

BOOK BY JAN. 15th
AND SAVE \$500 PER COUPLE



RESERVATION FORM: (Please Print)

TOUR CODE: 15NAL0615/TEXASA&M

Enclosed is my deposit of \$ _____ (\$750 per person for the main trip and \$250 for the extension) to hold _____ place(s) on the Greatest National Parks tour, departing on June 15, 2015.

Cost is \$5,495 per person, double occupancy, land only.

Final payment is due March 31, 2015. All final payments are required to be made by check or money order only.

*Credit Card Authorization form must be requested, filled out and submitted with reservation form to make a deposit.

NAME (as it appears on passport): Mr. Mrs. Ms. _____

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NAME FOR NAME BADGE, IF DIFFERENT FROM ABOVE:

1) _____ 2) _____

STREET ADDRESS: _____

CITY: _____ STATE: _____ ZIP: _____

PHONE NUMBERS: HOME: () _____ OFFICE: () _____

MOBILE: () _____ FAX: () _____

E-MAIL ADDRESS: _____

The two of us above are sharing a room and, where possible, would like a room with:

One Bed Two Beds

I am sharing a room with _____ (form sent separately).

I need assistance in securing a roommate. I understand if one cannot be located for me by the final payment date, I agree to pay the additional single supplement. I prefer to share with:

Smoker Non-smoker

I/We desire single accommodations, if available, and will pay the single supplement at an additional cost of:
\$1,895 for the main trip \$995 for the extension

I/We wish to participate in the optional extension(s) at an additional per person cost of:
\$2,395 for the California post-extension

Please make my/our round trip air reservations on the group flights from Houston.
(Other departure cities available upon request; prices quoted at time of request.)

No funds donated to The Association of Former Students or to Texas A&M University have been used in the production or mailing of this travel brochure; all such costs are covered by the tour supplier.

WE STRONGLY RECOMMEND THAT YOU OBTAIN TRAVEL INSURANCE. RESERVATIONS ARE ACCEPTED, SUBJECT TO TOUR CONDITIONS, AND WILL BE CONFIRMED ONLY IF ACCOMPANIED BY COMPLETED FORM SIGNED BY THE TOUR PARTICIPANT(S).

I/WE HAVE READ THE CONDITIONS OF TRAVEL ON THIS BROCHURE AND UNDERSTAND AND AGREE TO THE TERMS AND CONDITIONS STATED HEREIN:

SIGNATURE: _____ DATE: _____

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AMERICA'S GREATEST NATIONAL PARKS

JUNE 15-29, 2015

Howdy, Ags!

Explore rocky canyon trails, multichromatic geysers, and imposing mountain ranges, and marvel at a myriad of meteors showering the nightly sky. Experience the last frontiers of the Wild West and hike century-old trails in Yellowstone, Zion, Bryce Canyon, Monument Valley and the Grand Canyon. See elk, bison, and brown and grizzly bears, and search for coyote, cougar, bighorn sheep, mountain goat, and more than 250 bird species. Travel back in time and relive the days of the fearless first settlers, gold miners, trappers and traders who made their way west in rickety carriages or on horseback. It's time to embark on this journey of discovery!

Gig 'em!

Jennifer Bohac '87

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Director, Travel Programs

The Association of Former Students

PLEASE MAKE CHECKS PAYABLE TO AND SEND TO:

CLASSIC ESCAPES
58-25 QUEENS BOULEVARD
WOODSIDE, NY 11377W

YOUR ITINERARY

DAY 1 – BOZEMAN/MONTANA

Arrive Bozeman and check into your hotel where you enjoy a welcome dinner.

C'MON INN. (D)

DAYS 2/3 – YELLOWSTONE NATIONAL PARK/WYOMING

LAKE YELLOWSTONE HOTEL. (B,L Daily)

Your exploration of Yellowstone includes Geyser Basins, a combination of bubbling hot springs, slow-moving mud pots, and gas-emitting fumaroles. Search for abundant wildlife amid volcanic glaciations and erosions that have left features as varied as Specimen Ridge's petrified trees to and the Grand Canyon of Yellowstone. Explore the Geyser basin – home to 60 percent of the world's geysers; Old Faithful has rarely missed its eruptions during more than 120 years of observation. Your legendary home in this beautiful park was originally built in 1891 and is listed on the National Register of Historic Places.

DAYS 4/5 – JACKSON, WYOMING

LEXINGTON HOTEL. (B,L Daily)

Proceed to Jackson Hole and visit Grand Teton National Park. Towering more than a mile above the valley of Jackson Hole, the Grand Teton rises to 13,770 feet. Twelve Teton peaks reach above 12,000 feet and support a dozen mountain glaciers. Blending its western heritage with that of a destination resort, there is opportunity for hiking, mountain biking, horseback riding, fishing, and kayaking. Enjoy the next day discovering stunning mountain scenery, diverse wildlife, and a boat tour on Snake River. Your family-owned hotel is conveniently located in the heart of Jackson and offers a perfect blend of hospitality and modern luxury.

DAY 6 – SALT LAKE CITY, UTAH

PLAZA HOTEL. (B)

A scenic 5-hour drive takes you to Salt Lake City, passing by brick cottages, log cabins, and tree-lined country roads. The city by the lake was founded in 1847 by Mormon followers who cultivated the arid valley. Visit the Temple Square with its amazing restaurants, exquisite gardens and interesting historical sites.

DAYS 7/8 – ZION NATIONAL PARK, UTAH

BEST WESTERN ZION PARK INN. (B,L Daily)

Reach Zion Canyon – 15 miles long and up to half a mile deep, it cuts through the reddish and tan-colored Navajo sandstone. Sedimentation, uplift and erosion have resulted in elevations ranging from 3,600 to 8,700 feet, and the unique geology of massive cliff walls has created diverse environments of deserts, canyons, hanging gardens, riparian zones and high plateaus, hosting a variety of unusual plants and animals, some not found elsewhere. Visit the museums, discover the surroundings on the park tram, hike the trails (easy to strenuous), or enjoy the IMAX Movie Theater (some at additional cost.)

DAY 9 – BRYCE CANYON/UTAH

BEST WESTERN GRAND. (B,L,D)

Head to Bryce Canyon to observe the hoodoos of the Claron Formation, ranging in size from that of an average human to heights exceeding a 10-story building. The canyons and plateau are home to many animals and birds: hummingbirds, nesting Peregrine Falcon, elk and Pronghorn. Stop by at the visitor's center to learn the history of the geological formations and this evening, enjoy a traditional 'cowboy' dinner.

DAYS 10/11 – CAPITOL REEF /ARCHES/ISLANDS IN THE SKY/DEAD HORSE PARKS, UTAH

LA QUINTA INN MOAB. (B,L; B)

Get set for amazing landscapes as you discover Capitol Reef National Park, a hidden treasure filled with cliffs, canyons, domes and bridges in the Waterpocket Fold, a geologic monocline extending almost 100 miles. Continue toward Moab and enjoy a Dutch Oven Dinner followed by a sunset boat tour. Next day, discover a landscape of contrasting colors, landforms and textures unlike any other in the world at Arches National Park. A plethora of hiking trails for visitors of all ability levels lead you to Utah's famous icon, Delicate Arch. In the late afternoon continue to Islands in the Sky, a mesa close to Moab, resting on sheer sandstone cliffs high above the surrounding terrain, offering a multitude of different perspectives on the spectacular landscape. Look for elusive desert bighorn sheep on rocky ledges, since this is their favorite habitat. Also stop at Dead Horse State Park for views of the Colorado River 2,000 feet below.

DAYS 12/13 – MONUMENT VALLEY, UTAH / GRAND CANYON NATIONAL PARK, ARIZONA

YAVAPAI EAST LODGE (B,L,D; B)

Visit Monument Valley, a wide, flat landscape interrupted by spires rising hundreds of feet into the air. Embark on a Navajo-guided jeep tour with lunch and continue to Grand Canyon National Park in time to enjoy a magnificent sunset. There is a huge variety of wild mammals in the Grand Canyon and the landscape is dramatic. From Canyon bats to big horn sheep, from mountain lions to elk and from the California Condor to the majestic Bald Eagle, there's a lot to see. You'll have a full day to select the activity that best suits you: hiking, visiting historical sites, park ranger led walks and talks, ride the park tram, bird watching and wildlife viewing, stargazing and train rides on the Grand Canyon Railway (some at additional cost.)

DAYS 14/15 - ROUTE 66/LAS VEGAS

GOLDEN NUGGET. (B,D; B)

Prepare for a truly amazing ride along historic Route 66. The charm, history and atmosphere provide an unforgettable experience as you drive 'The Main Street of America'. Many associate this byway with quirky culture, but there is also nature-watching and exploration along the way. In the evening, meet with the group for a farewell dinner. The next day enjoy free time to shop and explore Las Vegas before transferring to the airport for your flight home, bringing with you the memories of the scenic national parks.

OPTIONAL POST-EXTENSION TO DEATH VALLEY AND YOSEMITE



For the ultimate adventure, extend to discover the infamous Death Valley National Park which covers over three million acres of Mojave Desert, the hottest, driest and lowest place in the nation. Then, drive through the Sierra Nevada Mountains of California, bountiful with wildlife. Stop in Alabama Hills in Lone Pine, site of over 400 movies, and marvel at Mammoth and Mono Lakes. Over the scenic Tioga Pass, the highest highway pass in California, reach Yosemite National Park with its rugged habitats, mountain peaks and over 400 species of animals. Explore Mariposa Grove, the largest grove of Giant Sequoias – two of its trees are among the 30 largest in the world. End your journey in San Francisco and explore the city on a tour, as well as on a Sunset Sailing Cruise around the harbor. A truly remarkable way to end an amazing journey through America's natural treasures!

YOUR JOURNEY COSTS:

JUNE 15 TO 29, 2015
PRICES PER PERSON

- \$5,495 land only, double occupancy.
- \$1,895 single supplement.

YOUR EXTENSION COSTS:

RETURNS JULY 5, 2015
PRICES PER PERSON

- \$2,395 land only, double occupancy.
- \$995 single supplement.



YOUR JOURNEY INCLUDES:

- Superior and best available accommodation at hotels as indicated in the itinerary (or similar).
- Breakfast daily. All other meals as specified in itinerary.
- Services of driver/guide and local guides throughout the tour.
- Enrichment lecturer with 15 travelers on the main program and 10 travelers on the extension.
- All Park and admission fees.
- All applicable hotel taxes and gratuities for baggage handling.
- Complimentary baggage tags.



FOR MORE INFORMATION OR TO MAKE RESERVATIONS, PLEASE CONTACT:

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Attn: Traveling Aggies

505 George Bush Drive

College Station, TX 77840-2918

Phone: 979-845-7514 Fax: 979-845-9263

Toll Free: 800-633-7514

CONDITIONS OF TRAVEL

HOW TO BOOK: Fill out and sign the enclosed reservation form and send it, along with the deposit of \$750 for the main trip and \$250 for the extension, to Classic Escapes Inc. 58-25 Queens Blvd., Woodside NY, 11377. Upon receipt of your signed reservation form and deposit, we will, subject to availability, reserve your spot on the tour. You may consider your booking confirmed when you receive a confirmation notice and invoice from us.

RATES: Rates are based on the minimum number of guests outlined in this document, plus airfare costs, currency exchange rates and other factors and are subject to change. Though it is rare for Classic Escapes to make a price adjustment after promotion of an itinerary, we do reserve the right to assess a surcharge if the minimum is not met, or if increases are forced upon us by airlines or other partners or because of changes in currency exchange rates.

INSURANCE: It is a condition of booking that the sole responsibility lies with the guest to ensure that they carry the correct comprehensive travel and medical insurance to cover themselves, as well as any dependents/traveling companions for the duration of their trip. This insurance should include cover in respect of, but not limited to, the following eventualities: cancellation or curtailment of the program, emergency evacuation expenses, medical expenses, repatriation expenses, damage/theft/loss of personal baggage, money and goods. Classic Escapes, including their representatives, employees and agents will take no responsibility for any costs, losses incurred or suffered by the guest, or guest's dependents or traveling companions, with regards to, but not limited to, any of the above mentioned eventualities. Guests will be charged directly by the relevant service providers for any emergency services they may require, and may find themselves in a position unable to access such services should they not be carrying the relevant insurance cover. Information will be sent to you upon receipt of reservation form.

CANCELLATIONS: Cancellations are only effective on receipt of written notification. The following per person fees are applicable on this tour:

- Up to 75 days prior to departure, less \$250 handling fee.
- 74-65 days prior to departure: deposit is forfeited.
- 64-45 days prior to departure: 50% of the tour cost.
- Less than 45 days prior to departure, 100% of the tour cost.

These cancellation fees are also in addition to any imposed by airlines.



"There can be nothing in the world more beautiful than the Yosemite, the groves of the giant sequoias and redwoods ... the Canyon of the Yellowstone; and our people should see to it that they are preserved for their children and their children's children forever, with their majestic beauty all unmarred."

- Theodore Roosevelt

