

WELCOME!

Great American

Road Trips

Southwest Utah Bonus

The natural beauty in southwest Utah should not be missed. **#daretodream** about travel - whenever it feels right to you.



Hitting the Road

Southwestern Utah Bonus

There are many places in Utah that can seem as much like another world. From massive rock arches to oddly shaped pillars to sheer river gorges, it's a land that has been bent by weather and time into strange, fantastic shapes.

When you come to Utah you can do anything—hike, bicycle, paddle, rock climb, ski or snowboard—to experience the natural wildness the state has to offer. If these kinds of adventurous activities are for you, you'll find Utah one of the premier destinations in the U.S.

The parks have well-maintained roads and moderate hiking trails so all can take in the natural splendor without breaking much of a sweat.



- Do tune in to KTNB-660 AM when driving near the Navajo Reservation. The bilingual broadcasts (English and Navajo), tribal news and eclectic music will give you a better understanding of life on the reservation.
- Do know the difference between an arch and a natural bridge: A natural bridge is formed by running water (there's usually a stream or river nearby); arches are formed by other forces of erosion such as frost, seeping moisture and wind.
- Don't forget to take water—and don't forget to drink it. Carry about one gallon per person for an all-day hike. Even if you're not participating in strenuous activity. Most of Utah—including Salt Lake City—is high desert. That means you need to drink more water than usual to avoid dehydration and altitude sickness.
- Do purchase a National Parks Pass if you plan to visit several of the national parks and monuments. You'll save quite a bit. Don't try to use the pass to get into the Monument Valley Tribal Park or other Native American sites: It's not accepted there.
- Don't forget your sunscreen when outdoors in summer and winter. The sun's rays are especially intense at high altitudes.
- Do download the Google map AND pack a paper map as well.

Unusual Sites

Johnson Canyon Movie Set

This set has been abandoned for *decades*, but it makes for a quirky stop along the road. The area was once known as "Little Hollywood" because so many western movies were shot there and quite a few movie sets still remain.



Moqui Cave and Moqui Caverns

Moqui Cave is a natural history museum featuring Native American artifacts and a large collection of dinosaur tracks. The Caverns' trail is located in between the Museum and the Best Friend Animal Sanctuary. The caves are on the east side of the road. You park in a pullout area on the west side of the road right across from the caves. You can look up and see the caves from there.



Grafton Ghost Town

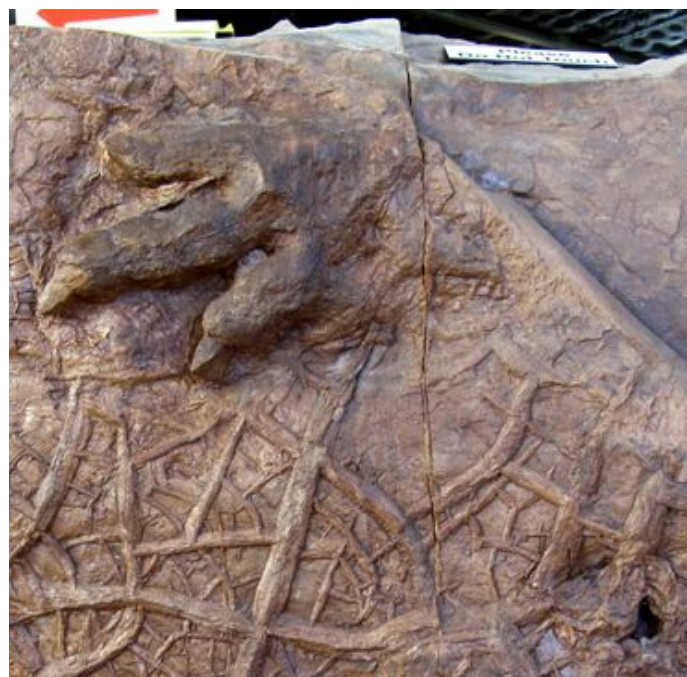
Settled by Mormons in 1859, this abandoned frontier town appears in several films including "Butch Cassidy and the Sundance Kid."

Coral Pink Sand Dunes State Park

Dune bashing in pink sand! This is a lesser known park that is fun for the whole family.

St George Dinosaur Discovery Site

These fossils were only discovered in 2000! The best preserved and most numerous tracks today form the in-place trackway and exhibits of the St. George Dinosaur Discovery Site. Many other fossils including bones of dinosaurs and fish, shells of small aquatic animals, and leaves and seeds of plants, have joined the footprints, enabling paleontologists to reconstruct the nearly 200 million-year-old ecosystem preserved here with unprecedented clarity, an extreme rarity for rocks of any time period.



What to See

Cedar Breaks National Monument

This majestic amphitheater is a three-mile-long cirque made up of eroding limestone, shale, and sandstone. Between Interstate 15 and Highway 89, this national monument sits entirely above 10,000 feet. It is like a naturally formed coliseum that plunges 2,000 feet below with arches, towers, hoodoos, and canyons.



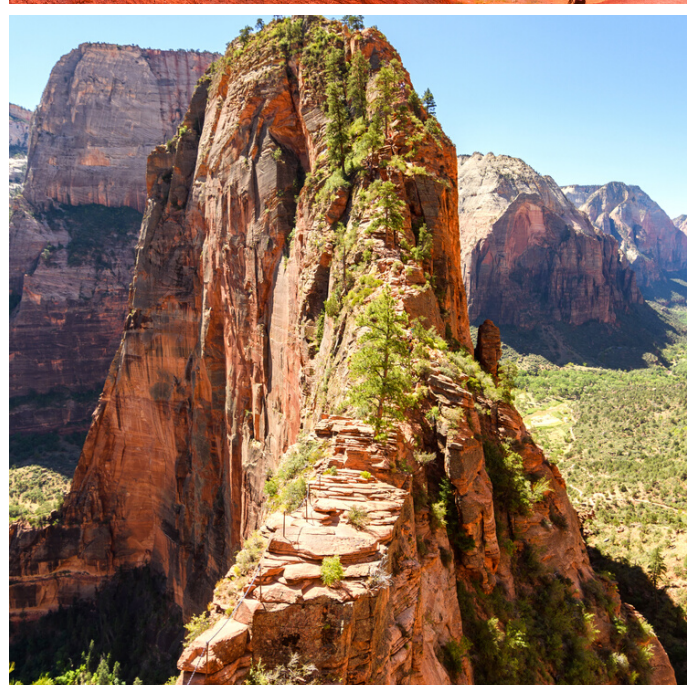
Capitol Reef National Park

From petroglyphs to the old Gifford House, a memorial to the pioneers of the American West; from Chimney Rock Loop to Hickman Bridge; and Cathedral Valley, the least-visited part of the park, with a very different, and older, geology, you can admire true desert wilderness as you hike the short distance to stand beneath the two towering temples of Cathedral Valley.



Bryce Canyon National Park

If you didn't get enough of Bryce Canyon earlier in your trip, now is the time to dig deep: Anasazi State Park Museum, Kodachrome Basin State Park, Red Canyon State Park. This is the epicenter of red rock hoodoos, this region is where lush alpine forests meet stunning red rock. Gaze over jaw-dropping vistas, explore rich Ancestral Puebloan heritage, find solitude, and so much more.



Zion National Park

Who doesn't want to see a thousand-foot deep red rock canyon? Whether you are climbing the trail to Observation Point or watching the shadows constantly change the mood of the Court of the Patriarchs, Zion National Park has days and days of activities to keep you busy and active. From horseback riding to canyoneering to hiking and more, you'll come back from your experience planning your return visit.

Unforgettable Experiences

Zion Canyoneering

Set out to explore one or more of the 25 canyons surrounding Zion National Park with a seasoned guide who will show you how to carefully squeeze through and rappel down some of the most scenic, hidden treasures of this incredible park

Zion Sunset Photography Tour

Photograph Zion National Park's steep red sandstone cliffs, winding forest trails and cascading waterfalls alongside a professional photographer during this "golden hour" tour.

Private Star Gazing Experience

Marvel at the constellations and extraterrestrial bodies beyond the reaches of our planet with a professional astronomer in one of the darkest skies in North America!

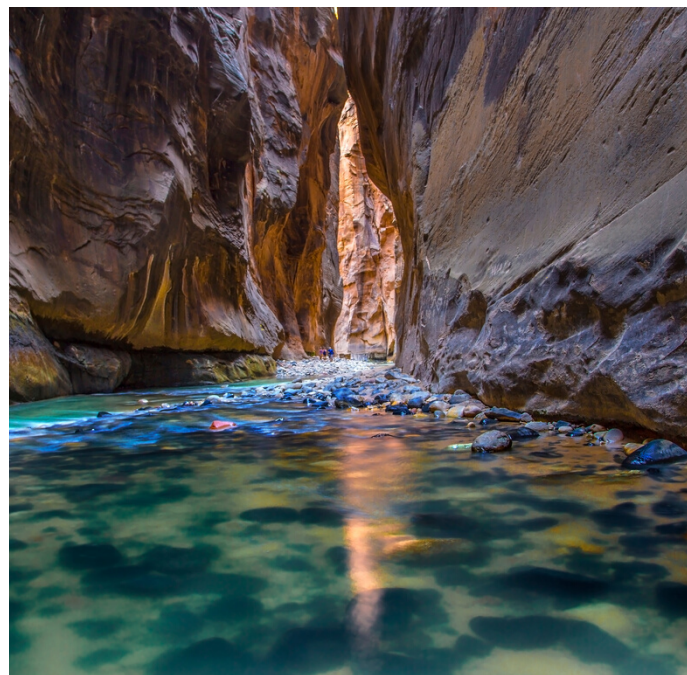
Private Narrows at Zion Adventure

Active travelers can spend the day revealing in the majesty of Zion National Park during a moderately challenging full day river hike on the Virgin River and through the park's narrowest canyons.

Helicopter Tours Above Zion

Get a bird's eye view by adding a helicopter tour around Zion National Park.

Contact me to arrange any of these or other amazing experiences.





Amangiri, Lake Powell

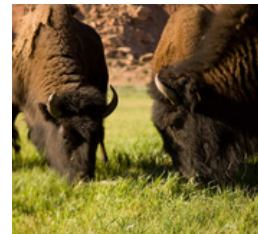
This hotel is a destination in itself. More importantly, it is the perfect jumping off point for: Grand Canyon North Rim, Bryce Canyon National Park, Arches National Park, Lake Powell, Monument Valley + Navajo Nation, Grand Staircase-Escalante, and so much more.

From here you can DIY, or allow us to plan transformative experiences, such as guided hiking or biking Buckskin Gulch, Hackberry Canyon, Hodge's Hideaway, Petroglyph and Ancient Culture Exploration at Broken Arrow Cave. There is SO MUCH TO DO.

Lodge at Red River Ranch, Teasdale*

Designed to evoke the memory of the Old West, The Lodge at Red River Ranch has been welcoming guests to rustic comfort for over 30 years.

The perfect way to see the Capitol Reef area! Capitol Reef is something of a secret, even to native Utahans. But you'll never forget the time you spend at this park, the trails they hike, and the breathtaking scenery.



UnderCanvas, Zion*

Glamping is an unforgettable experience here, 20 miles from the entrance to Zion National Park. Sleep under wide-open desert skies in Virgin, Utah, UnderCanvas' safari-inspired glamping destination is a haven of solitude in the American Southwest, surrounded by views of soaring sandstone cliffs and majestic red rock.

Many tent styles are available for couples, families and / or friends!

**not Virtuoso properties that can be booked via my booking page, please contact me to book directly.*

No matter where you decide to go, no matter when it feels right, travel changes a person for the better, creates more room for empathy, and brings a person more self-clarity.

"The road must eventually lead to the whole world." –
Jack Kerouac

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