Southwest NATIONAL PARKS

MAY 12-20, 2021
with optional
MOAB & MESA VERDE
PRE-TOUR

A Discovery of America's Natural Wonders
Dear Alumni and Friends,

Please join fellow alumni and friends on a journey to the exceptional national parks and monuments of the Southwest. Travel to Grand Canyon National Park for awe-inspiring views from the park’s rim. Admire the beauty of light striking Antelope Canyon’s narrow sandstone walls. Share a peaceful evening with Navajo storytellers, and ponder cultures past and present at a petroglyph site during a river raft ride down Glen Canyon.

Continue to Utah where you’ll spend enjoyable time at Bryce Canyon and Zion National Parks—viewing rock formations and otherworldly landscapes that must be seen to be believed.

With the guidance of an expert Orbridge Expedition Leader and the comforts of a private motor coach, there is no better way to visit our national parks.

Space is limited. With significant savings of more than $800 per couple, we anticipate this tour will fill quickly, so be certain to reserve your spot today and share this brochure with family and friends who may be interested in traveling with you.

Please reserve by contacting the Vanderbilt Travel Office by calling 615.322.3673.

With best wishes,

Cary DeWitt Allyn
Director, Vanderbilt Travel Program

The Vanderbilt Travel Program strives to engage Vanderbilt alumni, parents and friends of all ages, keeping them connected with each other and Vanderbilt. Each carefully designed trip offers unparalleled learning opportunities for an exclusive “beyond the classroom experience.”

Orbridge takes seriously the responsibility to minimize our global environmental impact. Each year we plant 100,000 trees in U.S. State Forests with afforestation needs as an ongoing initiative among our evolving sustainability efforts. Learn more at orbridge.com/going-green.
Your 9-Day Itinerary (subject to change)

Day 1: Arrive in Phoenix, AZ / Scottsdale (R)
Leisure time, welcome reception
Overnight: Scottsdale Marriott at McDowell Mountains

Day 2: Scottsdale / Sedona / Grand Canyon National Park (B,D)
Brief stop in Sedona, Grand Canyon rim
Overnight: Maswik Lodge

Day 3: Grand Canyon National Park / Monument Valley, UT (B,D)
Optional helicopter flightseeing, Navajo cookout and storytelling
Overnight: Goulding’s Lodge

Day 4: Monument Valley / Lake Powell, AZ (B,L,D)
4x4 tour in Monument Valley, Navajo National Monument
Overnight: Lake Powell Resort

Day 5: Lake Powell (B,L)
Glen Canyon float trip, leisure time
Overnight: Lake Powell Resort

Day 6: Lake Powell / Bryce Canyon National Park, UT (B,L)
Guided Antelope Canyon tour, park exploration
Overnight: The Lodge at Bryce Canyon

Day 7: Bryce Canyon National Park / Zion National Park (B,D)
Zion park trails and exploration
Overnight: Zion Park Lodge

Day 8: Zion National Park / Las Vegas, NV (B,R)
Morning hike, leisure time in Las Vegas, farewell reception
Overnight: The Westin Las Vegas Hotel & Spa

Day 9: Depart Las Vegas (B)

(B = Breakfast, L = Lunch, D = Dinner, R = Reception)

Activity Level: Guests should be able to enjoy a mile of outdoor walking at a moderate pace, be sure-footed on uneven ground, get in and out of a motor coach, and manage stairs without assistance.
Uncover

• Explore the Southwest’s natural wonders with a knowledgeable Orbridge Expedition Leader.

• Spend additional time in Grand Canyon National Park or choose to join an optional helicopter flightseeing excursion over the Grand Canyon (additional fee).

• Discover the sunbaked natural structures and sacred lands of Monument Valley.

• Witness the towering red rock cliffs lining the Colorado River during a rafting excursion in Glen Canyon.

• Behold the radiant colors and fluid-like patterns inside the walls of Antelope Canyon.

• Observe the monolithic hoodoos in Bryce Canyon National Park.

Engage

• Visit a traditional Navajo hogan, and set out on a four-wheel drive tour through Monument Valley.

• Follow the paths of Ancestral Puebloans and pioneers at Zion National Park.

Repose

• Stay at lodges inside Grand Canyon National Park and other properties carefully selected for their rich histories, beautiful locations, and superb service and accommodations.

What’s Included

• 8 nights accommodations

• A welcome and farewell reception, 8 breakfasts, 3 lunches (2 are picnic-style), and 4 dinners

• Full guiding services of an Orbridge Expedition Leader as well as expert local guides

• Admission and park fees throughout

• All activities as described in the 9-day itinerary, unless noted otherwise

• Private deluxe motor coach with air conditioning and comfortable seating

• Luggage porterage

• Gratuities to Orbridge Expedition Leader, local guides, drivers, and porters

• Airport transfers for guests arriving and departing during the suggested times

Your Expedition Leader:

The company and keen eyes of an expert Orbridge Expedition Leader will make all the difference in your educational experience. Enriched by their wealth of expertise, you’ll bring home a deeper understanding of the flora, fauna, natural history, and cultural narrative of the diverse parks of the American Southwest.
Accommodations (subject to change)

SCOTTSDALE MARRIOTT AT MCDOWELL MOUNTAINS
Delight in the well-appointed comforts of this modern hotel, featuring breathtaking mountain views. Cool off in the outdoor pool, take advantage of the fitness center, or relax outside on the picturesque patio.

MASWIK LODGE
Nestled within the ponderosa pine forest, Maswik Lodge is just a short walk to the canyon’s edge. Enjoy contemporary rooms and access to the main lodge.

GOULDING’S LODGE
Relax and savor the spectacular views of Monument Valley at Goulding’s Lodge, a famous locale for Old West movies. Stop by the Trading Post Museum to view the artifacts, artwork, and film memorabilia.

LAKE POWELL RESORT
Located in Page, Arizona, the Lake Powell Resort offers comfortable lodging and first-rate dining. The property’s lake view rooms with Native American flair are an ideal retreat after a day full of adventurous fun. Sit back and take in views of Wahweap Bay, Lone Rock, Castle Rock, and breathtaking sunsets.

THE LODGE AT BRYCE CANYON
These two-story, hotel-style rooms sit just steps from the rim. Newly renovated, they provide contemporary comforts in combination with an authentic western park experience. Wi-Fi is complimentary in the main lodge.

ZION PARK LODGE
The only in-park lodging at Zion National Park, the Zion Park Lodge is serenely nestled among towering red rock cliffs. Each guest room provides a warm, comfortable atmosphere, ensuring a memorable stay.

THE WESTIN LAS VEGAS HOTEL & SPA
Welcome to the City of Lights! This stylish hotel—just off the Las Vegas Strip—features a 100% non-smoking environment, modern guest rooms, outdoor heated pool, fitness studio, lobby lounge, and 24-hour bistro.
Take advantage of extra days in the Southwest to admire its dramatic desert landscape, colorful culture, and relaxing leisure activities. Enjoy guided touring at three additional national parks, returning to comfortable lodges at the end of each exciting day.

Pre-Tour Itinerary (subject to change)

Day +1: Arrive in Grand Junction, CO / Moab, UT (D)
Settle in, welcome event and dinner
Overnight: Red Cliffs Lodge

Day +2: Moab / Arches National Park (B)
Guided park tour, afternoon and evening at leisure
Overnight: Red Cliffs Lodge

Day +3: Moab / Canyonlands National Park / Mesa Verde National Park, CO (B)
Guided park tour, scenic drive, evening at leisure
Overnight: Far View Lodge

Day +4: Mesa Verde National Park, CO (B,L)
Guided morning and afternoon park tours
Overnight: Far View Lodge

Day +5: Mesa Verde National Park / Durango / Flight to Phoenix, AZ / Scottsdale / Main Program Begins (B)

What’s Included

- 4 nights accommodations
- 4 breakfasts, 1 lunch, and 1 dinner
- Guiding services of an Orbridge Expedition Leader
- Admission to Arches, Canyonlands, and Mesa Verde National Parks, included guided touring
- Private transportation for included activities
- All gratuities and porterage
- Internal airfare from Durango to Phoenix
- Airport transfers for guests arriving during the suggested times

Optional Pre-Tour

Moab & Mesa Verde

Arches National Park

Mesa Verde National Park
Southwest National Parks

MAY 12-20, 2021
Moab & Mesa Verde Pre-Tour: May 8-12, 2021

**Special group rate; limited offer. Rates are per person based on double occupancy except where noted as Single, in U.S. dollars. Airfare not included. Single availability limited. For the pre-tour, internal airfare from Durango to Phoenix is included. Airfare otherwise not included.**

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Call the Vanderbilt Travel Office at 615.322.3673

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**GUEST INFORMATION:**

Guest #1 Name (Title/Salutation): __________________________ Class Year: __________________________

Name (as preferred on badge): __________________________

Email: ____________________________________________ D.O.B.: __________________________

Home Phone: __________________________ Alt. Phone: __________________________

City: __________________________ State: __________________________ Zip: __________________________

Guest #2 Name (Title/Salutation): __________________________ Class Year: __________________________

Name (as preferred on badge): __________________________

Email: ____________________________________________ D.O.B.: __________________________

Home Phone: __________________________ Alt. Phone: __________________________

City: __________________________ State: __________________________ Zip: __________________________

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**DEPOSIT PAYMENT:**

- [ ] Check
- [ ] ACH (Automated Clearing House)
- [ ] MasterCard/Visa
- [ ] American Express
- [ ] Discover

Card #: __________________________ Exp. Date: __________ CVV: __________________________

Name (as printed on card): __________________________________________

Billing Address (if different from above): __________________________________________

City: __________________________ State: __________________________ Zip: __________________________

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**DEPOSIT:**

- # _________ guests joining pre-tour ($500/person) +
- # _________ guests joining optional excursion ($329/person) = TOTAL DEPOSIT: $________

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**OPTIONAL GRAND CANYON HELICOPTER EXCURSION**

(added to your final invoice):

- # _________ guests joining optional excursion ($329/person)

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I/we have read, understand, and agree to the full Terms & Conditions at terms.orbridge.com and detailed in program documents; and that Orbridge, LLC is authorized to charge my credit card above and/or take my/our deposit for this program.

Signature: __________________________ Date: __________________________

Registration, Deposits and Final Payment. To confirm and secure your reservation, a deposit of $850 per person and $500 per person per pre-tour and/or post-tour is due at the time of registration, payable by check, automated clearing house (ACH), money order, wire transfer of same day U.S. funds, or major credit card. Final payment, including any pre-tour and/or post-tour and optional excursion(s) fee(s), is payable by check, ACH, money order, or wire transfer of same day U.S. funds. Final payments made by credit card are subject to a 2% transaction fee. If final payment is not received by Orbridge by the final payment due date, Orbridge may, at any time and with or without notice, cancel your reservation in its sole discretion with no right of refund. All payments we receive from you are herein defined as “Payments.” CST#2098750-40 WST#602828994

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*A complement to the educational component of this journey, Expedition Libraries are curated collections of useful resources and background reading tailored to this program. Place your deposit on or before the specified date, and one Expedition Library per household will be sent after receipt of final payment. Libraries may be purchased; please call for details.*
What Guests Are Saying...

Fabulous destinations and sights. Tour elements came together seamlessly. Our Expedition Leader was outstanding—a wealth of knowledge about the geography, geology, and history of the area. Small group enhanced the personal experience.
~Doug B., San Francisco, CA

We really enjoyed ourselves. It exceeded our expectations. We didn’t have to worry about anything besides having a good time.
~Susan K., Lakeland, MI

This is a great program that can encompass a wide range of personal interests (the sights, the local culture, the history, and lots of geological and biological information). Excellent tour guides, driver, and organization. Everything flowed seamlessly and was well-prepared.
~Faith P., Lottie, LA