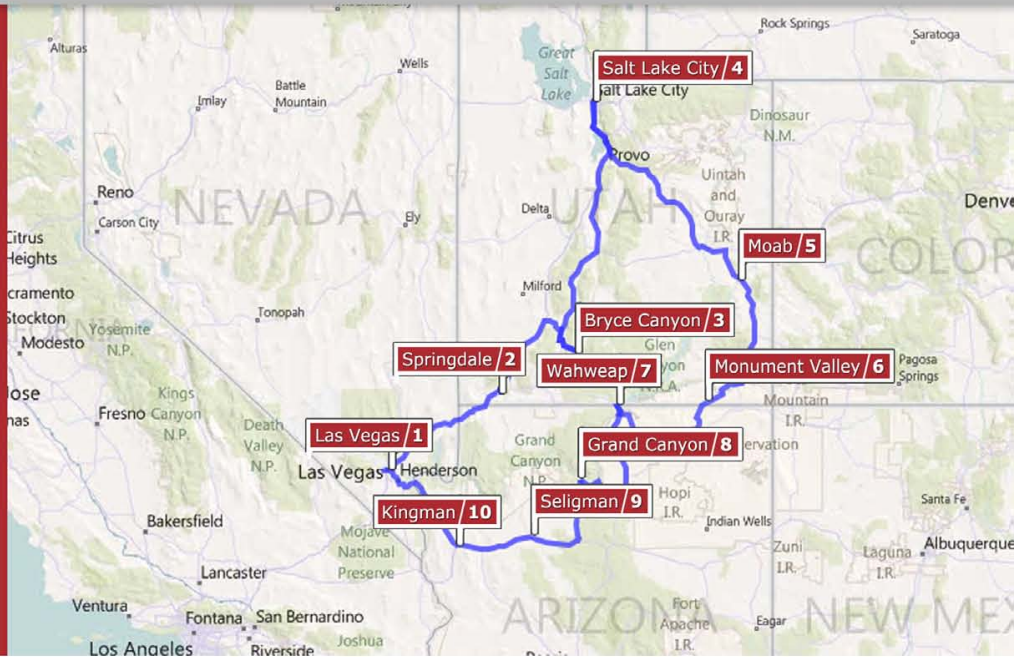


GRAND CANYON & PUEBLOS

Summary

-  Timescale: 11 DAYS
-  Total Distance: 1500 miles
-  Start: Las Vegas
-  End: Las Vegas

Start on a wonderful trip taking in both Las Vegas and Salt Lake City plus Zion National Park, Bryce Canyon National Park, Arches National Park, Monument Valley, Lake Powell, Grand Canyon, Route 66 and the Hoover Dam – a real whistle stop tour of some of America's greatest icons.



DAY 1 - LAS VEGAS TO SPRINGDALE AT THE WEST ENTRANCE TO ZION NATIONAL PARK

168 miles – 2 hours 40 minutes

Easy freeway driving mostly on Interstate 15. We suggest staying at the Zion Canyon Campground (www.zioncamp.com) which has been in the same family for almost 40 years. Here you will learn how to plug in to mains electricity and water and become familiar with your El Monte RV.



DAY 2 - SPRINGDALE TO BRYCE CANYON VIA ZION NATIONAL PARK

90 miles - 2 hours

You can spend a few hours in Zion before heading off to Bryce Canyon. Just over a mile from Zion Canyon Campground you will come to the main entrance of Zion National Park. Consider buying a National Park Pass here because it will get you into all the parks without paying each time and without further delay. Zion is magnificent with more lush splendour than some of the other parks. Spend time or drive straight through and come out of the east entrance on your road to Bryce Canyon. Overnight on the edge of the Park at the Bryce Canyon Country Store and Campground (www.brycecanyonmotel.com).

DAY 3 - BRYCE CANYON TO SALT LAKE CITY

258 miles – 4 hours

Spend a good part of the day at Bryce to wonder at the rock formations. Go to the Visitors Centre and pick up some information. It is quite a long drive to Salt Lake City (www.visitsaltlake.com) where there are many things to do in and around the city. Overnight at the Salt Lake City KOA (www.koa.com)

DAY 4 - SALT LAKE CITY TO MOAB WITH A STOP AT ARCHES NATIONAL PARK

234 miles – 4-5 hours to Arches + 23 miles – 40 mins to Moab KOA

Include a cultural experience that is uniquely Salt Lake and add some genealogy to your vacation. Experts at the Family Search Center will make it easy for beginners to dive in and discover their roots. Set off on the drive to fabulous Arches National Park (www.utah.com/nationalparks/arches.htm) which contains the world's largest concentration of natural stone arches. It is a red, arid desert, punctuated with oddly eroded sandstone forms such as fins, pinnacles, spires, balanced rocks, and arches. Overnight at the KOA in Moab (www.koa.com). There is plenty to do in Moab (www.moab-utah.com); you may want to stay longer than one night. Look at the website and see how much fun you could have!

DAY 5 - MOAB TO MONUMENT VALLEY

148 miles – 3 hours

Drive south and cross into Arizona at Mexican Hat. 23 miles later you will arrive at Gouldings Monument Valley RV Park (www.gouldings.com/campground) 6 miles from Monument Valley Tribal Park. It's a good base for other locations in the area, such as Canyon de Chelly National Monument, Hovenweep National Monument, Navajo National Monument, Four Corners National Park Monument, Goosenecks State, Natural Bridges National Monument and Valley of the Gods, to name a few! Gouldings was home to John Wayne during the filming of many classic western films such as Stagecoach and The Searchers. You can sign up for a tour of Monument Valley at the campground office and have an experienced Navajo guide take you through this beautiful area.



DAY 6 - MONUMENT VALLEY TO WAHWEAP, ON LAKE POWELL

135 miles – 2 hours 20 minutes

Loop round to Wahweap
(www.lakepowell.com) admiring the landscape as you drive through native American towns. On the website you can enjoy a virtual tour of this campground, centrally located at Wahweap Marina about ¼ mile from the shore of Lake Powell. Wahweap RV & Campground offers plenty of fun with a wide variety of powerboats and water toys from which to choose. Plan to be here by late morning so you can get out on the Lake!

DAY 7 - WAHWEAP TO THE GRAND CANYON

146 miles – 3 hours 30 minutes

On Route 89 south you may want to make a stop to look at Marble Canyon, named because of the very colourful rocks. Apart from the US 89 road bridge there is no easily accessible viewpoint – so do look out for the bridge! At Cameron, turn towards Grand Canyon Village where we suggest you stay at the Mather Campground (www.recreation.gov). There are no electric or water hook-ups at this campground but there are good showers and toilets. Arrive by lunchtime and, if you have booked in advance, take a helicopter trip over the canyon..... spectacular! (www.papillon.com – one of several companies that provide this service). Go to sleep fairly early so as to be up at the crack of dawn for sunrise over the Canyon! Just ask someone in the Village Store what time you need to be at the South Rim.



DAY 8 - GRAND CANYON TO SELIGMAN
100 miles – 2 hours

Enjoy the sunrise, take that helicopter trip if you missed it yesterday or take a hike or



donkey ride down into the Canyon. You could leave late afternoon and still be hooked up at your next campground in time for dinner. Seligman KOA (www.koa.com) is situated on one of the very few remaining parts of famous "Route 66".

DAY 9 - SELIGMAN TO KINGMAN ON ROUTE 66

85 miles – 1 hour 30 minutes

Nostalgia is the mood in Seligman, with the town straddling the longest remaining stretch of Historic Route 66. Stop at Delgadillo's Snow Cap for a malt, just as folks did in the 1950s. Days are warm, nights are cool and the stars are crystal clear. There's no light pollution here! Drive Route 66 and think how it was when it was the main highway for all traffic heading west! Arrive in Kingman and the Kingman KOA (www.koa.com) from where, if you wish, you can visit Lake Havasu (only 45 minutes away) to see London Bridge – it's a pity: they thought they were buying Tower Bridge!!!

DAY 10 - KINGMAN TO LAS VEGAS
105 miles – 2 hours

In 75 miles you will come to the famous Hoover Dam on the Colorado River west of Lake Powell, which contains the water which is dammed. Notice the dropping water levels. Park at one of the view points to see this amazing spectacle on the border of Arizona and Nevada. You can visit the Museum in Boulder City as you continue through to Las Vegas – 30

miles/half an hour away. When you arrive we suggest you stay at the Oasis Resort (www.oasislasvegasrvresort.com) where the Las Vegas Strip is only minutes away. Swim in one of the resort's two pools, relax in the jacuzzi, ride bikes, play pool or golf, or just relax with family and friends.



DAY 11 - OASIS RESORT TO RENTAL DROP OFF

7 miles – 15 minutes or less

No need to rush because you are very close to your drop off point. You must return by 11am with a full tank of petrol.

