OCTOBER 16-24, 2024
with optional pre-tour
DENVER TO MOAB
ABOARD ROCKY MOUNTAINEER

Southwest
NATIONAL PARKS

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A Discovery of America’s Natural Wonders
Dear Spartans,

Take part in this journey to the exceptional national parks and monuments of the Southwest. Travel to Grand Canyon National Park for awe-inspiring views from the park’s rim. Admire the beauty of light striking Antelope Canyon’s narrow sandstone walls. Share a peaceful evening with Navajo storytellers, and ponder cultures past and present at a petroglyph site during a river raft ride down Glen Canyon.

Continue to Utah where you’ll spend enjoyable time at Bryce Canyon and Zion National Parks—viewing rock formations and otherworldly landscapes that must be seen to be believed.

With the guidance of an expert Orbridge Expedition Leader and the comforts of a private motor coach, there is no better way to visit our national parks.

PLUS: Kick off your adventure in the Southwest by joining the optional pre-tour, Denver to Moab aboard the Rocky Mountaineer. Enjoy nature’s wondrous scenery in comfort and style during two days of rail travel in premium SilverLeaf class. After arriving in Moab, delight in guided touring at Arches National Park and Canyonlands National Park for two additional areas to explore.

Space is limited. With significant savings of more than $1,000 per couple, we anticipate this tour will fill quickly, so be certain to reserve your spot today and share this brochure with family and friends who may be interested in traveling with you.

Please reserve online at msu.orbridge.com, by calling (866) 639-0079 or by returning the enclosed reservation form.

Go Green,

Regina Cross
Director, Spartan Pathways Travel Program
MSU Alumni Office
(888) 697-2863

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*Orbridge takes seriously the responsibility to minimize our global environmental impact. Each year we plant 100,000 trees in U.S. State Forests with afforestation needs as an ongoing initiative among our evolving sustainability efforts. Learn more at orbridge.com/going-green.*
Your 9-Day Itinerary  (subject to change)

**Day 1:** Arrive in Phoenix, AZ / Scottsdale (D)
Desert Botanical Gardens, welcome dinner
Overnight: Scottsdale Marriott at McDowell Mountains

**Day 2:** Scottsdale / Sedona / Grand Canyon National Park (B)
Lunch at leisure in Sedona, Grand Canyon rim
Overnight: Kachina Lodge

**Day 3:** Grand Canyon National Park (B)
Park touring, optional helicopter flightseeing
Overnight: Kachina Lodge

**Day 4:** Grand Canyon National Park / Monument Valley, UT (B,D)
Park touring, Monument Valley Tour
Overnight: Goulding’s Lodge

**Day 5:** Monument Valley / Lake Powell, AZ (B,D)
Navajo National Monument, Antelope Canyon tour, Glen Canyon Dam, leisure time
Overnight: Lake Powell Resort

**Day 6:** Lake Powell / Bryce Canyon National Park, UT (B,L,D)
Glen Canyon float trip, park exploration
Overnight: The Lodge at Bryce Canyon

**Day 7:** Bryce Canyon National Park / Zion National Park (B)
Zion park trails and exploration
Overnight: Zion Park Lodge

**Day 8:** Zion National Park / Las Vegas, NV (B,R)
Morning hike, leisure time in Las Vegas, farewell reception
Overnight: The Westin Las Vegas Hotel & Spa

**Day 9:** Depart Las Vegas (B)
(B = Breakfast, L = Lunch, D = Dinner, R = Reception)

**Activity Level:** Guests should be able to enjoy a mile of outdoor walking at a moderate pace, be sure-footed on uneven ground, get in and out of a motor coach, and manage stairs without assistance.
Uncover

• Explore the Southwest’s natural wonders with a knowledgeable Orbridge Expedition Leader.

• Spend additional time in Grand Canyon National Park or choose to join an optional helicopter flightseeing excursion over the Grand Canyon (additional fee).

• Discover the sunbaked natural structures and sacred lands of Monument Valley.

• Witness the towering red rock cliffs lining the Colorado River during a rafting excursion in Glen Canyon.

• Behold the radiant colors and fluid-like patterns inside the walls of Antelope Canyon.

• Observe the monolithic hoodoos in Bryce Canyon National Park.

Engage

• Visit a traditional Navajo hogan, and set out on a four-wheel drive tour through Monument Valley.

• Follow the paths of Ancestral Puebloans and pioneers at Zion National Park.

Repose

• Stay at lodges inside Grand Canyon National Park and other properties carefully selected for their rich histories, beautiful locations, and superb service and accommodations.

What’s Included

• 8 nights accommodations

• A welcome and farewell reception, 8 breakfasts, 1 lunch, and 4 dinners

• Full guiding services of an Orbridge Expedition Leader as well as expert local guides

• Admission and park fees throughout

• All activities as described in the 9-day itinerary, unless noted otherwise

• Private deluxe motor coach with air conditioning and comfortable seating

• Luggage porterage

• Gratuities to Orbridge Expedition Leader, local guides, drivers, and porters

• Airport transfers for guests arriving and departing during the suggested times

Your Expedition Leader:

The company and keen eyes of an expert Orbridge Expedition Leader will make all the difference in your educational experience. Enriched by their wealth of expertise, you’ll bring home a deeper understanding of the flora, fauna, natural history, and cultural narrative of the diverse parks of the American Southwest.
Accommodations (subject to change)

SCOTTSDALE MARRIOTT AT MCDOWELL MOUNTAINS
Delight in the well-appointed comforts of this modern hotel, featuring breathtaking mountain views. Cool off in the outdoor pool, take advantage of the fitness center, or relax outside on the picturesque patio.

KACHINA LODGE
Contemporary Kachina Lodge sits on the rim of the Grand Canyon. Guest rooms feature a comfortable, modern ambiance, and the property is within walking distance to restaurants and gift shops.

GOULDING’S LODGE
Relax and savor the spectacular views of Monument Valley at Goulding’s Lodge, a famous locale for Old West movies. Stop by the Trading Post Museum to view the artifacts, artwork, and film memorabilia.

LAKE POWELL RESORT
Located in Page, Arizona, the Lake Powell Resort offers comfortable lodging and first-rate dining. The property’s lake view rooms with Native American flair are an ideal retreat after a day full of adventurous fun. Sit back and take in views of Wahweap Bay, Lone Rock, Castle Rock, and breathtaking sunsets.

THE LODGE AT BRYCE CANYON
Situated just steps away from the rim of Bryce Canyon National Park, this property’s recently remodeled rooms provide contemporary comforts in combination with an authentic western park experience. Wi-Fi is complimentary in the main lodge.

ZION PARK LODGE
The only in-park lodging at Zion National Park, the Zion Park Lodge is serenely nestled among towering red rock cliffs. Each guest room provides a warm, comfortable atmosphere, ensuring a memorable stay.

THE WESTIN LAS VEGAS HOTEL & SPA
Welcome to the City of Lights! This stylish hotel—just off the Las Vegas Strip—features a 100% non-smoking environment, modern guest rooms, outdoor heated pool, fitness studio, lobby lounge, and 24-hour bistro.
What’s Included

• 1 night accommodations at Magnolia Denver Hotel (or similar) in Denver
• 1 night accommodations in Glenwood Springs (hotel determined by Rocky Mountaineer)
• 2 nights accommodations at Red Cliffs Lodge (or similar)
• 4 breakfasts and 1 lunch
• Rocky Mountaineer rail transport with SilverLeaf or SilverLeaf Plus Service
• Guiding services of a local guide
• Admission to Arches, and Canyonlands National Parks, included guided touring
• Private transportation for included park activities
• Gratuities to Rocky Mountaineer staff, local guides, drivers, and porters
• Internal airfare from Grand Junction to Phoenix
• Airport transfers for guests arriving during the suggested times

Pre-Tour Itinerary (subject to change)

Day +1:
Arrive in Denver, CO
Leisure time at the hotel
Overnight: Magnolia Denver Hotel

Day +2:
Denver / Rocky Mountaineer / Glenwood Springs (B,L)
Ruby Canyon, Mount Logan, cross the Continental Divide, Byers Canyon, Gore Canyon, evening at leisure
Overnight: Glenwood Springs Lodging

Day +3:
Glenwood Springs / Rocky Mountaineer / Moab, UT / Canyonlands National Park (B)
Parachute Creek, Mount Logan, Colorado River
Overnight: Red Cliffs Lodge

Day +4:
Moab / Arches National Park / Moab (B)
Park exploration, guided touring
Overnight: Red Cliffs Lodge

Day +5:
Moab / Grand Junction / Flight to Phoenix, AZ / Main Program Begins (B)

SilverLeaf Service Includes:
• Custom-designed single-level dome car, featuring oversized windows
• Reclining, comfortable pre-assigned seating with ample leg room
• Exclusive access to a small, private outdoor viewing area
• Unlimited beverages (including beer, wine, and spirits)
• À la carte meal service with gourmet meals that feature locally sourced ingredients prepared by an onboard culinary team

SilverLeaf Plus Service Includes:
Includes all the benefits of SilverLeaf Service plus exclusive access to the newly renovated lounge car. Featuring signature cocktails, the lounge car offers additional space indoors to relax and soak in the scenery, as well as a small outdoor viewing area. Also, enjoy an elevated dining experience with an additional course during select meals, and premium alcoholic beverages.
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Pre-Tour: October 12-16, 2024
Denver to Moab Aboard Rocky Mountaineer

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Fax: (206) 452-5655

Reserve by Check:
Made payable to Orbridge, LLC
Mail to: Orbridge, P.O. Box 1376
Poulsbo, WA 98370

We strongly suggest purchasing travel insurance. Travel insurance information will be sent to you with your email confirmation from the MSU Alumni Office. For more information, contact Orbridge at (866) 639-0079 or you may call the MSU Alumni Office at (888) 697-2863.

GUEST INFORMATION:
Guest #1 Name (Title/Salutation): ________________________________
Email: ________________________________ Class Year: __________
Home Phone: ________________________________ Alt. Phone: __________
Address: ________________________________
City: __________________ State: __________ Zip: __________

Guest #2 Name (Title/Salutation): ________________________________
Email: ________________________________ Class Year: __________
Home Phone: ________________________________ Alt. Phone: __________

DEPOSIT PAYMENT:

- Check □ ACH (Automated Clearing House) □ MasterCard/Visa □ American Express □ Discover
Card #: __________ Exp. Date: __________ CVV: __________
Name (as printed on card): ________________________________
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DEPOSIT:
# _________ guests joining pre-tour ($500/person) +
# _________ guests joining program ($850/person) = TOTAL DEPOSIT: $ __________

OPTIONAL GRAND CANYON HELICOPTER EXCURSION (added to your final invoice):
# _________ guests joining optional excursion ($339/person)
Participants’ dressed weight: Guest #1 _____________ Guest #2 _____________ (for flights only; to balance the aircraft)

I/we have read, understand, and agree to the full Terms & Conditions at terms.orbridge.com; and I/we agree that Orbridge, LLC is authorized to charge my credit card above and/or take my deposit for this program.

Signature: ________________________________ Date: __________

Reservations, Deposits and Final Payment. To secure your reservation, deposits are due upon placing a reservation as follows: $850 per person per program and $500 per person for any pre/post-tour. Orbridge accepts payment by check, ACH, wire or major credit card. Final payment is due 90 days prior to the departure date. Reservations made after the final payment due date are due at the time of registration. If final payment is not received by Orbridge by the final payment due date, Orbridge may cancel your reservation in its sole discretion with no right of refund. CST #2098750-40 WST #602828994

Reservation Grace Period. Reservations made 121+ days prior to the departure date may be cancelled within 30 days from the reservation date (“Grace Period”) for a full refund. Notice of cancellation must be received in writing during the Grace Period. The date of receipt will be used for the effective date.

Reservation Cancellations and Refunds. Notice of cancellation must be submitted to Orbridge in writing. The date of receipt will be used for the effective date. If the cancellation notice is received after the Grace Period (if applicable): (a) 91+ days prior to the departure date, all monies paid will be refunded less an administrative fee of $350 per person for the main program and $200 per person for a pre/post-tour; (b) 90-76 days prior to the departure date, a 25% cancellation fee for the full cost of the program and the balance will be refunded; (c) 75-61 days prior to the departure date, a 50% cancellation fee for the full cost of the program and the balance will be refunded; (d) 60-46 days prior to the departure date, a 75% cancellation fee for the full cost of the program and the balance will be refunded; (e) within 45 days prior to the departure date, a 100% cancellation fee for the full cost of the program. A 100% cancellation fee applies to all non-refundable airfare. Refunds, if any, will be processed within 30 days of our receipt of your written notice.

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*Special group rate; limited offer. Rates are per person based on double occupancy except where noted as Single, in U.S. dollars. Airfare not included. Single availability limited. For the pre-tour, internal airfare from Grand Junction to Phoenix is included. Airfare otherwise not included. **A complement to the educational component of this journey, Expedition Libraries are curated collections of useful resources and background reading tailored to this program. Place your deposit on or before the specified date, and one Expedition Library per household will be sent after receipt of final payment. Libraries may be purchased; please call for details.

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Special Alumni Rate: Save more than $1,000 per couple

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