

Repine Travel's One-of-a-kind Southwest Tour

October 7 – 23, 2024

Tentative Itinerary

Monday, October 7

Pick ups to be determined (but our normal ones are all available)
Rest and meal stops en route – get to know or get reacquainted with your traveling family today!

5:00 pm Approx. arrival Plainfield, IN – Holiday Inn Express
Dinner at Cracker Barrel (gift card included) or your choice of other eateries

Tuesday, October 8

Breakfast included at hotel

8:00 am Check out and depart Plainfield TIME CHANGE
Arrive St. Louis, MO

We will enjoy a sight seeing cruise on the **Mississippi River** (box lunch included) and then visit the **Jefferson National Expansion Memorial (Gateway Arch)**. Admission includes a tram ride to top of the Arch & movie.
Depart St. Louis

7:00 pm Dinner included at Lambert's (Home of the Thrown Rolls)
Arrive Springfield, MO Hampton Inn to spend the night

Wednesday, October 9

Breakfast included at hotel

8:00 am Check out and depart Springfield
(we will be traveling sections of "**Historic Route 66**")
Rest and meal stops en route

We will take a traveling break for a visit to the **Will Rogers Museum** in Claremore, OK (a Route 66 icon that preserves the legacy of the famed cowboy, humorist and entertainer)

Quick stop at the **Cadillac Ranch** - a Route 66 Roadside Attraction in Amarillo

Arrive Amarillo, TX Holiday Inn Express
7:00 pm Dinner included at Hoffbrau Steakhouse

Thursday, October 10

Breakfast included at hotel

Check out and depart Amarillo and head for Albuquerque, NM TIME CHANGE
Enjoy a ride on the **Sandia Peak Tram** to admire an 11,000 sq. mile view from the top of Sandia Mountain

Free time in **Old Town Albuquerque** in the afternoon with lunch on your own.

Check in to our hotel – Embassy Suites Hotel – our home for two nights
Dinner included at The Frontier Restaurant located nearby

Friday, October 11

Early morning to head over to the **Albuquerque Hot Air Balloon Fiesta** for the Special Shape Balloons and a mass ascension of hot air balloons!

We have a fantastic package that includes our admission, a breakfast buffet, private parking for our bus, prime location for viewing hot air balloon launch, shuttle transportation to and from parking lot and Main Street (the Balloon Fiesta Park field where all of the vendors are located), dedicated restrooms, collectible lapel pin and souvenir gift.

We will return to the hotel for the afternoon for those wishing to go relax. This evening we will return to the Fiesta for the Glow, where the balloons will all be lit up for a spectacular sight! We will have the same accommodations for this evening as we did this morning and it will include a dinner buffet.

After Glow is finished we will return to the hotel

Saturday, October 12

Breakfast included at hotel

Check out of the hotel and as we depart Albuquerque we may see a mass ascension of balloons for today's festival

Lunch and rest stops

We will visit the **Petrified Forest National Park** in Arizona

Arrive Williams, AZ – Grand Canyon Railway Hotel

Dinner will be included at the Fred Harvey Restaurant across from hotel. Fred Harvey was known as starting the first "chain restaurant". He hired "Harvey Girls" as waitresses. They had to be between age 18 – 30 and of "good character", he made a deal with the railroads to have eateries along the lines. The first one opened in Topeka, KS in 1876!

Sunday, October 13

Breakfast included at Fred Harvey Restaurant

Check out of hotel (pack an overnight bag)

"All Aboard" for an excursion on the **Grand Canyon Railway** which is more than just a mode of transportation: it's a trip back in time on lovingly restored rail cars with entertaining musicians and the antics of cowboy characters. Out your window, the terrain changes from high desert to prairie and prairie to pine! The train will take us right to the village at the **South Rim of the Grand Canyon National Park**. We do not go through the canyon.

Boxed lunch included for train

Arrive Grand Canyon area and we will transfer to the Maswik Lodge (it's located just a short ¼ mile walk or bus ride to the canyon's edge. Within the complex is a food court, pizza pub and gift shop. Free time to enjoy the evening exploring **FREE TIME MAY BE ON MONDAY IF TOUR IS TODAY**
Dinner included at your leisure

Monday, October 14!

Breakfast included at your leisure - Check out of the lodge - Grand tour of South Rim of Canyon by bus to explore different locations. (TOUR MAY BE ON SUNDAY, with free time today before return train) Enjoy train ride back to Williams We will overnight at the Grand Canyon Railway Hotel again.
Dinner included at the Fred Harvey Restaurant

Tuesday, October 15

Breakfast included at Fred Harvey Restaurant
Check out and depart Williams (TIME CHANGE)
We will visit one of the most photographed & most majestic places on earth, **Monument Valley**. (Navajo Nations Monument Valley Navajo Tribal Park)
We will have a guided tour of the park from Navajo Spirit tours.
Dinner included at a local restaurant, the Blue Coffee Pot
Check in to our hotel Monument Valley Hotel, Kayenta, AZ

Wednesday, October 16

Breakfast included at hotel
Check out and depart Kayenta TIME CHANGE
We are going to visit Page, AZ to admire the **Horseshoe Bend** (cut out of the sandstone by the Colorado River, this horseshoe shaped area is a 1000' deep, 270° bend in the canyon. (there is an approximate 1 ½ mile roundtrip hardened path to the viewing area and back to parking lot). For the more adventurous ones, if we have enough interest, and space is still available we will tour a Canyon (about 1 ½ hour, some steps and possible short ladders) with an authentic Navajo guide. Those not wishing to do this will be given time to relax or shop at some local places.
We will then visit **Lake Powell** (an artificial reservoir on the Colorado River in Arizona and Utah). We will take in the beauty of the surroundings as we do a three hour cruise on the lake and enjoy a boxed lunch.
Tonight we will overnight at Red Canyon Cabins – our hotel rooms are individual cabins where you can enjoy the view and nature in Kanab, UT.
No baggage handling tonight, if you are unable to wheel your bag, please pack an overnight bag.
Dinner included at your leisure

Thursday, October 17

Breakfast on your own at your leisure
Check out and depart Kanab, UT
Visit **Zion National Park**, It was Utah's First National Park! This park has a free shuttle to take you to the different highlights of the park.
(lunch included at your leisure)
Depart Zion
Travel to Moab, UT
Check in to our hotel Wingate by Wyndham
Pizza Party delivered to our hotel – a nice relaxing evening! Dinner included

Friday, October 18

Breakfast included at hotel
Check out and depart Moab
Visit **Arches National Park** This red rock wonderland has over 2,000 natural arches, hundreds of soaring pinnacles and massive balance rocks.
(lunch included at your leisure)
Depart Arches and travel to Vail, CO
Check in to hotel Best Western Plus Eagle / Vail Valley **No baggage handling**
Evening to explore downtown and have dinner (included – at your leisure)

Saturday, October 19

Breakfast included at hotel

Depart Vail, CO and head toward Denver

Visit the **Phoenix GOLD Mine** (Tour a real Gold Mine just outside of Denver and try your hand at Gold Panning)

Depart Gold Mine

Arrive at the **Molly Brown House Museum** in Denver, CO for a Tour and Tea Experience (High Tea: Molly Brown Blend Tea Service, Scones, sandwiches, and Desserts) Margaret Brown may best be known to us as a survivor of the Titanic but she was much more than that...we will learn all about her from our tour guides at the museum.

After our tea and tour we will head to Colorado Springs for a two night stay!

Check in to our hotel Drury Inn

5:30 pm Dinner is included at hotel at their free Kickback® hot foods and cold drinks
Free evening to do as you please

Sunday, October 20

Breakfast included at hotel

This morning we will do a self-guided tour of the **U.S. Air Force Academy** then visit "**Garden of the Gods Visitor and Nature Center**", a National Natural Landmark. We will watch a movie in the center, enjoy a guided tour on our bus and have a little free time. (a boxed lunch is included) We will then move on to our next adventure as we travel a short distance to Manitou Springs, the **Miramont Castle**. We will step back in time at this Victorian Mansion and learn about it's history and importance from our guides!

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Monday, October 21

Breakfast included at hotel

9:00 am Check out and depart Colorado Springs TIME CHANGE

Since we are traveling through Kansas today, how about a visit to the **OZ Museum** in Wamego, Kansas to take a stroll down the yellow brick road!!

Dinner included this evening

Check in to our hotel Comfort Inn Suites, Topeka, KS **NO baggage handling**

Tuesday, October 22

Breakfast included at hotel

Check out and depart Topeka

On this traveling day, we may have a fun little stop included!! TIME CHANGE

Check in to the Holiday Inn Express in Plainfield, IN (where we spent our first night – dinner included at your leisure)

Wednesday, October 23

Breakfast included at hotel

Check out and depart Plainfield (spend the day sharing your contact info with your newly made friends because tonight you will be sleeping in your own beds!!!)

Check Price

Credit Card Price

\$5,059 per person

double occupancy

\$5,261 per person

\$4,501 per person

triple occupancy

\$4,681 per person

\$4,229 per person

quad occupancy

\$4,398 per person

\$6,770 per person

single occupancy

\$7,040 per person

Price includes:

Motor coach transportation, 16 nights accommodations, 15 breakfasts, 6 lunches, 16 dinners (variety of group meals, cash back or gift cards), all tours and admissions listed above, baggage handling – except for those noted above, gratuities for group meals, gratuities for step-on guides, and a gift from Repine Travel.

Many of our accommodations will have pools and a guest laundry (so you can pack lighter), Hair dryers and other amenities.

Each person is permitted one piece of luggage for under the bus and a small carry-on.

Water and daily snacks will be provided
on the motor coach.

Travel insurance flyers are enclosed and highly recommended.

\$500 deposit per person due to hold your reservation. Please book early because some of our reservations need confirmed by May 1st, so we will need to make a decision on this trip at that point. Deposit is non-refundable after that date unless we can resell your seat.

Balance due by August 7, 2024 (final payment due earlier than normal due to some locations requiring final numbers and payment by then)

Book early! Our Northwest Tour was sold out in 2022!

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