

American Outback Itinerary

2009



Day 1, Friday, June 19

Arrive Grand Junction, Colorado; transfer to Hawthorn Suites in downtown Grand Junction. Afternoon Tour Briefing followed by our Welcome Dinner at local restaurant with other pilots and guests. *D*

Day 2, Saturday, June 20

Morning training flights, as needed. Afternoon flight briefing at airport. In the afternoon we will have a guided, horseback ride in nearby canyon country, followed by a cowboy dinner. *B/D*

Day 3, Sunday, June 21

Depart Grand Junction for a spectacular flight over the various National Parks in southeastern Utah, en route to magnificent **Monument Valley**, on the Navajo Reservation. After landing, we'll have lunch at Gouldings Lodge, followed by an afternoon jeep tour of the spires and shapes of Monument Valley. *B/L*

Day 4, Monday, June 22

After breakfast, we'll leave for Page, Arizona for a fuel stop, then through the Fossil Corridor over the spectacular **Grand Canyon**. After landing at the **Grand Canyon Caverns** strip, we'll have lunch and an informative tour of the rare limestone caverns underground. You'll have a bit of free time to take pictures of the roadside brontosaurus or take a dip in the pool before dinner. *B/L/D*

Day 5, Tuesday, June 23

We'll leave behind Route 66 for the highlands of **Arizona's Mogollon Rim**, home to Payson and its popular airport café. After brunch and fueling, we'll continue south to Bisbee, Arizona. In the afternoon you will don miner's lanterns and slickers and travel underground to tour the Desert Queen Mine. We will check into the historic Copper Queen Hotel, built in 1902, and have a fiesta dinner at nearby Jalisco's Restaurant. *B/D*

Day 6, Wednesday, June 24

Free day, no flying. Spend the day on your own exploring the mining town of Bisbee, and/or take a trip to the old west town of Tombstone, about 25 miles away.

Day 7, Thursday, June 25

Enjoy the challenge of flying between southern New Mexico's special use airspace, en route to Alamogordo, famous for missile testing and the beautiful gypsum dunes of **White Sands National Monument**. After lunch and a visit to the dunes for sand sledding, we'll make the scenic drive up to Cloudcroft, cooling off at their 9000' elevation. Check-in and dinner at the historic Lodge Resort. *B/L/D*

Day 8, Friday, June 26

It's a two-flight day en route to Bluff, Utah, a small town in the San Juan River Valley. After landing, we'll check in to the Recapture Lodge, have time for exploring the Bluff Historic District, then dinner at Cow Canyon Restaurant. *B/L/D*

Day 9, Saturday, June 27

No flying. We'll spend the day floating the upper canyon of the **San Juan River**, stopping periodically for quick hikes and photo ops of cliff dwellings, fossil outcroppings and petroglyphs, en route to Mexican Hat. This river trip is a showstopper and has been described as the best day float in the Southwest! *B/L*

Day 10, Sunday, June 28

It will be a beautiful flight home to Grand Junction across southwestern Colorado. We will have lunch together before checking you back into the Hawthorn Suites hotel downtown. After some free time, we will gather again for a trip slide show and farewell dinner. *B/L/D*

Day 9, Monday, June 29

Breakfast in hotel; shuttle service to airport as needed. Please advise Parkwest if additional room nights are desired. *B*

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PLEASE NOTE: *Weather conditions may affect the itinerary.*

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Feature Areas Visited:

- Monument Valley NTP
- Grand Canyon Caverns
- Historic Bisbee
- White Sands NM
- Utah's San Juan Riverway

Approx. Flight Time:

15 hours (C-172)

Approximate Distance:

1500 nautical miles
1730 statute miles

Days: 11 / Nights: 10

Feature Areas Overflown:

- Colorado NM
- Arches NP
- Canyonlands NP
- Natural Bridges NP
- Rainbow Bridge NM
- Glen Canyon NRA
- Grand Canyon NP
- Sedona and the Verde Valley
- Arizona's Mogollon Rim
- El Malpais NM
- The Navajo Nation



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