



THE ULTIMATE 7 DAY

SOUTHWEST USA

ROADTRIP

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Hi there!

I'm SO excited that you're planning a trip to USA's Southwest. This is one of my favorite places in the US, and I have no doubt that you will fall in love with this beautiful part of America!

You can download this itinerary to your phone to refer to when on your road trip, or print it out and use when you plan/research your trip.

I also have a downloadable map you can use on Google Maps during your road trip. You can download it here: <https://goo.gl/maps/yWeiQxdEmGL2>

I hope you have a wonderful trip, and don't forget to reach out if you have any questions!



DAY 1 - Arrive in Las Vegas, Nevada

- Explore Las Vegas

Driving time: 0 hrs

Recommended Accommodation: Best Western McCarran Inn or stay at one of the airport hotels.

DAY 2 - Vegas to the Grand Canyon, South Rim

- Short walk along the rim trail from Grand Canyon Visitor's Centre to Yavapai Point
- Watch the sunset from Yavapai Point

Driving time: 4.5 hrs

Recommended Accommodation: If visiting during off-peak season, accommodation in Grand Canyon (at the Yavapai Lodge) can be very affordable. If you're visiting during the peak period, nearby Flagstaff has many budget-friendly options.

DAY 3 - Explore Grand Canyon (South Rim)

- Watch the sunrise from Pima point (30min drive from the South Rim Visitor's Centre)
- Take the free shuttle bus to South Kaibab Trailhead and hike into the Canyon to Ooh Aah Point (hike is 2 hrs return)
- Take the free shuttle from the South Kaibab Trailhead to Yaki Point for beautiful views
- Take a self-drive tour of Grand Canyon, drive from the Visitor's Centre to Desert View. On the way, be sure to stop at the Tusayan Museum and Ruin.
- Watch the sunset at Desert View Point or nearby Navajo Point

Driving time: depends on activities. For example, the drive is 30min to Pima Point for sunrise from Yavapai Lodge and another 30min to the Desert View Watch Tower.

Recommended Accommodation: see day 2

DAY 4 - Visit Monument Valley/ Navajo Tribal Park

- Enjoy a meal at the The View restaurant (in the Visitor's Centre)
- Take a backcountry tour of monument valley (suggested tour company: Majestic Monument Valley Touring Co)
- If you have time, take a self-drive tour of Monument Valley
- Watch the sunset from the Information Centre

Driving time: 2.5 hrs from Grand Canyon South Rim to Monument Valley + 30min from Monument Valley to Kayenta

Recommended Accommodation: Wetherill Inn, Kayenta. There is also a range of accommodation options available in Page. When we visited, however, there was no availability. Depending on hotel/motel availability and how much driving you want to do on this day, you can instead opt for Page.

DAY 5 - Visit Horseshoe bend + Antelope Canyon

- Take in the view at Horseshoe Bend (make sure you wear comfy walking shoes for the walk from the carpark!)
- Take a tour of Upper Antelope Canyon.
- Recommended alternative if you don't like crowds: Canyon X, with Taadidiin Tours

Driving time: 1.5hrs from Kayenta to Page + 2.5 hrs from Antelope Canyon/ Page to Bryce Canyon

Recommended Accommodation: Bryce Canyon Lodge, just outside Bryce Canyon National Park.

DAY 6 - Explore Bryce Canyon

- Watch the sunrise from Sunset Point
- Walk into the valley via the Navajo Loop Trail (this can be combined with the Queens Garden Trail for a challenge)
- Easier hiking alternative: Sunset to Sunrise rim trail
- Scenic drive to Yovimpa Point (make sure you stop at the various lookout points on your way **back** to the Bryce Amphitheater).

Driving time: 2 hrs from Bryce Canyon National Park to Springdale

Recommended Accommodation: Bumbleberry Inn, Springdale. There are various accommodation options in Springdale. This is one of the most popular (and convenient!) places to stay if you want to visit Zion.

DAY 7 - Explore Zion National Park

- Angel's Landing (make sure you come prepared with proper footwear and enough water/snacks!)
- Alternative hikes for those who aren't fans of heights: Emerald Pools and The Grotto Trail

Driving time: 2 hrs 40min from Zion National Park, UT to Las Vegas, NV

Recommended Accommodation: Las Vegas (you can add extra days to your itinerary here if you'd like to explore Las Vegas)