



Coach Ron Gunn's
Cairn Stone Adventure Tours
Grand Canyon VIII 2011

FINAL

2011 Best of the West Travel Itinerary

9-7-11

DAY 1

SATURDAY, September 24, 2011

- 5:30AM Bus available for loading [**IMPORTANT: Everyone must be on time.**]
5:45AM Leave from **SMC – Niles Campus** parking to O'Hare Airport – *the fun begins!*
7:15 AM Arrive Chicago O'Hare
10:04 AM Leave Chicago O'Hare via United flight **UA725**
11:45 AM Arrive Phoenix Sky Harbor Airport. Meet Jerry with the **Mesquite Bus**.
12:45 PM Lunch at Inn-N-Out Burger in Carefree, AZ.
4:00 PM Arrive in [Sedona](#), Arizona for hike at [Bell Rock](#), and Courthouse Butte.
7:00 PM Arrive at lodging: [La Quinta Inn](#), 2015 South Buelah Blvd., Flagstaff, AZ 928.556.8666

DAY 2

SUNDAY, September 25, 2011

- 6:00 AM Breakfast bar begins
9:30 AM Load bus and leave for South Rim
11:00 AM Arrive at the South Rim of the Grand Canyon, and eat lunch, sight see and shop.
2:00 PM Meet on Canyon side of the Bright Angel Lodge for short orientation and hike to Trailview Point.
3:00 PM Meet at the bus in front of the Bright Angel Lodge for short ride to our lodging at the [Red Feather Lodge](#), Tusayan, Grand Canyon, AZ.
4:30 PM Bus leaves for Grand Canyon village for those who wish to shop and explore. Plan to stay there until the 6:30 banquet.
6:00 PM Bus leaves hotel for the pasta banquet at Yavapai Lodge, Canyon Village for those who did not go at 4:30.
6:30 PM Team Pasta Banquet at the [Yavapai Lodge](#). Bus to our lodging after banquet.

DAY 3

MONDAY, September 26, 2011

RIM TO RIVER TO RIM HIKERS

- 4:30 AM Bus leaves hotel for the Backcountry Office for 5:05 AM Hikers Express Shuttle to South Kaibab trailhead. [[South Rim & Trail Orientation Map](#)]

ALL OTHER HIKERS

- 8:00 AM Bus leaves hotel for Grand Canyon village.

SHUTTLE BUS FROM BRIGHT ANGEL LODGE TO OUR HOTEL

- 3:00 PM 4:00 PM 5:00 PM 6:00 PM 7:00 PM (Plus if needed)
4:00 PM – 7:00 PM **OPTIONAL:** Greet the triumphant below rim finishers on the Canyon side of the Bright Angel Lodge or at the trail head by the [Kolb Studio](#)
Rim to River to Rim hike finishers may want to gather to recharge and celebrate in the Bright Angel dining room with a meal and a cold drink before shuttling back to our hotel.



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DAY 4

TUESDAY, September 27, 2011

SOUTH TO NORTH RIM HIKERS

4:30 AM Bus leaves hotel for Grand Canyon Village to the Backcountry Office to catch the 5:05 AM Hikers Express Shuttle.

THE REST OF THE TEAM

8:30 AM Checkout and load bus to Grand Canyon Village for breakfast and shopping.

10:30 AM Load the bus in front of Bright Angel Lodge and leave for the North Rim.

4:00 PM ETA for bus arrival at [North Rim](#) lodging: Pioneer Cabins, N. Rim Village, AZ

5:00 PM Meet at the fireplace of the Grand Canyon Lodge for hikes to Bright Angel Point and the Transcept Trail (.5 to 4 miles). Later we will congratulate the South to North Rim hikers! (Allow 1.5hrs for the 4 mile hike when making dinner reservations)

5 – 9:00 PM **OPTIONAL:** Make your reservations for an unforgettable dinner in the [Grand Canyon Lodge dining room](#) overlooking the Canyon (Call ahead **928.638.2611**)

DAY 5

WEDNESDAY, September 28, 2011

8:00 AM Load bus for hikes on either the Widforss Trail (4.0 miles) or Uncle Jim's Trail (5.0 miles). Another option is from the North Rim Lodge to hike the Transcept Trail (4.0 miles).

11:00 AM Check out of the cabins and load bus.

11:15 AM Leave for Bryce Canyon Lodge.

2:00 PM Lunch stop in [Kanab](#), Utah. (Or team option: Lunch at North Rim)

5:15 PM ETA at lodging: [Bryce Canyon Lodge](#), Bryce Canyon, UT [NOTE: Move time ahead 1 hour for Utah.]

DAY 6

THURSDAY, September 29, 2011

8:00 AM Bus leaves for the *Fairyland Trail Hike (6.0 miles) *This hike is for vets who have already done the main Bryce Canyon trails..

8:30 AM Meet in the lodge lobby for the main [Bryce Canyon](#) hikes (1.6 – 4.8 miles).

11:00 AM Check out of lodge and load bus.

11:15 AM Lunch on your own at [Bryce Canyon Lodge](#) or General Store.

12:45 PM Leave from Bryce Lodge for Springdale, UT and Zion National Park.

2:45 PM Arrive at Zion National Park Visitor Center for park passes, Backcountry permits and our team photo.

3:45 PM Check in at lodging: [Majestic View Lodge](#), 2400 Zion Park Blvd., Springdale, UT 84767 435.772.0665 [In-Room Wireless Internet and Washer & Dryers available on every floor]



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DAY 7 **FRIDAY**, September 30, 2011

- 6:25 AM** Catch Zion Adventure Co. shuttle in front of our hotel for the optional **West Rim Trail** hike (10 miles)
- 8:55 AM** Catch Zion Adventure Co. shuttle in front of our hotel for the optional **East Rim Trail** hike (10 miles).

All Top to Bottom River Narrows Hikers will have to go to the Zion Adventure Company for orientation and equipment rental sometime during the day. [You may want to rent the *dry pants*.]
All Up and Back River Hikers can go to the Zion Adventure Company for orientation and equipment rental anytime during the day. However, if you go early you can hike same day. Get your equipment then shuttle to the Riverwalk in the Park to hike as far as you want up and back. The river is cooling and the Narrows provides shade to offset the heat.
The remainder of the group has the entire day to enjoy a smorgasbord of activities in Zion National Park and Springdale; hike, bike, horseback ride, shop, relax by the pool, etc.

DAY 8 **SATURDAY**, October 1, 2011

TOP TO BOTTOM 16 MILE RIVER NARROWS HIKERS

- 6:25 AM** Catch the Springdale shuttle bus to Zion Adventure Company to catch the shuttle van to the trail head at Chamberlain Ranch (about a 75 minute drive)
- 8:55 AM** Catch Springdale shuttle in front of our hotel for the optional **East Rim Trail hike** (10 miles).

NOTE: **Up and Back River Narrows hikers** should take shuttles to the Riverwalk.
The remainder of the group will have all day to enjoy Zion Park, Springdale and the Majestic View Lodge pool and jacuzzi.

DAY 9 **SUNDAY**, October 2, 2011

- 8:30 AM** Checkout and load bus for trip to Las Vegas.
- 9:00 AM** Rest stop in Mesquite, Nevada (home of #1 Mesquite Bus Co.).
- 11:45 AM** Arrive at McCarran Airport – Las Vegas (may stop for lunch before airport).
- 2:42 PM** Depart McCarran on United flight **UA640**
- 8:15 PM** Arrive at Chicago O'Hare.
- 11:45 PM** ETA at SMC – Niles Campus.

Park Maps: [South Rim Canyon Village Map](#), (All notes) [Canyon Village Map](#), (note 1 & 2)
[South Rim Shuttle Map](#) (All notes) [Grand Canyon Area Map](#), (All notes)

Printing: **Note 1:** Print in landscape (wide view). **Note 2:** Print on legal size paper for full size park maps.
Note 3: Save and view this pdf file on your computer screen. View at 125% for better detail.
[Grand Canyon Orientation & Trail Map](#) (view online)– Lodges and Trails at the South Rim – includes meeting locations, hotels, points of interest and trail stops on Bright Angel and South & North Kaibab trails.

[EXAMPLE]

TIME ZONES:

EDT (Eastern Daylight Time) time in Michigan & Indiana	EDT [5:00PM]
CDT (Central Daylight Time) time in Illinois	EDT – 1HR [4:00PM]
MDT (Mountain Daylight Time) time in Utah	EDT – 2HRS [3:00PM]
MST (Mountain Standard Time) time in Arizona	EDT – 3HRS [2:00PM]
PST (Pacific Daylight Time) time in Nevada	EDT – 3HRS [2:00PM]