per person. A small daypack and camera can also be carried in the van. Before you travel, please check the baggage allowance with the airline you're flying with as this may be less than 23kg.

We are unable to offer luggage storage facilities however, some of our pre and post tour hotels will provide this service although there may be a charge. Please contact the hotels directly for further information.

TEMPERATURE CHART

HIGH / LOW TEMPERATURES IN CELSIUS (°C)

		JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUN	JUL	AUG	SEP	OCT	NOV	DEC
Bryce Canyon NP	HIGH	2	4	7	12	17	24	26	25	22	16	8	4
	LOW	-15	-13	-9	-5	-2	2	7	6	2	-3	-10	-13
Monument Valley	HIGH	6	8	12	18	23	29	32	31	28	19	10	6
	LOW	-4	-3	1	4	8	14	17	17	14	5	-1	-4
Grand Canyon NP	HIGH	5	7	10	15	21	27	29	27	24	18	11	6
	LOW	-8	-6	-4	0	4	8	12	12	8	2	-3	-7
Las Vegas	HIGH	13	17	20	25	31	37	40	39	34	27	19	14
	LOW	1	3	7	10	15	20	24	23	19	12	6	1
Zion NP	HIGH	11	14	17	22	28	34	37	35	31	25	17	12
	LOW	-2	1	3	6	11	16	20	19	15	9	3	-1

C / F Conversions: -10°C = 14°F 0°C = 32°F 10°C = 50°F 20°C = 68°F
30°C = 86°F 40°C = 104°F

PACKING TIPS

CLOTHING

Please keep in mind that our dress code tends to be informal. It is advised that you take a practical selection of clothes for both warm and cool climates to suit the season. Please see the temperature guide showing the highs and lows that can be expected in key locations that your tour visits. However, please remember that this is just a guide and you may encounter a wide variety of temperatures en route due to altitude and unforeseen weather conditions - so it's best to be prepared!

Besides your essential clothing, here's a checklist of other items you should take:

- Waterproof jacket
- Warm sweater / fleece
- Casual 'evening out' clothes
- Hiking shoes / boots
- Thick walking socks
- Blister packs and plasters
- Hiking poles
- Comfortable day shoes
- Sandals or flip-flops
- Warm hat / gloves (early or late season departures)
- Swim wear
- Small day pack
- Water bottle
- Sun hat / sunglasses
- Camera / binoculars
- Small flashlight / torch
- SD memory card / Spare camera batteries
- Sunscreen / insect repellent (20% DEET)
- Travel power adaptor (optional)
- Toiletries / personal medicine

Please note the airlines have various rules on what can be carried in your luggage - if in doubt check with your airline before travelling.



FOOTWEAR

We recommend walking shoes/boots, as comfortable shoes with good ankle support will make all walking more enjoyable. If you do not own a pair, then trainers/sneakers will suffice although this is a personal choice. If you intend to do some walking, it is recommended to bring thick walking socks for comfort.

CLOTHES WASHING

You will have the opportunity to wash your clothes whilst you are on tour, and this can often be done at the hotel or in town. Ask your tour leader for local information.

BATTERY CHARGING

Many of our travellers bring mobile phones, music devices and cameras that require frequent battery charging during a tour. For hotel tours your hotel room will have an electrical outlet (just remember your international adaptor!) and we recommend that you bring a car charger. Every vehicle has two outlets for your use, but please bear in mind that thirteen people travelling with multiple devices can mean very little charge time per person per day, so it may be useful to bring along extra batteries just in case!

WI-FI ON TOUR

Whilst in the USA our vehicles are equipped with free Wi-Fi, so you can keep in touch with friends and family from the road. Free Wi-Fi will also often be available at the hotels.

In order for us to provide this service, we operate a fair usage policy to ensure everyone has equal access to Wi-Fi and is subject to a set data quota, sufficient for normal usage. This means that you are not permitted to stream films, music or to download large files. If you do so, this will deplete the entire group's data allowance. For this reason, if you reach your data limit your tour leader may need to turn off the Wi-Fi to ensure you do not run out of data in the latter stages of your trip. Please note: In some remote areas you may not be able to pick up the Wi-Fi in the van, and only five people can be connected to the Wi-Fi at one time. Once you have finished using the Wi-Fi please disconnect to prevent wastage.



★ JOINING YOUR TOUR

TOUR AND ACCOMMODATION VOUCHERS

A tour voucher will be emailed to you once your balance has been paid in full. Vouchers for any hotel nights you have booked before or after your tour as well as any additional day tours will also be sent to you. You can print off the PDF vouchers or download to your smartphone. For those without email access your vouchers will be posted. Please make sure that these vouchers are correct.

PRE/POST TOUR HOTELS

Grand American Adventures tours begin and end at our gateway hotels, which are conveniently located in the departure and arrival cities. We offer you the option to book additional hotel nights before or after your tour however, they should be booked prior to departure with our reservations team. See below for joining and end hotel details.

Please note some hotels may take a debit or credit card as a deposit at check in. They may also take an amount to cover incidentals. Funds can be held until check out at which time the amount actually incurred will be charged. Please clarify with the hotel when you check out that all deposits will be refunded as promptly as possible.

JOINING POINT

You will need to make your own way to the joining hotel for your tour. Please find the details below:

Alexis Park Resort
375 East Harmon Avenue
Las Vegas
Nevada 89169
United States
Tel: 1-702 796 3300
Fax: 1-702 796 4334

Transfer: The hotel offers a free complimentary airport shuttle service for hotel guests. Guests requiring pick-up from the airport may contact Guest Services at (702) 796-3300 upon airport arrival to be picked-up on the next scheduled run. Passengers arriving at Terminal 3 (International Terminal) will need to go to Terminal 1 (Zero Level) for the hotel shuttle service. Shuttle hours: airport to hotel daily every hour on the hour from 0:700 hrs to 22:00 hrs. Alternatively you can catch a taxi from the airport for approximately US\$10-15. The hotel is approximately five minutes from the airport.

You are free to arrive at any time on day one of your tour but please ensure you leave plenty of time to reach your joining hotel and attend your welcome meeting. During this evening meeting you will meet your tour leader and fellow travellers and also spend a few minutes filling out necessary paperwork, so please bring your insurance documents, passport and tour documentation to the meeting.

ARRIVAL COMPLICATIONS

Sometimes the unexpected can happen; your plane may be delayed or you may even miss it! If you have missed your tour departure, first check with the hotel to see if your tour leader has left you a message. If not, call the relevant emergency number and speak to our staff who will be happy to help you catch up with the group. Please note that you are responsible for any extra travelling expenses incurred due to you missing your tour's departure, so please be on time.

FINISHING POINT

Alexis Park Resort
375 East Harmon Avenue
Las Vegas
Nevada 89169
United States
Tel: 1-702 796 3300
Fax: 1-702 796 4334

Transfer: The hotel operates a free airport shuttle from the resort to the airport between the hours of 07:00 hrs to 22:00 hrs. Please speak to the reception to arrange this. Failing this a taxi will cost you US\$10-\$15.

Your tour will end upon arrival at the above hotel, which will be around 17:00hrs on the final day. Some tour activities scheduled for the last day may preclude an earlier arrival at the end point hotel, so you should not book a flight that leaves prior to 21:00 hrs. You will be responsible for any transportation costs if you have to arrive for an earlier flight and you must make us aware of this well in advance of your tour departing. If you require accommodation for the last night, it is essential that you book this before your tour departs.

EMERGENCY CONTACT

In the event of an emergency or if you wish to report a problem on tour please do not hesitate to call our toll free* 24-hour emergency contact number. Remember, if we don't know about it we won't be able to do anything about it.

Phone number for family to contact you in case of emergency:

Toll-Free (*in the US): 1 (800) 786 - 8735

International: 001 (707) 523 - 1800



★ ABOUT OUR TOURS

TRANSPORTATION

You'll travel in air-conditioned private vehicles, which offer great flexibility and guarantee to get you further off the beaten path. Our vehicles are equipped with:

- Extra-large windows for better viewing
- Wider seats with additional leg room
- A 6'3 interior height for added comfort
- Full-height electric bi-fold entry door for a quicker and easier exit
- Overhead luggage racks, reading lamps and TV screen for those longer journeys.

ACCOMMODATION

Hotel accommodation will be in clean, comfortable hotels or lodges with en-suite bathroom facilities, chosen for their friendly atmosphere and proximity to the highlights of the region. You will be roomed with a fellow passenger of the same sex on a twin share basis (two people per room) unless you are travelling as a couple.

OPTIONAL SOLO SLEEPER

The accommodation on our tours is based on twin-share, so if you're travelling on your own, you'll share a room or tent with a fellow passenger of the same sex. However, if you would prefer your own space we offer a Solo Sleeper option where you can have your own room for an additional fee.

On this tour, we are able to provide the option of pre-booking a guaranteed single room for every night of the tour. Please note that the number of single rooms we can offer per tour is limited, so it's best to book early if you would like this option. Please see our website or call us for the Solo Sleeper option cost.

SECURITY

No matter where you find yourself in the world, you need to look after your valuables. In general, the safest place for items such as passports, flight tickets and cash is on your person or in a hotel safe where available, and do not leave valuables in the vehicle. When in doubt consult your tour leader.

We would like to remind you that you are ultimately responsible for your safety and well-being. Whether you are taking public transport, going for a hike or taking part in an optional activity, we request that you carry yourself in a mature and responsible manner - not only for your own personal safety, but for that of the group and other travellers.

MEALS

On hotel based tours, you will usually eat out in local restaurants. To help you budget for your meals on average hotel breakfasts cost from US\$6-12, lunches from US\$8-15 and dinners from US\$13-30; this does not include alcoholic beverages. Wine costs approximately US\$5 per glass and beer US\$4 per bottle. Please also be aware that a tip of approximately 15%-20% is added to group meals in North American restaurants. Applicable taxes will also be added to all listed menu prices.

Your tour leader may offer your group the option to operate a 'lunch only' food kitty, this has proven to be a popular alternative to three daily restaurant meals. Leaders will explain this option while on your tour, and the whole group will have to agree for this system to run.

Please make sure we are aware of any special meal requirements before travelling. We will do all we can to accommodate for various dietary requirements but in certain parts of North America certain food types can be limited.

YOUR TOUR LEADER

Your tour leader will take care of all the planning and organisation throughout your tour, they will drive the van taking you from A to B and make sure everything runs smoothly. Your tour leader is there to make sure you get the most out of your tour; organising activities, providing information and answering any questions you may have as well as sorting out any queries or problems you may encounter. If you have any particular interests or things you would like to do on your tour, then please let your tour leader know at the beginning of the tour and they will do their best to help you. We will also use specialist tour guides in certain locations, to provide in depth information.

We would like to note that US Law regulates the total number of hours your tour leader is available to work. Our trips are designed to make the most of your time in North America, but please understand that there will be certain times each day that your leader will need to be off duty from work. Due to these restrictions, particularly after the longer driving days, your leader may not be able to join you for some of the daily activities or may need to tend to other work duties.

THE GROUP

The maximum group size is 13 passengers. Passengers come from a range of countries worldwide (average of four nationalities per group) and many will be solo travellers. You will find you have many things in common with your fellow travellers, including a passion for discovery and a strong interest in exploring the National Parks.

Grand American Adventures tours are designed for adults over 18 years old. While most passengers are aged 25-55, every year we get many people both above and below this age range. All travellers over the age of 70 will be requested to complete a self-declaration of fitness form prior to travel.

Our tours are a unique holiday experience and much of your enjoyment will come from the team spirit of your group and the fun you'll have together, as well as from the local setting. We cannot stress strongly enough the importance of bringing a positive attitude with you on tour; a sure guarantee to enjoying each and every moment, even in the adversity of the odd rainstorm!

RESPONSIBLE AND SUSTAINABLE TRAVEL

We are committed to offering low impact tours that benefit the places and communities we visit as well as our travellers. It is important for us all to be aware of the delicate balance that exists in the variety of natural wonders you will visit. National Parks and monuments, archaeological sites and other sensitive areas should and must be treated with respect.

We have created a 'Travellers' Code of Conduct' to help prepare and inform our groups of the various positive or negative effects they could have on a destination. This code includes following the 'Leave No Trace' ethic; this is an international campaign that is designed to help us minimise the impact on the National Parks and other wilderness areas that we visit. Our tour leaders will explain this code of conduct during the first night's orientation talk and encourage you to follow it throughout the tour. Grand American Adventures also host fundraising events throughout the year to raise money in support of BAWT.

We are proud supporters of Bay Area Wilderness Training (www.bawt.org) a charity based in Oakland California which works to connect disadvantaged children in the local urban area with the great outdoors. Their work helps to provide these young people with life changing experiences which they can apply to everyday life. Everyone booking with Grand American Adventures has the option to donate £1/US\$1/€1 to support this well-deserved charity and we will match this donation.



Whenever possible, we use local accommodation and activity providers. We also shop locally for groceries, eat in small family-run restaurants and visit local shops whenever possible. This all brings economic benefit to the local communities that we visit.

Responsible Tourism on the Canyons and Indian Lands...

It is also important that we help to protect the fragile desert environment. The desert's natural way to avoid sand erosion is by creating cryptobiotic soil which creates a living crust on the desert floor. This special soil helps the desert to protect itself from wind and rain erosion and promotes plant growth. All our Tour Leaders encourage our travellers to stick to the path to avoid damaging this special soil which can be hard to see.

★ AFTER YOUR TOUR

FEEDBACK AND REVIEWS

We want to hear about your experience and stories from the road, so please feel free to e-mail us any comments, feedback or reviews whilst you are on tour or when you return home to:

comments@grandamericanadventures.com.

We value your feedback and tour reviews, which help us in developing and improving our programme. Input and suggestions from travellers like you has helped make Grand American Adventures what it is today.

WE WANT YOUR PHOTOS!

We can always use your holiday snaps and short videos to better depict and promote all the fascinating places we visit. Whether it's just sitting around the campfire or strolling down The Strip, there's no better way to share your Grand American Adventure. So if you want to send over a couple of your best shots (max 10MB) please e-mail them to comments@grandamericanadventures.com. You know what they say, a picture's worth a thousand words!

★ HOW TO BOOK

Contact us by telephone, email or via our website to check availability for the tour you are interested in. We can normally hold a seat on 'option' for up to three days to allow you time to finalise your travel arrangements. In order to secure your place we require a deposit (full payment within eight weeks of travel) and an agreement from you to our terms and conditions. Check availability early to avoid disappointment: www.grandamericanadventures.com

FURTHER QUESTIONS

Please contact our UK Sales team on:

Tel: +44 (0)208 682 8921

Fax: +44 (0)208 675 0551

Enquiries: info@grandamericanadventures.com

This dossier was last updated 03/11/2016