



VIRGINIA MUSEUM OF FINE ARTS

National Parks of the Southwest

April 25-May 4, 2021

10 days from \$3,795 total price land only



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Dear VMFA Members,

Join VMFA on an exclusive 10-day tour through the scenic Southwest. From the desert landscape of Arizona to the diverse, rugged terrains of Utah and Nevada, you'll experience breathtaking natural scenery at every turn.

Begin your journey in Phoenix, Arizona, with leisure time to explore the capital city as you wish. Head north to stunning Sedona and tour the Honanki Heritage Site, enjoying an off-road Pink Jeep excursion. Then, a highlight of the tour, the Grand Canyon! Learn about this famous natural landmark and UNESCO site on a guided tour, followed by free time to absorb the canyon's incredible, awe-inspiring beauty.

Next head to Page, Arizona, to visit Upper Antelope Canyon where, over thousands of years, wind and water wore away a narrow crevice in the rock to form a slot canyon. Starting at the base of imposing Glen Canyon Dam, float down the smooth waters of the Colorado River on a motorized rafting excursion. Depart for southern Utah to explore both stunning Bryce Canyon National Park and Zion National Park, where we take a guided hike through this diverse and gorgeous park. The tour ends with a celebratory final dinner and overnight in Las Vegas.

Space on this exciting program will fill quickly. Your deposit is fully refundable up until 95 days prior to departure. Book risk-free today!

Sincerely,

Hutch Livingston

Adele "Hutch" Livingston
Coordinator of Member Travel

VMFA RESERVATION FORM: NATIONAL PARKS OF THE SOUTHWEST

Enclosed is my/our deposit for \$_____ (\$500 per person) for _____ person(s) on **National Parks of the Southwest**, departing **April 25, 2021**. I/We understand the final payment is due at least 95 days prior to departure. Payment may be made by American Express, Discover, MasterCard, VISA, or by personal check. **Please make check payable to Odysseys Unlimited, Inc., and send, with completed reservation form, to: Odysseys Unlimited, Inc., Attn: Special Interest Groups, One Newton Place, 275 Washington Street, Suite 300, Newton, MA 02458. You may also call Odysseys Unlimited, Inc. toll-free at 888-370-6765.**

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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)

Please Note: The undersigned has read the schedule of activities for **National Parks of the Southwest, April 25-May 4, 2021**, and agrees that their signature below represents their acceptance of the General Terms and Conditions.

Signature(s) _____ Date _____

Method of Payment Check American Express Discover MasterCard VISA

Account # _____ Security Code _____ Exp. Date _____

Name of Cardholder _____

Signature _____

Final invoicing will be sent by our tour operator, Odysseys Unlimited, Inc. The balance of the program price must be paid to Odysseys Unlimited, Inc. Final payment is due at least 95 days prior to departure, and is payable by check or credit card.

National Parks of the Southwest

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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."



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/Sedona/Grand Canyon We leave Phoenix today, bound for 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, hikers, and mountain bikers. 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 exciting off-road excursion. Winding over dirt roads, we enjoy stunning panoramic views and learn about the region's cultural and geological history. We also visit the Honanki Heritage Site, a 700-year-old Sinaguan cliff dwelling. Then we continue on to the Grand Canyon and our nearby hotel, where we dine together tonight. *B,D*

Day 3: Grand Canyon It's a day to remember as we visit one of the country's most famous natural landmarks: the Grand Canyon. Considered a wonder of the natural world, this UNESCO site stretches nearly 300 miles through and 10 miles across the Arizona desert. We see truly 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 at leisure to appreciate the magnitude and beauty of the six-million-year-old canyon as we wish. After this bucket-list visit, we return to our hotel; dinner tonight is on our own. *B*

Day 4: Grand Canyon/Page/Antelope Canyon/Lake Powell Today we travel to Page, Arizona, gateway to the imposing Glen Canyon Dam and its

Avg. High (°F)	Apr	May
Tusayan (Grand Canyon)	61	72
Page (Lake Powell)	70	80
Springdale (Zion)	73	83

Small Group Tour Highlights

Spectacular Southwest scenery • Immersive experiences in three national parks • Open-air Jeep tour of Sedona's red-rock landscape • World-renowned Grand Canyon • Lake Powell stay • Motorized rafting excursion on Colorado River • "Flowing" rock walls of Antelope Canyon • Guided hikes in national parks • Natural hoodoo rock formations of Bryce Canyon NP • Zion NP's diverse landscapes and wildlife

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

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

Cover photo: We have ample time on our own to savor the grandeur of the Grand Canyon.



Cathedral Rock is a breathtaking site upon arrival to Sedona.

reservoir, Lake Powell. After reaching Page early this afternoon, we have lunch on our own then visit the sinuous – and spectacular – Upper Antelope Canyon. We travel onto Navajo land to reach this slot canyon, known to local tribes 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 then enjoy dinner together there tonight. *B,D*

Day 5: 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 hydro-electric power, irrigation, and municipal water supply to nearly 40 million people in the western U.S. Our adventure begins at the base of one of these structures: the 710-foot-high Glen Canyon Dam. The dam holds back man-made Lake Powell, the nation’s second largest artificial lake at 186 miles long and with nearly 2,000 miles of shoreline. As we drift downstream between soaring sand-stone cliffs on either side, we’re on the lookout for ancient Native American petroglyphs on the canyon walls, as well as local wildlife. 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 6: Bryce Canyon National Park Despite its name, Bryce isn’t truly a canyon at all, but a series of natural cliffs and amphitheatres carved into the 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 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 7: Bryce Canyon National Park/Zion National Park We depart this morning for Zion National Park, another celebrated Utah destination. We drive through Zion and on to our hotel, located in Springdale just a short distance from the park’s entrance and main visitor center. Upon arrival mid-day, we have lunch on our own then walk to Zion’s nearby visitor center, where we learn about this inimitable region, which 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 then have the evening free for dinner on our own. *B*

Day 8: Zion National Park We spend the day amid the wondrous natural world of Zion National Park, representing some 150 million years of geological history. Zion was originally a desert millions of years ago, but continuous winds blew one dune on top of another until the sands reached a height of more than 2,000 feet – and the red rock landscape we see today. 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



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– JOHN STEINBECK

show eons of sediment buildup; indeed, the rock formations here represent about 150 million years of geological history. We take a guided hike and have ample free time for exploration and lunch on our own. This evening we enjoy dinner together at our hotel. *B,D*

Day 9: Zion National Park/St. George/Las Vegas

En route to Las Vegas today, we stop in St. George, Utah. This town of 80,000 contains the winter home of Mormon leader Brigham Young, and sits in a unique geographical area 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 continuing on to Las Vegas, arriving late this afternoon. Tonight, we celebrate our Southwestern sojourn at a farewell dinner. *B,D*

Day 10: Depart Las Vegas This morning we transfer to the Las Vegas airport for our flights home. *B*



We explore sinuous Antelope Canyon on Day 4.



Beautiful Zion vista

Your Tour Price Includes

- Round-trip air transportation from listed cities (or may be purchased as land only)
- 9 nights’ accommodations in Deluxe, Superior First Class, and First Class hotels
- 17 meals: 9 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

Tour Departs: April 25, 2021

Prices include int'l airfare and all taxes, surcharges, and fees.

Land Only (transfers not included)	\$3,795
Denver, Los Angeles, Phoenix, Portland (OR), San Francisco	\$4,095
Chicago, Cincinnati, Dallas, Houston, Minneapolis, Seattle	\$4,195
Atlanta, Baltimore, Boston, Charlotte, Cleveland, Detroit, Miami, New York, Orlando, Philadelphia, Tampa, Washington, DC	\$4,295
Richmond	\$4,595

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 \$995. Your \$500 deposit is fully refundable up to 95 days prior to departure. All tour prices above (excluding airline taxes, surcharges, and fees) are guaranteed.

Please note: This trip involves considerable walking on uneven terrain in a natural environment. You should be in good physical condition to enjoy the tour to the fullest. While not severe, elevations at some hotel locations (Grand Canyon at 6,800 ft. and Bryce Canyon at 8,000 ft.) could pose problems for guests with certain health conditions. You should consult your personal physician if you have concerns.

For reservations and information, please call Odysseys Unlimited, Inc. toll-free at 888-370-6765

Monday–Friday, 9:00 AM–7:00 PM, Eastern Time

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Not Included in Tour Price: Airfare when purchasing a Land Only package; costs of passports and visas; personal expenses such as beverages, laundry, room service, and meals not specified; airport transfers when purchasing a Land Only package; communication charges; gratuities to your Odysseys Unlimited Tour Director, which are at your discretion (suggested gratuities: \$10-\$15 per traveler, per day); optional sightseeing; and travel protection insurance. Additional baggage fees may apply and are subject to change at any time. You should confirm directly with your airline(s) prior to departure.

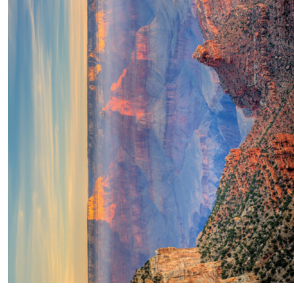
Cancellations, Refunds, and Changes: If you must cancel your trip, the effective date of cancellation will be upon Odysseys Unlimited, Inc.'s receipt of your notification. Refunds for cancellations are subject to the following per person charges: **cancel 95 days or more before departure: full refund; cancel 94-65 days before departure: 25% of tour price; cancel 64-45 days before departure: 50% of tour price; cancel 44-30 days before departure: 75% of tour price; cancel 29-0 days before departure: no refund.** If you make any changes to your reservation from 94 to 30 days prior to departure, Odysseys Unlimited, Inc. will apply a \$100 per person administrative fee, in addition to any fees or penalties imposed by third parties. Changes are subject to availability and cannot be guaranteed. If your reservation changes from double occupancy to single occupancy for any reason, you will be charged the single supplement. **No changes are allowed within 30 days of departure. Upon reservation, you must provide your full legal name as it appears on your passport, as well as your date of birth and gender. In the event an airline ticket is issued with incorrect information you have provided, you will be responsible for charges associated with the ticket's reissue.**

Responsibility: The liability of VMFA, as sponsor, and Odysseys Unlimited, Inc., as tour operator, is strictly limited. Odysseys Unlimited, Inc. purchases transportation, hotel accommodations, and restaurant and other services from independent suppliers not under our control. We serve only as agents 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, or of their employees, agents, servants, or representatives. VMFA and Odysseys Unlimited, Inc. are not liable for injury, damage, loss, accident, or delay that may be caused by events not within our 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 lines, 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.

Health and Medical Issues: We request that you be in good health to participate in this Odysseys Unlimited, Inc. tour. There is a considerable amount of walking, and you must be able to get on and off motorcoaches and rafts on your own. We regret that we cannot offer individual assistance, in such cases you must be accompanied by a companion who will assist you. Please note that many of our tour itineraries, for reasons beyond our control, do not accommodate wheelchairs. Please call or e-mail us to inquire and we will do our best to answer any questions you may have. We reserve the right to remove anyone whose physical or mental condition, in our opinion, compromises the operation of the tour or detracts from the enjoyment or safety of the other passengers. In that event, VMFA and Odysseys Unlimited, Inc. assume no financial responsibility for any unused portion of the tour.

Air Transportation - Important Information: Odysseys Unlimited, Inc. includes in its tour price round-trip economy air from designated gateway cities as shown, and contracts with those airlines the company feels provide the level of service, routings, and value necessary for your entire trip. While another airline may offer a more direct connection, it may be at a price unavailable at the lower group rates. You will receive your preliminary air schedule approximately 2½ months prior to departure. **Please note that seat assignment on your international flight is usually done at airport check-in. Odysseys Unlimited, Inc. is unable to guarantee any seat assignments.** Due to the nature of tour operator tickets, other restrictions apply, including, but not limited to, frequent flyer mileage accrual, stopovers, alternate travel dates, upgrades, and airline taxes and fees. If you prefer to make your own travel arrangements, Land Only is available on most tours. **Since international and domestic air schedules are subject to change at any time, we recommend that if you choose to make your own airline reservations, you do not purchase non-refundable tickets or those with high penalties for changes. If you choose to make your own air arrangements, Odysseys Unlimited, Inc. shall not have any liability for any loss resulting from cancellation of this tour or changes in this tour.**

COVID-19 Health and Safety Protocols: *The well-being of our guests and staff members on tour will continue to be our highest priorities. To maintain a healthy environment for travel, we will be establishing and adhering to a detailed set of health and safety protocols for all facets of your tour. We are committed to following the guidelines of the State Department, CDC, WHO, and authorities of respective countries regarding travel to a particular destination. Detailed protocols for this tour, based on conditions at the time, will be provided approximately 90 days prior to departure.*



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