



Overview

NATIVE SOUTHWEST AND ROCKY MOUNTAINS

Regional Discoveries

Tour Code - 8590

12 days Scottsdale to Scottsdale

Scottsdale, Tucson, Las Cruces, Albuquerque, Santa Fe, Mesa verde, Kayenta, Grand Canyon

All inclusive prices starting at: \$1439

Take a step back in time to the Wild West on this south west adventure through Arizona, New Mexico, Colorado and Utah. Experience some of the world's most spectacular natural wonders - the saguaro cacti, the wave-like sand dunes of White Sands National Monument and a highlight, Grand Canyon National Park. Visit some of the best preserved cliff dwellings in the United States and see the iconic Monument Valley. Explore historic Tubac, Arizona's oldest European settlement, and Tucson, where Western movie heroes like John Wayne have walked the streets. Plus so much more!

Meals

Breakfast - 0

Lunch - 0

Dinner - 0

Standard Features

SIGHTSEEING: In Tucson, Albuquerque, Santa Fe, Mission San Xavier del Bac, Arizona-Sonora Desert Museum, Tombstone, Georgia O'Keefe Museum, Monument Valley four-wheel-drive tour. Inside visits as shown in UPPERCASE in the tour description, including admission charges where applicable.

SCENIC HIGHLIGHTS: Saguaro National Park, White Sands National Monument, Bandelier National Monument, Taos, Durango, Mesa Verde National Park, Grand Canyon National Park, Sedona.

GUIDES: Local Guides for sightseeing in Santa Fe and Monument Valley; services of a professional Tour Director.

TRANSPORTATION: Private, deluxe air-conditioned motorcoach while touring.

HOTELS: Twin-bedded rooms with private bath or shower, hotel taxes, service charges, and tips for baggage handling. Listed hotels or equivalent.

MEALS: The option to prepurchase breakfast daily is available on this vacation and will include 7 full and 4 continental breakfasts.

OPTIONALS: Customise your holiday with a range of convenient optional excursions.

Itinerary

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Day by Day

Day	Description
1	SCOTTSDALE. Welcome to Arizona, the Grand Canyon State. Enjoy time at leisure to relax or to do some independent exploring. Your Tour Director is on hand this evening to answer any questions.
2	SCOTTSDALE - TUCSON. Travel to Tucson, known for its mild climate and colourful heritage. Your city tour includes a visit to the historic neighbourhood of El Encanto Estates, the University of Arizona, downtown, and the MISSION SAN XAVIER DEL BAC, known as the "White Dove of the Desert". Built over 200 years ago, this church is one of the finest examples of Spanish Mission architecture in the United States. Later visit the ARIZONA-SONORA DESERT MUSEUM, which tells the story of the Sonoran Desert region. More than 300 species of live animals and 1,200 species of indigenous plants are exhibited in naturalistic habitats. Tonight, relax and enjoy your desert surroundings.
3	TUCSON. Visit the giants of the desert at SUGUARO NATIONAL PARK, where you'll enjoy a breathtaking view of thousands of saguaro cacti. Found only in the Sonoran Desert, these cacti can live to be

150 years old and grow as high as 45 feet tall. Journey on to historic Tubac, Arizona's oldest European settlement, and visit the ruins of the fort, explore artist studios, and enjoy shopping for everything from South western spices to regal paintings of Western life. The rest of the day is at leisure for shopping, visiting art galleries, or perhaps enjoying some authentic Southwest cuisine. Your Tour Director will have suggestions for places to shop and dine.

4**TUCSON - TOMBSTONE - LAS CRUCES.**

Take a step back in time and visit Tombstone, "The Town too Tough to Die". It creates images of gunfights and dusty streets that Doc Holliday, Wyatt Earp, Johnny Ringo, Ike Clanton and a host of other Western Legends walked over 125 years ago. This is the most authentic Western Town left in the United States! Watch the gun slingers battle it out on Main Street, enjoy entertainment in the local saloon, or perhaps find yourself an authentic cowboy hat and boots. Later, we cross into the "Land of Enchantment", New Mexico. We arrive in the late afternoon in Las Cruces, nestled in the Mesilla Valley.

5**LAS CRUCES - WHITE SANDS NATIONAL MONUMENT - ALBUQUERQUE.**

This morning we visit WHITE SANDS NATIONAL MONUMENT, one of the world's great natural wonders. Here, great wave-like dunes of sand have engulfed 275-square miles of desert and created the world's largest gypsum sand dune. Early afternoon arrival in Albuquerque, where you'll enjoy a city tour that includes a walking tour of Old Town. This evening is at leisure or perhaps join us on our optional outing up to 10,378-foot Sandia Peak for a ride on one of the world's longest aerial tramways.

6**ALBUQUERQUE - SANTA FE.**

Enjoy a leisurely morning before departing for Santa Fe. Nestled at the foot of the Sangre de Cristo Mountains, Santa Fe enjoys more than 300 days of sunshine a year and is praised for its art community, cuisine, opera, and spas. After we explore the town on a walking tour we'll visit the GEORGIA O'KEEFFE MUSEUM, featuring the paintings of one of America's best-known artists. Inspired by the stunning vistas and stark contrasts of the New Mexico landscape.

7**SANTA FE.**

Morning visit to BANDELIER NATIONAL MONUMENT, where the ancestors of the modern Pueblo people built thriving communities about 600 years ago. Explore the Visitor Centre and see some of the Ancestral Pueblo dwellings found among the pink mesas and canyons. The remainder of the day is free to discover Santa Fe's one-of-a-kind stores, to explore the galleries, or to enjoy a fascinating exhibit in one of Santa Fe's 16 museums.

8**SANTA FE - TAOS - DURANGO.**

We journey north with time to stop and stroll the streets of unique Taos. This picturesque setting has been home to celebrities like frontiersman Kit Carson, English novelist D.H. Lawrence, and movie stars Julia Roberts and Val Kilmer. As we continue northwest we'll cross over the Rio Grande Gorge Bridge and the impressive 650 foot gorge below. Then, journey into the Rocky Mountains of Northern New Mexico and Colorado. This afternoon finds us in the Wild West town of Durango. The evening is free to explore the historic downtown area or perhaps enjoy a stroll along the Animas River.

9**DURANGO - MESA VERDE NATIONAL PARK - KAYENTA.**

Our first stop this morning is MESA VERDE NATIONAL PARK, a UNESCO World Heritage Site. This park offers a look into the lives of the Ancestral Pueblo people who made it their home for over 700 years. See some of the best preserved cliff dwellings in the United States, including Cliff Palace, Balcony House, and Long House. Continue to Monument Valley Navajo Tribal Park, which preserves one of the most stunning landscapes on earth with its collection of striking spires, mesas, and sandstone buttes. Tonight, join our optional Navajo cookout followed by local Navajo entertainment.

10**KAYENTA - GRAND CANYON NATIONAL PARK.**

Our morning FOUR WHEEL DRIVE TOUR takes us into the heart of MONUMENT VALLEY. See the twin buttes of "the Mittens", the "Totem Pole", and other iconic sites. Many of these have appeared on television programs, commercials and Hollywood movies, from John Ford's She Wore a Yellow Ribbon to Thelma & Louise. We continue south and enter GRAND CANYON NATIONAL PARK, one of the Seven Natural Wonders of the World. Experience breathtaking views, with plenty of time to wander along the Canyon Rim and take photos. We overnight inside

Grand Canyon National Park.

11**GRAND CANYON - SEDONA - SCOTTSDALE.**

Before departing the Grand Canyon there is time for optional morning flightseeing over the Canyon - definitely the thrill of a lifetime! Then, travel through beautiful Oak Creek Canyon and on to Sedona in the heart of Red Rock Country. Enjoy time to browse the shops and galleries or take in the breathtaking beauty. We return this afternoon to Scottsdale. Join us tonight for our optional farewell dinner - the perfect ending to your southwest holiday!

12**SCOTTSDALE.**

The holiday ends today with guests departing on individual schedules. Transfers are provided to Phoenix Sky Harbor International Airport.

Dates/Prices

NB: All prices listed are per person

APRIL 2010

	Start Date	End Date	Availability	Twin Share	Single
GD	27 Apr 2010	8 May 2010	On Request	\$1439 US	\$2039 US

MAY 2010

	Start Date	End Date	Availability	Twin Share	Single
GD	25 May 2010	5 Jun 2010	On Request	\$1439 US	\$2039 US

SEPTEMBER 2010

	Start Date	End Date	Availability	Twin Share	Single
	7 Sep 2010	18 Sep 2010	Open	\$1469 US	\$2069 US
	14 Sep 2010	25 Sep 2010	Open	\$1469 US	\$2069 US
	28 Sep 2010	9 Oct 2010	Open	\$1539 US	\$2139 US

OCTOBER 2010

	Start Date	End Date	Availability	Twin Share	Single
	5 Oct 2010	16 Oct 2010	Open	\$1539 US	\$2139 US
	19 Oct 2010	30 Oct 2010	Open	\$1469 US	\$2069 US

ACCOMMODATION PRICES

Pre & Post Tour	City	Start Date	End Date	Single Price	Twin Price	Triple Price
PRE	Scottsdale	1 Jan 2010	31 Dec 2010	\$71 US	\$46 US	\$42 US
POST	Scottsdale	1 Jan 2010	31 Dec 2010	\$71 US	\$46 US	\$42 US

OPTIONAL CHARGES

Type	Name	Price
OPTIONAL	Gratuity	\$110US

The tours departures marked **GD** are guaranteed to operate.

Furthermore, Cosmos guarantees most departures that are still in operation 45 days prior to the published departure date, and at such time will be displayed on this website. Throughout our peak period, 1 May to 15 October, Cosmos guarantee most departures that are still in operation 60 days prior to departure.

PLEASE NOTE: This guarantee does not apply in any situation where the safety of clients is at potential risk (any act of terrorism or war, political unrest, global health warnings or Force Majeure**, etc); or when the operation of a vacation is not possible for reasons beyond our control (such as industrial action/strikes and operational restrictions); to multiple coach departures (i.e. "A" coach) or late cancellation of group parties.

**Force Majeure: French for "act of God; an inevitable, unpredictable act of nature, not dependent on act of man. Used in insurance contracts to refer to acts of nature such as earthquakes or lightning."

* Availability

- **Open** - There is at least one seat available on this departure date and can be confirmed to you via your travel agent at the time of booking. Please note availability may be subject to change and is updated on this website at 24 hour intervals.
- **On Request** - All seats allocated to the Australasian market have been sold for tours that marked on request. However seats MAY still be available from another Cosmos office worldwide. These seats can be requested and normally take 2 business days after a booking has been made to be confirmed.

Optional Tours

To help plan your leisure time, as well as your pre-tour budgeting, here is a list of optional excursions that may be offered on this tour. Availability is subject to sufficient participation, weather conditions, seasonal suitability, group interests, and general feasibility for your tour. Please note prices may be based on the previous year and are subject to change. Full terms and conditions are contained in the important travel documents.

Cost	Description
60 USD	<p>Name:SANDIA PEAK TRAMWAY AND HIGH FINANCE DINNER Location:ALBUQUERQUE Details:Enjoy the city lights of Albuquerque after traveling 2.7 miles above the Cibola National Forest aboard the world's longest tramway, marvel at panoramic views of a splendid sunset or the magnificence of the great Southwest. Located at the top of Sandia Peak, only the High Finance Restaurant and Tavern offers the chance to enjoy both the breathtaking beauty of the Land of Enchantment and top notch cuisine.</p>
42 USD	<p>Name:NAVAJO COOKOUT Location:MONUMENT VALLEY Details:This evening you'll enjoy a dinner and Navajo entertainment in a beautiful outdoor area surrounded by red rock canyons. Dinner is a casual BBQ including some Navajo specialties.</p>
13 USD	<p>Name:GRAND CANYON IMAX Location:GRAND CANYON Details:This 40-minute multimedia presentation introduces you to the ancient wonders of the Grand Canyon. Learn about its folklore, its mysterious primitive tribes, and the many legends of this unique area. The film also focuses on the adventurous exploration of the Colorado River by John Wesley Powell and his expedition.</p>
149 USD	<p>Name:GRAND CANYON HELICOPTER FLIGHTSEEING Location:GRAND CANYON NATIONAL PARK Details:Enjoy breathtaking scenery on a 30-minute helicopter flight over the majestic Grand Canyon. It's an experience you'll never forget! Upgrades to an Eco Star Helicopter may be available for an additional charge. Please talk to your tour director if interested.</p>
40 USD	<p>Name:WESTERN DINNER AT RUSTLER'S ROOSTE Location:SCOTTSDALE Details:Tonight you'll experience Rustler's Rooste, Arizona's Legendary Cowboy Steakhouse, where legend goes that the original site, atop a butte in the foothills of South Mountain, was a hideout for cattle rustlers. Highlights of this evening's outing include a cowboy steak dinner with all the fixin's and country-western music. Make sure to visit the general store before departing.</p>
171 USD	<p>Name:IMPERIAL GRAND CANYON HELICOPTER FLIGHTSEEING Location:GRAND CANYON Details:Board your helicopter at the South Rim heliport and relax in comfort as you take to the skies of the gorgeous North Rim and Eastern Gorge. Soar past the Dragon Corridor and the Dragon's head, and then discover the Kaibab Forest and the Kaibab Plateau as you fly through the widest and</p>

deepest region of the Canyon. Photographers and non-photographers alike will fully enjoy this dazzling tour and witness amazing sights like the Painted Desert, the Zuni Corridor, and the convergence of the Little Colorado River with the Colorado River, Point Imperial, and Temple Butte. The Canyon just goes on and on from there. This flight is approximately 45-50 minutes.

Tour Map

