

# 7 Days Grand Circle National Parks Bus Tour (From San Francisco)



Departure: Saturday



## Itinerary:

### 1. Bay Area - Las Vegas

We will depart the Bay Area in the morning and drive to Las Vegas. We will reach Las Vegas in the evening and check into the hotel upon arrival. Tonight will be to your leisure. Accommodations will be at the Excalibur Hotel & Casino, named for the mythical sword of King Arthur. Immerse yourself in the castle themed resort right in the middle of the Las Vegas Strip. Choose from one of the many eateries on the property, including the Roundtable Buffet, or head down the Strip and stop by one of the other world famous hotels.

Hotel: Excalibur Hotel and Casino

### 2. Las Vegas - Zion National Park - Bryce Canyon National Park - Panguitch

Depart Las Vegas in the morning and visit arguably the two of the most scenic National parks in Southern Utah. Zion is colored with reddish and tan-colored sandstone with soaring cliffs and great basins. Contrast that to Bryce which is not a true canyon, but an amphitheater of magnificent red rock formations within the high Colorado Plateau created by erosion. Each dense eroded columns known as hoodoos, create an out of this world landscape. These two National parks are truly a photographers' heaven. Tonight we will stay in the town of Panguitch.

Hotel: Bryce View Lodge

### 3. Panguitch - Arches National Park - Moab

Utah contains one of the largest concentrations of natural sandstones in the world. The arches and numerous other extraordinary geologic features, such as spires, pinnacles, pedestals and balanced rocks, are highlighted in striking foreground and background views created by contrasting colors, landforms and textures. The park is 73,379 acres in size. hike the famous "delicate arch" in the late afternoon hour. Overnight stay in Moab.

Hotel: La Quinta Moab

### 4. Moab - Monument Valley - Canyon De Chelly - Petrified Forest National Park - Holbrook

Monument Valley is characterized by a cluster of vast and iconic sandstone buttes, the most photographed place in America Southwest. It has been featured in many western movies and TV commercials since 1930s. We may have a chance to take the optional jeep rides to see all the famous scenes led by the Navajo Indians. Canyon De Chelly, Chelly means "canyon" in Navajo language. Millions years of land uplifts and steams cutting created the colorful sheer cliff walls of Canyon De Chelly. Petrified Forest National Park contains some of the largest and best-preserved petrified wood sites in the world. The combination of Petrified Forest and Painted Desert provides us with an extraordinary diverse fossil records that cannot be found elsewhere. Over night stay in Holbrook.

Hotel: Ramada Limited

## 5. Holbrook - Walnut Canyon - Grand Canyon National Park - Page

Walnut Canyon National Monument was established to preserve numerous Prehistoric archaeological sites and the ancient cliff dwellings. Evidence of human use can be traced back over 2,000 years ago. Most of the cliff dwelling rooms are situated near the loop trails (0.9 miles). The Grand Canyon offers one of the most spectacular examples of erosion not found anywhere in the world. Canyon National Park is a designated World Heritage Site and is unmatched in the incomparable vistas that it offers to visitors on the rim. Over night stay in Page.

Hotel: Best Western Arizona Inn

## 6. Page - Lake Powell - Antelope Canyon - Las Vegas

Lake Powell, a reservoir on the Colorado River, straddling the border between Utah and Arizona. It is the second largest man-made reservoir in the United States behind Lake Mead, storing 24,322,000 acre feet (30 km<sup>3</sup>) of water when full. We may have a chance to take an optional cruise on the scenic Lake in the morning. We will continue to visit Antelope Canyon around noon time. The canyon is known as a slot canyon in which rainwater, especially during monsoon season, runs into the extensive basin above the slot canyon sections, as the water rushes into the narrow passageways, over time the passageways are eroded away, making the corridors deeper and into what you would experience today. We will travel back to Las Vegas in the afternoon.

Hotel: Excalibur Hotel and Casino

## 7. Las Vegas - Bay Area

Depart Las Vegas in the morning as we will drive back to the Bay Area. You may elect to extend your stay or continue onto your next destination.

### Notes:

1. Includes: National Parks admissions and hotels.

2. Excludes: Meals and optional tours.

3. Optional Tours:

✧ Las Vegas night tour - Adult \$25, Child (2-12) \$15

✧ Antelope Canyon - Adult \$35, Child (2-12) \$25

✧ Lake Powell Cruise - Adult \$45, Child (2-12) \$35

4. 3rd person, 4th person and child, must share the same room with 1st and 2nd. Hotel rooms are based on double occupancy with two double beds in each room, an extra bed is not provided.



### Bus Pickup Schedule and Locations:

El Cerrito	6:20 AM	Ranch 99 Supermarket (3288 Pierce Street, Richmond, CA 94804)
Oakland	7:00 AM	New Saigon Supermarket (441 9th St. Oakland, CA 94607)
San Francisco	7:45 AM	Starbucks Coffee (391 Sutter St. San Francisco, CA 94108)
San Mateo	8:20 AM	Marina Food Supermarket (2992 S. Norfolk St. San Mateo, CA 94403)
Newark	8:50 AM	Little Sichuan Restaurant (35233 Newark Blvd. Newark, CA 94560)
Cupertino	9:00 AM	Marina Food Supermarket (10122 Bandlely Dr. Cupertino, CA 95014)
Fremont	9:10 AM	Aberdeen Cafe (46881 Warm Springs Blvd. Fremont, CA 94539)
San Jose	9:20 AM	Liang's Kitchen (1701 Lundy Ave. San Jose, CA 95131)
Milpitas	9:30 AM	Ulferts Center (668 Barber Ln, Milpitas, CA 95035)

