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USA NATIONAL PARKS

SMALL GROUP TOUR 2019

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May 2019

Sun 19: Australia to Salt Lake City - depart Australia on flights through to Salt Lake City, the capital of Utah. This city is bordered by the buoyant waters of the Great Salt Lake and the snow-capped peaks of the Wasatch Range. Downtown's 10-acre Temple Square (headquarters of the Mormon Church), is home to the 19th-century Salt Lake Temple and the neo-Gothic Assembly Hall. The acclaimed Mormon Tabernacle Choir performs in the square's domed Tabernacle. Crystal Lake Inn (2 nights)

Mon 20: Salt Lake City Sightseeing Tour - our sightseeing tour of the city takes us to the magnificent six spired Salt Lake Mormon Temple, the Governor's Mansion, the Old Mormon Pioneer Trail, the Pony Express Station, the Olympic Village and the University of Utah.

Tue 21: Salt Lake City to Jackson Hole - we continue our tour by driving 440km north through Utah, into Idaho and finishing in Wyoming's magnificent Grand Teton National Park. We spend two evenings in the Wild West mountain resort town of Jackson Hole, a valley between the Teton Mountain Range and the Gros Ventre Range. Quality Inn and Suites (2 nights)

Wed 22: Grand Tetons Touring - from Jackson Hole, we head out for a full day of adventure exploring the marvellous Grand Teton National Park. Established in 1929, the national park was named after the mighty Grand Teton, the tallest mountain in the range standing at 13,775 ft. The park is just one mile north of Jackson Hole and is beautifully rich with wildlife, pristine lakes and alpine terrain. You'll find these mountains are truly magic and will inspire your imagination!

Thu 23: Jackson Hole to Yellowstone - today's journey promises gorgeous vistas as we travel 285km northeast through Wyoming to the Wild West town of Cody. Founded by and named after iconic Wild West figure Buffalo Bill (William Frederick Cody) in 1896. This classic American cowboy town is full of historic memorabilia and is the gateway to the glorious Yellowstone National Park. Comfort Inn (2 nights)

Fri 24: Yellowstone National Park Touring - today we tour one of the marvels of the world, Yellowstone National Park. It houses over 10,000 hot springs and geysers, including Old Faithful, Mammoth Hot Springs and the rainbow coloured Grand Prismatic Spring. Filled with deep canyons, rocky peaks and alpine rivers, it's also home to a range of wildlife including bison, elk, wolf, moose and bear.

Sat 25: Yellowstone to Rapid City - we continue our journey heading 600km east through Wyoming and into South Dakota. Rapid City is known as the Gateway to 'The Black Hills' and 'The City of Presidents'. Before heading to Mt. Rushmore you might like to stroll down 'Presidential Walk' to see full-size statues of the American Presidents. Hotel Alex Johnson (3 nights)

Sun 16: Mt Rushmore Touring - into the Black Hills we go, where we visit the famous Mt. Rushmore National Monument, with its 60ft granite presidential faces. Here you can meet Presidents George Washington, Thomas Jefferson, Teddy Roosevelt and Abraham Lincoln!

Mon 27: Blackhills and Custer State Park - adventuring out of the city and back into the Black Hills, you'll notice this area is a very spiritual and sacred place for Native Americans. We travel south through the Black Hills and into Custer State Park. Wide open plains surround us as well as bison herds, fishing lakes and huge rock formations such as the Needle's Eye.

Tue 28: Rapid City to Cheyenne - we journey 465km south back into Wyoming to Cheyenne. Originally a small Wild West town, Cheyenne has kept true to its cowboy heritage, despite now being the state's capital! Plains Hotel (1 night)

Wed 29: Cheyenne to Snowmass via Rocky Mountain National Park - this morning we depart Wyoming and travel 460km south into Colorado. We journey through the spectacular Rocky Mountain National Park to the town of Snowmass. The village was settled by ranching families in the 1890s. Snowmass is surrounded by mountain peaks and lovely walking trails. Wildwood Inn and Suites(2 nights)



Thu 30: Aspen touring - today we have an opportunity to explore the heart of Colorado Rockies. In summer, the snow melts and a natural wonderland is revealed. Lush Aspen trees soar toward the sky, providing a canopy of green. Shadows dance between leaves, while sunlight sparkles on the surface of the Roaring Fork River.

Fri 31: Snowmass to Moab - we drive 360km to Moab, the gateway to the remarkable Arches and Canyonlands National Parks. The town is surrounded by some of the most stunning red rock landscapes on Earth. Moab has a unique combination of small town hospitality, beautiful scenery and the cool waters of the Colorado River. Archway Inn(3 nights)

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Sat 1 to Sun 2: Moab - Canyonlands and Arches - during our stay in Moab, we will take day tours to Canyonlands and Arches National Parks. Millions of years ago, the Colorado and Green Rivers cut winding paths deep into rock, creating a series of rocky canyons that form the heart of this stunning wilderness. We take scenic drives through the parks, where you'll see natural stone arches and amazing rock formations, which appear as though they have been shaped by an artist's hand.

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Mon 3: Moab to Mesa Verde National Park - today we journey 190km from Moab to the unique Mesa Verde National Park. Surrounded by wilderness, our lodging is right in the middle of park. Far View Lodge (3 nights)

Tue 4: Mesa Verde National Park Touring - we explore Mesa Verde, an incredible archaeological site which is now a UNESCO World Heritage Site. The park's fascinating features are the 600 cliff dwellings, which were built into the canyon walls and inhabited by Puebloan people. These range from small houses to the 150-room Cliff Palace.

Wed 5: Silverton and Durango Railway - this morning we head to the former mining town of Silverton, where we board the famous 3ft narrow gauge 'Silverton to Durango' heritage railroad. Durango is a charming historic model of life in the 1800s with its saloons, historic mansions and old-time hotels.

Thu 6: Mesa Verde to Grand Canyon via Monument Valley - we depart Colorado and drive 440km into Arizona, the home of the Grand Canyon. Along the way we view the famous and spectacular buttes and mesas of Monument Valley, quite a sight! These ancient rocks have been the backdrop for numerous movies and TV shows. Red Feather Lodge (2 nights)

Fri 7: Grand Canyon Touring - enjoy a day at leisure to explore one the world's most phenomenal natural wonders. The Grand Canyon is 350km long and ranges in width from 6km to 29km. The mighty Colorado River runs along the canyon floor, at some points the canyon is over a mile deep!

Sat 8: Grand Canyon to Bryce Canyon via Antelope Slot Canyon - in the morning we begin our 460km drive to Bryce Canyon. On the way we visit Antelope Slot Canyon, located on Navajo Land. An absolute feast for the eyes, this is one of the deepest and most photographed slot canyons in the world. We venture back into Utah and travel to Bryce Canyon National Park. BW Ruby's Inn (2 nights)

Sun 9: Bryce Canyon - there is really no place like this in the world. Today we set off on our picturesque drive through Bryce Canyon National Park. Despite its name, it's not actually a canyon; it's a series of deep amphitheatres and coloured rock formations and hoodoos. These natural sculptures are the trademark of the park and will truly amaze you!

Mon 10: Bryce Canyon to Zion National Park - today we head east through Utah travelling 135km into Zion National Park. You'll notice the scenery changing from the fairy chimneys and bright reds and oranges of Bryce Canyon, to the scatterings of green amongst the red and white peaks of Zion National Park. Truly stunning. Bumbleberry Inn Zion (2 nights)

Tue 11: Zion National Park Touring - Zion is often said to be the most beautiful place in America. At the heart of this park is Zion Canyon, which was carved by the Virgin River, running through the canyon. This spectacular corner of Utah is a masterpiece of towering cliffs, deep red canyons buttes and massive monoliths.

Wed 12: Zion Park to Las Vegas - on the last leg of our tour we drive southeast into the Nevada desert to Las Vegas. Famous for 'The Strip', the city's main street is lined with casinos and fancy hotels. NASA has named Las Vegas the brightest spot on Earth, with lights so bright can be seen from space! Las Vegas is commonly known as 'The Entertainment Capital of the World,' with some of the best shows on earth. The city's image has often made it a popular setting for films and television programs. Gold Nugget Hotel (1 night)

Thu 13: Las Vegas to San Francisco to In Flight - in the afternoon we transfer to the airport and board our flights back to Australia.

Fri 14: In Flight

Sat 15: In Flight to Australia

Cost Per Person (\$A twin share basis)

Land arrangements	\$10,985
Single room supplement (if applicable)	\$ 3,500

Tour Inclusions:

- ▲ Clean and comfortable accommodation
- ▲ Gratuities for local guides, porters and hotel staff
- ▲ Sightseeing tours and activities:
 - Salt Lake City
 - Grand Tetons National Park
 - Yellowstone National Park
 - Mt Rushmore
 - Blackhills and Custer State Park
 - Aspen
 - Rocky Mountain National Park
 - Canyonlands National Park
 - Arches National Park
 - Mesa Verde National Park
 - Monument Valley
 - Silverton and Durango Railway
 - Grand Canyon National Park
 - Antelope Slot Canyon
 - Bryce Canyon
 - Zion National Park

International Flights

Please contact us if you would like a quote for flights with Air New Zealand. If you would prefer to travel with an airline other than Air New Zealand, we can assist with reservations. You are also welcome to organise your own flights using frequent flyer points.

Group Size

This group tour is designed to operate with a minimum of 10 people through to maximum of 20 people. The group tour will be led by an experienced Australian based tour director in conjunction with knowledgeable local guides.

Gratuities

We have included the cost of gratuities for coach drivers, local guides, baggage handling, transfers and sightseeing tours in the price of the escorted group tours. You are responsible for gratuities on meals and extra touring arrangements not included in the itinerary. A gratuity of 10% to 15% is generally considered appropriate.

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	1ST PERSON	2ND PERSON
Title		
Surname		
Given name per passport		
Preferred name		
Street address		
Suburb/town and postcode		
Email		
Home phone		
Mobile phone		
Emergency contact person and number		
Frequent flyer number		
Travel insurance company		
Policy number		

Single Travellers (please circle): Happy to share Guaranteed single room

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