

GRAND CANYON BUS TOUR ITINERARY-2008

Friday, April 11

- 4:00 – 6:00 pm Registration, Hilton Garden Inn Hotel, Las Vegas (702) 453-7830
7830 S. Las Vegas Blvd, 89123
- 6:00 – 7:00 pm ICR Host dinner at the hotel
- 7:00 – 9:30 pm Tour orientation at the hotel

Saturday, April 12

- *7:00 am Take your luggage to the bus and load personal items.
(**Keep a coat or jacket on the bus for viewing the south rim at sunset**)
- 7:30-8:30 am ICR host breakfast
- 8:45 am Board bus (hand out box lunches)
- 9:00 am **SHARP!** Bus departs Las Vegas for south rim
- 11:45 am Rest Stop-Powerhouse Visitor Center (Kingman)
- 12:15 pm Depart Kingman for IMAX
- 3:15 pm Arrive at IMAX
- *4:15 pm Board bus for Thunderbird Lodge –south rim (**warm clothing may be needed**)
- 5:00 pm Arrive at Thunderbird Lodge (928) 638.2631- settle into rooms & have dinner

Sunday, April 13

- 7:00 am Take your luggage to the bus (*place personal items on bus*)
- 7:30 am Breakfast and worship service in the Arizona Room
- 9:15 am Enjoy views of the south rim
- 9:45 am Depart Thunderbird Lodge
- 10:45 am Arrive at Desert View for mini-lectures
- 11:45 am Depart Desert View for Cameron Trading Post
- 12:15 pm Arrive at Cameron Trading Post for lunch
- 1:45 pm Depart Cameron Trading Post for Wupatki Indian Ruins
- 2:15 pm Arrive at Wupatki Indian Ruins
- 3:45 pm Depart Wupatki Indian Ruins for Sunset Crater
- 4:15 pm Arrive at Sunset Crater
- 5:00 pm Depart Sunset Crater for Little America (Flagstaff)-We will be here two nights
- 5:30 pm Arrive at Little America (928) 779-7900

Monday, April 14

- 7:45 am Depart Little America-*(leave luggage in room)*
- 9:45 am Arrive Rainbow Forest Museum (Petrified Forest)-south entrance
- 10:30 am Depart Rainbow Forest Museum
- 10:50 am Arrive Blue Mesa Trail (1 mile paved, but 100' steep in places) you may elect to ride ahead on the bus to Painted Desert Visitor Center & cafeteria
- 12:10 pm Bus picks up hikers from Blue Mesa Trail and on to Painted Desert Visitor Center
- 12:25 pm Bus arrives at Painted Desert Visitor Center and cafeteria for lunch
- 1:30 pm Depart Visitor Center for Meteor Crater
- 2:45 pm Arrive at Meteor Crater
- 3:45 pm Depart Meteor Crater for Little America Hotel

- 4:45 pm Arrive at Little America Hotel
- 7:00 pm Depart Hotel for Lowell Observatory
- 7:30 pm Arrive at Lowell Observatory-we may be able to view a planet through the telescope used in the discovery of Pluto (*if weather permits*).
- 9:00 pm Depart observatory for Little America Hotel, Flagstaff (928) 779-7900
- 9:30 pm Arrive at Little America Hotel

Tuesday, April 15

- *7:00 am Take your luggage to the bus (*place personal items on bus*)-**Please include a sweater or light jacket for float trip**
- 8:00 am Depart Flagstaff for Walnut Canyon
- 8:15 am Arrive at Walnut Canyon
- 10:15 am Depart Walnut Canyon (eat box lunch enroute)
- 11:30 am Arrive at Moenave dinosaur tracks
- 12:00 pm Depart dinosaur tracks for Colorado River float trip
- 1:15 pm Arrive at tunnel for transport to Glen Canyon Dam (*security check-purses, cameras, etc. will be placed on a truck and delivered to the launch site*) Driver takes luggage to Best Western Hotel at Lake Powell to check-in.
- *1:30 pm Begin float trip (**sweater or light jacket may be needed**)
- 6:00 pm Depart Lee's Ferry for Best Western Hotel at Lake Powell (928) 645-5988)
- 6:45 pm Arrive at Best Western Hotel at Lake Powell

Wednesday, April 16

- 7:30 am Take your luggage to the bus (*personal items on bus*)
- 9:00 am **SHARP!** – Board bus for pick up point for Jeep tour to Antelope Canyon
- 9:15 am Arrive at Antelope Canyon Tours for Jeep tour
- 9:30 am Depart for Antelope Canyon – Jeep tour (*10 min. of the 20 min. ride is on a bumpy dirt road*)
- 10:00 am Arrive at Antelope Canyon
- 11:00 am Depart Antelope Canyon for lunch in Page, AZ
- 11:30 am Eat lunch in Page
- 12:30 pm Depart Page for Kodachrome Basin
- 2:45 pm Arrive at Kodachrome Basin, (picnic area & restrooms)
- 4:45 pm Depart Kodachrome Basin for Ruby's Inn
- 5:30 pm Arrive Ruby's Inn (435) 834-5341 –*baggage handling at this property*

Thursday, April 17

- 7:00 am Place your one large piece of luggage outside your door (*personal items on the bus*)
- *8:00 am Depart Ruby's Inn for Bryce (**warm clothing may be needed**)
- 8:30 am Arrive at Bryce trailhead – Sunset Point (*We will be here 1.5 hours – your choice to hike Navajo Loop Trail or walk along the rim*)
- 10:00 am Depart Sunset Point for Bryce Point
- 10:15 am Arrive at Bryce Point
- 10:45 am Depart Bryce Point for Visitor Center (rest stop)
- 11:15 am Depart Visitor Center for Carmel Junction
- 12:15 pm Arrive Carmel Junction for lunch
- 1:45 pm Depart for Coral Pink Sand Dunes State Park

- 2:15 pm Arrive at Coral Pink Sand Dunes (*Ranger interpretive talk at observation point*)
- 3:00 pm Depart Coral Pink Sand Dunes
- 3:45 pm Arrive at Checkerboard Mesa
- 4:15 pm Depart Checkerboard Mesa for Zion National Park
- 5:00 pm Arrive at Zion Lodge – We will be here two nights. (435) 772-3213

Friday, April 18

- 8:00 am Hike to Emerald Pools (meet in front of the lodge)
- 9:30 am Short hike to Weeping Rock (meet at Weeping Rock shuttle stop)
- 10:15 am Riverside Trail hike (2 miles) to view the Narrows (meet at Temple of Sinawava shuttle stop)
- 12:15 pm *Afternoon free for exploring Zion on your own**
- 7:30 pm Gather around the fireplace for a time of questions & answers (Bldg “B”)

**There are so many things to do at Zion Park, such as bike riding, horseback riding, and hiking. Enclosed is information for renting bikes and horseback riding in Zion. Both facilities are within Zion’s shuttle service.*

Saturday, April 19

- 7:00 am Take luggage to the bus (*personal items on bus*)
- 8:30 am Depart from Zion through St. George (**set watches back one hour**)
- 9:00 am Rest stop – Littlefield
- 9:30 am Depart from rest stop for Lost City Museum
- 10:15 am Arrive at Lost City Museum (archeologist lecture)
- 11:45 am Depart Lost City Museum for lunch in Overton – Carly’s Restaurant (ICR host)
- 11:50 am Arrive at Carly’s for lunch
- 1:00 pm Depart Overton
- 1:20 pm Arrive at Atlatl Rock in the Valley of Fire State Park
- 1:40 pm Depart Atlatl Rock for Frenchman Mtn
- 3:00 pm Arrive Frenchman Mtn
- 3:30 pm Depart Frenchman Mtn for Hilton Garden Inn, Las Vegas
- 4:00 pm Arrive at Hilton Garden Inn Hotel, Las Vegas
- 6:30 pm Fellowship Dinner (ICR Host)
- 8:30 pm Dinner ends

Sunday, April 20

Tour ends

Sturdy walking shoes are always appropriate while on this tour

***Warm clothing may be needed**

