

Southwest Safari Itinerary

2009



Day 1, Saturday, September 12

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

Day 2, Sunday, September 13

After breakfast there will be a Flight Briefing covering the flight aspects of the tour. Those who are being provided aircraft will complete an aircraft checkout with a flight instructor. In the afternoon there will be a guided van tour of beautiful **Colorado National Monument**. *B/L/D*

Day 3, Monday, September 14

After breakfast and briefing, depart for **Glen Canyon National Recreation Area** in Page, Arizona. Fly across **Arches** and **Canyonlands National Parks**, **Natural Bridges National Monument** and **Monument Valley Navajo Tribal Park** en route. Transfer to Wahweap Lodge for lunch in their famous Rainbow Room. In the afternoon, you can tour Glen Canyon dam and relax by the pool. Dinner is aboard the Canyon King paddlewheel boat, showing off the evening sunset on Lake Powell. *B/L/D*

Day 4, Tuesday, September 15

After breakfast and briefing, fly to **Grand Canyon National Park** at Valle airport. After lunch and visit of Planes of Fame museum, we will tour the various spectacular vantage points of the Canyon's south rim. You will be spending two nights rimside, amid all the activities and vistas of this beautiful destination. *B/D*

Day 5, Wednesday, September 16

Free day at the **Grand Canyon**; no flying. You may spend the day as you wish exploring and enjoying the Canyon on foot, mule, bus, helicopter, etc.

Day 6, Thursday, September 17

After breakfast and briefing, fly over **Lake Mead National Recreation Area** en route to Twentynine Palms, California, home of **Joshua Tree National Park**. Ground transportation to the Twentynine Palms Inn. Explore the park Visitor's Center and enjoy the Ranger-led walking tour in the afternoon. *B/L/D*

Day 7, Friday, September 18

After breakfast and briefing, fly to Furnace Creek, California and **Death Valley National Park**. Visitor's Center and Borax Museum in the afternoon plus free time to relax poolside or try a round of golf at 200' below sea level. After dinner, you can enjoy one of the best stargazing locales in North America. *B/L*

Day 8, Saturday, September 19

After breakfast and briefing, fly east over the Las Vegas area, then over **Zion National Park** en route to **Bryce Canyon National Park**. Ground transportation to the Bryce Canyon Lodge. Chartered park tour and "hoodoo hike" in the afternoon. *B/D*

Day 9, Sunday, September 20

After breakfast and briefing, return to Grand Junction over Utah's spectacular **Grand Staircase – Escalante National Monument** and **Capitol Reef, Canyonlands** and **Arches** National Parks. Ground transportation to the Hawthorn Suites. Farewell dinner at a local restaurant. *B/D*

Day 10, Monday, September 21

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

PLEASE NOTE: *Weather conditions may affect the itinerary. Accommodation at specific lodging properties is subject to room availability.*

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National Park Areas Visited:

- Colorado National Monument
- Glen Canyon National Recreation Area
- Grand Canyon National Park
- Joshua Tree National Park
- Death Valley National Park
- Bryce Canyon National Park

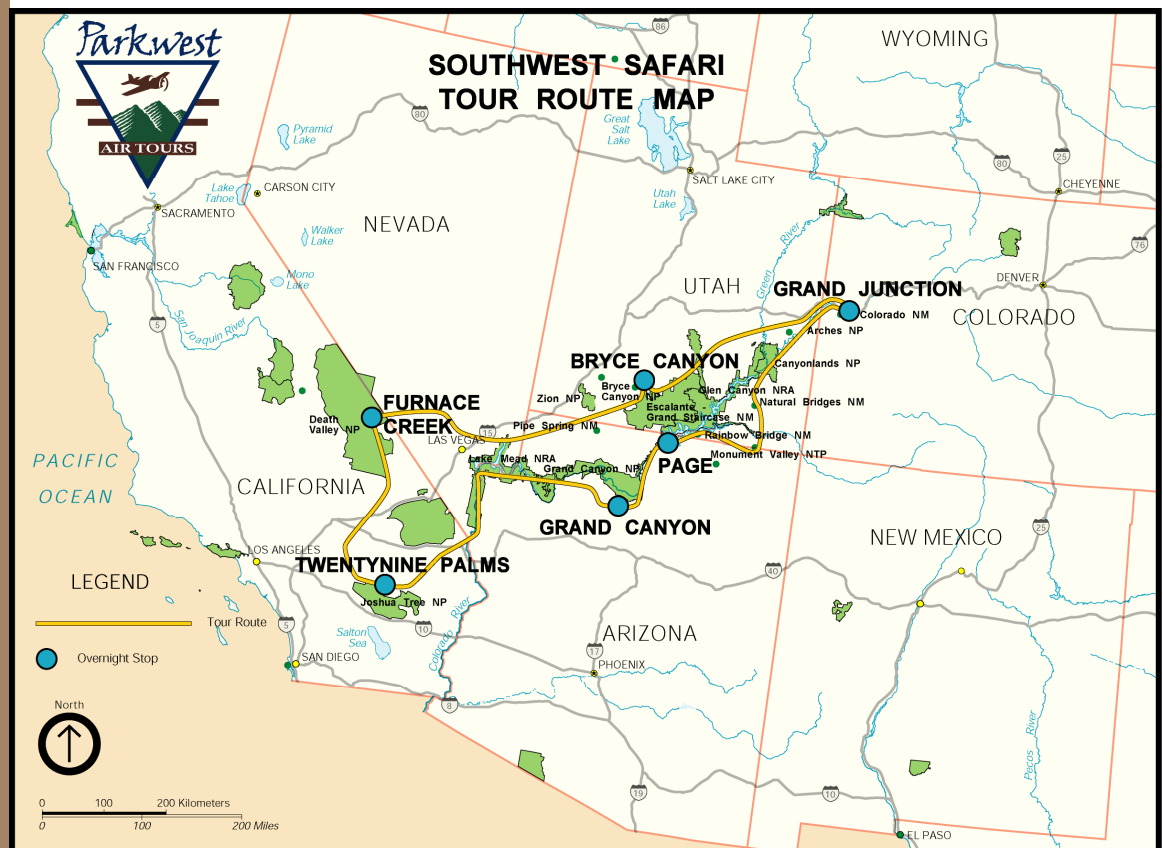
National Park Areas Overflown:

- Arches National Park
- Canyonlands National Park
- Natural Bridges National Monument
- Monument Valley Navajo Tribal Park
- Rainbow Bridge National Monument
- Lake Mead National Recreation Area
- Zion National Park
- Grand Staircase – Escalante National Monument
- Capitol Reef National Park

Approximate Flight Time: 15 hours (in a Cessna 172S)

Approximate Distance: 1,260 nautical miles (1,440 statute miles)

Days: 10 **Nights:** 9



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