

NPCATRAVEL



THE TRAVEL PROGRAM OF THE NATIONAL PARKS CONSERVATION ASSOCIATION

OCTOBER 4-12, 2025

Utah's Mighty Five *and Beyond*

VISIT

SEVEN NATIONAL PARK UNITS

EXPLORE

EXTRAORDINARY GEOLOGY
AND DRAMATIC ROCK
FORMATIONS

CONNECT

WITH THE REGION'S
INDIGENOUS CULTURE AND
HISTORY

Grand View Point in Canyonlands National Park, UT

PARK HIGHLIGHTS

- Hike to the breathtaking **Scout Lookout** in **Zion National Park**, home to some of the most botanically diverse mountains in the United States
- Explore the spectacular hoodoos of **Bryce Canyon National Park**
- Take in the rich cultural history and geological wonders of **Capitol Reef National Park**, the least visited of **Utah's Mighty Five**
- Enjoy a spectacular sunset hike at **Grandview Point** in **Canyonlands National Park**

NPCA EXCLUSIVES

- Take part in a **one-of-a-kind trip**, custom designed with NPCA's mission, work and partners at its heart
- Engage in meaningful conversations with **NPCA staff and partners** along with **local experts** to learn about the decades of work behind park protection in **Southeast Utah**
- Gain a **behind-the-scenes perspective** on the challenges **Zion National Park** faces from increased visitation and climate change
- Spend two days with local **Navajo (Diné) guides** exploring the remote cultural landscape of **Bears Ears National Monument** and **Monument Valley**
- Embark on a **guided tour** through **Antelope Canyon**, one of the most famous slot canyons in the world



FEATURED STAFF HOST BIO: CORY MACNULTY

Cory MacNulty is NPCA's Campaign Director for the Southwest Region. In this capacity, she leads strategy for protecting the region's scenic views, air and water quality, natural quiet, dark night skies and visitor experiences, with emphasis on the thirteen national park units in Utah.

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Utah's Mighty Five and Beyond

AVAILABLE DATES: October 4-12, 2025 | **Min/Max:** 10/11

Length of Tour: 9 days/8 nights

NPCA Member Price: \$6,570 per person double occupancy; \$8,120 single occupancy

Deposit: Nonrefundable \$250 per person due at registration

Arrive/Depart: St. George, Utah

Reservations: Please contact NPCA's National Parks Experiences Program at 1.800.628.7275 or email travel@npca.org.

Activity Level: Travelers should be prepared for full-day adventures involving hiking, walking, standing, and some travel by vehicle. This tour includes various hikes, some of which are moderately challenging due to the terrain and elevation changes. Hikes will typically be between one and four miles in length, with our longest hike being 4.2 miles. Elevation gains can be significant, with the most challenging hike including a 1,000-foot ascent. Most hikes take place at higher altitudes, with Bryce Canyon situated at 8,000 feet above sea level. We highly recommend travelers bring hiking poles for additional support. All hikes are optional, and wherever possible, your guides will provide alternative options for shorter or less demanding routes. Hikes, walks, and vehicle transportation may be on rough terrain and can take multiple hours. This trip also includes opportunities for more relaxed activities such as ranger talks and scenic viewpoints, ensuring a balance of adventure and leisure. Any physical conditions requiring special attention, diet, or treatment should be reported when booking to determine what accommodations can be made.

Inclusions: All outlined accommodations, meals as noted in the itinerary (B-breakfast, L-lunch, D-dinner), non-alcoholic beverages (one alcoholic beverage *will* be included for the welcome dinner and farewell dinner), all transportation as noted, standard gratuities, and entry fees for activities listed in the itinerary.

Exclusions: Airfare to arrival location and from departure location, luggage charges, meals not included in the itinerary, alcoholic drinks (one alcoholic beverage *will* be included for the welcome dinner and farewell dinner), travel insurance, items of a purely personal nature and any items not listed in inclusions.

ACTIVITY LEVEL

Moderate to Active



Uncover the rugged beauty and rich Indigenous history of Utah – a vast state with some of the country's most famous national parks. On this nine-day national parks highlights trip, you'll experience Utah's famous "Mighty Five" national parks – Zion, Bryce Canyon, Capitol Reef, Arches and Canyonlands – along with the lesser known but equally stunning Bears Ears National Monument and Glen Canyon

National Recreation Area. An expert guide and NPCA staff host will lead you on this special adventure that offers exclusive access to natural wonders, cultural heritage and conservation efforts. Throughout the trip, your knowledgeable staff host will highlight the instrumental role NPCA plays in protecting the cultural landscapes of the Southwest, ensuring these places of rich history are preserved and respected for years to come.

ITINERARY

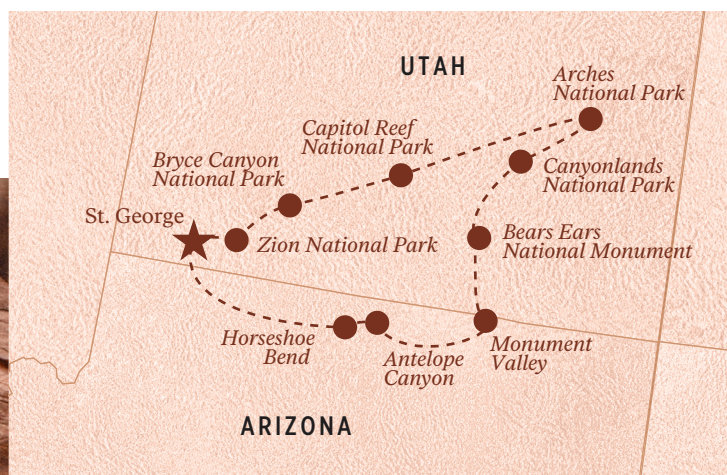
DAY 1 OCTOBER 4: St. George to Springdale

Welcome to St. George, Utah! Your trip starts at 3 p.m. at the Best Western Coral Hills with a welcome meeting where you'll meet your trip leader, NPCA staff host and fellow NPCA travelers. After running through some trip details, we'll head off to Springdale – gateway to **Zion National Park**. Once we've settled into our hotel, we'll enjoy a welcome dinner to kick off our adventure. [Driftwood Lodge \(D\)](#)

Please note: Transportation from the regional airport in St. George to the welcome meeting is not provided. Alternatively, if you decide to fly into Las Vegas, NV, our tour partner can recommend a shuttle service for an additional cost.

DAY 2 OCTOBER 5: Zion National Park – Riverside Walk Trail

We'll be up bright and early this morning to enjoy our first full day in **Zion National Park**. After breakfast, we'll head to the entrance of the famous **Virgin River Narrows**. Our hike begins with a stroll down the paved **River Walk Trail**, buttressed by water on our left and a 3,000-foot cliff face on the right. After walking along hanging gardens and under the dappled shade of cottonwoods, the sidewalk ends and we'll reach the entrance to the **Virgin River** and beginning of the **Narrows**. This is our turnaround point, and we'll get a few photos of the Narrows' beauty before heading back. This afternoon, we'll spend some time in the **visitor center** and meet with a park ranger for a special talk. We'll learn about the numerous challenges Zion National Park faces, including increased visitation and climate change impacts, and how NPCA's advocacy and conservation efforts aim to ensure that park's unique ecosystems and landscapes are protected. Tonight, we'll enjoy dinner at a local restaurant in Springdale. [Driftwood Lodge \(B, L, D\)](#)



Virgin River in Zion National Park, UT

DAY 3 OCTOBER 6: Zion National Park – Scout Lookout

After breakfast, we will head out early for another, longer hike in **Zion National Park**. This is one of Zion's most iconic walks – the famous half-day Angel's Landing hike up to **Scout Lookout**. The stunning views of Zion Canyon's 270-million-year-old rock layers will take you back in time to the Triassic period when this section of the Colorado Plateau was just a flat basin at sea level. This is a steep hike, but we will take plenty of breaks. Later this afternoon, we'll head to **Bryce Canyon** and check in to our national park accommodation for the next two nights. [Bryce Canyon Lodge \(B, L, D\)](#)

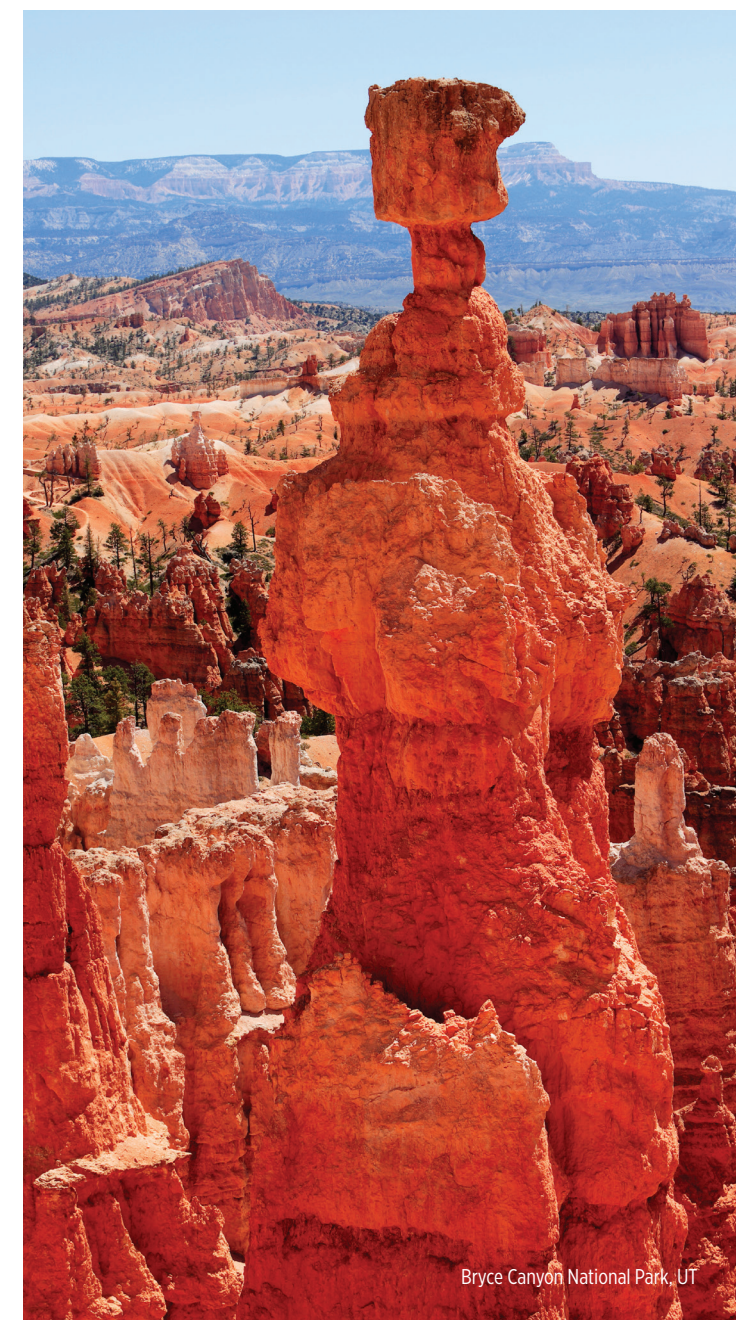
DAY 4 OCTOBER 7: Bryce Canyon – Queen's Garden & Navajo Trail Loop

After breakfast this morning, we'll take in views of the expansive **Bryce Amphitheatre** – a hoodoo-filled depression below the Rim Trail hiking path. It overlooks Sunrise Point, Sunset Point, Inspiration Point and Bryce Point. Then, we'll begin our hike on the iconic **Queen's Garden and Navajo Loop Trail**, which begins and ends at **Sunset Point**. Traveling by switchbacks between narrow walls of colorful limestone with views of towering Douglas-fir trees, this trail takes you to the park's most famous hoodoo – **Thor's Hammer**. This trail has two sides, **Two Bridges** and **Wall Street**, which offer unique scenery on the trip out and back. After our hike, we'll stop at the **visitor center** before grabbing an early dinner. Tonight, we'll end our day by watching the sunset over **Bryce Canyon** and learning about NPCA's instrumental role in protecting the park's air quality and night skies, ensuring visitors can enjoy the park's stunning views and celestial displays. [Bryce Canyon Lodge \(B, L, D\)](#)

DAY 5 OCTOBER 8: Capitol Reef - Hickman Bridge

After breakfast today, we'll hit the road for **Moab**. On the way, we'll stop in **Capitol Reef National Park** to hike to the impressive **Hickman Bridge** – a natural sandstone bridge spanning 133 feet. We'll enjoy high desert views along the way and ascend

through a sandstone side canyon before emerging under the bridge. Along with incredible views of the vast rock formations, we'll keep an eye out for rare desert plants and wildlife along the trail and learn about NPCA's efforts to protect the park's exquisite cultural and natural resources. Tonight, we'll arrive in **Moab** and settle into our hotel before enjoying another group dinner. [Hampton Inn Moab \(B, L, D\)](#)



Bryce Canyon National Park, UT

DAY 6 **OCTOBER 9: Moab - Arches and Canyonlands**

Today we'll head to **Arches National Park** – home to more than 2,000 natural stone arches, rock formations and giant balancing rocks. We'll enjoy some short hikes to **Landscape, Double O Arch, North/South Windows** and **Double Arch**. Along the way, we'll stop for a picnic lunch and take in the landscape. This afternoon, you can enjoy some free time in town or relax and rest before tonight's excursion to **Canyonlands National Park**. Be sure to fill up on an early dinner on your own before we head out on a sunset hike in the **Island in the Sky** section of the park. Resting on sheer sandstone cliffs, the **Grandview Point Overlook** offers spectacular, sweeping views. As the sun sets, we'll discuss NPCA's work to safeguard Arches and Canyonlands from threats such as oil and gas development, ensuring these landscapes remain unspoiled for current and future generations. *[Hampton Inn Moab \(B, L\)](#)*

DAY 7 **OCTOBER 10: Bears Ears National Monument**

Today we will travel south to **Bluff**, stopping for a very special experience along the way – a guided walk with an expert **Navajo (Diné) guide**. Together, we will explore the beauty of **Butler Wash**, filled with abundant native plants, animals, otherworldly geologic features and archeological sites, such as cliff dwellings. Here, we'll learn some of the fascinating Indigenous stories and history of the area. At tonight's group dinner, a **special guest** will join us to discuss NPCA's key role in advocating for the designation and protection of **Bears Ears National Monument**, preserving its rich cultural and natural heritage. *[Desert Rose Inn \(B, L, D\)](#)*

DAY 8 **OCTOBER 11: Monument Valley**

This morning after breakfast, we head to **Monument Valley**, where a **Navajo (Diné) leader** – one of the Keepers of Monument Valley – will introduce the area and lead a hike to a section of the park that is off the beaten path. As you take in the beauty of Monument Valley's towering spires and buttes, learn about the history and culture of the Navajo and Ancestral Puebloans (the Ancient Ones) whose descendants make up several Indigenous Tribes in the area. For lunch, we'll enjoy a group picnic and celebrate our adventure with a **Closing Dinner** at **Grand Canyon Brewery**. *[Best Western Plus View of Lake Powell \(B, L, D\)](#)*

DAY 9 **OCTOBER 12: Horseshoe Bend and Antelope Canyon**

Today after breakfast, we'll head back to **St. George**. But first, we'll visit **Antelope Canyon** for a guided tour of one of the most famous slot canyons in the world. Then we'll top off our adventure with one last hike to **Horseshoe Bend** in the **Glen Canyon National Recreation Area**. This horseshoe-shaped, incised meander of the **Colorado River** is the perfect place to wrap up our trip and take some spectacular photos. Afterwards, we'll drive back to St. George, Utah where we'll say our goodbyes until your next NPCA adventure. *[\(B, L\)](#)*

Accommodations and activities are subject to change at any time due to unforeseen circumstances or circumstances beyond NPCA's control.



Colorado River at Horseshoe Bend, AZ



Monarch Cave Cliff Dwelling in Bears Ears National Monument, UT

Travel Insurance: NPCA strongly recommends the purchase of trip cancellation insurance. Information on a recommended comprehensive travel insurance coverage plan will be provided. However, travelers may purchase any travel insurance of their choosing provided it meets any applicable tour operator minimum requirements. NPCA's tour operator partners may require travel insurance for certain trips as a condition of participation; all travelers must adhere to any such requirements. Should you need assistance, NPCA recommends contacting Travel Insurance Services through USI Affinity at 1-800-937-1387 or at <http://my.travelinsure.com/npc>.

Traveler Responsibility: Travelers are responsible for selecting an NPCA trip consistent with their ability, fitness and overall health. Before joining a trip, all travelers must commit to adhering to the tour operator's Terms and Conditions; completing and submitting all required documentation provided by the tour operator; conducting themselves safely and appropriately; following instructions from the tour operator and NPCA staff; and adhering to the laws of the destination(s) visited on the trip. Additionally, travelers are expected to familiarize themselves with all pre-departure materials and ensure appropriate clothing and gear for the journey. Travelers should report any conditions or limitations requiring special attention, diet or treatment to the tour operator when booking to determine what accommodations can be made.

Trip Cancellation Policy: Written cancellations must be received by Intrepid's sales office for a cancellation to be valid. Intrepid strongly recommends the purchase of travel insurance.

Cancellation charges will be as follows:

121+ days prior to departure	June 6, 2025	119-0 days prior to departure
Deposit is nonrefundable	Final payment is due	No refund

TRAVEL SAFELY WITH NPCA

NPCA is committed to ensuring the well-being and safety of our travelers. NPCA's tour operator partners institute emergency policies and procedures and any specific measures, such as health screenings, as necessary and appropriate, for each trip departure.



Why Travel with NPCA?

Our goal is to offer premium itineraries in educational travel in the places we know best: America's national parks.

NPCA has worked for over 100 years to protect places of unparalleled natural wonder, historical significance and cultural value. Now we want you to experience them firsthand. Our curated itineraries are crafted to showcase the very best of our national parks and NPCA's collaborative endeavors to protect them. Join us for an unforgettable adventure.

EXPERTISE

Embark on extraordinary adventures with our knowledgeable staff who represent a wide and diverse range of backgrounds. With expertise spanning environmental conservation, cultural heritage, wildlife biology and more, NPCA staff bring a wealth of experience to each journey. Delve into engaging discussions and gain unique insight into the issues that shape our parks, including land preservation, wildlife protection, climate change and Indigenous perspectives.

STEWARDSHIP

When you choose to travel with NPCA, you're not just embarking on an incredible journey — you're making a meaningful impact. We are proud to share that a portion of every trip's fees directly supports NPCA's vital work. Your choice to travel with us helps protect and preserve our national parks for generations to come.

CONNECTIONS

Our curated itineraries offer more than just sightseeing. With NPCA, you'll delve into the cultural and natural history of each destination, guided by passionate experts who bring these stories to life. Engage with park rangers, NPCA partners and local community members as they share their invaluable insights into the challenges and triumphs of park preservation. Leave with a deeper understanding of the critical role we all play in the future of our parks.

RESPONSIBILITY

Embracing the principles of responsible travel, NPCA prioritizes minimizing our environmental footprint while maximizing our contributions to local communities. Partnering with like-minded tour operators, we source locally whenever possible, abide by Leave No Trace principles, and emphasize wildlife protection, responsible waste management and the respect of local cultures.

SMALL GROUPS

Escape the crowds and embrace the advantages of small-group travel, where personal connections and tailored experiences take center stage. The intimate size of our trips enables you to forge meaningful connections with like-minded travelers and readily engage with trip staff, partners and guides. Recognizing that each traveler is unique, our small group sizes also allow us to provide personalized attention and accommodate individual needs and interests.

Antelope Canyon, AZ

NPCA is the only independent, nonpartisan organization dedicated to advocacy on behalf of the National Park System. Over 70% of our funding comes from donations from individuals like you. NPCA trips are an exclusive NPCA member benefit. One traveler per group must be an active NPCA member to participate in an NPCA trip. An annual membership starts at \$15 per person. Please make dues payable to NPCA by check or credit card at npca.org