

### 7-DAY SOUTHWEST ROAD TRIP

In just one week and approximately 1,100 miles (1,770 km), you can experience many of the Southwest's most famous attractions. Mileage and driving times are approximate.

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DAY ONE

#### **LAS VEGAS**

After you arrive, check in to your hotel, then head out to explore the **Strip**. Don't stay out too late—you'll be rising early and hitting the road.

DAY THREE

### **CAPITOL REEF**

120 miles (193 km) 2.5 hours

145 miles (233 km) 2.5 hours Get up early, pack a picnic lunch, and head out by 8am to arrive at **Capitol Reef National Park** by 10:30am. Take the 21-mile scenic drive (1.5 hours), then hike the 2.5-mile **Fremont River Trail** to **Miners Mountain viewpoint**.

ONWARD TO MOAB — 145 miles/2.5 hours
Drive to Moab and stay the night.

DAY TWO

### **ZION & BRYCE**

235 miles (378 km) 4.5 hours Get an early start for the 165-mile drive to **Zion**. Leave by 8am to arrive by 11am. Explore Zion in the morning, enjoy lunch at Zion Lodge, and hike the **Riverside Walk**.

After lunch, drive 70 miles (1.5 hours), to **Bryce Canyon National Park**. Explore the rim at spots like **Inspiration Point**, take a short hike below the rim on the **Queen's Garden Trail**, and watch the sunset over the canyon. Stay and eat in the park's Lodge at Bryce Canyon or in nearby Tropic.

DAY FOUR

**30 miles (48 km)** 

50 minutes

# ARCHES & CANYONLANDS

Drive 5 miles (10 mins.) to **Arches National Park**. Stop and see the **Windows** and hike 3 miles round-trip to **Delicate Arch**.

Drive 25 miles (40 mins.) to the **Island in the Sky District** of **Canyonlands National Park** and explore viewpoints like **Shafer Canyon Overlook**. Hike the short **Grand View Trail**, then head back to Moab for the night.

DAY FIVE

**MONUMENT VALLEY** 

330 miles (530 km) 6 hours

DAY SIX

## **SOUTH RIM GRAND CANYON**

Walk along the **Rim Trail** for outstanding, accessible views of the canyon. In **Grand Canyon Village**, visit the **Hopi House** to see Native American art and the **Lookout Studio**, where you can use telescopes set up on the outdoor terrace to get better views of canyon features. Get a meal at the El Tovar Dining Room or The Arizona Room.

It's a 330-mile, six-hour drive on US 191, US 163, then US 160 from Moab to the Grand Canyon's South Rim. The route crosses much of the western **Navajo Nation** and passes right through **Monument Valley Navajo Tribal Park**. Take a few hours to explore the park. Time your trip to have lunch at the Blue Coffee Pot in **Kayenta**, about 30 miles south of Monument Valley.

From Kayenta, take US 160 West to US 89 South, then AZ 64 West to the **Desert View entrance** of the **Grand Canyon**. Spend the night at El Tovar or the Bright Angel Lodge.

DAY SEVEN

## **ROUTE 66 & BACK TO LAS VEGAS**

405 miles (651 km) 7 hours The 280-mile, 4.5-hour drive from Grand Canyon back to Vegas moves along I-40 between **Williams** and **Kingman**.

To follow **Historic Route 66**, exit the interstate at **Ash Fork**, about 15 miles (20 mins.) west of Williams. (This will add 20 miles and 30 mins. to the drive.) In **Kingman**, stop at Mr. D'z Route 66 Diner for lunch. Afterward, jump back on the road for the 110-mile, two-hour drive back to **Las Vegas**.

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