

The Mighty 5!

Arches, Canyonlands, Capitol Reef, Bryce Canyon, and Zion National Parks, plus
Mesa Verde!

September 18-29, 2023

With the North American Rock Garden Society

Maximum Group Size: 20 guests

Pricing: \$3,750 per person, double occupancy

Single Supplement: Please inquire



September 18, 2023—Fly into Durango, Colorado. American and United Airlines service the Durango airport. (This was a change of plans from the prior announcement due to adding Mesa Verde to the itinerary.) We will overnight in Durango to be sure that everyone is accounted for.

September 19, 2023—Free time in Durango until the bus arrives to pick us up in the afternoon. An optional excursion on the Durango & Silverton Narrow Gauge Railway is in the works, but not confirmed at this time. Durango is a beautiful small town with a variety of shops, galleries, restaurants, museums, and more. This afternoon, our private coach will pick us up and we will make our way to **Mesa Verde**, where we will spend two nights at **Far View Lodge inside of the park** and have a welcome dinner at the lodge. **Breakfast and Dinner included.**

September 20, 2023—Today, we will spend our day at **Mesa Verde**. In the morning, we will have a step-on guide join us on our coach as we tour one of the main loops in the park. In the afternoon, I hope to offer an optional private, guided tour of the Cliff Palace for those who are interested and physically able (this is a more challenging visit that involves hiking, climbing ladders, etc. and may not suit everyone, which is why we will all do the easier morning tour). **Breakfast and Lunch included.**

September 21, 2023—Departing Mesa Verde this morning, we will eventually make our way to Moab, Utah. On the way, we will explore part of the southern portion of **Canyonlands National Park** visiting sites such as **Newspaper Rock Historical Monument, Six-Shooter Peaks, the Needles District, Wooden Shoe Overlook, and the Big Spring Canyon Overlook**. We'll arrive in Moab in the late afternoon or early evening and have the remainder of the day at your leisure. **Breakfast included.**

September 22, 2023—From Moab, we will spend today exploring **Arches National Park** in the morning and then make our way to some points of interest in the northern section of **Canyonlands National Park** in the afternoon. At Arches, we'll take time to do the easy **Windows Loop and Turret Arch Trail**, and we'll make stops at **La Sal Mountains viewpoint, Courthouse Towers, the Petrified Dunes viewpoint, Fiery Furnace, Sand Dune Arch**, and more. Heading to the north section of Canyonlands, we'll take in the **Shafer Trail viewpoint, Mesa Arch, Grand View Point**, and others as time permits. **Breakfast and Lunch included.**

September 23, 2023—Departing Moab this morning, we will make our way to **Capitol Reef National Park** with stops at **Kathline Rock** and possibly **Wolverton Mill** in Hanksville, UT. First, though, we will make a morning stop in Green River, UT, at the **John Wesley Powell River History Museum**, featuring historical exhibits focused on the importance of rivers and “river running” on the Colorado Plateau, as well as dinosaurs, historic boats (river runners), regional art, and much more. Lunch will be at a local diner and tonight, we will stay at the **Capitol Reef Resort**. **Breakfast and Lunch included.**

September 24, 2023—Today, we will visit as much of **Capitol Reef National Park** as we can by bus. This will include the Capitol Reef National Park Visitor Center, the Ripple Rock Nature Center, the Gifford Homestead, the Fruita Barn and Schoolhouse, and as much of the Scenic Drive as is possible in a commercial coach. In the afternoon, we'll explore the nearby town of Torrey, where you'll find a gallery with local and regional art, a variety of gift shops, restaurants, and more. **Breakfast included.**

September 25, 2023—This morning we will make our way from Capitol Reef to **Bryce Canyon** and eventually all the way to **Zion National Park**. We will make our way down Scenic Highway 12, one of the most beautiful drives in Utah and stop at the **Anasazi State Park Museum**. We'll enjoy lunch and a bit of sightseeing at Bryce Canyon, arriving at Zion later this evening.

September 26 and 27, 2023—These two days will be dedicated to **Zion National Park**. There are a multitude of optional activities available within the park, including the free shuttle that runs every 15 minutes along Zion Canyon Scenic Drive to all of the canyon’s best sites, as well as to many of the trailheads for those who are more adventurous and might like to do some hiking. More options will be made available as the tour draws closer. **Breakfast included.**

September 28, 2023—Most of today will be dedicated to making the drive from Zion to Las Vegas. We will stop for a bit of yet-to-be-determined sightseeing along the way and arrive in Las Vegas in the late afternoon. **Breakfast included.**

September 29, 2023—Fly home or extend your stay for a weekend on your own in Las Vegas.



Troy B. Marden Travel—Terms & Conditions

RESERVATIONS & PAYMENTS To guarantee your reservation, deposits, along with single supplements for individual travelers, must be received either by check, credit card, or electronic payment (PayPal or Venmo). Payments must be made in accordance with the payment schedule stated in the itinerary and/or on the website, as well as at the bottom of this form. Credit card and E-payments will be subject to a 3.5% surcharge to cover processing fees.

*****DEPOSITS***** Beginning January 1, 2021, deposits for tours will no longer be fully refundable. Deposits of \$1,000.00 per person will be required for all tours. 50% of the deposit (\$500.00 per person) will be non-refundable, but **will be transferable** to another tour should you be forced to cancel your reservation. The remaining 50% (\$500.00 per person) will be refundable up to 120 days prior to travel, per the cancellation and refund policy below. Any cancellations fewer than 120 days from travel will be subject to the fees laid out in the same policy. **Single Supplements must be made along with initial deposits. These will remain fully refundable until 120 days prior to travel.** After that time, the cancellation fees outlined below will apply.

CANCELLATIONS & REFUNDS Cancellations are subject to the following **per person fees based on the total package price** as offered by Troy B. Marden Travel:

Cancel 120 days or more prior to departure—Deposits will be 50% refundable. The remaining 50% will be retained by Troy B. Marden Travel and **may be applied to a future tour**. If more than the deposit has been paid, the full balance, less 50% of the deposit fee, will be refunded.

Cancel 90-119 days prior to departure—25% Cancellation fee, per person, applies

Cancel 60-89 days prior to departure—50% Cancellation fee, per person, applies

Cancel fewer than 60 days prior to departure—No Refunds

***Refunds of domestic flights as part of an itinerary cannot be guaranteed once flights have been booked.

Reservations made after any cancellation deadline has passed will still be subject to the cancellation policy and deadlines. In the event a client is required to cancel, that client's reservations may be transferrable to another client. However, transfer of reservations cannot be guaranteed for every tour and will be addressed on a case by case basis. This cancellation and refund policy refers to the ground package only, as set forth by Troy B. Marden Travel in the trip itinerary. Airfares are the responsibility of the passenger and any cancellations or changes to airfares are subject to the agreement between the passenger and the airline.

PASSPORT INFORMATION A valid passport is required for **all** international tours and for some tours to U.S. Territories and is the responsibility of each passenger. **Passports must be valid for at least six (6) months beyond the traveler's RETURN DATE.**

COVID-19 RESTRICTIONS Troy B. Marden Travel **and its passengers** will follow **all** rules and guidelines regarding Covid-19 for all countries. There will be no exceptions. This includes proof of vaccination, quarantining, and all other requirements as they are laid out by the U.S. Government or the governments of other countries. These rules and guidelines may vary from country to country and from tour to tour. **It should be assumed that Covid guidelines may be in flux for the foreseeable future. Any person choosing not to be vaccinated assumes any and all responsibility for the consequences thereof including, but not limited to, rejection at borders, return home, accommodation, infection or illness, hospitalization, or death.** Mask mandates and some degree of social distancing are likely to continue, even with the large-scale distribution of vaccines. Travelers must understand and be prepared for these likelihoods, which could affect them, personally, or force unforeseen changes to the itinerary at a moment's notice. **Troy B. Marden Travel, nor any of its agents, will be held liable for any form of Covid-related postponement, cancellation, expense, medical care, et al.**

TRIP CANCELLATION AND MEDICAL INSURANCE Troy B. Marden Travel does not provide trip cancellation or medical insurance of any kind, but strongly urges passengers to secure insurance through their own agents, credit card companies or other providers. **Should the client choose not to secure trip cancellation insurance, it is agreed that Troy B. Marden Travel or its agents will not be held liable for any refund of monies lost, nor the reimbursement of any expenditures, due to unexpected illness, injury, or any other cause of cancellation fewer than 120 days prior to departure.** Further, it is agreed that all clients maintain up-to-date medical insurance for coverage in the event of any health or medical emergencies or needs during a tour, whether in the U.S. or abroad. Should the client choose **not** to maintain up-to-date medical coverage, the client agrees that Troy B. Marden Travel or its agents will not be held liable, financially or otherwise, for any health or medical circumstances that may arise before, during, or after the completion of any tour.

TOUR PRICES AND PRICE CHANGES All tour prices are based on double occupancy and are in U.S. Dollars. Single supplements cover additional charges for single occupancy rooms as imposed by the hotel, bed and breakfast, or other provider of accommodations. Tour prices are based on a minimum number of passengers, which may vary between tours. Should the number of passengers fall below the minimum, Troy B. Marden Travel reserves the right to adjust the tour price and impose a surcharge to cover losses. Tour prices are also based on hotel rates, motor coach rates, and other rates negotiated many months in advance of departure and, for international tours, on an exchange rate which is subject to change based on world financial markets. Should any portion of any tour see a significant change in price for reasons beyond our control—including, but not limited to, hotel rate changes, motor coach rate changes or fuel surcharges, or a significant change in the currency exchange rate between countries—Troy B. Marden Travel reserves the right to adjust the tour price accordingly.

TOUR PRICE INCLUSIONS AND EXCLUSIONS Tour prices include hotel accommodations, ground transportation, entry fees, tips for drivers and guides, and meals as specified in the final itinerary. Tour prices **do not include** airfares unless specifically noted as part of the tour itinerary (i.e. a tour may include a domestic flight within a country or a short flight between countries if those flights are deemed a necessary part of the itinerary), travel insurance, excess baggage fees, items of a personal nature, telephone calls, room service, optional tour extensions, hotel accommodations for additional nights before a tour commences or after a tour ends, spa treatments or other hotel/resort services, meals not listed in the itinerary, alcoholic beverages or other special beverages ordered at group meals, or tips to hotel personnel. At some special group meals, all beverages may be included. The customer will be made aware of these special occasions on a trip by trip basis.

TOUR CANCELLATION BY TROY B. MARDEN TRAVEL On the rarest occasions, it may be necessary for Troy B. Marden Travel to cancel a tour. These could include, but not be limited to, war, civil unrest, family illness or death, adverse weather conditions, global pandemic or other health-related crises, or other acts of God that may threaten the comfort and/or well-being of the client. If Troy B. Marden Travel is forced to cancel a tour due to unforeseen circumstances, Troy B. Marden Travel will make reasonable effort to recover monies paid to vendors (hotels, coach companies, site visits, restaurants, etc.) up to the date of cancellation. **Troy B. Marden Travel cannot guarantee the recovery of funds from vendors in these circumstances.** Recovered funds, if any, will be distributed equally between travelers, less the \$500 non-refundable deposits laid out in the **Reservations & Payments** and the **Cancellations and Refunds** sections of this agreement. The non-refundable portion of the deposits **will remain transferable** to a future tour.

RESPONSIBILITY Tour itineraries are planned well in advance. Troy B. Marden Travel reserves the right to make alterations to any itinerary should local conditions dictate. When weather or unforeseen conditions of any kind which are beyond our control affect our routes or itinerary, Troy B. Marden Travel and its representatives reserve the right to provide a suitable alternative. In exceptional circumstances outside the control of Troy B. Marden Travel or any of its representatives, agents or suppliers, including, but not limited to the threat of war, political unrest, riots, civil disturbances, terrorist threat or action, disease outbreak or other health concerns, legal or illegal labor disputes, adverse weather conditions or an Act of God, Troy B. Marden Travel, its representatives, suppliers, or agents cannot be held responsible for such limitations or withdrawal of facilities. The use by Troy B. Marden Travel of transport and accommodations in connection with any tour is subject to the conditions of the owners/operators of such transport or accommodations for whom Troy B. Marden Travel acts as an agent. Troy B. Marden Travel does not, under most circumstances, book air travel unless the itinerary requires shuttling of passengers between local destinations by air. Unless specifically stated in the itinerary, the client is responsible for their own domestic and/or international airfare and for meeting the group at the destination at the given time.

Troy B. Marden Travel will not be responsible for damages or inconvenience caused by late arrivals, departures or changes of schedule beyond their control. Troy B. Marden Travel does not hold any responsibility for the conduct of any of its members, hotel, motorcoach, cruiseline, train, airline, or other personnel that are not their own. Troy B. Marden Travel reserves the right to decline to accept or retain any person as a member of its tour/cruise at its discretion. Troy B. Marden Travel or its Tour Director retain the right to require any participant to withdraw from a tour/cruise at any time, if determined to be in the best interests of health, safety, and general welfare of the tour/cruise group or of the individual participant. Payment of the deposit constitutes the acceptance of these terms and conditions. Itinerary and hotels are subject to change based on local conditions and availability.

Please print the following Reservation Form (2 pages), fill out, sign, and return to the address listed at the bottom of the form. Thank you!

Troy B. Marden Travel
Booking Form for
The Mighty 5 National Parks
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TRAVELER # 1

Name: _____

Address: _____

Telephone: _____

Email: _____

Single or Double Occupancy? _____

**TRAVELER # 2 (If Double Occupancy, please list the second traveler below.
Include address, telephone and email if different from above.)**

Name: _____

Address: _____

Telephone: _____

Email: _____

Price: \$3,750.00 per person, ground only, based on double occupancy

Single Supplement: Please inquire. Due to U.S. hotels **NOT** offering discounted rates on single occupancy rooms, the single supplements for domestic tours tend to be extraordinarily high.

***Please note that the price does NOT include roundtrip airfare. Travelers will be required to purchase their own airfares from their departure city.**

Payment Schedule:

Deposit: \$1,000.00 per person at time of booking to secure your space.

2nd Payment: \$1,375.00 per person due no later than **March 18, 2023.**

Final Payment: \$1,375.00 per person due no later than **June 18, 2023.**

Single Supplement: Due with deposit, please inquire.

I have read, understand, and accept the Terms & Conditions provided by Troy B. Marden Travel.

Name: _____ Date: _____

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*Credit cards can be accepted. There is a 3.5% surcharge for all credit card payments. Electronic payments by Venmo are also accepted and are free of charge. Please contact Troy directly, preferably using the email address provided above, to schedule credit card payments.

Reservations will not be considered complete until deposits and a signed reservation form have been received.