Southwest
NATIONAL PARKS

A Discovery of America's Natural Wonders

MAY 31 - JUNE 8, 2023
with Professor
of Natural Science Emeritus
Markes Johnson

100% REFUND GUARANTEE
See reservation panel for details.
Dear Alumni, Parents, and Friends:

Join fellow Ephs and friends on a journey to the exceptional 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 storytellers, 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 Bryce Canyon and Zion National Parks—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.

PLUS: Kick off your adventure in the Southwest by joining the optional pre-tour, Denver to Moab aboard the Rocky Mountaineer. Enjoy nature’s wondrous scenery in comfort and style during two days of rail travel in premium SilverLeaf class. After arriving in Moab, delight in guided touring at Arches National Park and Canyonlands National Park for two additional areas to explore.

Space is limited. With significant savings of more than $1,000 per couple, we anticipate this tour will fill quickly, so be certain to reserve your spot today.

Please reserve online at williams.orbridge.com, by calling (866) 639-0079 or by returning the enclosed reservation form.

Sincerely,

Leila Derstine
Director of Intellectual Engagement
Williams College Alumni Relations
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Please review the Williams College participation agreement information here: https://bit.ly/WilliamsAlumTravel-Agreement

As we embark on this new world of group travel, the health and well-being of our guests, our team, and the communities we visit remain our top priority. For a detailed listing of the enhanced safety measures and hygiene protocols specific to our tours, please visit orbridge.com/wellness.

Orbridge takes seriously the responsibility to minimize our global environmental impact. Each year we plant 100,000 trees in U.S. State Forests with afforestation needs as an ongoing initiative among our evolving sustainability efforts. Learn more at orbridge.com/going-green.
Your 9-Day Itinerary (subject to change)

Day 1: Arrive in Phoenix, AZ / Scottsdale (R)
Leisure time, welcome reception
Overnight: Scottsdale Marriott at McDowell Mountains

Day 2: Scottsdale / Sedona / Grand Canyon National Park (B,D)
Brief stop in Sedona, Grand Canyon rim, ranger-led walk
Overnight: Maswik Lodge

Day 3: Grand Canyon National Park (B)
Park touring, optional helicopter flightseeing
Overnight: Maswik Lodge

Day 4: Grand Canyon National Park / Monument Valley, UT (B,D)
Navajo National Monument, Navajo cookout and storytelling
Overnight: Goulding's Lodge

Day 5: Monument Valley / Lake Powell, AZ (B,L,D)
4x4 Monument Valley excursion, Antelope Canyon tour, leisure time
Overnight: Lake Powell Resort

Day 6: Lake Powell / Bryce Canyon National Park, UT (B)
Glen Canyon float trip, park exploration
Overnight: Ruby's Inn at Bryce Canyon

Day 7: Bryce Canyon National Park / Zion National Park (B,D)
Zion park trails and exploration
Overnight: Zion Park Lodge

Day 8: Zion National Park / Las Vegas, NV (B,R)
Morning hike, leisure time in Las Vegas, farewell reception
Overnight: The Westin Las Vegas Hotel & Spa

Day 9: Depart Las Vegas (B)

(B = Breakfast, L = Lunch, D = Dinner, R = Reception)

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.
Uncover

- Explore the Southwest’s natural wonders with a knowledgeable Orbridge Expedition Leader.
- Spend additional time in Grand Canyon National Park or choose to join an optional helicopter flightseeing excursion over the Grand Canyon (additional fee).
- Discover the sunbaked natural structures and sacred lands of Monument Valley.
- Witness the towering red rock cliffs lining the Colorado River during a rafting excursion in Glen Canyon.
- Behold the radiant colors and fluid-like patterns inside the walls of Antelope Canyon.
- Observe the monolithic hoodoos in Bryce Canyon National Park.

Engage

- Visit a traditional Navajo hogan, and set out on a four-wheel drive tour through Monument Valley.
- Follow the paths of Ancestral Puebloans and pioneers at Zion National Park.

Repose

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

Your Expedition Leader:

The company and keen eyes of an expert Orbridge Expedition Leader will make all the difference in your educational experience. Enriched by their wealth of expertise, you’ll bring home a deeper understanding of the flora, fauna, natural history, and cultural narrative of the diverse parks of the American Southwest.

What’s Included

- 8 nights accommodations
- A welcome and farewell reception, 8 breakfasts, 1 lunch, and 4 dinners
- Full guiding services of an Orbridge Expedition Leader as well as expert local guides
- Admission and park fees throughout
- All activities as described in the 9-day itinerary, unless noted otherwise
- Private deluxe motor coach with air conditioning and comfortable seating
- Luggage porterage
- Gratuities to Orbridge Expedition Leader, local guides, drivers, and porters
- Airport transfers for guests arriving and departing during the suggested times
Accommodations (subject to change)

SCOTTSDALE MARRIOTT AT MCDOWELL MOUNTAINS
Delight in the well-appointed comforts of this modern hotel, featuring breathtaking mountain views. Cool off in the outdoor pool, take advantage of the fitness center, or relax outside on the picturesque patio.

MASWIK LODGE
Nestled within the ponderosa pine forest, Maswik Lodge is a short walk to the canyon’s edge. Enjoy contemporary rooms and access to the main lodge.

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.

LAKE POWELL RESORT
Located in Page, Arizona, the Lake Powell Resort offers comfortable lodging and first-rate dining. The property’s lake view rooms with Native American flair are an ideal retreat after a day full of adventurous fun. Sit back and take in views of Wahweap Bay, Lone Rock, Castle Rock, and breathtaking sunsets.

RUBY’S INN AT BRYCE CANYON
Ruby’s Inn at Bryce Canyon has been serving guests since 1916. The closest lodging to Bryce Canyon National Park in Utah, it is in an ideal location to base exploration of a beautiful area. An indoor swimming pool, business center, and gym are available, as well as a large gift shop and general store.

ZION PARK LODGE
The only in-park lodging at Zion National Park, the Zion Park Lodge is serenely nestled among towering red rock cliffs. Each guest room provides a warm, comfortable atmosphere, ensuring a memorable stay.

THE WESTIN LAS VEGAS HOTEL & SPA
Welcome to the City of Lights! This stylish hotel—just off the Las Vegas Strip—features a 100% non-smoking environment, modern guest rooms, outdoor heated pool, fitness studio, lobby lounge, and 24-hour bistro.
What’s Included

• 1 night accommodations at The Oxford Hotel (or similar) in Denver
• 1 night accommodations in Glenwood Springs (hotel determined by Rocky Mountaineer)
• 2 nights at Red Cliffs Lodge (or similar)
• 4 breakfasts and 1 lunch
• Rocky Mountaineer rail transport with SilverLeaf or SilverLeaf Plus Service
• Guiding services of a local guide
• Admission to Arches, and Canyonlands National Parks, included guided touring
• Private transportation for included park activities
• Gratuities to Rocky Mountaineer staff, local guides, drivers, and porters
• Internal airfare from Grand Junction to Phoenix
• Airport transfers for guests arriving during the suggested times

Pre-Tour Itinerary (subject to change)

Day +1: Arrive in Denver, CO
Leisure time at the hotel
Overnight: The Oxford Hotel

Day +2: Denver / Rocky Mountaineer / Glenwood Springs (B,L)
Ruby Canyon, Mount Logan, cross the Continental Divide, Byers Canyon, Gore Canyon, evening at leisure
Overnight: Glenwood Springs Lodging

Day +3: Glenwood Springs / Rocky Mountaineer / Moab, UT / Canyonlands National Park (B)
Parachute Creek, Mount Logan, Colorado River
Overnight: Red Cliffs Lodge

Day +4: Moab / Arches National Park / Moab (B)
Park exploration, guided touring
Overnight: Red Cliffs Lodge

Day +5: Moab / Grand Junction / Flight to Phoenix, AZ / Main Program Begins (B)

Optional Pre-Tour Denver to Moab Aboard Rocky Mountaineer

Travel by rail between the mile-high city of Denver to the red rock formations of Moab by joining a luxury train journey to America’s Southwest—a region steeped in history and full of opportunities to explore. Oversized windows and glass-domed coaches allow you to relax and soak in the magnificent scenery that includes colorful deserts, bewitching hoodoos, and natural archways.

SilverLeaf Service Includes:
• Custom-designed single-level dome car, featuring oversized windows
• Reclining, comfortable pre-assigned seating with ample leg room
• Exclusive access to a small, private outdoor viewing area
• Unlimited beverages (including beer, wine, and spirits)
• À la carte meal service with gourmet meals that feature locally sourced ingredients prepared by an onboard culinary team

SilverLeaf Plus Service Includes:
Includes all the benefits of SilverLeaf Service plus exclusive access to the newly renovated lounge car. Featuring signature cocktails, the lounge car offers additional space indoors to relax and soak in the scenery, as well as a small outdoor viewing area. Also, enjoy an elevated dining experience with an additional course during select meals, and premium alcoholic beverages.
**Southwest National Parks**

**May 31 - June 8, 2023**

Pre-Tour: May 27-31, 2023

Denver to Moab Aboard Rocky Mountaineer

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**Signature and Date**

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**DEPOSIT PAYMENT**

- Check
- ACH (Automated Clearing House)
- MasterCard/Visa
- American Express
- Discover

**Card #**: ______________  **Exp. Date**: ______________  **CVV**: __________

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**City**: ______________________  **State**: _______  **Zip**: __________

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**DEPOSIT**

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

**OPTIONAL GRAND CANYON HELICOPTER EXCURSION** (added to your final invoice):

# _____ guests joining optional excursion ($329/person)

Participants’ dressed weight: Guest #1 _____ Guest #2 _____ (for flights only; to balance the aircraft)

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**Signature**: ______________________  **Date**: ______________

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What Guests Are Saying...

Orbridge provides a good product. This is our second trip. The biggest asset is the quality of the Travel Director and the Expedition Leader they provide. Attention to the traveler is high on their list of what matters. We will travel with Orbridge again.
~Marie & Geoff O., Valley Stream, NY

Our Expedition Leader’s knowledge and dedication to detail enhanced the experience. His wisdom and knowledge of geography, flora, fauna, and locations made this trip nearly ideal. Equally impressive were the dealings with Orbridge throughout the build-up to the trip and the excellent material provided to assist with our own personal planning and enjoyment.
~Ben F., Ashburn, VA