

The Great Southwest

Includes Grand Canyon by Rail

September 10 - 19, 2025

(10 days - 9 nights)



Wed, September 10

Albuquerque, NM

With much excitement we board our motorcoach, get acquainted with fellow travelers as we begin our tour to the great southwest with many great attractions en route. After stopping for lunch in the Lubbock, we cross into the Land of Enchantment—New Mexico where we will overnight in Albuquerque. Don't forget to change your watches!

Thu, September 11

Sedona, AZ

Continuing further west, we stop this morning in Gallup, NM. Nestled in spectacular red rock beauty and located along historic Route 66, Gallup is the one true place that offers a blend of awe-inspiring art and rich culture. After lunch, we make our way into the Grand Canyon State where we settle in the beautiful resort town of Sedona for the next four nights.

Fri, September 12

Sedona, AZ

This morning with a local guide we tour Sedona, a picturesque city surrounded by red-rock monoliths. The rugged red rocks and canyons have even shared the screen with Hollywood movie stars and served as the backdrop for dozens of Western films. This afternoon we are shuttled to The Chapel of the Holy Cross, sitting high atop the red rocks of Sedona. Inspired and commissioned by local rancher and sculptor, Marguerite Brunswing Staude, the chapel was completed in 1956.

Sat, September 13

Sedona, AZ

This morning is your chance to get “off the beaten path” as we venture out on a Pink Jeep Tour to enjoy an adventure with spectacular views of Sedona's iconic red rock formations. Explore canyons and trails and

Highlights Include:

- 4 nights in the Sky Rock Inn in Sedona
- Grand Canyon Railway Excursion
- Grand Canyon South Rim Tour
- Grand Canyon National Park
- Sedona Historic Tour
- Chapel of Holy Cross
- Sedona Pink Jeep Tour
- Tucson City Tour
- Saguaro National Park
- Musical Instrument Museum
- OK Corral in Tombstone, AZ
- Desert Botanical Garden, Phoenix AZ
- Montezuma Castle National Monument
- Mini Time Machine (Miniature Museum)
- Optional Hot Air Balloon Excursion (additional cost)

learn about native landscape, wildlife and geological history, all set against a stunning backdrop of towering cliffs. This afternoon you may choose to relax at the hotel or shuttle downtown for shopping people watching. Take advantage of some stargazing this evening from our hotel.

Sun, September 14

Sedona, AZ

The Grand Canyon Railway has been taking passengers on a fabled journey to the heart of one of the seven wonders of the world since 1901. Grand Canyon Railway is more than just a mode of transportation: it's a trip back in time on lovingly restored rail cars. The terrain changes from high desert to prairie, prairie to pine right before your very eyes. Upon our arrival at the Grand Canyon National Park, we will enjoy lunch on our own before board a motorcoach and set out for a spectacular tour around the South Rim—the most visited rim. Grand Canyon National Park is one of the most beloved national parks with over 4.5 million visitors annually.

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Mon, September 15

Scottsdale, AZ

With the red rock formations behind us, we make our way south with a morning stop at Montezuma Castle National Monument. Montezuma Castle is a prehistoric Indian ruin nestled into a towering limestone cliff situated 75 feet up the cliff wall; one of the best-preserved cliff dwellings in North America. Our lunch will be at the Musical Instrument Museum, the only museum in the world devoted to global musical instruments, with some 5,000 on display at any given time. With your wireless headset that picks up signals transmitted from each exhibit you will hear the sounds of the instruments on display. We settle into our evening in Scottsdale, AZ, just steps away from Old Town Scottsdale

Tue, September 16

Tucson, AZ

Begin our day at the Desert Botanical Garden where you will embrace the magnificent beauty of the desert plants. Discover the tranquil vibrancy of 50,000 desert plants nestled amid the red rocks of the Papago Buttes. After our morning in the desert, we make our way to Tucson, AZ where we will enjoy an included lunch at Nation's Oldest Mexican Restaurant, El Charro. Afterward, with the assistance of a local guide, we will depart for a Tucson city tour with a stop at San Xavier del Bac Mission which was founded as a Catholic mission in 1692.

Wed, September 17

Tucson, AZ

This morning we explore nature's beautiful candelabras as we visit to Saguaro National Park with great photo opportunities. The Saguaro, a giant cactus, can live more than 200 years and sometimes grow to 50 ft high. Looking for a little more adventure? Up, up and away! An **optional** excursion is available for those interested in riding in an Hot Air Balloon over Tucson. You will coordinate your flight directly with a pre-selected company, who will provide hotel pick up/drop off. Ask Bilbrey Tours for additional information and cost. Our afternoon is at the unique world of miniatures as we visit the Mini Time Machine Museum. A collection of miniatures is housed in 3 main galleries: History, Exploring the World and Enchanted Realm. The state-of-the-art museum displays an array of antique and contemporary miniatures.

Thu, September 18

El Paso, TX

We start our journey east but not before stepping back in time with a morning stop in Tombstone, AZ - "The Town Too Tough to Die." Tombstone was made famous as a backdrop for so many of our favorite western shows. We will visit the OK Corral and be on the lookout for a gun-sliding shootout. Afterward, we

set our sights on the Lone Star State, where we will stay the evening in El Paso.

Fri, September 19

Return home

As we board our motorcoach this morning we realize our tour is rapidly coming to an end. It will be a time to sit back and reminisce of the natural and diverse beauty we have experienced and the new friendships made. Everyone will long remember our tour to New Mexico and Arizona.

**Thank you for traveling with
Bilbrey Tours!**

Price Includes:

- Roundtrip transportation from: **Abilene, Big Spring and San Angelo**
- 9 nights hotel accommodations
- Baggage handling for 1 piece of luggage
- Meals: 6 continental breakfasts, 3 breakfasts 8 lunches or dinners
- Admissions to included attractions as per itinerary
- Services of a tour escort
- Gratuities for driver and local guides

Cost per person:

\$3735 (2 people per room)

\$4800 (1 person per room)

\$50 deposit due upon booking

Final payment due June 10, 2025

Travel Insurance

An optional Travel Insurance plan is available for purchase on overnight tours through TripAssure. Bilbrey Tours encourages the purchase of a Travel Protection Plan to help protect your investment, your belongings and most importantly you! Bilbrey Tours makes the Tour & Cruise Travel Protection Plans easily available. For complete details and to purchase a plan, follow this link:

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Tour Activity Level: EASY 1 2 **3** 4 ACTIVE

Luggage tags and a detailed itinerary will be provided 2 weeks prior to the tour.

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