



Bryce Canyon & Zion Adventure ★ 4.88 177 Reviews

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6 Days

18 People Max



Journey through some of the best scenery of Utah on our Bryce Canyon & Zion Adventure

There's no doubt you'll be in awe of the strikingly different landscapes as you meander Utah's most famous national parks on our 6-day Bryce Canyon & Zion Adventure. Zion and Bryce Canyon National Parks are only 90 minutes apart yet showcase an incredible range of landscapes. Explore the Zion Canyon and the Virgin River, discover unique rock formations of Bryce's Peek-a-Boo and Queens Garden trails and jump into an adrenaline-inducing canyoneering adventure. Everywhere you look, new landscapes greet you. Everywhere you turn, a new adventure is waiting. Grab those hiking boots and a camera. Our Bryce & Zion tour is an adventure tour for the memory books!

Trip Highlights

Hiking - Zion National Park

Hiking - Bryce's Best Trails

Plus ... - Snow Canyon State Park

Plus ... - Slot canyon canyoneering

Our Active Adventures Assurance

We value loyalty, and appreciate that it goes both ways. So when you book with us we'll make a few assurances to you so you can book with complete confidence, no matter what's happening in your life (or the world).





COVID-Ready Certified: Safe Travel for our Guests Travelling Overseas
Active Adventures has received the World Travel and Tourism Council's Safe Travels stamp, which guarantees you that we'll follow all ATTA and WTTC health and safety guidelines on all our trips. See how our small group, off-the-beaten-track adventures are perfect to start exploring again.

Bryce Canyon & Zion Adventure ~ Itinerary

DAY 1

Hike and Bike Snow Canyon State Park

This morning your guides will pick you up at your hotel in St. George and drive to Snow Canyon State Park for your first hike of the trip amid lava flows and sandstone. The State Park canyon is carved from the red and white Navajo sandstone in the Red Mountains and the lava rock we'll see along this trail is a result of cinder cones that erupted anywhere between 1.4 million and 27,000 years ago! After lunch, your afternoon adventure will start with a short bike talk by our informative guides before we hop on bikes to ride under towering red sandstone cliffs and black lava rock, eventually ending up at our first night's accommodation. The Best Western Plus Abbey Inn is conveniently located in Saint George, Utah, and it offers luxurious accommodations with an outdoor heated swimming pool and spa.

Best Western Plus Abbey Inn (Lunch, Dinner)

Hiking: 5 miles (8 kilometers)

Biking: 14 miles (22 kilometers)

DAY 2

Kayaking in Quail Creek State Park, hiking Bryce Canyon National Park

Before setting off for your kayaking adventure, enjoy breakfast to fuel up for the fun. You'll spend about 2 hours exploring the waters of Quail Creek State Park, discovering the diverse geology and history of the region. After lunch, you'll swap your paddle for boots to hike in Bryce Canyon National Park. The Bryce Canyon Rim Trail Hike takes you along the rim of the Bryce Canyon to Fairyland trailhead. Watch as the landscape shifts with hundreds of orange, yellow, and white hoodoos rising from the canyon floor. Check into your home for the next two nights and relax before dinner. Our accommodation for the next two nights, the Bryce Canyon Grand Hotel, is surrounded by fantastic scenery, most notably the hoodoos which you'll encounter in the coming days.

Bryce Canyon Grand (Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner)

Kayaking: 2 hours

Hiking: 2.5 miles (4 kilometers)

DAY 3

Hike Peek-a-Boo and Queens Garden Trails

After a hearty breakfast we'll embark on a hike through the magical hoodoo rock formations of Bryce's Queens Garden trail. The trail drops down into the canyon and we'll wander through natural sculpted rock gardens of brilliantly colored spires, cliffs, and natural amphitheaters with the trail looping up with the Peek-a-boo trail, creating a figure-8, passing by the Wall of Windows, the Hindu temples finishing with a walk up the famous Wall Street with its switchbacks that leads back to the rim. After a full of day of hiking enjoy a bit of rest before dinner at the hotel.

Bryce Canyon Grand (Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner)

Hiking: Up to 8 miles (13 kilometers)

DAY 4

Bike Bryce Canyon, hike Zion National Park

We'll depart Bryce Canyon National Park on our bikes this morning and take a relaxed, beautiful bike ride through Dixie National Forest's Red Canyon under towering red cliffs and scattered pine forests. After our morning bike, we'll drive to Zion National Park, winding through the magnificent canyon walls and towering cliffs that make up this majestic park. We will then explore Zion Canyon on a hike showcasing dramatic panoramas of towering canyon walls, picturesque views of the Virgin River, and lushly-vegetated trails. Later we'll check into our accommodation for the next two nights, Springhill Suites, located only one mile from the park's entrance. The evening is then yours to explore and enjoy on your own.

Springhill Suites (Breakfast, Lunch)

Biking: 12 miles (20 kilometers)

Hiking: 3 miles (4.8 kilometers)

DAY 5

Canyoneering Slot Canyon Adventure

Challenge yourself on this thrilling adventure where you can truly experience the land around you. Rappel down water-carved rocks in a sandstone slot canyon with professionals who will guide you every step of the way. You'll be fully equipped and supported as you jump into this adrenaline-inducing activity, perfect for beginners! Take the afternoon to relax or explore a bit more Zion National Park on your own via the shuttle system.

Springhill Suites (Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner)

Canyoning: 4-5 hours

DAY 6

Explore Zion, farewell!

We'll spend our last morning exploring the Zion area before transferring back to St. George where you'll bid your farewells and head home or onto your next adventure.

No Accommodation (Breakfast)

Useful Info

Where does the trip start?

On the first morning of the trip, our two pick-up locations are [Best Western Plus Abbey Inn](#) at 8am or from the [Hilton Garden Inn](#) at 8.15am. You are welcome to book your pre-trip stay at either of these hotels directly or any other hotel in St George, though you must make your own way to one of the two pick-up points at the pre-designated times.

Where does the trip end?

Your trip ends with a drop-off at either the St George Airport at 12pm in time for flights below or at a hotel of your choice in St George around 12:30pm.

What flights would you recommend?

Arrival: We recommend arriving in St George (SGU) at least the day before your trip starts. Many guests like to arrive a day or two early to accommodate potential flight delays and/or explore the city prior to your trip start.

Departure: Flying out on the last day of the trip, we recommend departing from St George (SGU) after 1:30pm. Earlier flight times will require a separate transfer booked at your own expense.

Many of our guests choose to arrive/depart Las Vegas Airport (LVS) before or after their trip, please note there are many shuttles that run both ways between St George and Las Vegas, daily for a fee. Prior reservations are recommended and can be made online via a local operator.

Will I have contact with my guides before the trip starts?

Your guides will call your cell phone the night before your trip begins to touch base on the first day's plan. If they don't get through to you, they will leave a voicemail on your cell phone with all the details you need to plan for your first morning.

What should I bring with me on the first day?

When you speak with your guides the night before your trip, they will give you a detailed description of what to bring with you on Day 1. Typically, this includes a day pack with your rain jacket, sunglasses, hat, camera, etc. Anything you want easy access to during the day should go in your day pack as the rest of your luggage will go in the locked cargo trailer pulled behind the van. Your guides will provide you with a water bottle on the first morning of your trip and will always have water available for refills. There will be snacks available at all times in the van. Your guides will also have bug spray and sunscreen accessible for you to use.

What are your recommended guide gratuity guidelines?

You will have 2-3 guides on your Austin Adventure (depending on group size). We recommend USD\$20 per day, per guest, per guide. Typically, gratuities are offered by check or cash in local currency on the final morning of the trip and can either be given to each guide individually or to one guide to be equally distributed. Most of our guides these days also accept gratuities via Venmo (please note this app does not work in Canada). All dining, housekeeping and activity tips are included in your trip price.

How do rooming arrangements work?

Trip prices are based on shared arrangements (typically two guests per room), unless otherwise stated. For solo travelers, we'll pair you with another person of the same gender to share rooms and if there's no one suitable to share with, there's no forced single supplement. However, if you specifically request your own rooms, you can opt to pay the single supplement. Solo travelers who book within 90 days of departure, where there are no other solo travelers willing to share, will be required to pay the single supplement.

For Family Vacation bookings, families consisting of four guests traveling with children aged 17 and under will be automatically assigned one shared room. However, the following alternative rooming allocations are available:

Families consisting of four guests with all children aged 13 and above are welcome to opt for additional rooms as per advertised double occupancy adult rates.

Families consisting of four guests with at least one child aged 12 and under are automatically assigned a shared room. However, families can opt to pay the adult rates for all guests in their family to have an additional room.

The same principles apply for families consisting of more than four guests.

Rooming preferences are subject to availability and must be communicated in writing at time of booking. Automatic assignments as per this policy will be applied in the absence of any specification provided by guests. Any request for additional rooms during trips will be at guests' own expense and subject to rates made available by the accommodation provider at the time. All minors (guests aged 17 and under) must be accompanied by at least one adult.

Alternative Itineraries

Some departures for this trip feature a hiking-focused itinerary, which differs from the one advertised. Contact us, or check your Travel Wallet once booked, to get the specific itinerary for your trip.

What is not included?

Flights to and from trip start/end points

Pre/Post Accommodation

Optional extra activities

Travel insurance

Gratuities for your guides

General Trip Information

You can find details on recommended flights and fitness, as well as trip start and end in the 'Useful Information' section above.

Excluded

- Transportation (air and land) to and from start/end points
- Travel insurance
- Alcoholic beverages
- Gratuities to Austin Adventures guides

Outdoor Experience

Our trips allow you to make the most of the backcountry, whether you're relatively new to hiking or a seasoned trekker. Our highly trained and experienced guides will be at your side, safely guiding you to magnificent places you wouldn't get to on your own. The challenges are there, if you're looking for them. All we ask is that you're energetic and in reasonable shape and we guarantee you'll have an incredible time. You don't need experience kayaking to enjoy paddling on the water and you don't need to be a serious biker to enjoy the rides we do. In fact, we have so many options available you don't need to paddle or ride at all if you'd rather hike or just laze around!

Itinerary Updates

We update our itineraries regularly, so please check our website for the most up-to-date itineraries and pricing. We make every effort to ensure itineraries are updated as necessary, though changes may occur without prior notice due to unforeseen circumstances

Accommodation

You'll love the interesting places we've discovered over the years. You'll visit really spectacular and off-the-beaten track locations and stay in comfortable bed and breakfasts, lodges, apartments and hotels for the most part. Keep in mind the most remote locations have limited accommodation options, but 5-star scenery!

Included

- Our own highly experienced guides, with you from start to finish
- Industry-leading Guest-to-Guide ratio (averaging 6:1)
- Your own 'Travel Wallet', an online space with everything required for your trip
- Our knowledgeable Customer Service Team to answer your queries - just a phone call, email or chat away
- Customer Service pre-trip phone calls to ensure you're 'trip ready'
- All accommodations for the duration of your trip
- All meals except where indicated in the itinerary
- Unlimited snacks to keep you fueled
- Special 'Wow!' moments you'll never forget
- All activities outlined in the itinerary
- All necessary equipment (well-maintained and safe) for activities
- All gratuities for hotels, restaurants, and activities
- All park and other entry fees
- Transportation in our air-conditioned vans - safe, clean, modern, and comfortable!