Enjoy the Southwest — dry and on the rocks

SOUTHWEST NATIONAL PARKS

10 Days of America’s Natural Wonders

MAY 1-10, 2019

with optional
SCOTTSDALE PRE-TOUR
April 29 - May 1, 2019
Howdy, Ags!

Please join former students and friends on a journey to the 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 storytelling, 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 all five national parks—Arches, Canyonlands, Bryce Canyon, Capitol Reef, and Zion—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 $600 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 online at texas-am.orbridge.com, by calling (800) 633-7514 or by returning the enclosed reservation form.

Gig ‘em,

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Free Expedition Library
AN EARLY RESERVATION BONUS

Reserve your space by **November 9, 2018**, to receive the FREE Orbridge Expedition Library we’ve assembled for this program.

*This exclusive gift is to thank you for joining us early. Guests who reserve after the specified date may purchase libraries. Call for details.*
Go where hoodoos, slot canyons, arches, buttes, and mesas fill vast horizons with impossible beauty, and learn about the Americans of “Red Rock Country” who helped shape our nation’s history.
Your 10-Day Itinerary (subject to change)

Day 1: Arrive in Phoenix, AZ (D)
Leisure time, welcome dinner
Overnight: Arizona Biltmore

Day 2: Phoenix / Sedona / Grand Canyon National Park (B,D)
Brief stop in Sedona, Grand Canyon rim
Overnight: Grand Canyon Lodges†

Day 3: Grand Canyon National Park / Antelope Canyon / Lake Powell (B)
Optional helicopter flightseeing, Antelope Canyon guided tour
Overnight: Lake Powell Resort

Day 4: Glen Canyon / Monument Valley, UT (B,L,D)
Glen Canyon float trip, Navajo cookout and storytelling
Overnight: Goulding’s Lodge

Day 5: Monument Valley / Moab (B,L,D)
4x4 tour in Monument Valley, wine tasting
Overnight: Red Cliffs Lodge

Day 6: Moab / Arches National Park / Canyonlands National Park (B)
National park sightseeing
Overnight: Red Cliffs Lodge

Day 7: Moab / Capitol Reef National Park / Bryce Canyon National Park (B,L)
Pinnacles, hoodoos, and amphitheaters
Overnight: Best Western Plus Bryce Canyon

Day 8: Bryce Canyon / Zion National Park (B,D)
Zion park trails and exploration
Overnight: Zion Park Lodge

Day 9: Zion National Park / Las Vegas, NV (B,R)
Leisure time in Las Vegas, farewell reception
Overnight: Westin Las Vegas

Day 10: Depart Las Vegas (B)
(B = Breakfast, L = Lunch, D = Dinner, R = Reception)

Program Highlights

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

• Begin at the Arizona Biltmore, a luxurious Waldorf Astoria Resort—and famous haven of celebrities, diplomats, and presidents—with iconic architecture heavily influenced by Frank Lloyd Wright as the consulting architect.

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

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

• Enjoy special inclusions such as a Glen Canyon rafting trip and a visit to beautiful Antelope Slot Canyon.

• Visit a traditional Navajo hogan, and set out on a 4-wheel drive tour through Monument Valley.

• Visit all five U.S. national parks in Utah.

• Observe intricately eroded arches at Arches National Park, behold the monolithic hoodoos in Bryce Canyon National Park, and follow the paths of Ancestral Puebloans and pioneers at Zion National Park.

• What’s included: 9 nights accommodations; 9 breakfasts, 3 lunches (2 are picnic-style), 5 dinners including a welcome dinner at the Arizona Biltmore, and a farewell reception in Las Vegas; wine tasting in Moab; admission and park fees throughout; transport via private deluxe motor coach; luggage porterage; gratuities to Orbridge Expedition Leader, local guides, drivers, and porters; and airport transfers for guests arriving and departing during the suggested times.

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.
Accommodations (subject to change)

ARIZONA BILTMORE
Opened in 1929, this Frank Lloyd Wright influenced property has hosted a who’s who list of guests over the years. The Biltmore set the standard for elegance and style, and that sophisticated aura and historic integrity has remained through numerous expansion and renovation projects that transformed the hotel into the award-winning resort of today.

LAKE POWELL RESORT
Enjoy comfortable lodging and terrific dining. The property’s lake view rooms with Native American flair are an ideal retreat after a day full of fun.

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.

RED CLIFFS LODGE
Nestled on the banks of the Colorado River, enjoy the panoramic views of the surrounding 2,000-foot sheer red rock cliffs.

BEST WESTERN PLUS BRYCE CANYON GRAND HOTEL
Surrounded by fantastic scenery of southwest Utah, most notably rock spires known locally as “hoodoos,” the hotel offers an enclosed courtyard with a pool, whirlpool, and patio.

ZION PARK LODGE
Nestled among the towering red rock cliffs of Zion National Park, Zion Park Lodge is a nature-lover’s paradise. Each guest room provides a warm, comfortable atmosphere, ensuring a memorable stay.

WESTIN LAS VEGAS
Welcome to the City of Lights, Vegas style. Embrace the comforts of your tastefully-appointed, modern guest room.

†Grand Canyon accommodations to be confirmed in 2019.
What’s Included

• Two nights accommodations at the Arizona Biltmore (pictured below) or similar, including breakfast each morning
• Admission to and guided tours of Taliesin West and the Desert Botanical Garden
• Guided Arizona Biltmore history tour
• Transportation for included activities
• All gratuities and porterage
• Complimentary transfer from the airport during the suggested arrival times

Pre-Tour Itinerary (subject to change)

Day +1: Arrive in Phoenix, AZ
Enjoy time to explore the Arizona Biltmore grounds and take advantage of the various amenities including eight swimming pools, a full service spa and salon, tennis courts, and nearby golf courses (additional charges apply)

Day +2: Scottsdale (B)
Guided tour of Taliesin West—Frank Lloyd Wright’s beloved winter home and desert laboratory, Arizona Biltmore history tour, evening at leisure

Day +3: Phoenix / Day 1 of Main Program (B)
Docent-led Desert Botanical Garden tour; join guests arriving for Day 1 of the Main Program

Admire the dramatic desert landscape, colorful Southwest culture, and relaxing leisure activities.
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Option 1: Reserve online now at texas-am.orbridge.com or call (800) 633-7514.

Option 2: Secure your reservation with a deposit charged to the credit card below, or with an enclosed check payable to: Orbridge, LLC.

GUEST INFORMATION:
Guest #1 Name: ___________________________ Class Year: __________
Email: ____________________________________
Home Phone: ___________________ Alt. Phone: __________________
Address: ________________________________________________________________
City: ___________________________________ State: _______ Zip: _____________

Guest #2 Name: ___________________________ Class Year: __________
Email: ____________________________________
Home Phone: ___________________ Alt. Phone: __________________
Address: ________________________________________________________________
City: ___________________________________ State: _______ Zip: _____________

DEPOSIT:
# _________ guests joining program ($850/person) +
# _________ guests joining pre-tour ($500/person) = TOTAL DEPOSIT: $

OPTIONAL GRAND CANYON HELICOPTER EXCURSION (added to your final invoice):
# _________ guests joining optional excursion ($309/person)

DEPOSIT PAYMENT:
- Check Enclosed
- Online Check/ACH
- MasterCard/Visa
- American Express
- Discover

Card #: ___________________________________________ Exp. Date: _______ CVV: ________
Billing Address (if different from above): ____________________________________________________________
City: ___________________________________ State: _______ Zip: _____________

Signature: ___________________________________________ Date: __________

Mail or fax reservation form and deposit to: Traveling Aggies, The Association of Former Students
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What Guests Are Saying...

Traveling with the Aggies is the only way to travel internationally. As soon as you meet your group, you are instant friends and are never alone in a foreign country.
~Cathy Ward

We will forever cherish our amazing memory of trips taken with the Traveling Aggies, as well as wonderful new friendships we have made! Now, whenever we travel on ‘non-Aggie’ trips, we realize nothing can compare!
~Randy ’74 and Gail Parker

Traveling Aggie trips are always “special” whether in large groups or small and we look forward to our next one soon.
~Will ’71 and Carolyn ’81 Dierksen