



WESTMINSTER

Southwest National Parks

7 Days June 2-9, 2024

On this seven-day tour, explore the most impressive National Parks in the American Southwest. Visit five National Parks filled with red rock landscapes, unique monuments, and rich, vibrant history. This is an epic adventure waiting to be discovered.

Tour Highlights:

- Five National Parks
 - Great Sand Dunes National Park
 - Mesa Verde National Park
 - Arches National Park
 - Grand Canyon National Park w/boxed lunch
 - Canyonlands National Park
- Ute Mountain Tribal Park
- Four Corners Monument
- Canyonlands by Night
 - Sound and Light Show, Jet Boat Ride & Dinner
- Palisades Wine Tasting
- Six Nights First Class Lodging
- Six Hotel Breakfasts
- One Lunch
- Two Dinners
- All Taxes and Tips with these services
- Luggage Handling (as available)
- Motorcoach Transportation & Driver's Tip

Per Person Prices Starting at:

\$3,185 DOUBLE OCCUPANCY

\$2,855 TRIPLE...\$2,635 QUAD...\$4,395 SINGLE

\$500 per person deposit with reservation

Final Payment due by April 1, 2024

Travel Insurance is available and can be purchased on line at

<https://atc.tripassure.com/main/?welcome=USTO7000WV>

(Each person is responsible for their own insurance enrollment)

Register for this trip at any
City of Westminster Recreation Center

For questions call (303) 426-4310



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Day 1 – Great Sand Dunes National Park – Alamosa, CO -

Departing Denver this morning, your first stop is Great Sand Dunes National Park. The tallest dunes in North America are the centerpiece in a diverse landscape of grasslands, wetlands, forests, alpine lakes, and tundra. Nestled in a spot where the Sangre de Cristo Mountains buckle inward, the dunes within the borders of Great Sand Dunes National Park have been building and sifting for eons — the result of the San Luis Valley's unique wind patterns. End the day in Alamosa, CO where your check into your hotel for an overnight stay. Dinner is on own this evening.

Day 2 - Mesa Verde National Park Guided Tour - This morning, head to Mesa Verde National Park. For over 700 years, the Ancestral Pueblo people built thriving communities on the mesas and in the cliffs of Mesa Verde. Today, the park protects the rich cultural heritage of 26 Pueblos and Tribes and offers visitors a spectacular window into the past.

This World Heritage Site and International Dark Sky Park is home to over a thousand species, including several that live nowhere else on earth. Here you meet a local guide who will make the history of Mesa Verde come alive with captivating storytelling of a people who evolved from hunter-gatherers into a culture known for agriculture, intricate artistry, and architecture.

Then check into the Far View Lodge for the night. Far View Lodge is the only lodging inside of Mesa Verde National Park and features traditional Western décor. Dinner is included this evening at the Lodge. **(B,D)**

Day 3 - Tour Ute Mountain Tribal Park- Four Corners

Monument – Grand Canyon - After breakfast at the Lodge, start with a half day tour of the Ute Mountain Tribal Park. You will enjoy nature, learn the history of this land as it was millions of years ago. Enjoy the company of the local Native American Tribe the people (care takers of the land). Make memories that last a lifetime, hear stories of ancient people.

Next, visit Four Corners, the only point in the U.S. contiguous to four states. You can also visit the stalls of native artisans who offer silver and turquoise jewelry here, or try Indian fry bread for an unusual treat. Then end the day in the Grand Canyon with two-nights lodging at the Holiday Inn Express just a short distance from the South Entrance of the Grand Canyon. **(B)**

Day 4 - Full Day Guided Grand Canyon Tour w/boxed lunch -

Meet your local guide this morning for a full day tour of the Grand Canyon South Rim. Traveling through the Ponderosa Pine Forest you learn interesting facts about the area. Your professional tour guide is an expert in the most incredible places and best times to visit viewing points in the Grand Canyon National Park. You will visit at least four different viewing points. A box lunch is included while in the park. Return to your hotel this evening and enjoy dinner on own. **(B,L)**

Day 5 - Moab, UT - Sound and Light Show, Boat Ride &

Dinner - Travel today takes you to Moab, UT where you enjoy a two-night stay at the Aarchway Inn. Your accommodations are located on the edge of town between the picturesque red rock and the buttes of the Colorado River, and just minutes from Arches National Park.

This evening, you will be served a cowboy-style Dutch oven dinner in a dining room overlooking the Colorado River. After dinner, board a flat-bottomed boat as you head up river with a knowledgeable and entertaining guide who will point out things of interest and ignite your imagination. Once darkness settles in, the formal part of the evening begins with 40,000 watts of natural light illuminating the canyon wall. Lights, shadows, music, and narration make the stories of the canyon's formation, creation, and history come to life on the walls above the river. **(B,D)**

Day 6 - Arches National Park - Canyonlands National Park -

After breakfast, tour Arches National Park. Known as the site of more than 2,000 natural sandstone arches, such as the massive, red-hued Delicate Arch in the east. Long, thin Landscape Arch stands in Devils Garden to the north. Other geological formations include Balanced Rock, towering over the desert landscape in the middle of the park. Your guide will take you on an informative tour of the area.

The afternoon features a guided tour of Canyonlands National Park, the largest National Park in Utah. Imagine endless deep canyons, towering mesas, pinnacles, cliffs, and spires stretching across 527 square miles. This is Canyonlands National Park, formed by the currents and tributaries of Utah's Green and Colorado rivers. Canyonlands is home to many different types of travel experiences, from sublime solitude in the more remote stretches of the park to moderate hikes through the Needles district to the opportunity to create your own version of one of the West's most photographed landforms, Mesa Arch. Returning to Moab, dinner is on your own this evening. **(B)**

Day 7 - Palisades Wine Tasting – Glenwood Springs, CO –

Today, visit Palisade, CO, the famous home of over 25 Colorado wineries. The perfect weather, subtle breezes and artesian wells provide a premier environment for vast acres of vineyards to grow. Visitors to Palisade can enjoy guided wine tours, learn about the process of winemaking, enjoy music in the Colorado vineyards or rent a bike for an amazing adventure through the fruit and wine byway.

Check into the Hotel Colorado for an overnight stay, located right in downtown Glenwood Springs, mere steps from Glenwood Hot Springs. Dinner is on your own this evening. **(B)**

Day 8 - Depart for home - After breakfast, depart for home. **(B)**