# From Yellowstone to the Grand Canyon (2027)






The legendary parks of the American West. Starting from Salt Lake City, head for Grand Teton and its neighbor Yellowstone, then Colorado, the heart of the Rocky Mountains. After the Maroon Bells and the San Juan Mountains, with Durango, continue to Mesa Verde and its incredible cliff dwellings, then the mythical Monument Valley, Antelope Canyon and Lake Powell, and finally the Grand Canyon. End in Las Vegas, after a short stretch on Route 66. Small-group hikes. English-speaking accompaniment.



## Day 1

Arrival in Salt Lake City and transfer to your hotel (not included).

Free time to explore the city depending on flight schedules.

Dinner at leisure. Overnight at the Crystal Inn & Suites hotel (or similar).

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## Day 2

Drive to the Teton Mountains. Walk in Grand Targhee (via the chairlift) up to the top of Fred's Mountain. Magnificent 360° views over the Teton Range. Continue to Rexburg in Idaho. Overnight at the Super 8 by Wyndham hotel (or similar).

Hike: 2 hours / 4 km (a little more if the chairlift is closed)
Travel: 475 km / 2h drive.

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## Day 3

Early breakfast and drive to Yellowstone National Park. Hike in Hayden Valley, a vast meadowland rich in wildlife (grizzlies, black bears, bison…), at over 2,500 m altitude. Continue to the Grand Canyon of Yellowstone with its impressive waterfalls. Overnight at the Alpine Motel in Cooke City

(or similar).

Hike: 3–4 hours / 7 km
Travel: 410 km / 5.5h drive.

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## Day 4

Yellowstone is the oldest national park in the world. It is famous for its many geysers (including the iconic Old Faithful), its multicolored hot springs—among them the incredible Grand Prismatic Spring (photo on the cover)—and its travertine terraces. Overnight at the Alpine Motel in Cooke City (or similar).

Hike: 3–4 hours / 8–12 km
Travel: 335 km / 3 to 4h drive

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## Day 5

Drive to Yellowstone Lake, near West Thumb, to admire strange bubbling hot springs! Then drive to Grand Teton National Park. Self-guided hike along Jenny Lake with magnificent views of the surrounding peaks. The small ferry crossing the lake is included. Continue to Jackson, a very pleasant town that is also a winter sports resort, then to Pinedale. Overnight at Best Western Pinedale Inn (or similar).

Hike: self-guided
Travel: 320 km / 4.5h drive

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## Day 6

A travel day through the magnificent landscapes of Colorado's Rocky Mountains, including Vermillion Falls. Arrival in Glenwood Springs. Option to relax in the warm waters of the Yampa Hot Springs (not included). Overnight at the Courtyard by Marriott hotel (or similar).

Hike: /
Travel: 520 km / 5.5h drive

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## Day 7

Day of hiking in the Maroon Bells, with incredible peaks reflected in the alpine lakes below—pure postcard scenery! Self-guided visit at your own pace. Then drive to Aspen, the ski mecca of the Rockies, famous for its boutiques and art galleries. Overnight at the Best Western Pinedale Inn (or similar).

Hike: self-guided (approx. 1 to 2h / 3.5 km)
Travel: 200 km / 2h drive

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## Day 8

Drive to the San Juan Mountains, home to the famous Million Dollar Highway between Ouray and Silverton. It is one of the most beautiful mountain roads in the United States! Arrival in Durango, a town we love, which reached its peak during the 19th-century gold rushes. Optional: the panoramic Durango–Silverton Narrow Gauge train (approx. USD 125). Continue to Cortez. Overnight at Best Western Turquoise Inn & Suites (or similar).

Hike: /
Travel: 470 km / 5 to 6h drive

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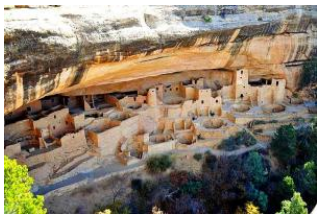

## Day 9

The day is dedicated to discovering this fabulous national park in southern Colorado. A UNESCO World Heritage site, it features ancient cliff dwellings built by the Pueblo people over 1,000 years ago! Visit Spruce Canyon to admire the petroglyphs carved into the rock. Overnight at Best Western Turquoise Inn & Suites in Cortez (or similar).

Hike: 2h / 4 km
Travel: round trip to Mesa Verde (approx. 1h)

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## Day 10

Short drive to reach the Red Desert on the Colorado Plateau. Arrival in Monument Valley, on Navajo land. This truly mythical place—sacred to Native peoples and so dear to John Ford and John Wayne—served as the backdrop for many films, with its iconic mesas.

Optional: guided pick-up tour with a Navajo guide (approx. USD 70).

Continue to Page on the shores of Lake Powell, and stop at the very photogenic Horseshoe Bend, a magnificent meander of the Colorado River.

Overnight at Quality Inn View of Lake Powell (or similar).

Hike: 1h / 2.5 km
Travel: approx. 3.5h / 320 km



## Day 11

Morning: guided tour of Antelope Canyon (optional: approx. USD 100). This fabulous slot canyon, with very narrow walls explored from the bottom, reveals flowing curves in orange, yellow and reddish hues, and stunning light beams—an absolute dream for photographers.

Another option: visit the impressive Glen Canyon Dam.

Afternoon: drive to Grand Canyon National Park, with photo stops along Desert View Drive.

Overnight at Red Feather Lodge (or similar).

Hike: 2 to 3h (along the Grand Canyon rim) / 8 to 10 km
Travel: approx. 2.5h / 220 km



## Day 12

The day is dedicated to discovering this exceptional site, about 400 km long and reaching more than 1,600 m deep. It is, of course, listed as a UNESCO World Heritage site. Views down to the Colorado River are incomparable.

You may hike down into the canyon (South Kaibab and Bright Angel Trails) or walk along Hermit Road to enjoy a stunning sunset!

Overnight at Red Feather Lodge (or similar).

Note: Grand Canyon hikes are self-guided, in accordance with National Park Service (NPS) regulations.

Suggested hikes:
Kaibab Ridge (5 km / elevation gain approx. 300 m / 3 to 4h)
Plateau Point (20 km / elevation gain approx. 1,150 m / 8 to 12h)
Rim walk (variable distances, up to 13 km / up to 4h)



## Day 13

Optional: morning helicopter flight (quite expensive). Drive to Las Vegas via a beautiful stretch of the legendary Route 66. Overnight at Tuscany Suites and Casino, two blocks from the Strip (or similar).

Hike: /
Travel: approx. 5h / 435 km




## Day 14

Free program.

Individual transfer to the airport (not included: contact us).

Return flight to Europe (or stay extension: contact us).

# Accommodation