

# Phoenix to Las Vegas

This is a short one-way trip from Phoenix to Las Vegas before two nights of fun in the capital of entertainment. It is designed for those who have little time but want to see something of the natural wonders of the US's most famous National Parks. If you want to extend the trip to stay longer in some places, feel free...

DEPARTS FROM > PHOENIX or LAS VEGAS

DURATION > 9 DAYS

DISTANCE > 990 MILES

## MOTORHOME ITINERARY



Walkies! Photo: Utah Office of Tourism

**Day 1** > Collect your Motor Home from Cruise America, Mesa then head on to Flagstaff, the 'gateway' to the Grand Canyon. ⚡ Drive 145 miles to Munds Park, Flagstaff ★ Visit Sedona in the Red Rock Country of Coffeepot, Cathedral and stunning Oak Creek Canyon [www.mundsparkrv.com](http://www.mundsparkrv.com)

**Day 2** > We like the Mather Campground for its peace and quiet and natural surroundings. That isn't to say

that in the height of summer it doesn't get busy – but the smell of the campfires and BBQ's and the camaraderie of your fellow RV'rs sharing this amazing location is quite unique! ⚡ 140 miles to South Rim of the Grand Canyon ★ Be on the rim for the mesmerising colour changes of sunrise and do try to take a helicopter flight over the Canyon. It's life changing! [www.recreation.gov/camping/Mather\\_Campground\\_Az/r/campgroundDetails.do](http://www.recreation.gov/camping/Mather_Campground_Az/r/campgroundDetails.do)

**Day 3** > You arrived at the Canyon via Highway 180; now head east on 64, through more of Grand Canyon National Park and through the Kaibab National Forest to Cameron, where you will go north on Hwy 89



Zion NP Narrows Photo: Utah Office of Tourism

to the City of Page and fabulous Lake Powell on the Colorado River. The drive is just under 3 hours. Try and leave early so you can enjoy something of the Lake Powell adventures! Taking a speedboat to Rainbow Bridge is our favourite. Wahweap is right on the Lake. ⚡ 145 miles to Lake Powell ★ Rent a speedboat and make for Rainbow Bridge [www.go-arizona.com/Wahweap-RV-Park](http://www.go-arizona.com/Wahweap-RV-Park)

**Day 4** > Continue on scenic Highway 89 for almost 130 miles then turn right on 12 for Bryce Canyon, and Ruby's Inn Campground. On your journey you will drive through the Dixie National Forest. It will take about 2 ½ hours to get to Bryce Canyon so set off early to enjoy this very different National Park with its strange columns and pinnacles of rock. ⚡ 145 miles to Ruby's Inn, Bryce Canyon ★ Visit the Escalante Grand Staircase National Monument begins near Ruby's Inn and is a very unique region of canyons, arches, plateaus and cliffs [www.rubysinn.com/rv\\_camp.html](http://www.rubysinn.com/rv_camp.html)

**Day 5** > South on Hwy 89 until you turn west on Hwy 9 for Zion National Park and after 71 miles you will enter the East Entrance to the Park. You should be there around 10:30 if you leave Bryce Canyon at 9am. Zion is different again, more lush, but spectacular too. You will want to stop and linger. After the 12 miles of Park roads you will exit through the main entrance on Hwy 9. Just 14 miles further on, Zion River Resort is ideally located for easy access to what truly is one of the nation's most beautiful parks so you may want to base yourself here for more than one night. ⚡ 100 miles to Zion River Resort ★ You must see live musical productions nightly on stage at the Zion canyon Theatre.



Arches NP, Utah Photos: Scott Ash



The rim of Bryce Canyon Photo: Utah Office of Tourism



Las Vegas Strip at night Photo: Visit Las Vegas

They offer high energy and great family entertainment

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**Day 6** > Because you will probably want to spend more time in Zion National Park this morning, we are taking just a short drive to Mesquite to overnight on our way to Las Vegas. Also, we want you to be able to enjoy a pleasant and interesting drive to the city which could not be accomplished in one day. Take a look at the Desert Skies Resort website; we know you'll enjoy your overnight stay. ⚡ 180 miles to Mesquite ★ Visit the St. George area; a historical gold mine full of pioneer homes, fascinating ghost towns, and prehistoric dinosaur footprints [www.desertskiesresorts.com](http://www.desertskiesresorts.com)



**Day 7/8** > If you wish, you can take Interstate 15 right into Las Vegas. However, we prefer the more leisurely route through the spectacular Lake Mead Recreation Area. Continue on Lake Shore Drive; stop off at Boulder Beach; then turn east for 9 miles to the amazing Hoover Dam – certainly a most amazing man-made wonder. Retrace your steps back through Boulder City and Henderson and continue on Hwy 215 to Interstate 15; go south on I-15 take exit 33. Turn left, over the bridge. Make your first right, which is the entrance to the Resort. Look at their website to appreciate them! ⚡ 120 Miles to Las Vegas ★ Visit the Valley of Fire State Park on the way to the Hoover Dam [www.oasislasvegasrvresort.com](http://www.oasislasvegasrvresort.com)

**Day 9** > Only 15 miles to Cruise America Las Vegas to drop off your Motor Home