

National Parks of the Southwest

11 days for \$6,095 total price from Detroit

It's a land of scenes epic in scope, from the immense Grand Canyon and the winding Colorado to the sandstone spires of Bryce and the red-rock cliffs and chasms of Zion. It's the Southwest, which our small group celebrates at favorite national parks and preserves. And, wrote author Wallace Stegner, it's America's "best idea."



Bryce Canyon boasts more hoodoos—whimsical and bizarre rock formations—than anywhere else on Earth.

Physical Activity Level



Easy/Moderate

Refer to page 5 for more information.

Your Tour at a Glance

Day	Itinerary	Hotel	Rating
1-2	Depart for Phoenix	Hilton Phoenix Tapatio Cliffs Resort	Sup. First Class
3	Williams	Grand Canyon Railway Hotel	First Class
4	Grand Canyon	Kachina Lodge	First Class
5	Page	Lake Powell Resort	First Class
6-7	Bryce Canyon City	Best Western Bryce Canyon Grand Hotel	First Class
8-9	Springdale (Zion NP)	Hampton Inn & Suites Springdale	First Class
10	Las Vegas	Westin Las Vegas	Deluxe
11	Depart Las Vegas		

Ratings are based on the Hotel & Travel Index, the travel industry standard reference.

Day 1: Depart for Phoenix, Arizona We depart today for Phoenix, Arizona. As guests' arrival times may vary, we have the day at leisure to explore Arizona's capital city as we wish. This afternoon, we check in at our hotel, where we enjoy a welcome briefing and dinner together. *D*

Day 2: Phoenix This morning, we visit the acclaimed Desert Botanical Garden, the 140-acre tribute to the flora of the Sonoran desert. With more than 4,000 species of plants, including almost 500 rare and endangered types, the Botanical Garden features nature paths and walking trails showcasing the beauty of the desert environment. We continue on to Old Town Scottsdale, the city's historic core where we have free time to browse the shops and galleries, and have lunch on our own. Then we return to our hotel, where the remainder of the day is at leisure to enjoy the outdoor pool and other amenities. Dinner tonight is on our own. *B*

Day 3: Phoenix/Sedona/Williams We leave Phoenix today bound for Williams, a short distance from the Grand Canyon. First, though, we're headed to Sedona, one of the most striking spots in the American Southwest. Famed for its range of towering red sandstone formations, Sedona ranks as a popular destination for artists, filmmakers, photographers, mountain bikers,

and hikers. We have time for lunch on our own and to do some exploring before we encounter this dazzling landscape in style as we take a Pink Jeep tour for an educational off-road excursion. Winding over dirt roads, we enjoy stunning panoramic views and learn about the region's cultural and geological history on this guided tour to Honanki Heritage Site, a 700-year-old Sinaguan cliff dwelling. Then we continue north to our hotel, a few blocks from Route 66. We enjoy an included dinner tonight. *B,D*

Day 4: Williams/Grand Canyon It's a day to remember as we visit one of the country's most famous natural landmarks: the Grand Canyon. A wonder of the natural world, this UNESCO site stretches nearly 300 miles through and 10 miles across the Arizona desert. We see awe-inspiring vistas: banded layers of rock rise to plateaus and bluffs thousands of feet overhead, while the mighty Colorado River rushes one mile below. On our guided tour, we learn about the canyon's geological history, and also about human history here: it dates back some 10,000 years and includes Native peoples, explorers, miners, entrepreneurs, conservationists, and of course, visitors – who today number some six million annually. Then we have time for lunch on our own and an afternoon and evening at leisure to appreciate the magnitude and beauty of the

six-million-year-old canyon as we wish. After this bucket-list day, dinner tonight is on our own. *B*

Day 5: Grand Canyon/Page/Antelope Canyon/Lake Powell Today, we travel to Page, Arizona, gateway to the imposing Glen Canyon Dam and its reservoir, Lake Powell. After reaching Page early this afternoon, we have lunch on our own and then visit the sinuous – and spectacular – Upper Antelope Canyon. We travel onto Navajo land to reach this slot canyon, known to the Navajo as “the place where water runs through rocks” – and one of the most photographed slot canyons in the world. Our tour through this stunning passageway reveals red-orange walls of “flowing” rock rising to heights of nearly 120 feet – the narrow canyon’s hard edges smoothed away by eons of water and sand erosion. We check in at our lakeside hotel this afternoon and then enjoy dinner together there tonight. *B,D*

Day 6: Page/Colorado River/Bryce Canyon National Park, Utah Our long, but incredibly scenic, day of travel begins with a rousing motorized rafting excursion on the smooth waters of the Colorado River. Controlled by a series of dams and reservoirs, the river provides hydroelectric power, irrigation, and municipal water supply to nearly 40 million people in the western U.S. Today we’ll both motor and drift between soaring sandstone cliffs while on the lookout for ancient Native American petroglyphs on the canyon walls, as well as local wildlife, including big horn sheep, eagles, and condors. Following this scenic outing, we continue on to southern Utah and Bryce Canyon National Park, stopping for lunch along the way. We dine together tonight. *B,L,D*

Day 7: Bryce Canyon National Park Despite its name, Bryce isn’t truly a canyon at all, but a series of natural cliffs and amphitheaters carved into the



The Colorado and the Grand Canyon



EXCELLENT, KNOWLEDGEABLE GUIDE. LUXURIOUS ACCOMMODATIONS. GREAT FOOD. ROCKY MOUNTAINEER TRAIN WAS WONDERFUL. I WAS WELL TAKEN CARE OF THROUGHOUT THE TRIP.”

– MICHIGAN ALUMNI TRAVELER

region’s plateaus. The result: a stunning array of hoodoos, natural stone pillars and spires reminiscent of a child’s drip sand castle, as we see today. Thousands of these delicate structures stand side by side along the canyon’s ridgelines, lending a dramatic atmosphere to this remote location. In the park’s visitor center, we see a film about the unusual geology here and then have the day free to explore at our own pace. Our full day of natural splendor concludes with dinner together tonight. *B,D*

Day 8: Bryce Canyon National Park/Zion National Park We depart this morning for Zion National Park, another celebrated Utah destination. Upon arrival at midday, we have lunch on our own and then begin our visit at Zion’s nearby visitor center, where we learn about this inimitable region that encompasses four separate biomes: desert, riparian (or riverbank), woodland, and coniferous forest. Zion itself is so named for the 15-mile-long, 2,500-foot-deep Zion Canyon cutting through the park’s western half. We get our first taste of Zion’s wonders this afternoon and then this evening enjoy dinner together. *B,D*

Day 9: Zion National Park We spend the day amid the wondrous natural world of Zion National Park. Despite its modest size, Zion counts as one of the most diverse national parks in the United States. Deserts and forests, rivers and canyons, buttes and natural arches all greet us here, along with numerous plant and animal species. As with most of the Southwest, the area is dominated by red-rock bluffs that show eons of sediment buildup; indeed, the rock formations here represent about 150 million years of geological history. We take a hike here and then have ample free time for exploration and lunch and dinner on our own. *B*

Your Tour Price Includes

- Round-trip air transportation from listed cities (or may be purchased as land only)
- 10 nights’ accommodations in Deluxe, Superior First Class, and First Class hotels
- 18 meals: 10 breakfasts, 1 lunch, 7 dinners
- Extensive sightseeing as described, including all entrance fees
- Services of an Odysseys Unlimited Tour Director
- Private motorcoach transportation throughout your trip
- Luggage handling for one bag per person
- Gratuities for dining room servers, hotel porters, rafting guides, and all drivers
- \$100 frequent traveler credit towards your next U-M/Odysseys Unlimited tour (\$200 after 3 tours; \$300 after 10 tours)



The Virgin River winds through diverse Zion NP.

Day 10: Zion National Park/St. George/Las Vegas, Nevada En route to Las Vegas today, we stop in St. George, Utah, site of the winter home of Mormon leader Brigham Young and where the Mojave Desert, Colorado Plateau, and Great Basin converge in a stunning setting. We have time to explore and have lunch on our own before we continue on to Las Vegas, arriving late this afternoon. Tonight, we celebrate our Southwestern sojourn at a farewell dinner. *B,D*

Day 11: Depart Las Vegas This morning, we transfer to the Las Vegas airport for our flights home. *B*

Tour Departs: October 10, 2027

Prices include international airfare and all taxes, surcharges, and fees

Land Only	\$5,395
Denver, Los Angeles, Phoenix, Portland (OR), San Francisco	\$5,795
Chicago, Cincinnati, Dallas, Houston, Minneapolis, Seattle	\$5,895
Atlanta, Baltimore, Boston, Charlotte, Cleveland, Detroit, Miami, New York, Orlando, Philadelphia, Tampa, Washington, DC	\$6,095

Please call if your city is not listed. Prices are per person based on double occupancy and include airline taxes, surcharges, and fees for departures from above listed cities. Single travelers please add \$1,395. All tour prices above are guaranteed.

Please note: The elevations at some hotel locations (from 3,700 to 8,000 ft.), as well as the elevation on some of our excursions (Grand Canyon at 6,800 ft. and Bryce Canyon at 8,500 ft.), could pose problems for guests with certain health conditions. You should consult your personal physician if you have concerns.



THE SMALL GROUP TRAVEL EXPERIENCE

Important Information About Your Tour General Terms and Conditions

The following is intended to provide you with a description of what to expect when you reserve a tour with Odysseys Unlimited. Upon booking, you will be asked to acknowledge your acceptance of the full Terms and Conditions on My Odyssey, our secure on-line portal.

Tour Prices

Tour prices quoted are guaranteed through December 31, 2027, and include accommodations based on double occupancy; airfare from your departure city; airline taxes, surcharges, and fees which are subject to change until final payment has been made; internal air, rail, and motorcoach transportation; meals, sightseeing, and transfers as described; hotel taxes; entrance fees for included sightseeing; the services of an Odysseys Unlimited Tour Director; luggage handling for one bag per person; and all gratuities as described below. Please note that the cost of air upgrades is subject to change.

Gratuities

Tour prices include all gratuities for local guides, dining room servers, airport and hotel porters, and all drivers on base tours and on optional pre- and post-tour extensions when accompanied by an Odysseys Unlimited representative. Please note that gratuities for the Odysseys Unlimited Tour Director, shipboard personnel (if a cruise is included in your tour), and housekeeping staff are not included. These tips are optional and should be extended on a voluntary basis. Gratuities are not included on "On Your Own" optional extensions.

Not Included in Your Tour Price

Airfare from your hometown to your departure city; costs of passports and entry requirements; personal expenses such as beverages, laundry, room service, and meals not specified; immunizations and inoculations; medical equipment and related supplies such as distilled water, and personal care or dietary items; communications charges; airport transfers when purchasing a land-only package or when selecting alternate tour arrival and/or departure dates; and a Travel Protection Plan. Additional baggage fees levied directly by the airline(s) may apply and are subject to change at any time. You should confirm directly with your airline(s) prior to departure.

Registration and Payment

A deposit of \$650 per person confirms your reservation. Full payment is due at least 125 days prior to departure and may be made by personal check or credit card. Odysseys Unlimited, Inc. reserves the right to cancel any reservations that are not paid in full and/or where the Terms and Conditions have not been acknowledged by the final payment date. In these cases, standard penalties will apply. If you make your reservation after the final payment date, payment in full will be required upon reservation.

Cancellations and Refunds

If you must cancel your tour, the effective date of cancellation will be upon our receipt of your notification. Refunds for cancellations are subject to the following per person charges (exceptions not allowed):

For all tours:

<u>Prior to departure</u>	<u>Charge</u>
125 days or more:	\$200
124-95 days:	25% of tour price
94-65 days:	50% of tour price
64-30 days:	75% of tour price
29-0 days:	No refund

Please note that we will not refund the cost of any unused portion of your tour package, including for no shows, late arrivals, cancellations after departure, issues with passports or visas, or early departure from a tour. If because of low participation Odysseys Unlimited, Inc. cancels your tour, you will receive a complete refund of all payments you have made to us.

Pre-Departure

Upon reservation, you will be able to access all information regarding your tour in My Odyssey, our secure on-line portal. This material includes your invoice, a detailed day-by-day itinerary, visa

requirements (if applicable), and more. Your final tour documents, including airline itineraries (with e-ticket numbers), will be available in the portal two to three weeks before departure.

Single Travelers

We welcome single travelers, and offer a limited number of single accommodations on each tour. Because hotel and cruise rates are priced by the room or cabin, the per person cost for accommodations occupied by one person is higher than that shared by two people. Please note that single rooms in many foreign hotels may be smaller than those to which you are accustomed.

Changes to Your Reservation

A fee of \$50 per person will apply to all air-inclusive guests who have chosen an alternate arrival or departure date. Once inside the final payment date for your tour, additional hotel night(s) and/or transfer(s) that you may have added to your reservation are non-refundable.

From final payment date to 30 days before departure, an administrative fee of \$100 per person will apply to any changes you make to your reservation, in addition to any fees or penalties imposed by airlines, hotels, or other third parties. Changes are subject to availability and cannot be guaranteed. If your reservation changes from double occupancy to single occupancy for any reason or at any time, you will be charged the single supplement. **No changes to your name(s) or departure date are allowed after final payment date. Traveler substitutions are considered reservation cancellation and are subject to cancellations charges. No changes to your reservation can be made within 30 days of departure.**

Required Information

Upon reservation, we will need to obtain from you the following, in accordance with the Transportation Security Administration's (TSA) Secure Flight program (for details, please visit www.tsa.gov), as well as for our travel partners: **for international tours – your full name as it appears on your passport, date of birth, and gender; for domestic tours – your full name as it appears on the accepted form of government-issued photo identification that you plan to use, date of birth, and gender.** In addition, airlines may require that we provide them with your contact information prior to departure. In the event an airline ticket is issued with incorrect information you have provided, or if you use a different passport (international tours) or other form of government-issued photo identification (domestic tours) than originally cited, you will be responsible for charges associated with the ticket's reissue.

Travel Documents

A passport valid for at least six months after the completion of your tour is required for U.S. citizens on all of our international tours. For domestic tours, you must present a valid U.S. government-issued photo identification. If your tour requires a visa(s), we strongly recommend that you have at least six blank visa pages available; otherwise, we recommend that your passport have at least three blank visa pages. We will send you specific visa and entry requirements after you make a reservation. **You are solely responsible for obtaining all required passports, visas, documents, and immunizations, and costs thereof for entry into each destination.** Issuance of travel documentation is at the discretion of individual countries. Failure to secure or denial of proper travel documents may prevent travel or entry, with no refunds provided. If you need to obtain a visa, we recommend our preferred provider G3 Global Services. If you are traveling with a minor, please contact us for special entry requirements. If you are not a U.S. citizen, please contact your embassy or consulate to ensure you obtain the proper documentation.

Minors

When traveling with a minor, the parent(s) or guardian(s) are fully responsible for the minor's supervision and safety. Travelers should carry a letter of authorization from both parents permitting emergency medical treatment. Each minor must share accommodations with an adult, and some countries require special documentation for minors traveling without both parents. Odysseys Unlimited is not responsible for disruptions due to incomplete or incorrect paperwork.

Merchants

Some tours may include the opportunity to visit local shops and merchants. Odysseys Unlimited is not responsible for any individual purchases made while on tour.

Health and Medical Issues

We welcome all travelers, but you should be in relatively good health to participate in activities as outlined in the Physical Activity Levels for each tour. **You must be able to get on and off motorcoaches and boats on your own.** We regret that we cannot provide individual assistance if you require the use of a wheelchair or have other personal needs; in such cases you must be accompanied by a companion who will assist you. Please note that many of our itineraries cannot accommodate wheelchairs or motorized scooters.

We ask that all guests review our guidelines for health on tour, which can be found on our website: www.odysseys-unlimited.com/travel-health.

We reserve the right to remove anyone whose physical condition or behavior, in our opinion, compromises the operation of the tour or detracts from the enjoyment or safety of the other tour members. In that event, Michigan Alumni Travel and Odysseys Unlimited, Inc. assume no financial responsibility for any additional costs nor the unused portion of the tour. While we do our best to accommodate food allergy concerns, we cannot guarantee zero cross-contamination. Additionally, depending on the location, dietary requests may not be easily accommodated: therefore, we cannot guarantee that all dietary requests can be met. Also, please note that where requests can be accommodated, choices may be limited.

You acknowledge, understand, and accept that during a tour, you or other guests may be exposed to communicable or foodborne illnesses. You further recognize that the risk of such exposure is inherent in activities involving interaction or shared facilities, and is beyond the control of the Company or its suppliers and cannot be completely eliminated.

Odysseys Unlimited has a No Smoking policy (including e-cigarettes and vaping) on all tour buses and motorcoaches.

Air Transportation

Your tour package includes round-trip economy airfare (except for *National Parks of the Southwest*) from designated departure cities. Airfares from other U.S. cities are available upon request. Airline upgrades at additional cost may be available on request; these apply to the round-trip trans-Atlantic or trans-Pacific flights only and do not apply to domestic or internal flights. Scheduling may differ for upgraded travel and may require additional connections.

Flight schedules are subject to change at any time. If arranging your own flights, we recommend waiting until final payment is due and avoiding non-refundable or high-penalty fares. Odysseys Unlimited Inc. and Michigan Alumni Travel are not liable for any loss due to tour cancellations, changes in gateways, travel dates, or airline schedule changes.

If a flight schedule requires an overnight, that cost is your responsibility. **Airline seat assignments are usually done at check-in. Odysseys Unlimited is unable to guarantee any seat assignments.**

We reserve the right to select air carriers and routing. When planning our tours, we contract with those airlines that we feel provide the level of service, routings, and value necessary for your entire trip. While another airline may offer more direct service, it may be at a price unavailable at the lower group rates that enable us to offer you the best possible travel value.

By using our air services, you acknowledge that Odysseys Unlimited acts solely as your agent in arranging air

transportation with independent carriers. We are not responsible for accidents, delays, cancellations, missed connections, schedule or name changes, or any related losses. If you miss a flight, you must work directly with the airline to continue your travel; no refunds or reimbursements will be provided for missed trip portions.

Airline loyalty program mileage credits are issued at the discretion of the airline(s) and may not be available for the flights on your tour. If you prefer to make your own airline reservations, ask about the “land only” pricing.

Responsibility

The liability of Michigan Alumni Travel, as sponsor, and Odysseys Unlimited, Inc., as tour operator, is strictly limited. Odysseys Unlimited, Inc. purchases transportation, hotel accommodations, restaurant and other services from independent suppliers not under its control. It serves only as an agent for these suppliers in securing tour arrangements, and therefore will not accept responsibility for wrongful, negligent, or arbitrary acts or omissions of these independent contractors, their employees, agents, servants or representatives. Michigan Alumni Travel and Odysseys Unlimited, Inc. are not liable for injury, damage, loss, accident, or delay that may be caused by events not within its control, including without limitation, acts of terrorism, war, strikes, the defect of any vehicle, or the negligence or default of any third party. All coupons, receipts, and tickets issued are subject to the terms and conditions specified by the air carriers, cruise line, and other independent suppliers. We will make every effort to operate our tours as planned, but we reserve the right to make itinerary changes as necessary. If unforeseen circumstances require us to change a hotel, we will select alternative accommodations of the same or better quality. Cruise itineraries may change due to factors such as government regulations, water levels, or weather conditions.

Association Disclaimer

The Association is not the Tour Operator. • The Association is not responsible for changes of flight times, fare changes, dishonor of airline, hotel, or car-rental reservations, delays, losses, injuries, inconveniences, cessation of operations, airline or tour operator bankruptcies, acts of God, or any other event beyond our control. • The Association acts only as an independent contractor and not as a principal, agent, or joint venture for the airline, hotel, car-rental company, cruise line, and/or tour operator named in the catalog. As a result, the Association is not responsible for their acts or omissions. • The Association acts only as agent for the participants with respect to travel services, and it shall not be responsible for changes of flight times, fare changes, dishonor of airline, hotel, or other reservations, injury, damage, loss of baggage, accidents, or for the acts or defaults of any person or entity engaged

in conveying participants or in carrying out other arrangements of the tour. Further, the Association shall not be responsible for losses or additional expenses of the participant due to sickness, weather, strike, civil unrest, acts of terrorism, quarantine, acts of God, or other causes beyond its control. • The Association shall not be responsible for alteration in the itinerary as deemed necessary for carrying out the tour and the right is reserved to substitute hotels of similar quality. The right is further reserved to cancel the tour prior

to departure, in which case the entire payment may be refunded without further obligation on its part. The right is also reserved to decline to accept or to retain any person as a member of the tour should such person's health, actions, or general deportment impede the operation of the tour or the rights or welfare of the other participants. No refund will be made for the unused portion of any tour. • Applicants for participation on this tour accept in full all of the conditions set forth above.

MICHIGAN ALUMNI TRAVEL RESERVATION FORM

To reserve your place on tour, **please call Odysseys Unlimited at (toll-free) 888-370-6765**. Please have the information outlined below available to share with an Odysseys Unlimited Travel Counselor.

If you prefer, you may also complete this Reservation Form and submit it to Odysseys Unlimited's office. Upon receiving your request, a Travel Counselor from Odysseys Unlimited will contact you within two business days to review the tour information and provide you with a secure link to enter your credit card information. Your reservation is not confirmed until your deposit is paid and processed. Payment may be made by American Express, Discover, MasterCard, or VISA, or by personal check. If paying by check, please make check payable to **Odysseys Unlimited, Inc.** and include with the form. Final payment is due 125 days prior to departure.

For more information, please call the Alumni Travel team at 855-764-0064.

Send to: **Odysseys Unlimited, Inc.**

Attn: Special Interest Groups

One Newton Place

275 Washington Street, Suite 300

Newton, MA 02458

Tour Name _____

Departure Date _____

Pre- or Post-Tour Extension (as described on tour page): Please sign me/us up

I/we would like to request _____ place(s). (Deposit amount is \$650 per person.)

Full Passport Name _____ Date of Birth _____ Gender _____

Full Passport Name _____ Date of Birth _____ Gender _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ ZIP _____

Home Phone (_____) _____ Cell Phone (_____) _____

E-mail(s) _____ Badge Name(s) _____

Please book my/our air from _____ I/We request an air upgrade to _____

I will share a room with _____ I request a single room (limited availability)

I/We request an upgrade to a Highland Villa (*Machu Picchu to the Galapagos only*)