



SANTA ANA COLLEGE COMMUNITY SERVICES PROGRAM

PRESENTS....

ENCHANTING CANYONLANDS

FEATURING ZION, BRYCE & CAPITOL REEF NAT'L PARKS, ESCALANTE GRAND-STAIRCASE, CEDAR BREAKS

OCTOBER 7-12, 2012 ~ 6 DAY TOUR

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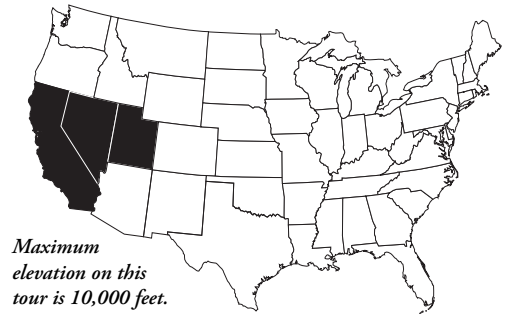
TOUR PACE
Leisurely ☐ ☐ ☒ On the Go
ACTIVITY LEVEL
Low ☐ ☒ ☐ High

TOUR HIGHLIGHTS

- ♦ See the vividly-colored, rock formations resembling castles and temples in both Bryce Canyon and Cedar Breaks
- ♦ Tour Zion National Park and travel through the historic Zion Tunnel
- ♦ Travel Utah's incredible Highway 12 Scenic Byway through Escalante-Grand Staircase National Monument
- ♦ Visit Capitol Reef National Park, where giant white sandstone "dome" rocks cap massive reef-like cliffs
- ♦ Visit Goblin Valley to see the thousands of strange mushroom-like rocks
- ♦ Stays at a 4-star resort property (formerly the Ritz Carlton) on Lake Las Vegas and in the desert oasis of Mesquite

~DAY BY DAY ITINERARY~

Embark on a spectacular journey to discover a treasure chest of scenic wonders in southern Utah. We'll visit some of the most well known Parks as well as some of the least visited and most unique. The incredible sights and wealth of geologic phenomena within this majestic wonderland are breathtaking. The hues of red, orange, brown and strange shapes will amaze you. Spectacular vistas of rock formations that date back millions of years will provide a unique perspective of one's place in time and space. All the while your geographer-guide will be aboard to provide an in-depth account of the geologic and geographic forces that continue to shape this incredible landscape of colorful canyons, mesas and whimsical shapes.



FINE HOTELS / GREAT LOCATIONS

- ♦ Night 1 Ravella Resort & Spa
Lake Las Vegas, NV
- ♦ Night 2 Zion Park Inn
Springdale, UT
- ♦ Nights 3-4 Capitol Reef Resort
Torrey, UT
- ♦ Night 5 Eureka Resort & Casino
Mesquite, NV

TOUR INCLUSIONS

- ♦ 5 Nights deluxe hotel accommodations
- ♦ 11 Meals – 2 dinners, 4 lunches, 5 breakfasts
- ♦ Comprehensive sightseeing and services of a professional tour director/geographer-guide
- ♦ Admissions per itinerary
- ♦ Transportation on a deluxe motorcoach
- ♦ Luggage handling throughout the tour
- ♦ Applicable taxes, fees and most gratuities

PER PERSON PRICES

Double \$929 / Single \$1,199 • Deposit \$150

Travel Protection/Cancellation Plan

\$67 Double occupancy / \$85 Single occupancy

♦DAY 1 ~ ARRIVE LAKE LAS VEGAS♦

From our departure points this morning we travel by motorcoach across the expansive Mojave Desert making several rest stops along the way. On board throughout this tour is geographer, Dennis Napier, who from the beginning will make the desert come alive and educate us on the areas we are passing through. Dennis is a former professor of geography at Long Beach City College and his extensive knowledge and diverse background will make your journey an enlightening one. Later this afternoon we'll check into our beautiful and luxurious resort hotel in the desert oasis of **Lake Las Vegas**. Sculpted from colorful desert terrain of Southern Nevada, Lake Las Vegas is a private 320-acre lake that lies nestled within the desert mountainside just 17 miles from the Las Vegas Strip. Our four-star Mediterranean-inspired resort hotel was formerly a *Ritz Carlton* and recently re-opened after an extensive remodel. It features a breathtaking setting, unimaginable luxury, a full-service spa, swimming pool, private lagoon with a private white sand beach, and a casino next door. Enjoy the evening at your leisure.

♦DAY 2 ~ ZION NATIONAL PARK♦

Following an included breakfast at the hotel, we travel north into southern **Utah** and through the spectacular **Virgin River Gorge** and the colorful mesas of Utah's "**Dixie Country**" arriving at **Zion National Park** this afternoon. Enjoy an included lunch before we travel into Zion's lower canyon. *Zion* is an ancient Hebrew word meaning a place of refuge or sanctuary. Protected within the park's 229 square miles is a dramatic landscape of sculptured canyons and soaring cliffs. We'll then set out to see **Lower Zion Canyon** and its red and white sandstone cliffs with our geographer-guide. In sheer magnitude and color, Zion is very likely one of the most awe-inspiring national parks in the world. It is here in the lower canyon where we'll find massive canyon walls ascending towards a brilliant blue sky. These unique sandstone cliffs range in color from cream, to pink, to red. They could be described as sand castles crowning the desert canyons. This evening we'll check into our hotel located just outside the park's entrance. An included dinner at a local favorite tonight. (Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner)

♦DAY 3 ~ ZION & BRYCE NAT'L PARKS♦

Enjoy an included breakfast this morning prior to

RESERVATIONS

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PAYMENT INFORMATION

- ♦ Deposit due at time of booking to the address above (*Good Times Travel* will contact you for the travel protection and air option)
- ♦ *Good Times Travel* will invoice you for the balance payment 6-8 weeks prior

TRAVEL PROTECTION / CANCELLATION

Travel protection/cancellation insurance is highly recommended for all multi-day tours. If travel protection has not been purchased, only recoverable funds less a cancellation charge of \$50 will be reimbursed once payment has been made. Amount of reimbursement depends on the date of cancellation.

If travel protection has been purchased and you must cancel prior to departure or leave the tour enroute for a reason approved by the insurance company, you will receive a full refund (or partial if enroute), minus the cost of the premium. Other benefits of travel protection include medical expenses for illness and injury. Pre-existing medical conditions are only covered if protection is purchased at the time of deposit. Travel protection must be purchased by the time balance payment is made. See travel protection plan for full details and exclusions.

DEPARTURE INFORMATION

Park and join this tour at one of the following locations:

Fountain Valley - Good Times Travel office
Long Beach - City College - Lot "O"

Departure time depends on location
Exact times are provided 2 weeks prior to departure

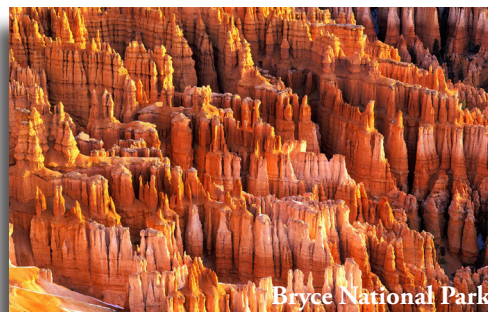
ACTIVITY LEVEL / WALKING

Tour pacing and physical demands (walking/stairs, etc.) varies by each tour however every tour involves some walking and climbing stairs to enter/exit the motorcoach. On any tour you may stay on the motorcoach should you not wish to disembark at a specific location.

FURTHER INFORMATION / TERMS

See *Good Times Travel* catalog
or www.goodtimestravel.com

departing for a full day of sightseeing with our geographer-guide with an included picnic lunch along the way. We first embark on one of the most awe-inspiring drives in all of America as we make our way to **Upper Zion Canyon** via the **Zion-Mt. Carmel Tunnel**. This tunnel is a sight unto itself – an engineering marvel carved out of the sandstone cliffs. It is in Upper Zion Canyon that we find the magnificent geological wonder known as **Checkerboard Mesa**, and twisted rock sculptures edged to the rim of the highway. With picture stops along the way, later this morning we'll arrive at **Bryce Canyon National Park** and see what the slow erosion of the land over millions of years has created in fantastically sculptured rock formations resembling castle towers and cathedral spires. They occupy magnificent amphitheaters and canyons aglow in different colors as the sun casts its light upon them. We'll make several photo opportunities that will provide the best opportunity for you to see and learn how the colorful spires and pinnacles were created. We continue on this afternoon via Utah's incredible **Highway 12 Scenic Byway**, known as one of America's most spectacular stretches of road. In fact it was named the "second most scenic road in the country," by Car and Drive Magazine. We'll make several picture stops and enjoy a picnic lunch as we wind our way through the narrow gorges, dramatic canyons and colorful mesas of breathtaking **Escalante-Grand Staircase National Monument**. This evening we arrive in Torrey for a two-night stay just outside Capitol Reef National Park. (Breakfast, Lunch)



♦ DAY 4 ~ CAPITOL REEF, GOBLIN VALLEY ♦

Enjoy an included breakfast this morning before we set out for a leisurely day amongst two of the least visited, though most unique parks in Utah. Located in the heart of red rock country, **Capitol Reef National Park** is a hidden treasure filled with cliffs, canyons, domes, and bridges. The Park is defined by the Waterpocket Fold, a nearly 100-mile long warp or wrinkle in the Earth's crust. The Park however gets its name from the white domes of Navajo Sandstone that resemble capitol building domes, and the rocky cliffs which are a barrier to travel, like a coral reef. Enjoy an included lunch during our exploration of the Park. This afternoon we visit **Goblin Valley State Park**. This unique Park is covered with



thousands of weird "mushroom" or "goblin" like formations that defy descriptions. The landscape has a surreal appearance; in fact several movies depicting other planets have shot here because of its unearthly scenery. You will have to see it to believe it. (Breakfast, Lunch)

♦ DAY 5 ~ CEDAR BREAKS, MESQUITE ♦

This morning, following an included breakfast, we continue our journey as we travel scenic byways through Utah's "Color Country". This afternoon we arrive at **Cedar Breaks National Monument**. Resting on top of the Colorado Plateau, at over 10,000 feet in elevation, a breathtaking view awaits you here. Millions of years of sedimentation, uplift, and erosion are carving out a giant amphitheater that spans some three miles, and is more than 2,000 feet deep. When the Southern Paiute occupied this region, they referred to it as "u-map-wich," which translates to "the place where the rocks are sliding down constantly." Early October offers the best opportunity to view **Fall foliage**. In fact Cedar Breaks was rated by USA Today as "one of the top ten places to experience Fall colors" in the United States. We'll enjoy a picnic lunch in the Park. We continue on this afternoon to the desert oasis of **Mesquite** and check-in to our recently-renovated three-star resort casino hotel. Enjoy an included dinner at the hotel with the remainder of the evening yours to explore the resort and try your luck in the casino. (Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner)

♦ DAY 6 ~ LAS VEGAS, JOURNEY HOME ♦

Following an included breakfast and a late morning departure from Mesquite we arrive at the **Las Vegas "Strip"**. Spend some time exploring the newest mega resorts and lunch at leisure. We again cross the Mojave Desert and return to our departure points this evening with the colorful hues of Utah's enchanting Canyonlands forever ingrained in our minds. (Breakfast)