

SOUTHWEST ENCHANTMENT

With Santa Fe, Winslow, Route 66, the Painted Desert, the Petrified Forest and the Grand Canyon, featuring the storied Grand Canyon Railway

March 11-19, 2024 & September 30-October 8, 2024
March 24- April 1, 2025 & October 20-28, 2025
9-Days starting at \$4,495 PP



UNCOMMON JOURNEYS

The journey is the destination

We have long found the Southwest one of the most stunning parts of the country and have created a brilliant holiday with fine hotels, a leisurely pace, travel over the original Route 66, some exceptional dining and a train ride on the storied Grand Canyon Railway. All in a small group that will not exceed 18 guests. We begin in one of the most enchanting towns in America, Santa Fe with a three-night stay in this magical setting in the heart of the old town. With a welcome dinner and sightseeing including the Georgia O'Keeffe Museum, Santa Fe is the perfect opening act in this holiday.

From Santa Fe we proceed to historic Winslow, made famous by the Eagles song 'Take It Easy', stopping for lunch in a landmark Route 66 restaurant en route, 'The Owl' in Albuquerque for a meal that is worth hooting about. Later to Winslow we explore the Painted Desert and Petrified Forest before the centerpiece of our trip, a two-night stay in Winslow at the famed La Posada Hotel, one of the last great Fred Harvey Hotels built for the Santa Fe Railway and a showcase. The following day we visit little known Homolovi State Park with its excellent visitor center devoted to the Hopi. We later visit stunning Meteor Crater, the best-preserved meteor impact site on earth, measuring 4000 feet in diameter and fifty stories deep. With a fine visitor center and film and this is a highlight of the tour for many visitors before a second night is enjoyed at La Posada. Saving the

best visual splendor for last, the next day we have a short drive to the Grand Canyon, traveling the entire South Rim from Desert View to the Bright Angel Lodge and Maricopa Point. After our day in the park, we board the Grand Canyon Railway for the scenic trip to historic Williams, Arizona for an overnight stay.

Next, we travel west over the most interesting part of Route 66 through towns like Ash Fork and Seligman on this historic roadway, complete with 1940's era road signs for Burma Shave, a wonderful journey back in time while en route to Las Vegas. In Las Vegas, we have included a deluxe hotel stay for two nights and an Uncommon Journeys tradition, a farewell dinner at Lawry's Prime Rib for the best prime rib in America.

With a professional tour manager, comprehensive included sightseeing, superb hotels, exceptional dining with many meals included and the luxury of a small group, this elegantly paced holiday is certain to be popular.

We invite you to join us. **All Aboard!**

HIGHLIGHTS

- ◆ **Low-cost train travel or air travel to the start of the trip in Albuquerque** from over 300 US cities when booked early.
- ◆ **Three-night stay in the historic downtown Plaza area of Santa Fe** with welcome dinner, sightseeing including the Georgia O'Keeffe Museum and plenty of free time.
- ◆ **Two-night stay at the historic La Posada Hotel in Winslow**, a masterpiece by architect Mary Coulter with breakfast, sightseeing and free time to enjoy downtown Winslow. Sightseeing includes the Painted Desert, Petrified Forest and Meteor Crater.
- ◆ **Comprehensive visit to the South Rim of the Grand Canyon** with a brilliant routing from Desert View to Maricopa Point with sightseeing stops.
- ◆ The storied **Grand Canyon Railroad** from the South Rim of the Grand Canyon to Williams in First Class with complimentary snacks.
- ◆ **Sightseeing over the original Route 66 "The Mother Road"** between Ash Fork and Kingman, a spectacular journey back in time over an incredibly scenic drive.
- ◆ **Two-night stay in Las Vegas at the Bellagio Hotel** on the Strip with breakfast daily and special Farewell Dinner at Lawry's Prime Rib.
- ◆ **Fully hosted** by professional tour manager.
- ◆ **Deluxe small group touring.**



DAY TO DAY ITINERARY

Day 1 Guests arrive in Albuquerque by train or air today for a 1pm transfer to Santa Fe. We make pick ups at the airport, Amtrak station and at the Doubletree Hotel downtown for guests that arrive a day or two early. A short drive brings us to historic Santa Fe where our hotel awaits for a three-night stay. Tonight is our casual welcome dinner, a nice way to meet your fellow travelers in an authentic New Mexican restaurant where you are likely to be asked 'red, green or Christmas' in regard to the sauce on your main course. **D Inn of the Governors (or similar)**

Day 2 After a full breakfast at our hotel a marvelous day awaits with a tour of the historic downtown Plaza area with free time to explore the many boutiques, galleries and craft shops. Lunch at a local favorite is included today and later we visit the acclaimed Georgia O'Keeffe Museum. We have left the evening free to spend as you like. **B L**

Day 3 Today is a great luxury on any holiday, an entire free day to explore this historic city. Loretto Chapel is well worth visiting today and there are a number of great spas in Santa Fe for the ultimate indulgence. It is even possible to do a day tour to Taos if you like. A final evening in Santa Fe to spend as you like with a casual cocktail party included tonight at the famed La Fonda Hotel. **B R**

Day 4 We head west this morning bound for Winslow, stopping for lunch at the iconic Owl Restaurant in Albuquerque. After lunch, we will tour the Petrified Forest and Painted Desert which are stunning sights on the way to Winslow. Upon arrival, we stop at the iconic 'corner in Winslow Arizona' made famous by the Eagles before arriving at the wonderfully restored La Posada Hotel for our two-night stay. **B L**

Day 5 Another wonderful day with a visit to Homolovi State Park with its ancient ruins and excellent visitor center which is all about the Hopi tribe and their culture. Later today, we visit the awe-inspiring Meteor Crater, the largest intact preserved meteor impact site on Earth and a highlight of the entire trip for many of our travelers. Later, a final evening to enjoy the many delights of La Posada. **B**

Day 6 Another day of visual splendor that begins with a short drive to the Grand Canyon where we begin at Desert View, not

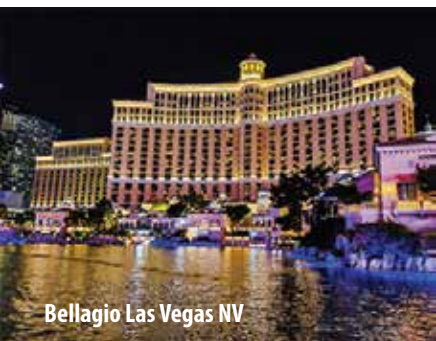
visited by most travelers to the South Rim as we make our way west with multiple stops for viewing and photography before concluding at Maricopa Point. There is time to explore the celebrated El Tovar and Bright Angel hotels before catching our afternoon train from the Grand Canyon to Williams, a scenic journey over this historic railroad. In Williams, a ten-minute transfer brings us to our excellent overnight hotel with the balance of the evening free. **B Best Western Plus (or similar)**

Day 7 This morning we depart for Las Vegas but travel over the original Route 66 for the most interesting part of the road through Arizona and viewing small towns like Ash Fork and Seligman that have been all but forgotten. The road is complete with 1940's era road signs and captures a now vanished America famously described by John Steinbeck as "The Mother Road". Later this afternoon we arrive in Las Vegas and begin our two-night stay at Bellagio, perhaps the most opulent hotel in town. **B**

Day 8 All morning to sleep in or relax with nothing until our late morning brunch. The afternoon is free for sightseeing, golf or even gambling. Tonight is our Farewell dinner at Lawry's Prime Rib, a traditional ending to all of our holidays in Las Vegas. Dinner is early tonight, allowing those that would like to see a show later this evening. **B D**

Day 9 Guests travel home or may extend their stay in Las Vegas and take advantage of our special hotel rates. **B**

OCCUPANCY	SPRING	FALL
2024		
Double	\$ 4,495	\$ 4,795
Single	\$ 5,395	\$ 5,695
2025		
Double	\$ 4,695	\$ 4,895
Single	\$ 5,695	\$ 5,995



Bellagio Las Vegas NV



La Posada Winslow AZ



The Painted Desert



The Mother Road

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