



Parkwest Air Tours 2019

Parkwest is looking forward to a flying tour that's back in our original 'hood of the desert southwest. Combining one new National Park destination with some trusted favorites, this tour will traverse southern Colorado, the Four Corners region (Colorado/New Mexico/Utah/Arizona), and carry on to our favorite below-sea-level airport at Furnace Creek, California in Death Valley National Park. You'll enjoy flightseeing the Rocky Mountains, Utah's red rock country, the Colorado River making its epic slice through the Grandest of Canyons, the Navajo Nation and the famous spires of Monument Valley, and much more! You'll have free time to enjoy hiking, cultural history tours, jeeping, llama treks, and more with an entire "free day" at each National Park destination. October is a great time in this part of the world: the summer heat has abated, the seasonal monsoons have ended, the aspen leaves are-a-changing, and the sun angle is well-positioned for spectacular photography from the air and the ground.

October 1-9, 2019

Highlights:

- **Tour Length:** 9 days/8 nights
- **Trip Start:** Denver, CO
- **Flying Distance:** approx. 1,000 nm
- **Tour Highlights:**
 - Mile High City Center
 - Lodging in Mesa Verde National Park
 - Lodging at Capitol Reef National Park
 - Lodging in Death Valley National Park
 - Grand Canyon National Park overflight
 - Fly-in lunch at Sedona, Arizona
 - Numerous National Park overflights in between destinations including: Great Sand Dunes NP, Black Canyon of the Gunnison NP, Canyon de Chelly NM, Monument Valley NTP, Glen Canyon NRA, Bryce NP and more!
 - Free days at National Park destinations for greater, individual choice and enjoyment

Itinerary

Tuesday 10/1

Arrive Denver, and transfer (on own) to Renaissance Hotel at Denver City Center, a gorgeous hotel that dates back to 1915 when it was the Colorado National Bank. Enjoy the preserved murals by Allen Tupper True, the expansive lobby, and the Bank "Teller" bar before gathering for our Welcome Dinner with the entire tour group. D

Wednesday 10/2

There will be a private breakfast for the group, followed by tour and flight briefings in the morning. Afterwards you have free time to explore everything downtown Denver has to offer. B

Thursday 10/3

After a delicious breakfast on-site at the Renaissance, Parkwest will transfer the pilot group from the hotel to the airport for our morning departure to Cortez, Colorado and Mesa Verde country. After arrival, we will make our way up to the top of the mesa where we'll check into the Far View Lodge, the only accommodations inside this unique and popular National Park. Free time to explore and have dinner on own. B

Friday 10/4

Free day to enjoy the numerous walks, talks and tours at Mesa Verde National Park. We'll meet up for briefing a before dinner. B

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Featured Hotels:

RENAISSANCE HOTEL DENVER CITY CENTER, COLORADO
FAR VIEW LODGE, COLORADO
CAPITOL REEF RESORT, UTAH
INN AT DEATH VALLEY, CALIFORNIA

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Saturday 10/5

After breakfast, we'll make our way back down the mesa to the Cortez airport, and depart for Utah's Capitol Reef area. After landing we'll make our way to our resort, billed as "58-acres of paradise at the doorstep of Capitol Reef National Park." Unfortunately, the tepees and Conestoga wagons are not used in October, so you'll be housed in a traditional lodge room for our two-night stay. ☺ B

Sunday 10/6

Breakfast is included at the resort, then you'll have a free day to explore the surrounding area on foot, by Jeep, astride a horse, or in the company of a llama. Of course, you can choose to do nothing at all and simply kick back amongst the resort grounds and red rocks to catch up on your reading. We'll gather the group for a briefing sometime before night falls to prepare for the next day's flight. B

Monday, 10/7

After breakfast, we'll transfer back to the airport and launch for what's to be a spectacular day of flying, first overhead the Grand Canyon en route to Sedona's "aircraft carrier" for a delicious lunch at the Mesa Grille. We'll continue on for California, navigating our way around and through a variety of special use airspace (National Park lands, MOAs, RAs, etc.) en route to Death Valley National Park. After tying the planes down at -211' MSL, we'll shuttle our way up to sea level, to the luxurious Inn at Death Valley, which has been providing upscale tourist accommodations since 1927. Two nights will barely be enough to soak up the desert sunshine, gaze at the spectacular evening skies, and enjoy the friendly, elegant surroundings at this historic inn. B/L

Tuesday 10/8

After breakfast at the Inn, you'll have a free day to enjoy the area by foot, bike or Jeep—so long as it isn't pink! (If you don't know the reference, I'm certain there is a still-terrified tour mate who will explain it to you.) Relaxing by the pool or enjoying a massage isn't a bad way to go either—the day is yours! We'll gather for an evening slide show and dinner at the Inn, and relive the memories. B/D

Wednesday 10/9

After you've enjoyed breakfast, you are free to arrange the shuttle to take you to the airstrip at your convenience for your respective flights home. B

