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HIKING BRYCE AND ZION NATIONAL PARKS

Trip Summary

HIGHLIGHTS

- Climbing the trails to Scout's Lookout in Zion National Park
- Hiking the amongst the Hoodoos in Bryce National Park
- Enjoying the outrageous colors and crisp air of late fall
- Staying for three nights in a lodge at the bottom of Zion Canyon

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TRIP AT A GLANCE

Location:	Bryce and Zion National Parks, Utah
Activities:	Hiking
Arrive:	Arrive St. George by 3:30PM to meet the group by 4PM.
Depart:	We will be back at the St. George airport by 3PM and you can fly out anytime after 5PM the last day.

Trip Overview

Sometimes you just want to fit in as much hiking in a short period as you possibly can, and that is what we have planned. We're packing in hikes to show you the best of Utah's most iconic National Parks in four-days. You'll see towering hoodoos, slithering slot canyons, and the striking desert oasis that is Emerald Pools. We spend three nights in Zion Canyon with a day trip over to Bryce for one of its premiere hikes. The cool weather and quiet of late fall are delightful for hiking. You'll get to experience jaw-dropping views, see the famous Zion Narrows, and spend your nights in the park's lodges and rustic cabins for a well-deserved rest. Maximum group size: 12

Rating

This trip is rated both 3 and 4 because of the option to modify the hikes by choosing a shorter hike within the park. Except for the first day, each day's hike as described is between 4 and 6 hours and with substantial elevation gain and loss. This trip is a great choice for any healthy woman in good physical condition who loves hiking and wants to do lots of it. If you have significant fear of heights, please call the office before you register.

Rating: 1 2 **3** **4** 5

What's Included

- 1 - 2 experienced AGC guides based on group size
- Four nights double occupancy accommodation
- All meals from breakfast on Thursday thru lunch on Monday
- Transportation during the trip
- National Park entry fees

Not included: Airfare to and from St. George, UT, Alcoholic beverages, Guide gratuities, trip insurance

OUR ITINERARY

Below is the itinerary we have planned for the trip. As is true on any adventure travel trip, plans for any specific day may be modified due to weather considerations, unforeseen circumstances, new opportunities, and group interests.

DAY 1

Our trip starts today at the St. George, Utah airport (SGU). Plan on flying in by 3:30PM to meet the group by 4PM. It's a small but bustling airport. Nestled in a vast expanse of red rock scenery, St. George is listed as one of the best places to live in the United States and on the list of Fortune 500's "Great Places to Retire In." We'll start getting to know each other and have a trip orientation in the evening before sharing our first dinner. Bedtime is likely to be early tonight! (D) Overnight: Abbey Inn

DAY 2

After an early breakfast, we'll load up and drive to a nearby hidden gem. Our first hike of the trip is at Snow Canyon State Park, a 7,400-acre scenic park quietly tucked amid lava flows and soaring sandstone cliffs in a strikingly colorful and fragile desert environment. We will see a little bit of everything the park has to offer on a loop connecting the following trails: Butterfly, Lava Flow, West Canyon, Red Sands, Whiptail, and Petrified Dunes. (4.8 miles, 639 feet elevation gain) Amidst a backdrop of red rocks and sage brush, we'll have a picnic lunch here before continuing on to Zion. Tonight we'll eat dinner in the open dining area at the Lodge where we can watch the sun slip away beneath the horizon and the stars come out to play. (B,L,D)

Overnight Zion Lodge.

DAY 3

This morning we'll beat the crowds and the heat on an out and back hike of the Watchman Trail. At the top, hikers are rewarded with sweeping views of the neighboring Springdale area, and the namesake of the trail, The Watchman rock formation. (3.1 miles, 646 feet elevation gain). In the afternoon we'll hike to Scout's Lookout on a wide paved path that has approximately 2 miles of ascending switchbacks. From this junction, the trail follows a narrow ridge (there are chains for support) out to a fantastic overlook high above Zion Canyon called Angels Landing. Due to issues like erosion and hiker safety, Zion National Park now requires a permit for those hiking to Angels Landing. If you don't have a fear of heights and would like to hike Angels Landing while on this trip, you will need to apply for an individual permit. Details can be found on the National Park website here: <https://www.nps.gov/zion/planyourvisit/angels-landing-hiking-permits.htm>. (B,L,D)

Overnight: Zion Lodge

DAY 4

We get up early this morning for the 2 hour drive to Bryce. The drive itself is wonderfully scenic and if you've never seen Bryce Canyon, your first look over the rim will take your breath away - as will the elevation, which at 7500 feet is something you may feel when you hike. Our trail today is the Peekaboo Loop (or Queen's Garden and the Navajo Loop depending on trail conditions). In contrast to yesterday where we climbed up out of Zion Canyon, today we'll start by descending into Bryce Canyon. This 6 mile trail follows a loop around a major formation. Constantly changing views provide an excellent opportunity to see hoodoos, or pinnacles of weathered rock, from the bottom up. After completing our hike we'll drive back to Zion, stopping at a restaurant where the food is rivaled only by the view and ambiance. (B, L, D) Overnight: Zion Lodge

DAY 5

Today we'll explore the Emerald Pools Trail. The hike to the Upper Pool is about 2.5 hours round trip and passes through the lush environment of the lower pool and the dry environment of the upper pool with waterfalls in between. (3 miles, 620 feet elevation gain) We'll plan to leave Zion by 1:30PM and be back in St. George by 3:30PM you can get a flight home after 5:00PM (B, L)

ADDITIONAL TRIP INFORMATION

Getting There

Plan to fly into the St. George, Utah airport (SGU). Major airlines as well as many of the lower cost competitors fly into SGU. There is no shuttle to the hotel. You will need to arrange a ride share option, such as Uber or Lyft or you can call a local Taxi. We recommend: Taxi USA, (435) 656-1500, <http://www.calltaxiusa.com/>

If you would like assistance with airfare, we recommend contacting our AirDesk Partner, [Exitto Travel](#). Start by submitting this [form](#). Just fill in your dates and destinations, including any additional notes about preferred carriers, class of service, possible stopovers, etc., and an agent will typically respond via email within a few hours. If you prefer to call, the number is 800-655-4053; be sure to tell them you are traveling with Adventures in Good Company.

Please note: Exitto charges a one-time, non-refundable processing fees of \$35 per passenger.

Accommodations

The first night is in St. George, Utah and then the next three nights at Zion Park National Lodge in Western Cabins with gas fireplaces and free WiFi. The cabins are simple and comfortable, and the setting, with red rock walls soaring above you, is outstanding.

Travel Insurance

We recommend that you purchase a travel protection plan to help protect you and your travel investment against the unexpected. For your convenience, we offer travel protection through Travelex Insurance Services. For more information on the available plans or to enroll, visit www.travelexinsurance.com or call 1-800-228-9792 and reference location number 06-0331.

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