

American Bank & American State Bank

UTAH'S NATIONAL PARKS

June 1-7, 2023

Our adventure begins in northern Utah with Great Salt Lake's pink waters and the history of firearms and the Transcontinental Railroad. We'll then head south to discover the spectacular landscapes in Utah's Mighty 5 national parks. From the majestic Waterpocket Fold in Capitol Reef and the hoodoos of Bryce Canyon to the red sandstone formations of Arches and the waterfalls of Zion, breathtaking scenery awaits at every turn.

Space is limited.

Register
today!

DAY 1 THURSDAY, JUNE 1

OGDEN

(Dinner)

Today we will transfer to the airport for our flight to Salt Lake City. Upon our arrival, we will be met by our local tour director and travel north to **Ogden** to settle into the **Hampton Inn & Suites** (or similar) and freshen up for a delightful welcome dinner.

DAY 2 FRIDAY, JUNE 2

OGDEN

(Breakfast, Lunch)

Following breakfast we will make our way to the northern shores of **Great Salt Lake** to marvel at the pink water and a unique earthwork sculpture known as the **Spiral Jetty**. The water in this area of the lake is approximately twenty-seven percent salt, more than seven times saltier than the ocean, and it gets its pink color from the salt-loving bacteria and algae that thrive here. The Spiral Jetty is a 1,500-foot-long, counterclockwise coil built in these waters in 1970 using mud, salt crystals, and basalt rocks. When the water is low enough, it is possible to walk the length of the sculpture to the very center of the coil! Up next is **Golden Spike National Historical Park**, which commemorates one of the most significant accomplishments of the nineteenth century – the completion of the first Transcontinental Railroad. On May 10, 1869, the Central Pacific Railroad and the first Union Pacific Railroad were joined, and the feat was celebrated by the driving of a ceremonial golden spike in the final railroad tie. Our attention will then turn from railroading history to firearm history with a visit to **Ogden Union Station's John M. Browning Firearms Museum**. The museum celebrates the inventor of many sporting and military firearms. Original models of firearms designed by John M. Browning are displayed here, including rifles, shotguns, pistols, machine guns, and cannons. We will round out our touring at **Antelope Island State Park** to take in the spectacular views of Great Salt Lake's southern side and the Wasatch Range of the Rocky Mountains from Buffalo Point. Keep your eyes peeled for the wildlife that calls this island home, including buffalo, deer, antelope, coyote, waterfowl, and more.

DAY 3 SATURDAY, JUNE 3

MOAB

(Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner)

Enjoy breakfast at the hotel before we journey south to Moab for a picnic lunch at **Dead Horse Point State Park**. The view here is one of the most photographed in the world, with the Colorado River and the rugged landscape of **Canyonlands National Park** stretching out 2,000 feet below. We'll then do some sightseeing in nearby **Arches National Park**. Unique geologic forces here created the highest concentration of natural arches in the world, with over 2,000 named arches within the park's 73,000-acre boundary. Just a few of the highlights include Park Avenue, Balanced Rock, The Windows, and Delicate Arch. After settling into Moab's **Hyatt Place** (or *similar*), we are in for a real treat this evening as we **board a jet boat for a thrilling ride on the mighty Colorado** through red rock canyons. As the sun dips in the west, the canyon colors will come to life while we learn about the river's ecosystem, geology, and history. Afterward, a delicious dinner will be served on the banks of the Colorado River!

DAY 4 SUNDAY, JUNE 4

TORREY

(Breakfast)

The morning is yours to do as you wish in the "Adventure Capital of Utah." Optional excursions such as a Hummer tour, horseback riding, or rafting will be available. Then we are off to **Capital Reef National Park**, established in 1971 to protect a 100-mile wrinkle in the earth's crust called The Waterpocket Fold. Here we will learn the story of the area's early indigenous people and view its petroglyphs, beautiful rock formations, and deep canyons. The park also has a rich pioneer history, which we'll uncover as we visit **Fruita** and its abundant **orchards**, **one-room schoolhouse**, and historic **Gifford Homestead**. Time will be available for dinner on our own before we cap off our day with a **private stargazing experience at the beautiful Cougar Ridge Resort** followed by s'mores around the bonfire! We'll overnight at **Red Sands Hotel** (or similar) in **Torrey**.

DAY 5 MONDAY, JUNE 5

BRYCE CANYON CITY

(Breakfast, Dinner)

Our touring today will begin with the vast expanses of cream and rose-colored Navajo sandstone in **Grand Staircase-Escalante National Monument**. Dramatic cliffs, high mesas, beautiful streams, and deep canyons in multi-hued colors will keep us enthralled as we venture across this 1.9-million-acre monument! We'll then head into **Bryce Canyon National Park**, home to the greatest number of hoodoos on Earth. The hues and intricate shapes of Bryce Canyon carry even the most mature adult away into a fairyland fantasy. The Paiute Indians used a word to describe Bryce Canyon that translates into "red rocks standing like men in a bowl-shaped canyon." And in the words of Ebenezer Bryce, the early settler for whom the canyon is named, this is "one hell of a place to lose a cow!" After a full day of spectacular vistas, we will freshen up at **Ruby's Inn** (or similar) in **Bryce Canyon City** and enjoy an **evening of live country music and delicious BBQ at Ebenezer's Barn & Grill**.



Today's sightseeing is all about Zion National Park, Utah's oldest national park. Zion contains some of the most colorful canyons, sheer rock walls, and unique formations in all of Utah's plateau country. An early Mormon settler described the park's massive formations as "temples built by hands not of man," and the Paiutes believed mischievous spirits lived among the 2,000-foot-high towers. Following our driving tour of the park, time will be available to take advantage of the complimentary shuttle to Zion Canyon to explore on your own. This brilliant green canyon is set against a backdrop of sheer red cliffs with an occasional waterfall fanning out from the rocks. It is a must-see! We will then depart for St. George, to settle into the Hyatt Place (or similar) and gather for a wonderful farewell dinner.

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 7

HOME

(Breakfast)

We will transfer to the airport in Las Vegas after breakfast for our flight home.

TERMS & CONDITIONS

For full tour terms and conditions, please visit www.stardestinations.com/terms-american-utah



INCLUSIONS

- Round-trip airport transfers and round-trip air
- Private motorcoach transportation
- 6 nights' accommodations
- 12 meals (6 breakfasts, 2 lunches, 4 dinners)
- Admission to attractions as stated on itinerary
- Porter service of one bag per person at hotels
- Taxes and gratuities for included services
- Professional tour manager in from Salt Lake City to Las Vegas

Not included in the price of this tour:

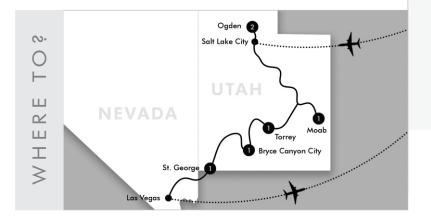
Meals/beverages other than those listed on the itinerary, beverages other than tea/coffee/water with included meals, items of a personal nature/souvenirs, phone calls and faxes from hotels, travel protection plan, current baggage fees at the airport as assessed by the airline, fees related to any COVID-19 requirements for this destination, and any service not listed in the above inclusions.

Activity Level: Moderate

In order to participate in this tour, you must:

- Be able to walk/stand 3-4 hours at a time at an easy pace in all weather conditions
- Be able to regularly maneuver stairs, inclines, and uneven surfaces without assistance

For further information or questions, please contact: Loreen Marra, American Spirit Club Coordinator American State Bank 525 N. Main Ave., Sioux Center, IA 51250 (712) 722-4846 or (866) 938-4846



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> A \$500 deposit per person is required with your registration form in order to reserve your spot.

> (\$100 becomes non-refundable January 25, 2023)

FINAL PAYMENT IS DUE: FEBRUARY 24, 2023