



# CLASSIC JOURNEYS

THE WORLD'S FINEST WALKING TOURS

## Bryce & Zion

Epic National Parks of the Southwest





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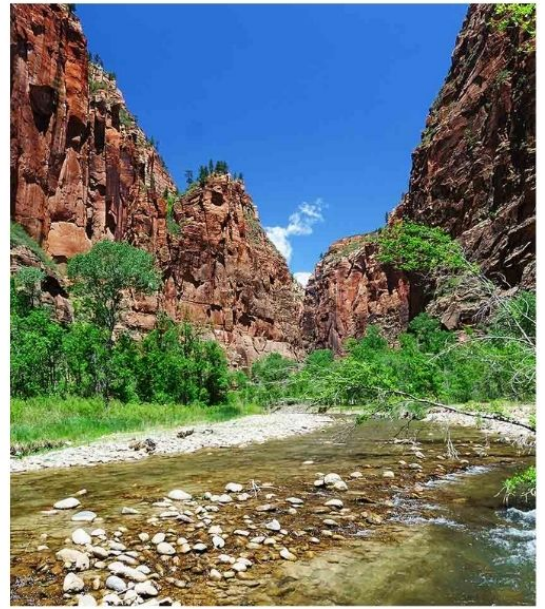
*Classic Journeys  
provides unbeatable  
access to experiences  
around the globe.”*

TRAVEL + LEISURE

## National Parks of the American Southwest

Discover nature on a cinematic scale in Utah’s legendary national parks, where sheer red cliffs rise over sunlit valleys and stone spires crown hidden amphitheaters. From vibrant slot canyons near St. George to the labyrinthine hoodoos of Bryce and the rushing waters of Zion’s Narrows, each day invites wonder. Walk trails once traversed by native peoples and pioneers, with expert local guides whose insights unlock the geologic and human stories woven into every landscape. Well-sited hotels and lodges, including a private ranch with expansive meadows and bison herds, offer comfort and an immersive sense of place. Classic Journeys blends exploration with thoughtful timing, ensuring uncommon access. Rather than racing past the sights, you linger in quiet corners, meet artisans and storytellers, and experience the true spirit of the parks—each step reconnecting you to the raw beauty and rich heritage of America’s canyon country.







DAY 1 »

## St. George – The Red Rock Welcome

- Stroll beneath cottonwoods along the Virgin River
- Unwind in art-filled, historic downtown St. George

Your Southwest adventure begins in St. George, cradled among crimson mesas and sun-warmed sandstone. You'll likely arrive in the afternoon and you have time to unwind and acclimate—no scheduled activities, just the sheer pleasure of arrival. Stroll beneath cottonwood trees along the Virgin River, lose yourself in the historic district's art galleries and charming boutiques, or linger in a shaded café savoring local flavors. Let the city's mellow pace invite you to relax after your travels. Or simply settle in at your hotel, where views of the surrounding cliffs beckon and the golden hour paints the landscape. Tomorrow, new discoveries await.

ST. GEORGE

DAILY MILEAGE OPTIONS: SEE CURATED WALKS CHART

DAY 2 »

## Hidden Slot Canyon / Bryce National Park

- Explore a secluded slot canyon on foot
- Enjoy jaw-dropping views into the otherworldly labyrinth of Bryce Canyon

Your Classic Journeys adventure begins in St. George, where your guide greets you with the warmth of an old friend. Together, you set out across broad valleys and layered mesas, your guide sharing stories of pioneer life and the land's dramatic geology. En route, you'll have the 'only with Classic Journeys' opportunity to have an entire slot canyon almost entirely to yourself. Explore on foot at eye level as you walk among the range of colorful canyons, sandstone cliffs, rocky deserts, and cool forested plateaus. Listen for the sounds of water, from the babbling brooks to rushing waterfalls, adding to the peaceful atmosphere of your nature walk. You'll see firsthand the power of water and how even a gentle, constant flowing river or stream can create fantasmic and otherworldly formations in the stone.

Pause for lunch, then continue on to Bryce Canyon, with the landscape transforming spectacularly en route. By later afternoon, you reach the iconic Bryce Canyon Lodge near the rim. Here, you can enjoy jaw-dropping views into the otherworldly labyrinth of Queen's Garden. The late afternoon sun sets the hoodoos aglow in shades of rose, cream, and rust, while canyon wrens sing and gravel crunches underfoot. Your guide brings the amphitheater's whimsical formations—rock queens, castles, arches—to life with colorful tales and insights, deepening the magic of the canyon below.

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BRYCE CANYON

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DAY 3 »

## Bryce Canyon / Navajo Loop Trail / Inspiration Point

- Hike Navajo Loop among ancient bristlecone pines and whimsical hoodoos
- Enjoy cowboy stories under a starlit Utah sky

Early risers may join your guide for a sunrise rim walk: the amphitheater glows pink and gold in the crisp air, coffee warming your hands as you watch daybreak over the enchanted spires. After breakfast, set off on the Navajo Loop Trail from Sunset Point, descending through narrow, spiraling corridors past the mighty Thor's Hammer and ancient bristlecone pines. Sunlight and shadow dance on the canyon walls as your guide shares stories—from geologic forces to the resilience of high desert forests. In the afternoon, enjoy a rim walk to Inspiration or Bryce Point, and through pine woodlands filled with quirky flora and equally fascinating geology. This evening, music and cowboy storytelling brings old West legends—and a spirit of camaraderie—to life beneath the stars.

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BRYCE CANYON

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DAY 4 »

## Coral Pink Sand Dunes / Maynard Dixon Home

- Walk blush-toned dunes sculpted by wind and time
- Visit Maynard Dixon's artist home steeped in Southwest culture

After breakfast, head to the Coral Pink Sand Dunes. Walk across warm, blush-toned hills, the shifting grains soft beneath your shoes. Your guide explains how wind and time sculpted this fantastical landscape, and you pause atop a rise to marvel at the vivid contrast of pink sand, blue sky, and encircling junipers—a playful, feet-in-the-sand interlude amid dramatic beauty.

You can imagine how this scenery inspired generations of artists. Today, visit the historic Maynard Dixon home and studio, nestled in pinyon-juniper foothills. Inside, original sketches and landscapes reveal Dixon's devotion to capturing the soul of the Southwest. Your guide brings Dixon's story—and his legacy as a painter of light, space, and native cultures—vividly to life.

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PRIVATE RANCH AT ZION'S EDGE

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## DAY 5 »

### Private ranch at Zion's edge / Springdale artists' galleries

- [Walk with herds of iconic bison](#)
- [Browse local galleries for art inspired by the canyons](#)

Wake this morning at a private ranch spanning thousands of open acres at the edge of Zion. The ranch is home to one of the region's largest bison herds—typically numbering over 100 majestic animals—which roam freely across the property, visible on morning and sunset walks. The sense of spaciousness, wildlife presence, and remarkable quiet creates a secluded retreat, inviting you to settle in and breathe in the fragrance of sage. Begin your day with a guided walk through the rolling meadows of the ranch, following peaceful trails with sweeping views and pausing to watch freely roaming bison—majestic icons of the American West. Enjoy stories of their unique behaviors, their role as sculptors of prairie ecology, and their surprising differences from cattle.

Later in the afternoon, explore Springdale's inviting art galleries. Admire photography, ceramics, jewelry, and Native American art that capture Zion's ever-changing moods. Perhaps you'll find the perfect keepsake to remember your adventure or simply linger among works inspired by the same landscapes you have come to know so well.

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## DAY 6 »

### Zion National Park / Zion Narrows

- [Journey into Zion Narrows with expert guides](#)
- [Gather for a chef-inspired, garden-sourced dinner](#)

Fortified from breakfast, it's time to experience Zion Narrows, a justifiably iconic and magnificent highlight of the park. During your walk, you'll find yourself repeatedly gazing skyward as you follow the rock up along canyon walls that are about 2,000 feet high and sometimes only 20 feet apart. And it's not just the rock itself that is so amazing; the walls are adorned with colorful hanging gardens of wildflowers in the spring and summer, and vibrant foliage in the fall months.

As you soak in the picture-perfect landscape and get your feet wet on explorations up the famous Zion Narrows, here is an important insider's tip: be very wary of companies that will send you up the Narrows on your own. They do that to avoid the permitting and limitations on group sizes that are required by the park. The Narrows is spectacular, but the water level in it changes not just from one season to the next but even from one day to the next. With Classic Journeys, you're permitted in a small group and led by our expert guides and with the appropriate gear. It's not just one of the ways to go, it is the only way to experience the Narrows.

As the sky softens, gather for a chef-inspired, garden-sourced dinner. As dusk falls, share laughter and stories by the fire, with the first stars bright overhead.

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PRIVATE RANCH AT ZION'S EDGE

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DAY 7 »

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## Private ranch at Zion's edge / St. George

- Wind past canyons and red cliffs
- Part company in St. George

By mid-morning, it's time to gather for the return drive to St. George, the canyons and red cliffs rolling past as your guide shares one last story and ensures an easy, heartfelt farewell. You part company in St. George by midday.

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DAILY MILEAGE OPTIONS: SEE CURATED WALKS CHART

## Tour Hotels



### [Hyatt Place St. George](#)

Hyatt Place in St. George offers spacious rooms with modern style and breathtaking mountain views of the dramatic red rock landscape. During your stay, enjoy the outdoor pool, complimentary breakfast, and easy access to Southern Utah's iconic adventures.

**NIGHTS:** 1 nights



### [Bryce Canyon Lodge](#)

Located inside the National Park near the canyon's rim, the Bryce Canyon Lodge is on the National Historic Register. Its grand lobby has been restored to its original rustic 1920s elegance. Relax by the fireplace after a full day of exploration.

**NIGHTS:** 2 nights



### [Zion Mountain Ranch](#)

Perched on the edge of Zion National Park, this mountain lodge captures the spirit of the Old West. Cozy cabins provide breathtaking views of rolling meadows where bison roam freely, and you can enjoy farm-to-table cuisine and easy access to the park.

**NIGHTS:** 3 nights

# Curated Walks

### CONNECT. ON FOOT. AT EYE LEVEL.

Join us to walk the most cinematic footpaths in a region. With thoughtfully curated walks that are about so much more than just counting miles. Yes, it's likely that your Fitbit or Apple watch will buzz when you hit your step count. But you probably won't notice because your soul will be buzzing from the connections you make with the people and place. Each day, we'll offer you one or two walks. Each walk is generally between an hour or two in duration. And our support vehicles are often nearby and add to your flexibility. Choose one or both to curate the right amount of walking for you each day. It's why Forbes magazine calls our tours their 'Luxury Walking Favorite'.

### CURATE YOUR OWN MILEAGE OPTIONS EACH DAY

	MINIMUM	AVERAGE	MAXIMUM
Day 1	*	*	*
Day 2	2	4	6
Day 3	2	4	7.5
Day 4	2	3	3.5
Day 5	2	4	6
Day 6	2.5	4	7.5
Day 7	*	*	*

\*No scheduled walks

### ROUTE NOTES

The terrain on this trip includes a variety of well-maintained countryside, riverside, and canyon trails of compressed dirt and stone. The footpaths offer a selection of level, rolling and hilly terrain with elevation gain and loss.

### THE ART OF THE UNPLANNED:

#### CRAFTING UNFORGETTABLE MOMENTS

We've carefully crafted each day's walking adventures with our expert local guides. Your daily itinerary serves as a well-thought-out plan, and we empower our tour leaders to adapt to unexpected opportunities or challenges. Whether it's an impromptu local invitation or a weather-related change, we're adept at making adjustments. So, while your experience may closely follow the itinerary, it might also include some variations. In essence, we invite you to "expect the unexpected" – knowing that our promise is to provide you the most genuine and authentic walking tours in the world.



## Arrival & Departure

### → ARRIVAL DETAILS

LOCATION: Hyatt Place St. George  
CITY: St. George, UT  
TIME: 9:00 AM on Day 2

### → DEPARTURE DETAILS

LOCATION: Downtown City Center  
CITY: St. George, UT  
TIME: 3:30 PM

## The Classic Journeys Difference

- ▶ **CURATED WALKS THAT LEAD TO 'ONLY WITH CLASSIC JOURNEYS' EXPERIENCES**
  - Immerse and connect you across cultures as you explore on foot
- ▶ **EXCEPTIONAL LOCAL GUIDES**
  - Bring authentic experiences to life
- ▶ **ENCHANTING ACCOMMODATIONS**
  - Where luxury and local mean you feel at home
- ▶ **EAT LIKE (& WITH) THE LOCALS**
  - Local flavors and time to savor the moments together
- ▶ **SMALL GROUPS, GUARANTEED**
  - Mean deeper, richer experiences while making friends along the way
- ▶ **REGENERATIVE TRAVEL**
  - We take strides to preserve cultures, traditions, and nature

## What's Included

- Accommodations for 6 nights
- All breakfasts, 4 lunches and 3 dinners
- Full-time experienced guide(s) who are with you throughout the trip and handle behind-the-scenes logistics
- Admissions to scheduled events as noted in the detailed daily itinerary
- Gratuities for hotels, meals, and baggage
- All land transportation during the trip

## Above & Beyond Benefits

- ▶ **PRIVILEGED ACCESS EVENTS**  
One-of-a-kind access to remarkable people, places and activities arranged just for you.
- ▶ **INVISIBLE CHECK-IN**  
When your group arrives, we whisk you and your bags to your room immediately.

## Enhancing Your Journey

We're constantly seeking ways to improve your experience. Count on us to update you with any significant changes before departure. Minor adjustments may be communicated by your guides during the trip to ensure you have the best possible journey.