

# **SMP SPRING TOUR**

## **Wonders of Arizona and Utah, April 2010**

A tour route from Phoenix to Las Vegas offers incredible options, with only 2 hours of travel between most locations.

This itinerary describes a 9 day tour that includes Sedona, Grand Canyon, Lake Powell, Monument Valley, Bryce Canyon, Zion and Las Vegas. Guests will be accompanied by two individuals, a driver for either coach and a professional tour guide with an in depth knowledge of the southwest. The tour will be conducted in a 32 passenger mini coach or a full sized motor coach.

**Day 1- Saturday, April 3rd** - Guests will be met at Sky Harbor International Airport in Phoenix to board a coach for Sedona, approximately 2 hours of travel time, north. During the two days in Sedona, there are many options, including jeep, helicopter, hiking, balloon, and horseback tours. The community boasts many intriguing galleries along with 4 local wineries, available for tastings and tours, just south of Sedona. Dinner and overnight stay at a select Sedona hotel and restaurant.

**Day 2 – Sunday, April 4th** - Today, guests can choose from one of three included options.  
-2 hour guided jeep tour in the Red Rock Countryside,  
-3 winery, wine tasting tour. Page Springs offers 3 wineries, just south of Sedona on a guided tour.  
-Helicopter tour of Sedona.

Tonight will be the second overnight stay in Sedona.

**Day 3 - Monday, April 5<sup>th</sup>** - Today's departure from Sedona offers a drive north, through the Oak Creek Canyon scenic byway. From Oak Creek, our route takes us past Flagstaff and the San Francisco Peaks, with approximately 2 hours of travel time to Grand Canyon National Park. Options in Grand Canyon include rim walks, multiple rim views, shopping and helicopter tours. A naturalist from the Grand Canyon Field Institute is available for a canyon rim walk and presentation. Tonight's overnight stay will be at the Grand Canyon National Park lodge with dinner at El Tovar Hotel.

**Day 4 – Tuesday, April 6<sup>th</sup>** – Following breakfast in Grand Canyon Village, today's route explores the 27 mile East Rim Drive, skirting the deepest and widest part of Grand Canyon, on our way to the 100 mile vistas of the Navajo Nation. Our path to Lake Powell takes us through the largest Indian reservation in the United States, covering an area the size of West Virginia. Options for today include a Navajo Nation Trading Post visit on our drive across the reservation and a ground tour of Lees Ferry and Vermillion Cliffs National Monument, at the Zero Mile of Grand Canyon, on the Colorado River. Dinner tonight is a cruise on Lake Powell followed by an overnight stay at Lake Powell Resort.

**Day 5 – Wednesday, April 7<sup>th</sup>** – Today showcases the landscape that made John Wayne famous and an introduction to the Navajo people in one of the treasures of the Navajo Nation. Once in Monument Valley, the group will be joined by a Navajo Tour guide for a tour of the Tribal Park for unforgettable views and an interpretation of the Navajo culture. After the 2.5 hour Navajo Guided tour, the tour will return to Lake Powell for a second night's stay. Dinner can be in the Rainbow Room at the Lake Powell Resort.

**Day 6 – Thursday, April 8<sup>th</sup>** – Today offers a morning option in Page, either Antelope Canyon Walking Tour, Horseshoe Bend Overlook Hike or the Antelope Canyon Boat Tour on Lake Powell. Bryce Canyon National Park is next today, after an amazing scenic drive that displays the newest National Monument, Escalante-Grand Staircase National Monument. Bryce Canyon offers a late lunch at the Bryce Canyon National Park Lodge and a chance for some amazing views of the canyon and rim walks. After Bryce, we travel south to Zion for scenic tour of the east end of the park and an overnight stay in the Zion Lodge, surrounded by the towering sandstone cliffs of Zion Canyon. Dinner can be in the Zion National Park Lodge.

**Day 7 –Friday, April 9<sup>th</sup>** – This morning begins with scenic options and possible light hiking in Zion. We depart Zion for Las Vegas and an overnight stay at the Bellagio. Dinner and entertainment options will be described later.

**Day 8 and 9 – Saturday and Sunday, April 10<sup>th</sup> and 11<sup>th</sup>** – Second Las Vegas overnight stay and departure.

**Tour Inclusions:**

- Transportation. 32 passenger minicoach or 56 passenger motorcoach.
- Professional guide services. 2 individuals, 1 guide, 1driver.
- Double occupancy lodging.
- Select meals, 3 dinners, 7 breakfasts. (One of the dinners is the Lake Powell Dinner Cruise)
- Entry fees: -Grand Canyon National Park, Bryce Canyon National Park, Zion National Park
  - Glen Canyon National Recreation Area
  - Monument Valley Tribal Park
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Party Tours –Sedona Jeep Tour, or Helicopter tour, or Wine Tasting Tour
  - Dinner Cruise on Lake Powell
  - Antelope Canyon Walking Tour
  - Monument Valley Guided Tour with Navajo Guide.
- Bottled water on board the tour vehicle throughout the tour.