

# Arizona Utah Grand Canyon, Bryce & Zion Family Adventure

8 Days



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# ⊳Arizona Utah Grand Canyon, Bryce & Zion Family Adventure

On this ultimate Southwest national park family adventure, experience the majesty of the Grand Canyon, with its awesome walls of red rock and inspiring sunsets. Paddle the rocky shoreline of Lake Powell with one night of lakeside camping. Marvel at Bryce Canyon, a fairytale amphitheater of spires, columns, and pink pinnacles. Immerse yourself in Zion National Park, exploring its steep red cliffs, enormous sandstone monoliths soaring into brilliant blue skies, and serene riverbanks. Along the way, learn how the region's incredible rock formations appeared, and about its diverse flora and fauna.

### **Details**

Arrive: Las Vegas, Nevada

Depart: Las Vegas, Nevada

Duration: 8 Days

Group Size: 8-14 Guests

Minimum Age: 8 Years Old

Activity Level:

# **Testimonials**

"A prominent reason we have chosen MT Sobek as our favorite adventure travel company has been th excellent travel guides."

Carol

"I have taken 12 trips with MT Sobek. Each has leg a positive imprint on me—widening my view of the world and its peoples."

Jane B.

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# Why Take This Trip With Us?

#### **REASON #01**

MT Sobek has been inspiring adventure seekers for 50 years. Our family adventures make it easy to explore with the ones you love.

#### REASON #02

Our top-notch North America guides have extensive experience leading fun and rewarding family adventure trips.

#### REASON #03

This trip is the perfect introduction to hiking in three well-loved National Parks, with expert insight into flora, fauna and Leave No Trace practices.

# What to Expect



#### ACTIVITIES

Personally tailored adventures, hand-picked with your desired activity level in mind. Each activity is designed and operated to our highest standards.



#### LODGING

A variety of comfortable and ideally located accommodations carefully selected with your travel style and budget in mind.



Expect warm, sunny days and cool evenings; weather is variable depending on elevation. Daytime highs can range from 60° to 100°F and evening lows from 40° to 60°F.

# **Meet Our Guides**

Our expert guides and trip leaders are truly the key to our trips' success. Many are locals who live in-country year-round; others have made it their second home—all are passionate, enthusiastic and endlessly knowledgeable. Meet two of the guides that might be on your trip.

Rachel began her guiding career in 1994 when she began leading tours in Greece. Working as a guide throughout the U.S. Southwest and the Canadian Rockies for the past seven years, Rachel is an avid outdoor enthusiast; her favorite pursuits are hiking, mountain bike riding and white water rafting. When Rachel is not on the road leading adventures she can be found relaxing in Bali, surfing, doing yoga and rejuvenating.

**Rachel Frampton** 

For over 20 years, Khriss has been leading adventure tours across the U.S. and Canada. Patient and enthusiastic, he enjoys showing others the awe inspiring natural world as much as he loves discovering its wonders for himself. As a Southwest expert, keen adventurer and historian, Khriss is a great storyteller who loves spending evenings around the campfire or dinner table sharing traveling tales and making new friends.

**Khriss Urban** 

# **Itinerary**

#### DAY 1 ARRIVE IN LAS VEGAS

Welcome to Las Vegas! Upon arrival in Las Vegas, take a complimentary shuttle transfer to the hotel. Meet up with the group for orientation and a welcome dinner at 6pm.

Meals: D

#### DAY 2 HOOVER DAM & THE GRAND CANYON

After breakfast, meet your MT Sobek trip leader in the lobby at 8am and depart for the Hoover Dam. The Hoover Dam is a concrete arch-gravity dam in the Black Canyon of the Colorado River, on the border between the U.S. states of Nevada and Arizona. It was constructed between 1931 and 1936 during the Great Depression. Following our visit to the Hoover Dam, we continue 4 hours to the Grand Canyon South Rim. This afternoon, we will bike along the Canyon rim on a road closed to public vehicle traffic. This scenic stretch of road features some of the best views along the South Rim of the Grand Canyon. Following our bike ride, we will settle in to our hotel in nearby Tusayan.

Activity: 3 hours bike riding

Meals: B, L, D

### DAY 3 DESCEND INTO THE GRAND CANYON

Enjoy a full day exploring Grand Canyon National Park. Descend into the canyon on a hike on the famed South Kaibab Trail. Along the way learn about the unique ecosystem, the deep Native American connection to the Canyon and the wonders of this special place. Expect sweeping views, ancient rocks, fossils, curious critters, and diverse plant life. Stop mid-day for a picnic lunch. Explore some of the historic buildings and scenic view points along the canyon rim in the afternoon.

Activity: 2-3 hours hiking

Meals: B, L, D

### DAY 4 KAYAK LAKE POWELL'S SLOT CANYONS

We depart the Grand Canyon early this morning and have a scenic three hour drive to Page where we embark on our overnight kayaking trip on Lake Powell. The journey begins with a scenic boat ride to Padre Bay where we will begin kayaking. Spend the day exploring the remote slot canyons and coves of Lake Powell. This evening we make camp amid the majestic scenery.

Activity: 3-4 hour kayaking

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### DAY 5 LAKE POWELL & STARGAZING AT BRYCE CANYON

After a hearty camp breakfast, we will have another adventurous day of exploring Lake Powell by kayak. We return to the marina in early afternoon and head to our overnight accommodations near Bryce Canyon National Park. After dinner we are joined by an astronomer for a special stargazing experience. The Utah desert's predictable weather, low humidity and dark night skies make it the perfect location for viewing the Milky Way Galaxy, millions of stars, recognizable constellations and even some far off galaxies millions of light years away.

Activity: 3-4 hours kayaking

Meals: B, L, D

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#### DAY 6

#### HORSEBACK RIDE IN BRYCE CANYON NATIONAL PARK & HIKE TO EMERALD POOLS

This morning, we descend into the natural amphitheater of Bryce Canyon National Park on horseback. Depart Sunrise Point and experience the Wall of Windows, The Chessmen, Silent City, and the Bristle Cone Pine Trees (some of the oldest living things on earth). Then we enjoy a picnic lunch at a scenic overlook before we depart for Zion National Park. This afternoon, we hike the Emerald Pools Trail taking in the views of Red Arch Mountain, Lady Mountain and the colorful cliffs in every direction.

Activity: 2 hours horseback riding, 1-2 hours hiking

Meals: B, L, D

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### DAY 7

#### ZION NATIONAL PARK

We start our day at Zion National Park with a canyoneering excursion which starts with a short hike followed by active exploration of some of the areas narrow slot canyons. Canyoneering involves a combination of hiking, rappelling, scrambling and possibly wading through canyon pools. Canyoneering is a perfect family bonding experience with interactive problem solving of natural canyon obstacles. Most routes offer more beauty than physical challenges making for a fun and rewarding adventure. This afternoon, we take a leisurely hike along the the Virgin River and cool off with a splash in the cool waters.

Activity: Half day canyoneering, 1-2 hours hiking

Meals: B. L. D

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DAY 8	DEPART LAS VEGAS
	After breakfast we depart for Las Vegas to catch afternoon homebound flights.
	Meals: B

# **Dates**

Jun 12 - 19, 2021

Jul 10 - 17, 2021

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# **Pricing**

2021

\$ 4,295 per person

#### **Additional Cost**

\$1,080 Single Supplement

#### **PRICE INCLUDES**

- Expert leadership from experienced family-friendly adventure guides
- Accommodations as noted in the itinerary
- · Meals as noted in the daily itinerary
- Potable water and snacks throughout
- All tips and gratuities for support staff with the exception of your lead adventure guide(s)
- All necessary kayaking, canyoneering and riding gear
- All group entrance fees, activities, and ground transportation
- Arrival and departure day group airport transfers

#### PRICE DOES NOT INCLUDE

- International airfare, any airport taxes, or excess baggage charges
- Optional tips to your lead adventure guides
- Personal expenses such as medical immunizations, phone calls, laundry, or souvenirs
- Airport transfers if arriving or departing outside of the group transfers
- Optional travel protection

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# The World of MT Sobek

At Mountain Travel Sobek, we believe life is an adventure and adventure is life.

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