

Group TravelMasters Presents:
Trailblazer 2024 April – October From \$2345pp double
Add Roundtrip Air from Your Home City to Las Vegas



Blazing a trail around the natural wonders of the west, you'll see canyons, monuments and monoliths from Monument Valley to the Grand Canyon, Bryce and Zion National Parks.

You'll enjoy Insider moments like...taking walks through national parks with locals who understand the history, nature and formation of some of America's most famous landmarks. At Zion National Park, a naturalist guides you through the park and reveals its hidden secrets and stories. At Lake Powell, we meet a local who takes you deep inside the landscape to talk about the ecology and perhaps even see some desert wildlife. While, in the Grand Canyon, our geologist helps you see beyond the scale and into the detail of how it formed.



Trip Itinerary



- **1.**

ARRIVE LAS VEGAS

Welcome to Las Vegas. Check into your hotel, then enjoy the afternoon to take in the sights and sounds of Las Vegas with a stroll down the Strip. At 6 p.m., gather at the hotel with your Travel Director and fellow travellers for a Welcome Reception.

Meal(s)

Welcome Reception

Hotel

Tropicana Las Vegas



• 2.

LAS VEGAS – GRAND CANYON NATIONAL PARK

Say goodbye to Sin City and depart for Grand Canyon National Park. Along the way, hit the “Mother Road” on historic Route 66, including the famous Kingman and Seligman outposts. Watch the classic motels and restaurants of a simpler time roll by, framed by stunning desert landscapes. Upon arrival at the Grand Canyon, meet with a Local Specialist who walks you through the geologic life of the canyon—you'll become a rock expert yourself as you examine the multi-coloured rocks from different eras of the canyon's formation. If you like, perhaps take an optional helicopter or fixed-wing aircraft flightseeing trip to see the canyon from the sky. This evening, gather to watch the sunset and the fading light gilding the canyon and casting enchanting shadows.

Meal(s)

Full Breakfast

Hotel

National Park Lodges



• **3.**

GRAND CANYON NATIONAL PARK – SEDONA

Rise early to catch the first sunlight washing over the canyon. Then, travel south through the fragrant pine groves of the Kaibab National Forest and down Oak Creek Canyon where you can admire the stunning red cliffs amid the pristine forests of ponderosa pines on your way to the artists' enclave of Sedona, a lovely town situated in the high desert of Arizona. Enjoy a leisurely dinner at your hotel this evening.

Meal(s)

Full Breakfast

Dinner

Hotel

Poco Diablo Resort



• 4.

SEDONA – MONUMENT VALLEY – LAKE POWELL (2 NIGHTS)

This morning, enjoy some free time, or if adventure is your thing, take part in an optional jeep experience into Red Rock Country. Back on the road, head north and stop at Cameron Trading Post to browse through handicrafts and maybe sample some tasty fry bread. Traverse the badlands of the Painted Desert—the rugged landscape changing hour by hour as the sun illuminates the eroded stone of the desert floor. Continue on to striking Monument Valley where you'll hop aboard an open-air vehicle to explore the magnificent mesas and iconic rock formations. Even more spectacular vistas await as you arrive on the shores of glittering Lake Powell, one of America's most beautiful lakes. Enjoy dinner at your hotel among the stunning scenery tonight.

Meal(s)

Full Breakfast

Dinner

Hotel

Lake Powell Resort and Marinas (Guaranteed Lake View Rooms)



• **5.**

LAKE POWELL FREE TIME

The day is yours. Rise early for an adventurous hike or relax in the sun on the shores of this 186-mile (300-kilometre) long lake, formed by the Glen Canyon Dam. Gather some of your travelling companions for an optional raft experience down one of the prettiest sections of the Colorado River or a scenic cruise on the lake, visiting magnificent Antelope Canyon. If you want to hit the water, go kayaking or fish for striped bass and bluegill in one of the lake's glittering bays. Tonight, meet with a naturalist, your Local Specialist, for a fascinating slideshow about the ecology and survival strategies of the desert wildlife of the Colorado Plateau.

Meal(s)

Full Breakfast



• **6.**

LAKE POWELL – BRYCE CANYON NATIONAL PARK (2 NIGHTS)

Continue your journey into Bryce Canyon National Park, home to the world's largest concentration of hoodoos, those towering limestone spires that rise majestically from the desert floor. From the rim of the amphitheatre, gaze down upon thousands of pink, orange and yellow pinnacles, the result of millions of years of erosion. You may even spot one of the park's bristlecone pines, the world's longest-living trees.

Meal(s)

Full Breakfast

Hotel

BW Plus Grand Hotel



• 7.

ZION NATIONAL PARK SIGHTSEEING AND FREE TIME

Join a Local Specialist, and naturalist, from the Zion Canyon Field Institute, for a guided walk and introduction to the flora and fauna of the area. You'll be amazed by the petrified sandstone formation of Checkerboard Mesa and the otherworldly Zion. The rest of the day is yours to immerse yourself in the surrounding beauty. Marvel at the graceful slot canyons, towering cliffs and awe-inspiring monoliths, all carved out over 200 million years from the orange sandstone. Stretch your legs during a stroll along the Virgin River up to the Temple of Sinawava to peek at the start of the Narrows slot canyon or hike up to the three Emerald Pools. Spot some of the more than 200 species of birds that call the park home. Or join a park ranger to learn more about the park on one of the many daily programs. This evening, share your adventures with your travelling companions at a festive Farewell Dinner.

Meal(s)

Full Breakfast

Farewell Dinner



• **8.**

BRYCE – DEPART LAS VEGAS

Head west and travel along one of the most expansive sections of interstate ever constructed as you wind your way through the Virgin River Gorge on your way to the flat expanses of the Mojave Desert and the neon lights of Las Vegas. A transfer is provided to Las Vegas International Airport and to Tropicana Las Vegas if you'd like to extend your stay.

Meal(s)

Full Breakfast

Inclusions

- **Hidden Treasures**

Enjoy at least one surprise Hidden Treasure.

- **Local Specialists** in Grand Canyon, Lake Powell and Zion National Parks.

Sightseeing Highlights

- Visit Grand Canyon, Bryce and Zion National Parks
- See glittering Lake Powell
- Scenic drives in Sedona, Monument Valley, along Desert View Drive and Oak Creek Canyon and travel a portion of Route 66

Dining

- **7 full breakfasts.**
- **3 dinners.**

Travel Highlights

- Luxury air-conditioned coach with WiFi in most countries or alternative transportation (such as rail journeys)
- Hand-picked 4 and 5 star accommodation
- Hand-picked Insider Experiences
- Optional Experiences and free time
- All portorage and restaurant gratuities
- Must-see sightseeing and surprise extras
- An expert Travel Director and separate Driver
- All hotel tips, charges and local taxes
- Airport transfers on the first and last day of your guided holiday
- VIP entry to many sights
- Audio Headsets for flexible sightseeing
- 7 nights First Class accommodation
- **Airport Transfers**