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COLOR COUNTRY OF THE SOUTHWEST

OCTOBER 6 - 22, 2023

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 6 - An artist could find enough inspiration for a thousand paintings in **Arizona's and Utah's Colorful Canyon Country**. Even if you've never painted so much as a white picket fence, you're bound to have the same overwhelming sense of awe and wonder on this incredible scenic tour of Northern Arizona and Southern Utah. The grandeur of its gigantic rock formations, painstakingly sculpted by nature, and the sheer vastness of its deep canyons will leave you feeling humble and speechless. Our first stop will be for a hosted breakfast at Pea Soup Andersen's. Our accommodations for the night will be at the **Ayers Inn & Suites** in Barstow. Tonight we will enjoy a hosted dinner in Barstow.

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 7 - After a hosted breakfast we travel into the great state of **Arizona** stopping at the Crackerbarrel in Kingman for a hosted lunch. Our accommodations for the next two nights will be in Flagstaff. We will have a hosted dinner at Black Barts this evening.

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 8 - We start our day with a hosted continental breakfast on board our motorcoach as we travel to **Wupatki National Monument**. It is believed that the original inhabitants of Wupatki are to have been the ancestors of the Hopi Indians. We will see some of the ruins, including the most impressive Wupatki or "Tall House". Afterwards, we will stop at one of the largest Trading Posts in the area before we travel to the **Grand Canyon**. We will stop for pictures and a hosted lunch along the way. This afternoon we view a movie about the Grand Canyon at the **Grand Canyon Imax**.

MONDAY, OCTOBER 9 - Enjoy a hosted breakfast at the Crackerbarrel this morning. Today we travel to the **Petrified Forest National Monument**. We will have a hosted lunch along the way. Our accommodations for the next two nights will be at the Thunderbird Lodge in Chinle.

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 10 - This morning we will have a hosted breakfast at the Thunderbird Lodge before our guided tour of **Canyon De Chelley National Monument**. Five periods of Native American culture dating from 2500 B.C. to present are represented within the monument. The red sandstone walls rise from 30 to 1,000 feet in sheer, remarkable smooth ascent. Pictographs painted on the walls date from the earliest occupation to the Navajo Era. Hosted lunch at the Thunderbird Lodge after the tour. This afternoon we will drive along the south rim looking down into the Canyon.

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 11 - We will start our day with a hosted breakfast at our hotel before we travel into the beautiful state of **Utah**. We will have a guided tour of **Monument Valley Navajo Tribal Park**. This colorful region covering several thousand square miles lies within the Navajo reservation in Arizona and Utah. The park contains isolated monoliths of red sandstone which towers as much as 1,000 feet above the valley floor. Our accommodations for the night will be at the **Desert Rose Inn** in Bluff. We will have a hosted dinner this evening.

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 12 - Hosted breakfast this morning before we travel to **Natural Bridges National Monument**. Within the winding corridors of White and Armstrong canyons, water has eroded the stone walls to form three massive bridges. We will have a hosted lunch along the way. This afternoon we will have a guided tour of **Hole in the Rock**. This 5,000-square foot home was excavated from solid sandstone by Albert and Gladys Christensen. Excavation began in the early 1940s and continued for 20 years. Our accommodations for the next three nights will be at the **Best Western Canyonlands Inn**.

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 13 - We will have a hosted breakfast at our hotel. We will pick-up our guide for **Canyonlands National Park**. This park preserves a colorful landscape eroded into countless canyons, mesas and buttes by the Colorado River, the Green River, and their respective tributaries. The park is divided into four districts: the Island in the Sky, the Needles, the Maze, and the rivers themselves. While these areas share a primitive desert atmosphere, each retains its own character. Two large river canyons are carved into the Colorado Plateau by the Colorado River and Green River. Hosted lunch along the Colorado River..

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 14 - Hosted breakfast this morning before we pick-up our step-on guide for **Arches National Park**, which contains the largest number of natural stone arches in the country. Along with more than 2,000 arches are many redrock canyons, spires, fins and balancing rocks. This afternoon is free to explore the town of Moab. Tonight we have a hosted Dutch oven dinner on the banks of the Colorado River. Afterwards we board the Moab Queen for **Canyonlands By Night**. We will cruise up the Colorado River where we will have a informative narration which helps to put the scenery of the river canyon into perspective. At the first notes of music 40,000 watts of light bathe the towering cliffs ahead. Dancing shadows perform to the rhythm of background music. The contrast of light and shadow form undulating silhouettes which combine with music and voice bring this narrative to life for an experience that will never be forgotten.

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 15 - Hosted breakfast this morning before we travel to **Goblin Valley State Park**. This reserve contains thousands of colorful rock formations that resemble gnomes. We will have a hosted picnic lunch overlooking the formations. This afternoon we arrive at **Capitol Reef National Park**. Named for the reeflike cliffs capped by white sandstone formations resembling the U.S. Capitol, the park contains a spectacular section of the Waterpocket Fold and graphically illustrates the way the Earth's surface was built, folded and eroded. Brightly colored tiered cliffs rise 1,000 feet above. Our accommodations for the night will be at the **Best Western Capitol Reef Resort**.

MONDAY, OCTOBER 16 - This morning we will visit the **ANASAZI INDIAN VILLAGE STATE PARK**. This museum is the site of an Anasazi Indian Village that may have been occupied 1050 - 1200 A.D. Eighty-seven rooms have been excavated. As we travel to **BRYCE CANYON NATIONAL PARK** we will pass by the beautiful **GRAND STAIRCASE** area. It gets its name from the series of multi-colored cliffs and mesas. We will have a hosted lunch at the **Bryce Canyon Lodge** before we have a step-on guide for a tour of the park. Bryce Canyon contains some of Earth's most colorful rocks, which have been sculpted by erosion into pillars called "hoodoos", and other fantastic forms. Our accommodations for the night will be at **Ruby's Inn**.

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 17 - This morning we will have a hosted breakfast before traveling through **RED CANYON** on our way to **ZION NATIONAL PARK**. Traveling into Zion we will go through the 5,607-foot Zion Tunnel, completed in 1930. This road is considered a remarkable engineering feat. Desert terrain and huge sculpted rock formations coexist with waterfalls and hanging gardens to make up Zion National Park. We will have a hosted lunch at **Zion Lodge & Tram Tour**. Afterwards we will go to the **IMAX**, in Springdale, where we'll see "**ZION CANYON - TREASURE OF THE GODS**". Our accommodations for the night will be at the **HAMPTON INN** in Springdale.

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 18 - Enjoy a hosted breakfast at our hotel this morning before we depart for **NEVADA**. We will have a hosted lunch in Overton before we enter **VALLEY OF THE FIRE STATE PARK**. The rough floor and jagged walls contain formations of eroded red sandstone, said to date back 150 million years, that often appear to be on fire when reflecting the sun's rays. Our accommodations for the next two nights will be at the **PARIS HOTEL CASINO** on the "Strip" in Las Vegas.

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 19 - The day is free to enjoy Las Vegas and explore the many theme hotels on the Strip.

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 20 - Late morning departure for **DEATH VALLEY NATIONAL MONUMENT** where we will have a hosted lunch. Our accommodations for the night will be at the **OASIS AT DEATH VALLEY**. Tonight we have a hosted dinner.

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 21 - Hosted breakfast this morning before we travel west to highway 395 and then north stopping in Bishop for a hosted lunch. Our accommodation for the night will be at the lovely **CARSON VALLEY INN** in Minden.

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 22 - Our final day! We will travel Tahoe to Apple Hill Country. We will stop at an apple farm where we will have time to shop for apples and maybe have a snack. Afterwards we will have a hosted lunch in Sacramento. Approximate arrival time back to the Bay Area will be 5 p.m.

TOUR INCLUDES: 16 nights deluxe lodging, 30 meals, entrance fee to the following: Wupatki Indians Ruins, Grand Canyon, Petrified Forest, National Bridges, Goblin State Park, Capitol Reef, Anasazi Indian Village, Valley of the Fire State Park. Canyonlands by Night, Grand Canyon and Zion Imax, Death Valley, Guided tour & entrance to the following: Canyon De Chelley, Monument Valley, Hole in the Rock, Arches, Canyonlands, Zion & Bryce Canyon, luggage handling, motorcoach transportation, taxes and gratuities on all hosted meals.

\$5995.00 per person, dbl. occ. \$5575.00 per person, tpl. occ. \$7925.00 single

DEPOSIT: \$1000.00 BALANCE DUE NO LATER THAN AUGUST 1

*You may cancel up to August 1 with a \$50.00 penalty. After August 1 there is no refund. Penalty will be waived if deposit is transferred to another trip. Please remember there are no refunds after August 1 or on any unused items included in the tour such as meals, attractions and transportation once the tour has commenced. Reserved seating is assigned at time of deposit. There is no smoking on the bus, however, frequent rest stops will be made enroute. There will be a \$50.00 surcharge for sign-ups after August 1 Travel Insurance: For your convenience, we offer travel protection through Travelex Insurance Services (CA Agency License #0D10209). For more information and to enroll call **800-228-9792**, mention **AST & code 05-1782**. Plans underwritten by Berkshire Hathaway Specialty Insurance Company, NAIC #22276. 55Y*

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