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Tour: Canyonlands of the American Southwest

Destination: Las Vegas (NV), Grand Canyon, Bryce Canyon (UT), Zion (UT), Lake Powell (AZ) – United States

Specialization: Geology, Geography, Ecology, Nuclear Energy, Alternative Energy & Culture

Canyonlands of the American Southwest - Sample Itinerary			
	<u>Morning</u>	<u>Afternoon</u>	<u>Evening</u>
1	Travel to Las Vegas; transfer to St George, Utah		Welcome Dinner
2	First Wind Excursion	Bryce Canyon National Park & Hike	Dinner
3	Zion National Park & Master Class		Dinner on Lake Powell
4	Glen Canyon Dam & Hydroelectric Tour	Cameron Trading Post	Grand Canyon National Park - East Rim
5	Grand Canyon	Route 66 Museum	Nevada Solar One
6	Nevada's National Security Site & National Atomic Testing Museum		Las Vegas & Dinner
7	Departure for Home		



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As with all sample itineraries, please be advised that this is an 'example' of a schedule and that the activities and hotels shown may be variable dependent upon dates, weather, special requests and other factors. Itineraries will be confirmed prior to travel.

Day 1

Dinner

Arrive at the Las Vegas International Airport. Meet your Visions Ambassador and depart Las Vegas for a short 2-hour drive to St. George in Utah. Welcome dinner on arrival!

Sample Lodging - BW Abbey Inn, St. George, UT

St George, Utah - www.utah.com/stgeorge



Day 2

Breakfast & Dinner

Travel north this morning to the small town of Milford for touring of **Firstwind**, Utah's largest wind farm producing clean energy in the Utah desert. Next, stop in the town of Beaver for lunch on own. After lunch, continue your journey to **Bryce Canyon National Park**, one of the most amazing and fascinating sights on earth. Stand on the edge of the Paunsaugunt Plateau, where before you lies a city of stone cathedral spires, delicately tinted in shades of pink, red, and orange. Hike the Navajo Loop Trail and enjoy a sunset view before spending the night just outside the park.

Sample Lodging - Best Western Ruby's Inn, Bryce Canyon, UT

First Wind - www.firstwind.com

Bryce Canyon National Park - www.nps.gov/brca/index.htm & www.utah.com/nationalparks/bryce.htm



Day 3

Breakfast & Dinner

This morning visit Utah's oldest and most famous national park, **Zion National Park**. Zion is unique among national parks in the west, with its awe-inspiring monoliths that one early explorer called "temples". You will tour the park, seeing its narrow canyons and dramatic buttes and mesas. Enjoy time for exploring and hiking as well as a Park Ranger lead discussion on the geology and ecology of the park. In the late afternoon, travel to Page, Arizona and check into your hotel on the shores of beautiful **Lake Powell**.

Sample Lodging - Lake Powell Resort, Page, AZ

Zion National Park - www.nps.gov/zion/index.htm & www.utah.com/nationalparks/zion.htm

Lake Powell - www.lakepowell.com



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Day 4

Breakfast & Dinner

Visit **Glen Canyon Dam** for touring of this amazing feat of engineering that created the second largest reservoir in the United States and produces 3.46 billion KWh of hydroelectric power per year. Depart Lake Powell and enter the Navajo Nation. Visit **Cameron Trading Post**, where authentic Indian jewellery, blankets, and other craft items produced by the Navajo are available. After time to browse among the pottery, rugs, and sand paintings, continue on your way to "The Grandest Canyon of Them All", the **Grand Canyon National Park**. Take a leisurely tour of the East Rim this afternoon, making stops along its length to photograph the Canyon. Perhaps a contest for best photography? In the late afternoon arrive at **Tusayan** located just outside the park and visit the **IMAX Theatre** for a special presentation of the spectacular film, "The Grand Canyon." After this thrilling 3-D adventure, enjoy dinner before checking into your hotel.

Sample Lodging - Canyon Plaza, Tusayan, AZ

Glen Canyon Dam – www.nps.gov/glca/index.htm

Cameron Trading Post – www.camerontradingpost.com

Grand Canyon National Park - www.nps.gov/grca/index.htm & www.grand.canyon.national-park.com



Day 5

Breakfast & Dinner

This morning, return to the **Grand Canyon National Park** for an early morning view and some additional touring. Then depart and travel on what was once Route 66 as we head west through northern Arizona. Stop in Kingman for lunch and touring of the **Route 66 Museum**, which highlights the glory days of cross-country automobile travel. Then re-enter Nevada and travel just south of Boulder City for touring of **Nevada Solar One**, a concentrated solar power plant, with a nominal capacity of 64 MW and maximum capacity of 75 MW, spread over an area of 400 acres. The projected CO2 emissions avoided is equivalent to taking approximately 20,000 cars off the road annually. Then arrive in the "Entertainment Capitol of the World," **Las Vegas**, for a two-night stay.

Sample Lodging - Hampton Inn, Las Vegas, NV

Route 66 Museum – www.gokingman.com/attraction-Powerhouse-Route-66-Museum

Nevada Solar One – www.acciona-energia.com

Las Vegas - www.lvcva.com & www.lasvegas.com



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Day 6

Breakfast, Lunch & Dinner

This morning we'll depart for a tour of **Nevada's National Security Site** and the **National Atomic Testing Museum**. Students will learn the history of nuclear testing outside of Las Vegas, interact with artefacts and technology, view a simulation of a nuclear blast in our Ground Zero Theater, and see footage of some of the 1,000 nuclear bombs that were tested in the Nevada desert. **Visitors must be at least 14 years old.** We'll tour Mercury, NV, Frenchman Flat where the first atmospheric nuclear test took place and much more. Return to **Las Vegas** for overnight. (If you have students under the age of 14, please contact us for alternative activities.)

Sample Lodging - Hampton Inn, Las Vegas, NV

Nevada National Security Site – www2.nstec.com/pages/NNSS-Mission.aspx

National Atomic Testing Museum - www.nationalatomictestingmuseum.org



Day 7

Breakfast

After a hearty breakfast, transfer to the airport for your journey home and start to say goodbye to this wonderful part of America! We will wave to our new friends as we leave for the airport and hopefully, take away memories that will last a lifetime!



CANYONLANDS OF THE SOUTHWEST

Minimum Booking Numbers:

20 students

What's Included:

Return flights with a scheduled carrier
6-nights' accommodation
Breakfasts & dinners daily
1 lunch (Day 6)
Airport transfers and transportation to activities shown
Entrance fees to attractions, National Parks and
Monuments as shown in the itinerary
Gratuities for all included meals
Luggage handling – one piece per person
Full-time Visions Ambassador
24-hour emergency cover

What's Not Included:

Fully comprehensive insurance (mandatory)
Transfers to/from home airport
Transportation for activities not shown in the itinerary
Lunches in resort
Cost of visas, full or collective passports
Cost of inoculations or medication required for travel
Sightseeing / Entertainment Options not shown
Hotel incidental deposits & bills – meals, mini-bar items,
recreation, purchases billed to room, etc
Any gratuities – coach drivers, maid / bellman
services, area guides, tour ambassador

As always, our staff are always available to you to answer any questions you may have regarding programming. If we may serve you in any way, please do not hesitate to contact us.

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