



# BEST OF THE SOUTHWEST

March 17 – April 6, 2025 (21 Days)

Fly Tour – March 18 – April 4, 2025 (18 Days)

## HIGHLIGHTS

Douglas Railroad Museum  
Red Rocks Park & Amphitheater  
Buffalo Bill Museum  
Taos Pueblo  
San Miguel Chapel  
New Mexico History Museum  
Turquoise Museum  
International UFO Museum & Research Center  
Powerhouse Route 66 Museum  
White Sand National Park  
Tombstone, AZ (OK Corral)  
Boot Hill Cemetery

Old Tucson Theme Park  
Date Farm Tour  
Sanguinetti House Museum & Gardens  
Yuma Territorial Prison  
History of Humanity in Granite  
Yuma Conservation Gardens  
London Bridge  
Red Rock Canyon  
Original Route 66  
Grand Canyon Railway  
Grand Canyon Freedom Rim Tour  
Arches National Park  
Salt Lake City's Temple Square

Fort Union Trading Post National Historic Site  
Farewell Dinner

## INCLUDES

20 Nights Accommodation (17 Nights for Fly Tour)  
Multi Night Stays in Denver, Santa Fe, Tucson, Yuma, Las Vegas, and Williams  
Deluxe Motorcoach Transportation  
Baggage Handling – 1 per person  
(All Coach Meals: 15 Breakfasts, 1 Lunch, 2 Dinners in total)  
(Fly Tour Meals: 13 Breakfasts, 1 Lunch, 2 Dinners in total)

### Day 1 – Saskatchewan to Mile City, MT

Starting in Saskatoon, we head south through Regina, picking up passengers along the way and then on to our first night in Mile City, MT.

### Day 2 – Mile City to Denver, CO

Stopping in Douglas, WY also known as Jackelope City, where the infamous mythical creature, the jackelope, was first “discovered”. Visit the **Douglas Railroad Museum** with a self guided tour through the railcars and locomotives dating back to the 1800's. The historic train depot opened in 1886 and was finally shut down in 1971 and then in 2018 became a railroad museum. Notice how the landscape is starting to change dramatically, catch your first glimpse of the Rocky Mountains, a sure sign Denver is not far. Those who are flying into Denver, will meet up with the group tonight.

### Day 3 – Denver

Visit the famous **Red Rocks Park and Amphitheater** just

outside of Denver. Construction began in 1936 and was open to the public in 1941. Since then, many notable performances and recordings for films and television have taken place there. The elevation of the amphitheater is 6450 feet above sea level. **Lunch** is included today at Red Rocks. At the **Buffalo Bill Museum and Grave**, learn all about William F “Buffalo Bill” Cody, one of the most famous people of his time, and his Wild West Show. See for yourself why he wanted to be buried on top of Lookout Mountain. Heading back into the city of Denver, you will have some free time to shop or just wander down the 1.25-mile-long **16th St Mall**. There are over 250 shops, restaurants, and attractions at this local tourist attraction.

### Day 4 – Denver to Sante Fe, NM

On the way to Sante Fe, stop at the **Taos Pueblos**, a living Native American community. The multi-storied adobes buildings have been continuously inhabited for over 1000 years! It is the only living Native American community



New Mexico History Museum



White Sands National Park



Tucson

designated by both the World Site by UNESCO and a National Historic Landmark.

### Day 5 – Sante Fe

This morning, experience a **guided tour** with a local docent at the **San Miguel Chapel**. This Spanish colonial mission church is often referred to as the oldest Catholic church in the U.S., originally built in 1610. It was rebuilt twice, once in the mid 1700's and then again in 1710. It is still being used as an active church. Enjoy some free time to explore the old downtown area of Sante Fe before visiting the **New Mexico History Museum**. The New Mexico Museum of Art is the oldest art museum in the state, built in 1917. The structure itself is a work of art, considered a masterpiece of Pueblo Revival architecture and the best representation of the synthesis of Native American and Spanish Colonial design styles.

### Day 6 – Sante Fe to Albuquerque, NM

After a short drive from Sante Fe, find yourself sauntering with a **guided walking tour of Old Town Albuquerque**. Old Town's narrow streets and century-old adobe houses are home to New Mexican eateries serving enchiladas and sopaipilla pastries, and tiny artisan shops selling jewelry, rugs, and pottery. Old Town Plaza is a charming spot overlooked by 18th-century San Felipe de Neri Church. Next stop is the **Turquoise Museum**, located in a modern 'castle' that is as interesting as the exhibits, featuring a vast collection of turquoise jewelry and other pieces such as antique furniture. The evening is free to explore Albuquerque on your own.

### Day 7 – Albuquerque to Las Cruces, NM

Today will definitely be interesting! On our way to Los Cruces, a stop is planned in the quirky little city of Roswell, NM, the renowned site of the "alleged" 1947 UFO crash site. Everything about this place is UFO related, from the restaurants and cafes to the local businesses! We pay a visit to the **International UFO Museum and Research Center**. This place is a wealth of information that provides a timeline on the local event, the military presence in the area and its impact on the world, and on other UFO related events. It has a diorama of the 1947 event and a film about the "autopsy" of

the alien bodies. Tin foil hats optional!!! **White Sands National Park** is one of the world's great natural wonders with great white wave-like dunes or gypsum that have engulfed 275 square miles of desert, crating the world's largest gypsum dune field. The test site for the first atomic bomb is located 60 miles north of the park.

### Day 8 – Las Cruces to Tucson, AZ

On tap for today, is the town of **Tombstone, AZ**, home to the **OK Corral**. Plenty of history to be learned regarding the infamous Shoot Out at the OK Corral between the Earps and the Clanton and McLaury families. Enjoy a live **Gun Fight Re-enactment**, explore the **Tombstone Epitaph Museum**, and watch the **Tombstone Historama show**. A stop at the **Boothill Graveyard** is required before heading out of "Dodge". Cowboys who "died with their boots on" lie next to housewives, businessmen and women, miners, gamblers, ladies of the night and all the famous and not so famous occupants that contributed to Tombstone's early history.

### Day 9 – Tucson

**Old Tucson Theme Park** is on the agenda today. Built in 1939, Old Tucson is a renowned film set, nestled between the Saguaro National Park and Tucson Mountain Park. This beautiful desert setting has been the filming location of hundreds of classic western films and TV shows featuring stars such as John Wayne, James Stewart, Paul Newman, Jean Arthur, Frank Sinatra, Clint Eastwood, and countless others. The studio opened its doors as a theme park in 1960.

### Day 10 – Tucson

A free day to go shopping, explore the area or soak up some sun around the pool and relax!

### Day 11 – Tucson to Yuma, AZ

Start the day with an interesting tour of a **Date Farm**. Arizona's dry climate is ideal for growing dates. Dates are one of the oldest known fruits, with evidence of cultivation in the Middle East date back to 6000 BC. Next is the **Sanguinetti House Museum and Gardens**, known as the 'Jewel of Historic Yuma"! Located in the charming 19th-century abode of E.F. Sanguinetti who was known as the Merchant Prince of Yuma.





Red Rock Theater



Las Vegas



Grand Canyon National Park

### Day 12 – Yuma

Visit the **Yuma Territorial Prison** accepted its first inmate on July 1, 1876. For the next 33 years, 3069 prisoners, including 29 women, served sentences there for crimes ranging from murder to polygamy. The prison was under continuous construction with labour provided by the prisoners themselves. The last prisoner left in 1909. It is now a State Historic Park. Next, visit the **History of Humanity in Granite**, a very unique experience. It encompasses 20 monuments and 700+ panels, professionally researched and engraved with over 1000 hand-etched illustrations depicting several important eras of the human history, including The Crusades, Hundred Years War, The Middle Ages, World Religion, Languages and more.

### Day 13 – Yuma to Las Vegas, NV

Visit the **Yuma Conservation Garden** has been educating the public since the 1950s. The garden is filled with a variety of plant species that call the desert home. Desert tortoises and several species of ducks also call the garden home. The **London Bridge** was built in the 1830's and spanned the River Thames in London, England. The bridge was purchased in 1968 by Robert P McCulloch who shipped the exterior masonry to Lake Havasu and rebuilt the bridge to attract tourists and retirement home buyers to his properties there. Taking 4 years, the project was completed in 1971. Free evening to try your luck at the casinos or maybe taking in a show.

### Day 14 – Las Vegas

A stop at the **Hoover Dam** is an absolute must! It is a concrete arch-gravity dam in the Black Canyon of the Colorado River impounding Lake Mead, the largest reservoir in the United States. Construction began in 1931 and was completed in 1936. A total of 3,250,000 cubic yards of concrete was used in the dam with an additional 1,110,000 cubic yards were used in the power plant and other works. Then it's off to **Red Rock Canyon** this afternoon. Red Rock Canyon National Conservation Areas lies in Nevada's Mojave Desert. It's known for geological features such as towering red sandstone peaks and the Keystone Thrust Fault, as well as Native American petroglyphs. There will be plenty of picture stops along the 13-mile Scenic Drive.

### Day 15 – Las Vegas to Williams, AZ

Part of today's drive will on the original and historic **Route 66**. Route 66 was one of the original highways in the US Numbered Highway System and became one of the most famous roads in the US. It ran from Chicago, though Missouri, Kansas, Oklahoma, Texas, New Mexico, and Arizona before ending at the famous Santa Monica Pier, covering a total of 2448 miles. A stop at the **Powerhouse Route 66 Museum** is on tap. Imaginative and ever-expanding displays offer a variety of information, including vehicles, photographs and artifacts gathered over the history of "The Mother Road".

### Day 16 – Williams (Grand Canyon)

Williams, AZ is known as the gateway to **Grand Canyon National Park** and home to the Grand Canyon Railway. The Grand Canyon Railway is more than just a mode of transportation, it's a trip back in time on lovingly restored rail cars with entertaining musicians and the antics of cowboy characters. The terrain changes from high desert to prairie to pine. Once at the Grand Canyon Village, board a motorcoach for a **guided tour of the South Rim**, allowing you to get to some of the most recognizable viewpoints on the South Rim. Afterwards, spend a few hours at Grand Canyon Village to view the incredible south rim of the canyon before heading back by rail to Williams.

### Day 17 – Williams to Moab, UT

Heading north, travel through the Hopi Reservation. The Hopi Tribe is a sovereign nation, and the Hopi Reservation encompasses more than 1.5 million acres and is made up of 12 villages on three mesas. **Arches National Park** borders on the Colorado River in the southeast and is know as the site of more than 2000 natural sandstone arches, such as the massive, red-hued Delicate Arch in the east and the long, thin Landscape Arch that stands in Devils Garden to the north. Other geological formations include Balanced Rock, towering over the desert landscape in the middle of the park.

### Day 18 – Moab to Salt Lake City, UT

Upon arrival in Salt Lake City, visit the center of history and worship for members of the Church of Jesus Christs





Salt Lake City



Fort Union Trade Post



Savannah Trolley

of Latter-day Saints, **Temple Square**. Temple Square encompasses five city blocks of historic sites, with engaging exhibits and wholesome activities. Enjoy the beautiful gardens, majestic architecture and the peace and reverence of this iconic space of worship. This evening, join your fellow travellers, Tour Director, and Bus Driver, for WestWorld Tours **Farewell Dinner**.

#### Day 19 – Salt Lake City to Cody, WY

Today, we say farewell to our fly passengers and start making our way north. There will still be plenty of spectacular scenery along the way.

#### Day 20 – Cody to Williston, ND

Right before Williston, a stop at the “The Grandest Fort on the Upper Missouri River”, **Fort Union Trading Post**. This national historic site was active between 1828 and 1867, it was the most important fur trade post on the Upper Missouri River. Here, the Assiniboiné and six other Northern Plains Tribes exchanged buffalo robes and smaller furs for goods from around the world, including cloth, guns, blankets, and beads.

#### Day 21 – Williston to Saskatchewan

Time for reminiscing and farewells to your newfound friends on the final stretch home to Saskatchewan.



PRICING		
ALL COACH	DOUBLE: \$6825.25	
	TRIPLE: \$6725.25	QUAD: \$6625.25
	SINGLE: \$9655.25	
FLY TOUR	DOUBLE: \$6325.25	
	TRIPLE: \$6225.25	QUAD: \$6125.25
	SINGLE: \$8825.25	



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- Gratuities for Tour Director and Driver
- Meals and activities not specified in the itinerary
- Any personal expenses
- Travel Insurance
- Pre or post tour accommodation

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