# BEST OF THE WEST 9 DAY TRIP

The spectacular American West is a home to an exciting mix of cultural and natural highlights. Experience them all on this active tour! Having a balance of outdoor discovery and comfortable accommodation, this trip is suitable for those looking to experience National parks, Best cities and American culture.

#### **HIGHLIGHTS:**

- Las Vegas
- Los Angeles
- Grand Canyon
- San Francisco
- Giant Sequoias
- ✤ Valley of Fire
- Zion NP
- Hoover Dam
- Beverly Hills
- Hollywood
- Santa Monica

START	END
20 Aug	28 Aug
27 Aug	04 Sep
03 Sep	11 Sep
10 Sep	18 Sep
17 Sep	25 Sep
24 Sep	02 Oct
01 Oct	09 Oct

DAY 1 - LAS VEGAS
DAY 2 - GRAND CANYON
DAY 3 - ZION & Valley of Fire
DAY 4 - LOS ANGELES
DAY 5 - GIANT SEQUOIAS
DAY 6 - SAN FRANCISCO
DAY 7 - LOS ANGELES
DAY 8 - LAS VEGAS
DAY 9 - LAS VEGAS



#### **INCLUDED IN PRICE**

- 8 night's hotel accommodations
- All national park fees
- All transport between destinations
- Airport transfer to hotel
- Hotel transfer to airport

#### NOT INCLUDED IN PRICE

- Air Fares (separate charge)
- Airline Baggage Fees
- Medical & Travel Insurance
- All meals and drinks

#### **Travel Style: Classic**

All of the highlights, culture, access, and Ican't-believe-we-did-that moments, all at a great price.

#### Service Level: Standard

Comfortable tourist-class accommodations; mix of different transportation.

#### Physical Rating: 2 - Light

Light walking and hiking suitable for most fitness levels. Nothing too challenging.

- Air-conditioned private vehicle
- Services of a tour leader
- 3 Continental Breakfasts
- Bi- or Multi-lingual Tour
- Tax include
  - All personal expenses
  - Optional tours and tickets
  - Other expenses during free time
  - Passport and Visa fees

# **TOUR ITINERARY**

# DAY 1 – LAS VEGAS

First of all, we need to get to the West coast. And the best way to overcome 5'000 km is traveling by plane. It will take 7-8 hours for you to get from the usual America to the **WILD WILD WEST!** 

You will depart from the city you live in and arrive in **Las Vegas**. Our representatives will meet you at the airport.

We will **check** you **in** to the hotel. Right after, we will have a city orientation meeting.

#### And then our first sightseeing bus tour starts!

Duration is 2 hours.

After 9:00PM you will have free time and overnight sleep in Las Vegas hotel.

The world-famous **Las Vegas Strip** is a brilliantly lit corridor of themed and classic casino-hotels stretching for more than 3 mi/5 km along Las Vegas Boulevard. The flashing signs and lighted facades make walking the Strip a memorable experience day or night. Free sidewalk shows that cost millions to design and maintain.

Not so long ago, people came to Las Vegas for the gambling and buffets. Today Las Vegas is all about serious fun – from bigname shows and events to after-hours night clubbing.



### DAY 2 – GRAND CANYON

Departure from Las Vegas is in the morning. We are going to the South-East through Nevada to Arizona and heading right to the world famous National Park – **Grand Canyon.** 

GRAND CANYON is one of the deepest canyons in the world. The length of the canyon is 446 km. The width (at plateau level) fluctuates from 6 to 29 km, at the bottom level is less than kilometer. The depth is 1600 meters.

You MUST SEE the true greatness of Grand Canyon with your own eyes.

And of course we'll make a stop at the **Hoover Dam** on our way to the canyons!

**Hoover Dam** is the greatest dam in America. The panorama on the dam simply grasps the spirit. Viewing this magnificent, massive men-made structure causes a lot of respect for men's accomplishments. The strong desire to cultivate nature's power drove the human mind and body to build Hoover Dam in the hottest, driest area of the United States. Fortunately, that is why the seasonal flooding of the Colorado River was eliminated and now millions of people have a drinking water and irrigation during the dry season.



## DAY 3 – VALLEY OF FIRE & ZION NATIONAL PARK

Move back in time for 3,000 years and discover the great Anasazi **"Lost City"**. Experience authentic pueblos, pottery, baskets, arrowheads, tools, mystical ancient Indian petroglyphs, and other priceless artifacts. This tour of early Native American life is a real jewel of the American Southwest.

The incredible **Valley of Fire** was once the spiritual center of this great early American civilization. The rock formations and Indian art will amaze you. You will let your soul go on the spiritual and wonder-filled adventure.

Valley of Fire State Park, covering an area of almost 42,000 acres, is the oldest and largest state park in Nevada. It derives its name from red sandstone formations, formed from great shifting sand dunes during the age of dinosaurs. These features, which are the centerpiece of the park's attractions, often appear to be on fire when reflecting the sun's rays.

**Zion's** unique array of plants and animals will enchant you as you absorb the rich history of the past and enjoy the excitement of present day adventures.

This is one of America's most beautiful parks, known for its red rocks and stunning western scenery



This park has an incredible elevation change of about 5,000 feet (1,600m) allowing for quite the diversity of rock formations, habitats, and species.

## DAY 4 – LOS ANGELES

It's time to see all those famous Hollywood places you've seen on TV since you were a little kid!

The Griffith Observatory provides excellent views of the city and the Sign. While the observatory offers a bit of Hollywood history with iconic scenes from movies like Rebel without a Cause, the observatory presents a different type of star by offering planetarium shows and public telescope hours. What could be a better place to observe the Sign than at the famous Griffith Park Observatory? Perched atop a high hillside overlooking all of Los Angeles, there are few more spectacular views to be found in the city.

We'll take you to L.A.'s most glamorous neighborhoods including Hollywood, the Sunset Strip & Beverly Hills. You'll also see some of our most celebrated beaches, the Pacific Ocean Beach, Santa Monica Pier, Santa Monica 3rd St Promenade and much, much more! The tour kicks off in the heart of historic Hollywood where you'll get a chance to see Grauman's Chinese Theatre, the Hollywood Walk of Fame and the Hollywood & Highland Complex. For more than 75 years, Grauman's Chinese Theatre has been a unique and popular L.A. landmark, and today its courtyard is still the site of every star studded Walk of Fame induction ceremony.

Compare your hand and footprints with classic performers like **Harrison Ford, Marilyn Monroe and John Wayne** or snap some pics of the opulent old movie palace. Then take a stroll on the Hollywood Walk of Fame where you can admire the stars of your favorite actors and actresses, like **Tom Hanks, Denzel Washington, Leonardo DiCaprio, Julia Roberts** and many more.

**Even Kermit the Frog** has been honored with a star! As you make your way down Hollywood Boulevard, be sure to visit the Kodak Theatre – where they host the Academy Awards – and the rest of the Hollywood & Highland Complex, which features popular retail outlets and dining. Next we cruise down the famous **Sunset Strip** which is packed with gourmet restaurants and legendary nightclubs, the playground of many movie stars. **Beverly Hills** is a home to many exclusive designer stores and name brand boutiques. Shop elbow to elbow with the rich and famous on Rodeo Drive!

We will finish our day in sunny **Santa Monica**, where the 3rd Street Promenade and Santa Monica Pier are located. You'll also get a glimpse of this famous L.A. beach and the Pacific Ocean.



# DAY 5 – SEQUOIA NATIONAL PARK

Explore Giant Forest, the premiere grove of Giant Sequoias and visit an enchanted meadow. Experience the beauty of the Sierra Nevada
Foothills. Big trees, impressive peaks, cartwheeling canyons and whitewater rivers will fill your windshield with Sierra splendor.
Learn all about the Big Trees at the new Giant Forest Museum. Witness the grandeur of General Sherman, the biggest tree on earth! The undisputed King of the Giant Forest, the General Sherman tree is not only the largest living tree in the world, but the largest living organism, by volume, on the planet.



## DAY 6 – SAN FRANSISCO

After 3 hour trip, during which you can have a good nap, we get to the unique climate and atmosphere of San Francisco. The city of everlasting spring will welcome us with its marvelous bay sunrise and picturesque prospect of one of the most famous bridge in the world – **Golden Gate**.

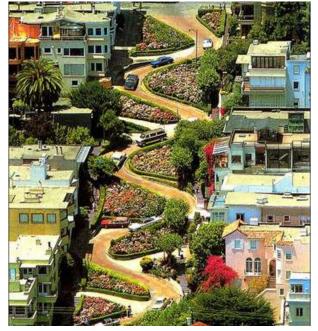
In San Fransisco you will have an unforgettable City sightseeing tour and a sunset by San Francisco Bay and GOLDEN GATE bridge.

Among the numerous sights of San Francisco Golden Gate Bridge deserves special attention. It used to be the longest pendant bridge in the world. Engineers have already built a dozen of more complicated and lengthy crossings but it hasn't diminished a universal popularity of Golden Gate. Daily a crew of painters uses 4 thousand liters of orange paint on this architectural masterpiece.

The second symbol of the city is an ancient tram or **Cable Car**. While the cable cars are used to a certain extent by commuters, their small service area and premium fares for single rides make them more of a tourist attraction.

Another attraction in San Francisco is **Lombard Street** is called the most crooked or winding street in America.

What does this mean? The steep, hilly street was created with sharp curves to switchback down the one-way hill past beautiful Victorian mansions. The street is paved with bricks and is an amazing site to see as demonstrated by the photos below.



The third symbol of the city is **Alcatraz jail**. Alcatraz and history go hand in hand. Once home to some of America's most notorious criminals, the federal penitentiary that operated here from 1934 to 1963 brought a dark mystique to the Rock. The presence of infamous inmates like Al "Scarface" Capone, and the "Birdman" Robert Stroud helped to establish the island's notoriety. To this day, Alcatraz is best known as one of the world's most legendary prisons. Alcatraz is an optional tour and must be booked in advance; due to high popularity of this tour, tickets are always sold out.

# DAY 7 – LOS ANGELES

This is our second day of LA. For those who want to visit **Universal Studios Park** we'll go straight there. Spend the day at the "World's Largest Movie Studio and Theme Park" – **Universal Studios Hollywood!** Scream your heart out on one of many thrilling rides. See what happens behind the scenes on a tour of a real working movie studio.

Find a full day of action-packed entertainment all in one place: Universal Studios Hollywood. With thrilling theme park rides and shows, a real working movie studio and Los Angeles' best shops, restaurants and cinemas at CityWalk, Universal Studios Hollywood is a unique experience that's fun for all ages.



#### DAY 8 – LAS VEGAS

There are so many things to do in Las Vegas! These fun venues located all over the map... The area is known for its many themed hotel/casinos. The **MGM Grand and Caesar's Palace** are just some of them. The iconic **Luxor** building is shaped like an ancient Egyptian pyramid. The medieval themed **Excalibur** is designed to look like a castle. Let's not forget about the beautiful **Bellagio Fountains.** Check out other popular spots such as the **Venetian** with its channels and of course Treasure Island. A trip to Vegas is worth it for the architecture in- and outside the casinos alone.

## DAY 9 - LAS VEGAS & DEPARTURE

Take the time to explore as many of the larger properties as you can; you'll be amazed at how thoroughly they re-create the four corners of the earth - and also several fantasy worlds beyond.

Upon the departure, we pack the gifts to all our relatives and friends, then copy and share our pictures and videos, we've made during the trip. :)

# **DEPARTURE**

**Tour Ends:** Las Vegas Hotel check-out at 11:00AM.



Flight from LAS VEGAS Airport anytime from 6 AM till 11 PM. Airport shuttle service is available at scheduled times from 6 AM to 6 PM. Fees may apply. Contact us in advance to make arrangements.



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