

# Southwest Family Adventure

7 Days



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# **⊳Southwest Family** Adventure

See three amazing National Parks — Grand Canyon, Bryce, and Zion — on this epic camping trip designed with families in mind. Every day offers magnificent hikes that let you explore the best of these national treasures on foot. The scenery is nothing short of spectacular, from the ever-changing colors of the sandstone rock formations to the sweeping views of otherworldly landscapes. Climb to viewpoints with birds-eye views, take a fun-filled slosh along the Virgin River, and hike among canyons, spires, and sandstone rock formations thousands of years in the making.

## **Details**

Arrive: Las Vegas, Nevada

Depart: Las Vegas, Nevada

Duration: 7 Days

Group Size: 4-10 Guests

Minimum Age: 9 Years Old

Activity Level:

# **Testimonials**

"Great experience every time with some of the most knowledgeable guides in their fields. We always come home with wonderful memories of the people we meet and things we see."

Bob J.

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

# Why Take This Trip With Us?

#### **REASON #01**

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

Our top-notch North America guides have extensive experience leading fun and rewarding family camping 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

Daily hiking through state and national parks on wellmaintained trails, up to 4.5 hours a day. Fun activities for all the family on the trail and at camp.



#### LODGING

Tent camping in established campgrounds within state and national parks.



Warm, sunny days and cool evenings. Daytime highs can range from 70-100°F and evening lows from 40-60°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.

Whitney's passion for playing in wild places has been a constant throughout her life. She enjoys a variety of outdoor activities including road and mountain biking, rock climbing, sea kayaking, cross country skiing, fishing, and backpacking. She graduated from Prescott College where she earned a degree in Adventure Education, and has spent the majority of her time working with at-risk teens in a wilderness therapy context. Whitney is also a Wilderness First Responder (WFR), EMT, and WEMT.

**Whitney Schuette** 

A self-described adventurist, Meredith has spent the greater part of three decades exploring the world, both, professionally and personally. The National Outdoor Leadership School in Lander, WY offered her a way to channel her deep connection with nature into an educational skill set. Today, Meredith can be found riding the first class mountain bike trails Arizona offers, shredding the gnar anywhere snow falls, backpacking with her family and friends. She currently lives in Phoenix with her husband, Tyler, and their two sons, Jake and Andrew. Meredith is a certified Wilderness First Responder.

**Meredith Francis** 

# **Itinerary**

#### DAY 1 DRIVE TO THE GRAND CANYON

Meet up with your group in Las Vegas at 8am. Transfer across the Mojave Desert to the remote North Rim of Grand Canyon National Park, where you'll enjoy your first view of the canyon. Head to your campsite with plenty of daylight left for the guides to teach you how to set up your tent, and end the day with an amazing camp dinner.

Activity: 1 hour/1 mile hiking

Meals: L, D

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### DAY 2 EXPLORE THE NORTH RIM

Enjoy a full day of exploring the less-visited Grand Canyon North Rim. After breakfast in camp, set out on a nature hike on the Cape Final Trail, with a mix of forest scenery and canyon views. Along the way, the guides will set up a fun art activity for the kids to depict their favorite vista. Tonight, play games around the campfire and enjoy a hearty dinner.

Activity: 4 hours/4.5 miles hiking with 200' elevation gain & loss

Meals: B, L, D

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#### DAY 3 VISIT BRYCE CANYON NATIONAL PARK

After breakfast, pack up camp and journey to Bryce Canyon National Park. Descend into the natural amphitheater and walk amongst the hoodoos and strange rock formations while learning about the natural forces that created this geologic wonder. Down the road, set up camp at the beautiful Kodachrome Basin State Park.

Activity: 2.5 hours/3 miles hiking with 320' elevation gain & loss

Meals: B, L, D

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#### DAY 4 EXPLORE KODACHROME BASIN

Hike from camp into Kodachrome Basin, aptly named for the multi-colored rock features. Trek through the park to the lovely Angel's Palace and work up an appetite for lunch. This afternoon, venture down the road for a walk in the family-friendly Willis Creek slot canyon. Watch as the canyon walls come in close and learn how water carved this deep and meandering pathway.

Activity: 4 hours/4 miles hiking with 200' elevation gain & loss

Meals: B, L, D

### DAY 5 JOURNEY TO ZION NATIONAL PARK

After breakfast, transfer to Zion National Park, the crown jewel of the Utah National Park system. Hike on the Watchman Trail, a classic trek that provides a great introduction to Zion Canyon, taking in the stellar views of the sandstone cliffs and several of Zion's most scenic landmarks. Then, settle into camp inside the park with the red spire of the Watchman rock formation rising above.

Activity: 2.5 hours/3 miles hiking with 368' elevation gain & loss

Meals: B, L, D

# DAY 6 CLIMB TO SCOUT'S LANDING

Depart early to hop on a shuttle that takes you through Zion Canyon to your trailhead for Angel's Landing. Journey through Refrigerator Canyon and the famous Walter's Wiggles, a series of twenty tight switchbacks, before arriving at one of the highest viewpoints in the park, Scout's Landing. After your hike, take a splash in the Virgin River near the Diversion Dam, a perfect swimming hole for cooling off.

Activity: 4 hours/4 miles hiking with 1,200' elevation gain & loss

Meals: B, L, D

# DAY 7 TREK IN THE VIRGIN RIVER NARROWS

Splash your way up a narrow river slot canyon with colorful sandstone walls on Zion's most popular hike: Virgin River Narrows. This is the narrowest part of Zion Canyon, where hiking becomes wading through a river and the scenery is spectacular. After lunch, depart for Las Vegas and flights home.

Activity: 3 hours/2-3 miles hiking with minimal elevation gain & loss

Meals: B, L

# **Dates**

Jun 7 - 13, 2020

Jul 12 - 18, 2020

Aug 16 - 22, 2020

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# **Pricing**

2019

\$2,495 per person

#### **Additional Cost**

\$ -250 Child Discount (age 17 and under) \$ 115 Single Supplement

2020

\$ 2,795 per person

#### **Additional Cost**

\$83 Park Fee

\$11 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
- Limited alcoholic beverages with dinners
- Potable water and snacks throughout
- Age-appropriate welcome gifts for minors
- 1–2 nights of planned childcare activities (on trips for children ages 9 – 12)
- All tips and gratuities for support staff with the exception of your lead adventure guide(s)
- All necessary camping 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 transfer
- Optional travel protection

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# The World of MT Sobek

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