Daily Itinerary

Day 1: Phoenix - Sedona
Arrive at the Phoenix Airport and meet your Tour Director. Board a deluxe motorcoach and travel north to beautiful Sedona. This upscale resort, retreat and artist community is set amongst the red-hued rocks of Oak Creek Canyon. Your home for the next five nights is a picturesque resort-style property in the Sedona area. Tonight enjoy a Welcome Dinner with fellow travelers. Meals: (D)  Overnight: Sedona

Day 2: Sedona
Start a great day with a Sedona Trolley Tour featuring the Chapel of the Holy Cross and Airport Mesa for spectacular views of the Sedona area. The trolley guide will give you insight into the various rock formations, indigenous vegetation and history of this remarkable area. Later visit Uptown Sedona and the Spanish-Mexican Village of Tlaquepaque to explore these wonderful areas full of art galleries, shopping opportunities and restaurants. Maybe take an optional Guided Jeep Tour into the Sedona back country. This evening enjoy Sedona at your own pace. Meals: (B,D)  Overnight: Sedona

Day 3: Grand Canyon
Begin an unforgettable day with a drive through amazing Oak Creek Canyon, a sixteen mile long canyon known for its spectacularly colored white, yellow and red cliffs dotted with pine, cypress and juniper. Then arrive in Williams to board the Grand Canyon Railway for a nostalgic two-hour train journey that delivers you to the awe-inspiring South Rim of Grand Canyon National Park for free time and lunch on your own. Six million years in the making the Grand Canyon’s dynamic colors and textures inspire reflection at nature’s power and beauty. Later board your motorcoach to see the Grand Canyon from other points of interest. Arrive in Flagstaff for dinner at the lively Black Bart’s Steakhouse & Saloon. After dinner return to Sedona. Meals: (B,L,D)  Overnight: Sedona

Day 4: Montezuma Castle - Jerome - Verde Canyon Railroad
This morning visit the Montezuma Castle National Monument, which contains ruins of a cliff dwelling built in the 12th and 13th centuries by the Sinagua Indians. Later visit the old mining town of Jerome, once a virtual ghost town, now restored with shops, museums and art galleries. Next travel to Clarkdale to board the Verde Canyon Railroad also known as the Wilderness Train. The spectacular four-hour ride in a First Class Railcar takes you between two national forests, past red mesas, over old-fashioned trestles and through a 680-foot tunnel. Early evening return to Sedona. Meals: (B,L,D)  Overnight: Sedona

Day 5: Day at Leisure - Blazin’ M Ranch
Today is at leisure in Sedona. Enjoy the wonderful amenities of your resort. Maybe spend the day shopping, sightseeing on your own or on a local golf course. An optional tour will be available. This evening experience a Farewell Dinner at the Blazin’ M Ranch where you will enjoy a hearty Chuckwagon Supper and Western Stage Show. Meals: (B,L,D)  Overnight: Sedona

Day 6: Sedona - Scottsdale - Flight Home
This morning travel to Old Town Scottsdale where Western storefronts recreate an aura of the past. Later arrive at the Phoenix Airport for your flight home filled with unforgettable memories of your Great Trains & Grand Canyons Tour. Meals: (B)
Dear Virginia Tech Alumni & Friends,

“The Grand Canyon is the one great sight which every American should see.”

In 1903, President Theodore Roosevelt said this when he first laid eyes on one of nature’s most awe-inspiring sights. Every traveler should explore our own beautiful American West, and that is exactly what you will do on this exciting travel program to Arizona. This travel experience features a combination of American West highlights with the scenery of Grand Canyon National Park & the red rocks of Sedona, the Native American history at the Montezuma Castle National Monument, the Old West nostalgia of Two Train Rides & 5 Nights at a Resort property in Sedona, Arizona. Just north of Phoenix, Sedona is known for its upscale resorts, artist galleries and breathtaking red rock scenery, and is the perfect “home base” for this 6 day adventure.

Please review the itinerary details and count the extras. With roundtrip airfare included, we hope you can join us and agree this is an amazing trip.

Cheers,

Gwen D. Harrington
Director of Travel Program
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