THE MIGHTY FIVE

UTAH’S NATIONAL PARKS

June 23 to 30, 2018
Highlights

**BE AWED** by the domes, pinnacles, hoodoos, natural arches, slot canyons and cliffs as we hike through Utah’s red rock country.

**RAFT** along the Colorado River navigating a series of white-water rapids in Cataract Canyon; cap the day with a private charter flight over Canyonlands National Park.

**TRAVERSE** the Navajo Sandstone slot canyons of Little Wild Horse, splashing about in the cool pools of water that collect at the bottom of the canyon.

COVER: CANYONLANDS NATIONAL PARK

ZION NATIONAL PARK

GOBLIN VALLEY STATE PARK
“Flawlessly enjoyable. Stanford Travel/Study filled my ‘bucket’ with lovely memories and new insights into this country’s great history and beauty.”

TRACY HAYWARD, NATIONAL PARKS OF THE WEST, 2016

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**Itinerary**

**SATURDAY, JUNE 23**
HOME / LAS VEGAS, NEVADA / ZION NATIONAL PARK, UTAH
Fly on independent flights from home cities to Las Vegas. Upon arrival, transfer to Zion National Park and check in to our hotel, set amid Zion’s majestic cliffs at the edge of the Virgin River. Relax around the inn or hop on a free local shuttle to visit Zion’s Visitor’s Center. Tonight, gather with fellow travelers for a welcome reception and dinner at the local community center.

DESERT PEARL INN (D)

**SUNDAY, JUNE 24**
ZION NATIONAL PARK / BRYCE CANYON NATIONAL PARK
More than 240 million years of sedimentation, uplift and erosion have carved out the stunning canyon known as Zion National Park. From the distinctive pink-and-orange canyon walls to hillsides dotted with green desert brush and Ponderosa Pines, the visual spectacle of Zion leaves all visitors in awe. Rise early this morning and hike in the long shadows as we ascend the 2,200 feet up to Observation Point. Dubbed one of the most spectacular hikes in the National Park system, the trail to Observation Point crosses slot canyons, alpine passes and desert sands. Alternatively, hike a portion of the Observation Point trail and return to the valley floor to choose from a number of hikes and activities available to us. After our day at Zion, travel by coach to Bryce Canyon National Park, arriving in the evening.

BRYCE CANYON LODGE (B,L,D)

**MONDAY, JUNE 25**
BRYCE CANYON NATIONAL PARK / GRAND STAIRCASE-ESCALANTE NATIONAL MONUMENT / CAPITOL REEF NATIONAL PARK
Our morning begins at the rim of Bryce Canyon, gazing out over the orange pillars that seem to be crumbling before our eyes. Today, choose between one of two hikes. The 8-mile Fairyland Loop takes us along a trail of wildflowers and hoodoos (sandstone pinnacles), opening up onto an expansive horizon. Alternatively, walk along the Navajo Loop and Queens Garden Trail. Over three miles, the trail descends into the valley floor and brings us face-to-face with the hoodoos. From Bryce, drive to the Grand Staircase-Escalante National Monument. At 1.9 million acres, it’s America’s largest national monument. Take in sweeping views of the monument’s rugged landscape, a geologist’s paradise with its graduated “staircase” sandstone cliffs, fossil-rich plateau and narrow twisting slot canyons. Next stop is Capitol Reef National Park, a 242,000-acre, red rock wonderland of cliffs, canyons, domes and natural bridges. Arrive at the Capitol Reef Resort and enjoy the next two nights under the stars as we lodge in luxury covered wagons.

CAPITOL REEF RESORT (B,L,D)

**TUESDAY, JUNE 26**
CAPITOL REEF NATIONAL PARK
Today we explore Capitol Reef National Park, known for its brilliant colors and dramatic landscape. The park’s Waterpocket Fold is an exposed warp in the earth’s crust that was created 65 million years ago. This morning, hike the Grand Wash, a 2.5-mile hike that takes us along one of the six drainage points that slices through the Waterpocket Fold. The vertical canyon walls tower above...
the trail below as the Navajo Sandstone passage narrows to a 16-foot gap for a half-mile. If desired, continue on to Cassidy Arch, the showstopper of Capitol Reef, named after infamous outlaw Butch Cassidy, who reportedly hid among the echoing canyons and sandy trails. The 4-mile hike climbs to a vantage point shared only by the local bighorn sheep. Soon thereafter the trail disappears and we traverse barren rock until we reach Cassidy Arch. If opting not to hike to the arch, head back to La Fruita for an afternoon of exploring the well-preserved pioneer settlement, including going on the popular 2-mile hike to Hickman Bridge, a 133-foot-high natural arch.

**THURSDAY, JUNE 28**

**MOAB / CATARACT CANYON / CANYONLANDS NATIONAL PARK**

Enjoy a thrilling day of white-water rafting in the heart of Canyonlands National Park, starting out on a placid stretch of the Colorado River before reaching the river’s confluence with the Green River and the string of white-water rapids with such memorable names as Mile Long Rapids, North Seas and The Big Drop. Cap our day with a jaw-dropping scenic private charter flight back to Moab that takes us over Canyonlands' spectacular mesas, pinnacles, plateaus and canyons. RED CLIFFS LODGE (B,L,D)

**FRIDAY, JUNE 29**

**MOAB / ARCHES NATIONAL PARK**

A high point of our adventure is a visit today to Arches National Park, home to the world’s largest concentration of natural stone arches (more than 2,000!), hundreds of towering pinnacles, massive sandstone fins and gravity-defying stacked rocks. Rise early this morning to beat the crowds into the park and be the first on the trail as we hike unperturbed on the 8-mile Devils Garden Loop Trail, which features six named arches, including Landscape Arch, one of the world’s largest natural arches. Gather tonight for a celebratory farewell reception before dinner. RED CLIFFS LODGE (B,L,D)

**SATURDAY, JUNE 30**

**MOAB / DEAD HORSE POINT STATE PARK / SALT LAKE CITY / HOME**

This morning, after leaving Moab, take a side trip and stop at Dead Horse Point State Park to view one of the most famous and dramatic bends of the Colorado River, a sharp U-turn surrounded by towering canyon walls. Continue on to Salt Lake City International Airport for flights home. (B,L)
Trip Information

**DATES**
June 23 to 30, 2018 (8 days)

**SIZE**
26 participants (single accommodations limited—please call for availability)

**COST**
- $6,995 per person, double occupancy
- $7,795 per person, single occupancy
*Stanford Alumni Association nonmembers add $300 per person

**INCLUDED**
- 7 nights of deluxe hotel accommodations
- 7 breakfasts, 7 lunches and 7 dinners
- Welcome and farewell receptions
- Gratuities to guides, drivers, and tour staff for all group activities
- All tours and excursions as described in the itinerary
- Transportation by private coach and charter air
- Group transfers and baggage handling on program arrival and departure days
- Minimal medical, accident and evacuation insurance
- Educational program with lecture series and pre-departure materials
- Services of our professional tour manager to assist you throughout the program

**NOT INCLUDED**
- Airfare
- Passport and visa fees
- Immunization costs
- Meals and beverages other than those specified as included
- Independent transfers
- Trip-cancellation/interruption and baggage insurance
- Personal items such as internet access, laundry and gratuities for nongroup services

**WHAT TO EXPECT**
We consider this program to be mildly strenuous to strenuous. Two different hiking options will be offered on most days, which will vary in length, elevation gain and duration. All of our hikes are led by experienced guides. To participate fully in this active program, you need to be physically fit, agile, in good health, able to take steps without assistance and accustomed to moderate to strenuous exercise. Travelers must consider their health and capacity to exert themselves in the desert heat. Daily hikes involve traversing rocky and sandy terrain. Travelers must be able to carry a backpack that contains 64 ounces of water and food. Handrails are not available on any of our hikes. Most days require early-morning starts. We often have a full schedule of hikes, lectures and special events. In order to visit all five National Parks, our journey requires several hours of travel by motor coach, the longest drive being up to four hours. We welcome travelers 15 years of age and older on this program.

**HIKE OPTIONS**
In order for you to fully enjoy this remarkable region of Utah, we’re offering two different hiking options on most days:

**Option A**
Hikes that are considered to be mildly strenuous to strenuous, involving one to three hours of physical activity, four miles of hiking and up to 900 feet in elevation gain.

**Option AA**
Hikes that are considered to be strenuous, involving four to five hours of physical activity, eight miles of hiking and up to 2,200 feet in elevation gain.
Deposit & Final Payment
A $1,000-per-person deposit is required to hold your space. Sign up online at alumni.stanford.edu/trip?utah2018 or call the Travel/Study office at (650) 725-1093. Final payment is due 120 days prior to departure. As a condition of participation, all confirmed participants are required to sign a Release of Liability.

Cancellations & Refunds
Deposits and any payments are refundable, less a $500-per-person cancellation fee, until 120 days prior to departure. After that date, refunds can be made only if the program is sold out and your place(s) can be resold, in which case a $1,000-per-person cancellation fee will apply.

Insurance
Stanford Travel/Study provides all travelers who are U.S. or Canadian citizens with minimal medical, accident and evacuation coverage under our group-travel insurance policy. Our group policy is intended to provide minimal levels of protection while you are traveling on this program. You may choose to subscribe to optional trip-cancellation and baggage insurance. Information offering such insurance will be provided to travelers with their welcome materials. The product offered includes special benefits if you purchase your policy within 14 days of written confirmation of your participation on the trip.

Eligibility
We encourage membership in the Stanford Alumni Association as the program cost for nonmembers is $300 more than the members’ price. A person traveling as a guest paid for by a current member will not be charged the nonmember fee. For more information or to purchase a membership, visit alumni.stanford/goto/membership or call (650) 725-0692.

Responsibility
The Stanford Alumni Association, Stanford University and our operators act only as agents for the passenger with respect to transportation and exercise every care possible in doing so. However, we can assume no liability for injury, damage, loss, accident, delay or irregularity in connection with the service of any automobile, motor coach, launch or any other conveyance used in carrying out this program or for the acts or defaults of any company or person engaged in conveying the passenger or in carrying out the arrangements of the program. We cannot accept any responsibility for losses or additional expenses due to delay or changes in air or other services, sickness, weather, strike, war, quarantine, force majeure or other causes beyond our control. All such losses or expenses will have to be borne by the passenger as tour rates provide arrangements only for the time stated. We reserve the right to make such alterations to this published itinerary as may be deemed necessary. The right is reserved to cancel any program prior to departure in which case the entire payment will be refunded without further obligation on our part. The right is also reserved to decline to accept or retain any person as a member of the program. No refund will be made for an unused portion of any tour unless arrangements are made in sufficient time to avoid penalties. Baggage is carried at the owner’s risk entirely. The airlines concerned are not to be held responsible for any act, omission or event during the time that passengers are not onboard their plane or conveyance. Neither the Stanford Alumni Association, Stanford University nor our operators accept liability for any carrier’s cancellation penalty incurred by the purchase of a nonrefundable ticket in connection with the tour. Program price is based on rates in effect in October 2017 and is subject to change without notice to reflect fluctuations in exchange rates, tariffs or fuel charges.

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ALAN DOERING, NATIONAL PARKS OF THE WEST, 2016