



## **TOUR IN THE WEST OF THE UNITED STATES, ITS CITIES AND PARKS WITH A STAY ON SEA AT HAWAII ISLANDS, 19 DAYS**

### **Day 1: Milan / Paris / Salt Lake City**

In the early morning meeting in the airport of Milan Linate, take off for Paris. Arrival in Paris and new flight to Salt Lake City. The state capital of Mormon is the closest city to the Parks area. Withdrawal of a rental car and transfer to the hotel, accommodation. Time at leisure to explore the city center and to get used to the new time zone. Salt Lake City is a beautiful city, very easy to get around and that is worth a visit. In its outskirts there are still many ranches where you can ride a horse. Stop at Temple Center, then at the Salt Palace Center and climb to the Capitol Hill. Free evening and overnight.

### **Day 2: Salt Lake City / Park Natural Arches / Moab**

Free American breakfast in the hotel. Departure in the morning for the area of Canyonlands, through a plateau that at the beginning is very green and then changes in a desert land; the leg is around 220 miles. The trail crosses the lake Utah area, near Provo and, passing through Price, Green River and Crescent Junction, reaches, just before Moab, the magnificent Arches Natural Park, the largest concentration of natural arches in sandstone in the world ! Free time for photos and walking tours within the park. In the evening arrival in Moab. Hotel accommodation. Overnight.

### **Day 3: The "Canyonlands"**

Free American breakfast and full day excursion by off road four wheel drive cars in the Canyonlands Natural Park: arches, spiers and pinnacles are some of the formations that can be seen in the park. The tour, accompanied by the Ranger, will climb the peaks of the "Island in the Sky", along an old Indian trail that runs along the Mesa. From this flat top, covered with lush vegetation, a real enchanted garden, created by nature and by the wind that brought up here the seeds of plants, you can admire down the mighty Colorado River and its tributary, the beautiful and tortuous Green River. At noon, tasty picnic outdoors. In the evening return to the hotel in Moab. Overnight.

### **Day 4: Moab / Kayenta**

After the free morning breakfast, departure to reach, after the village of Monticello, the nearby town of Blanding. Continuation to Bluff on the road 163 leading to Mexican Hat, at the entrance of Monument Valley near the border with the State of Arizona. Stop to take pictures of the famous rock shaped like a broad-brimmed Mexican hat. The journey continues along the "mythical" Route 163, a connecting way to the bottom of Monument Valley and arriving in Kayenta: the natural gateway of the various roads to Monument Valley. Placed in the Navajo territory and still inhabited by the descendants of this famous Indian tribe, this large reserve is characterized by towering monoliths of ancient origin, even more than 1500 m high that rise from the bottom of the valley as a great stone cathedrals. Possible visit by jeep to spectacular sights used as a famous American film background and, if interested, it will be possible book an excursion, by jeep of course, with Indian guides at sunset, and enjoying a barbecue dinner. In the evening return to Kayenta and accommodation in the hotel. Overnight.

### **Day 5: Kayenta / Grand Canyon**

Free American breakfast. In the morning you can still organize another tour in the Monument Valley which, according to the inclination of the sun's rays, brings up the rocks like giant modern sculptures. Let this magical world, continuation to Tuba City and Cameron, to reach, through a semi-desert area, the first green forests around the Grand Canyon (Navajo Indian reservation). Almost suddenly you will arrive to an amazing and breathtaking view over the Grand Canyon, from the popular Opi Point. After several stops at the most scenic spots to admire the fantastic colors, accommodation in a lodge inside the park. Free time for swimming in the pool or to take a walk along the Canyon Rim Nature Trail, a scenic and flat trail that winds for 14 km between Yavapai and Hermit's Rest. It's also possible to participate in an excursion by mule along the Brigh Angel Trail, really stunning although it can be strenuous. The rest of the day is dedicated to admire the Canyon in its widest point and that, at the magical sunset time, takes the colors that are unrivaled in the world. It's possible also buy an helicopter ride to descend nearly 2000 m in the canyon until it reaches the shores of the Colorado River or join a flight with the "Scenic Airlines" starting from the airport of the Grand Canyon. The plane flies in a small part of the large natural rift that is as long as the entire Po Valley!  
Overnight

#### **Day 6: Grand Canyon / Page**

Morning still dedicated to the visits around the Grand Canyon Balcony, illuminated especially in the morning, from a completely different light that gives relief to all the chinks of the colored rocks. After breakfast at the hotel, drive to reach the shores of Lake Powell. Finally, arrival in Page, the charming town bathed by the waters of the Colorado River that here, through the monumental dam, creates the beautiful lake. Hotel accommodation. Dinner and free evening. Overnight.

#### **Day 7: The Glen Canyon (Page) / Bryce Canyon**

Morning tour of Lake Powell, the large lake created by the high dam Glen (213 m) on the Colorado River. The basin, among the largest in the world, is 300 km long with over 3000 km of banks. The views are magnificent as the water has eroded the rock, taking the strangest colors. After admiring the Glen Canyon, you may want the thrill of a speedboat ride to see the unforgettable and beautiful "Rainbow Bridge", reachable only by water, with a round trip lasting about 3 hours. The Arch Rainbow is sacred to Indians because it is at the foot of the blessed Navajo Mountain and is, symbolically, the "Guardian of the 'Universe'", where rocky arch intertwines the rainbow created by water vapor. Or simply hike on marked trails, to admire and photograph unimaginable and very large "giant kettles", carved by the river during the floods of a few million years ago. In the early afternoon, departure to the Smoky Mountains, via Kanab to reach Bryce Canyon, true jewel of the West. Natural amphitheater where the green of the fir trees alternating with pink gradient of infinite rocky peaks, the most extraordinary colors. Accommodation in a lodge. Dinner free. Overnight.

#### **Day 8: Bryce Canyon**

Part of the day is dedicated to relaxation and walks along the south part of the most beautiful park in the United States. The indescribable colors, unique, stand out against the green backdrop of fir trees. The Bryce is located between 2000 and 2800 meters high. The sights, to admire a unique landscape in the world, are Sunrise, Sunset, Inspiration and Bryce Point. Noteworthy short walks such as the Navajo Loop Trail and the Queen's Garden Trail, really undemanding, but very beautiful. Overnight.

#### **Day 9: Bryce Canyon / Las Vegas**

In the morning departure for a pure shift stage, including beautiful landscapes that run through green mountains, for the Zion Park. It will be possible to make several stops during the trip in the highlights and most scenic route. In the afternoon arrival in St. George. Once on the major highway No. 15, the journey continues, leaving the state of Utah to reach the desert and the wastelands of Nevada. In the late afternoon we reach Las Vegas. Accommodation in one of the lodge. Evening excursion to Las Vegas by night, with its many colors and neon, the "craziest city in the world". We may want to see some famous hotels such as Caesar's Palace with Greek plastic statues, the 'Aladdin's and the' Excalibur. Overnight.

#### **Day 10: Las Vegas- San Francisco**

After a free breakfast, transfer to the airport in Las Vegas. Delivery of the car rented in Salt Lake City and boarding operations to reach, in about two hours of flight, the beautiful city of San Francisco. Taking delivery of the car rental and, following the highway, moving to the big city. Possibility to arrange a transfer

with a car and driver. Through the neighborhoods along the bay, arrival in the old harbor area, now fully renovated. Accommodation at the hotel, in the marina area, one of the most incredible points of "Frisco". Afternoon at leisure to enjoy all the beauties of this Californian metropolis, according to many considered among the finest in the world. City sightseeing downtown: stop at Union Square, ride in the Financial District and visit the Civic Center via the San Francisco Museum of Modern Art. A look should be given to the magnificent Cathedral of St. Mary's, built by Nervi. Free time to climb on the Cable-Car, the well-known tram pulled by underground cables. We may want to dine at one of the many banquets of fishermen at Fisherman's Wharf with a menu based on fish and crabs, in most cases freshly caught from the ocean and brought still semi-alive to outlets on the piers. Overnight.

**Day 11: from "Frisco" excursion to Muir Wood Park and Sausalito**

In the morning, after breakfast, starting with a trip organized by bus, or by car hire, to reach the Golden Gate Park, the famous bridge across the San Francisco Bay from which you can admire the Alcatraz island. Visit of Japanese gardens attached to the bridge with special blooms all year round and also to the bridge museum if interested. Once on the other side, continuation to the Giant Sequoias in Muir Woods Park. Time for the view and to see these natural giants. Then proceed to the port of Sausalito, very nice and typical. Relax and visits to traditional markets. In the afternoon, returned through the famous bridge in St. Francisco, within walking distance of China Town. Then back to the hotel. In the evening dinner and overnight.

**Day 12: San Francisco / Kauai**

In the morning transfer to the Oakland airport. Flight to Kauai, north of the Hawaiian islands. These islands are characterized by a series of volcanoes with magnificent tropical vegetation and crystal clear waters, true emerald gems, they appear suddenly from the porthole of the plane in the infinite ocean blue. After landing transfer to hotel. Afternoon free for swimming and relaxation. Free evening and overnight.

**Days 13 and 14: Kauai**

Full days dedicated to relaxing on the beach and exploring the most beautiful parts of the island, touching Coconut Coast, Na Pali Cost, Lihue and Hanalei. Overnight

**Days 15 and 16: Kauai / Maui**

In the morning transfer to the airport and take-off for the island of Mau'i, the other pearl of Hawaii. By taxi, transfer to the resort, on the beautiful Ka'anapali beach. Free time. Overnight.

**Day 17: Maui / Los Angeles**

Full day at leisure. In the evening scheduled flight to California. Overnight in flight.

**Day 18: (flying) Los Angeles**

In the night landing at Los Angeles International Airport to connect the flight to Italy. Meals and overnight during the flight.

**Day 19: in flight - Malpensa**

Landing at Milano Malpensa airport.