

# American Southwest

# CANYONLANDS BY NIGHT & DAY

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## Highlights

- Arches National Park
- Canyonlands National Park
- Dead Horse Point State Park
- The Grand Canyon
- Sedona Jeep Rides
- Whitewater Rafting on the Colorado
- Hummer Safari
- Sunset Jetboat

## ITINERARY

### Day 1: Phoenix and Sedona

Upon landing at the Phoenix airport, meet a tour director who will greet you and your family. Relax as your luggage is handled, then it's off to Sedona in our air-conditioned motor coach. Along the way, enjoy a fascinating one-hour stop at Montezuma's Castle! Arrive at Amara Resort and Spa and check into your tranquil hotel, which is framed by beautiful Oak Creek and red rock views. Take a stroll along the hotel's eco-trail on the banks of the creek. Tonight, enjoy some cowboy grub with the other families that will share the adventure! Professional animal wranglers will be on hand, so you can get up close and personal with some live desert creatures. Afterwards, gather 'round for some musical entertainment.

### Day 2: Sedona

Gear up for an off-road trek into the majestic canyons of Dry Creek Basin! You'll relive the early cowboy days as you visit the old Van Deren Cabin and discover the colorful story of its historic beginnings. Follow a Sedona jeep guide deep into the mystical landscape of the back country, and learn incredible Native American legends and lore. Relax with the family over a picnic lunch and then explore the treasures of a Pioneer museum! The collection celebrates classic Western movies filmed in the area, and the real-life cowboys that once called this range home. Junior Adventurers can learn some local crafts, like making corn-husk dolls and petroglyph necklaces. Get the gang together to enjoy the hotel's amenities or take a short stroll to nearby Sedona and mosey around the shops and galleries. The possibilities are endless! Tonight, gather around and share the stories of your first day amongst the beauty of the red rocks. Your Adventure Guides will be happy to make arrangements for a meal at the hotel or in town nearby.

### Day 3: Sedona to Grand Canyon National Park

Quest to a wild and whimsical wonderland with towering rust-colored rock cliffs that seem to scrape the sky. Your naturalist guide will help you look out for wildlife! Explore this enchanting arts and crafts village in Sedona that bursts with flowers, fountains and lovely courtyards. After shopping at the boutiques and galleries, get the family together for lunch at your leisure. Venture further to the Grand Canyon, and take time for plenty of photos along the way! Then, settle into your hotel and prepare for an evening celebration. Tonight, enjoy some good old western grub at an Old West Town rollicking dinner party with Native American dancers! It's said nothing can prepare you for your first look at the Grand Canyon. Following dinner, take in a sight your family will never forget and see the splendor of the Grand Canyon.

### Day 4: Grand Canyon

Rise and shine to see the spectacle of a lifetime. Marvel at the magical sight of the canyon, painting the landscape with color and light! Discover one of the seven wonders of the natural world. Drive and walk along the South Rim with a naturalist guide — and be sure to take lots of photos! This is a family expedition you'll always remember. This afternoon comes with some grand choices! Get the family together and explore the area as you wish. Catch up and relive the day's adventures over a family meal at your leisure. Your Adventure Guides can recommend the perfect meal to cap off your colossal day!

### Day 5: Monument Valley Navajo Tribal Park / Moab

Travel to Monument Valley. Quest into the wilderness across plains, mountains and mesas to this stunning valley, which was the backdrop to countless Hollywood Westerns. Lunch at Gouldings Lodge at Monument Valley.

Nestled at the base of towering red cliffs, this trading post-turned-lodge boasts panoramic views, a Native American restaurant and a museum that includes a real movie set from a John Wayne film! Jeep Tour of Monument Valley This bouncy and boisterous ride is really off the beaten path! Climb aboard your very own Navajo-guided, off-road adventure to the beautiful buttes and magical mesas of Monument Valley. See the secret corners of the Valley and marvel at wonders like ancient petroglyphs! Head to Moab and take in the stunning scenery.

### Day 6: Moab

Enjoy Arches National Park as you step into a surreal landscape dotted with sky-scraping sandstone land arches! Discover Arches National Park and discover its crown jewel, the Delicate Arch. Learn the living geological history of a million years and marvel at mother nature's wild side. Enjoy a delicious lunch served on the Colorado River. After Lunch we'll visit Canyonlands National Park and Dead Horse State Park. You'll put the perfect ending to the day with an exciting sunset jetbot followed by a delicious Dutch Oven Dinner.

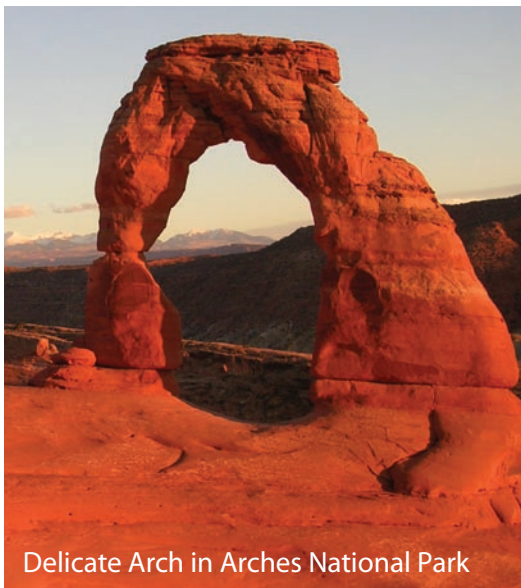
### Day 7: Moab

River Rafting and Lunch on the Colorado River

Shoot down class I and II rapids and bob along the beautiful landscape! Keep your eyes peeled for natural wonders as local experts lead you on a wet and wild adventure! Afterwards, enjoy a picnic lunch on the banks of the Colorado River! Spend the afternoon on an exciting Hummer Tour. You'll climb steep hills and go places you never imagined you could. Enjoy some down time or explore the downtown area of Moab. Plenty of shopping and fun available.

### Day 8: Moab

Bid goodbye to all your fellow adventurers, and enjoy one last breakfast in the Wild West. Transfers to Airport Board private, pre-arranged transportation to Grand Junction Colorado Airport and wish your friends "happy trails" until you meet again!



Delicate Arch in Arches National Park



Hummer Safari

