



AMERICA'S CANYONLANDS

— September 19-28, 2018 —





Dear Compass Traveler,

Who doesn't love a good Western? On this trip, you will be immersed in some of the most spectacular scenery in our country. The colors and rock formations, the wide expansive spaces, the incredible mountains, and all those glorious sunsets! Come experience the West with us as we explore America's canyonlands and take a journey back to the Wild West of our American heritage.

Holly & Luigi

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Wednesday, September 19

Our trip begins this afternoon with a private transfer from New London, NH, to Boston where we overnight at the Logan Hilton.

Overnight: Boston–Logan Hilton

Thursday, September 20

We depart Logan early this morning for St. George, Utah. Our private driver and guide transfer us to Springdale, the gateway community at the west entrance to Zion National Park. Tonight we gather for a welcome dinner.

Overnight: Springdale–Cliffrose Lodge (D)

Friday, September 21

Today we enjoy a full-day guided tour of Zion. Take in spectacular rock formations including the Three Patriarchs, Cathedral Mountain, and Checkerboard Mesa. Zion's sedimentary rock layers continue to be eroded by the forces of wind and water revealing the iconic red and coral hues of the Southwest.

Overnight: Springdale–Cliffrose Lodge (B,L)

Saturday, September 22

This morning we travel to Bryce Canyon, stopping along the way for photo ops at scenic spots. After lunch, enjoy the Visitor Center and explore nearby trails with our guide. Our hotel tonight is historic Bryce Canyon Lodge, with access to breathtaking views, world-class hiking trails, and a tranquil wilderness. As the only lodging within the national park, your room is just steps from the rim of Bryce Canyon. One of only three International Dark Skies parks in the United States, Bryce Canyon offers an unparalleled place to stargaze. This evening, enjoy a private stargazing experience led by a professional astronomer.

Overnight: Bryce Canyon–Bryce Canyon Lodge (B,L)

Sunday, September 23

Later today we drive to Kanab, Utah, a town reminiscent of Hollywood's portrayal of the classic American West with its towering Navajo sandstone cliffs and vistas of sagebrush. This iconic western landscape has lured filmmakers to Kanab for nearly 80 years. After lunch on your own, we continue on to Page, Arizona, where we enjoy a scenic boat tour on Lake Powell.

Overnight: Page–Courtyard Marriott Page (B)

Monday, September 24

Transfer to the Page Airport for the adventure of a lifetime! First we fly in small, private aircraft to Monument Valley. Made famous by John Wayne westerns, the area's beautiful southwest terrain viewed from above is unforgettable. After landing, our Navajo guides take us on a 4x4 ground tour through the Navajo Tribal Park to famous John Ford's Point. After our time in the Valley, enjoy lunch at historic Goulding's Lodge. Board our planes again and fly to Grand Canyon National Park, enjoying sweeping views of the north and south rims. Our hotel for the next two nights sits directly on the south rim.

Overnight: Grand Canyon–Thunderbird Lodge (B,L)



Tuesday, September 25

We enjoy a full day exploring the Grand Canyon with our guide. Unique combinations of geologic color and erosional forms decorate a canyon that is 277 river miles long, up to 18 miles wide, and a mile deep. The Grand Canyon truly deserves its status as one of the worlds' natural wonders.

Overnight: Grand Canyon–Thunderbird Lodge (B,L)

Wednesday, September 26

The museum of Northern Arizona in Flagstaff is our destination this morning. The museum contains state of the art collections facilities for more than five million Native American artifacts and fine art pieces. After lunch on your own, we travel down through beautiful Oak Creek Canyon to Sedona. This is where multi-hued stone formations jut upwards from the high desert floor creating a vivid, mesmerizing setting that changes hourly with the light.

Overnight: Sedona–Amara Resort & Spa (B)

Thursday, September 27

This morning we go for a 4x4 Jeep adventure! Become awestruck as we travel on and over the red rock formations, taking in panoramic vistas of Sedona's sandstone mesas and piñon pine forest. Hang on as your Jeep navigates the rocky trail, climbing to the top of a red rock lookout point and then descending the Road of No Return. Take a break from the adrenaline rush for a snack in a beautiful setting, where your guide will teach you about the flora, fauna, geology, and history of Sedona. The rest of the day is yours to explore the historic uptown area, lined with art galleries, souvenir shops, and restaurants. Or, if you're feeling energetic, our guide will be available for a hike.

Overnight: Sedona–Amara Resort & Spa (B,D)

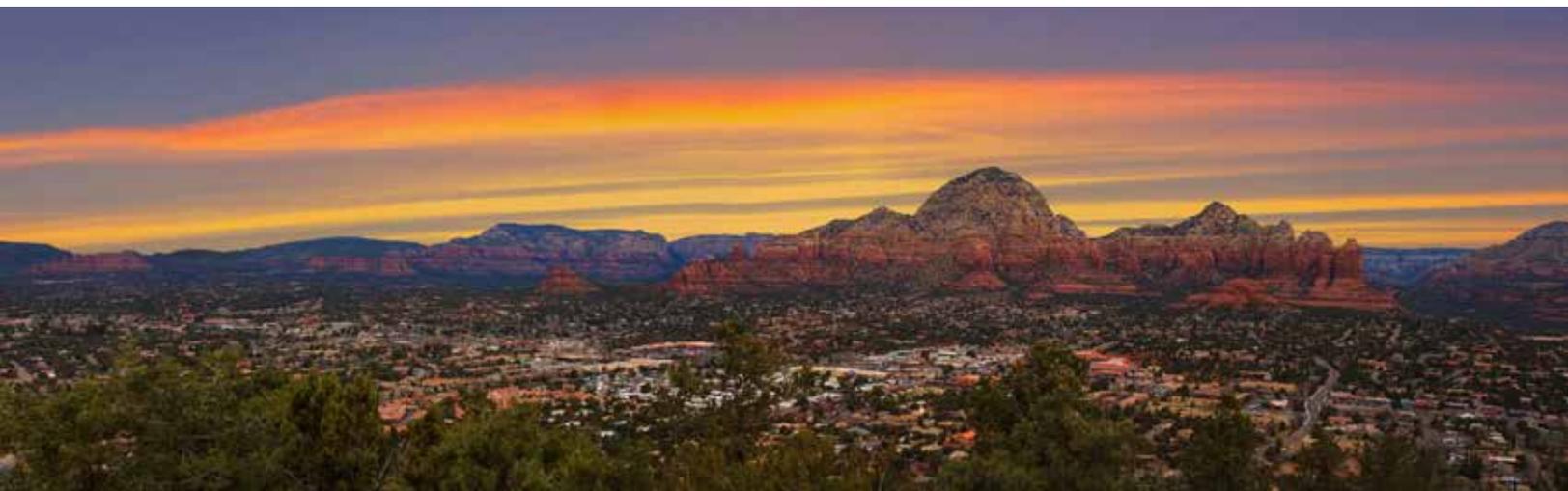
Friday, September 28

Enjoy our last breakfast in the Southwest before we transfer to Phoenix Airport and depart for Boston. Our private driver will be waiting to return us back to New London. (B)



“I think the American West really attracts me because it’s romantic. The desert, the empty space, the drama.

Ang Lee, Filmmaker





Bryce Canyon National Park

INCLUDED IN YOUR JOURNEY:

- Escorted by Holly Walker & Luigi Minoletti
- Private transfer from New London, NH, to Logan Airport and return
- First class accommodations for 10 nights
- Meals: 8 breakfasts, 4 lunches, 2 dinners (noted in itinerary as B,L,D)
- Sightseeing as outlined in the daily itinerary
- Services of a professional guide throughout
- Transportation by a private premium 20-passenger minibus

NOT INCLUDED IN YOUR JOURNEY

- Air Travel
- Gratuities
- Medical/Travel Insurance

PLEASE NOTE:

Altitudes in the various places we'll be visiting range from 3,000 to 9,000 feet above sea level.

Tour Limited to 18 Participants

\$5,500 per person

(Based on double occupancy—single room supplement available upon request)



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