

Day 1

Depart Euv 6:45am delta 3442 to Detroit 9:15, depart 12:05

Arrive LAS at flight # 2317 1:25pm

Rental car Fox rent a car (book early to get something decent sized) our mini van worked great for the kids, eating out of the car, etc for the week - we put 1150 mi on the car!

New York New York Hotel for 2 nights (If we did again I would book something cancelable like this then priceline a 5star hotel closer to the trip - we liked this hotel but could take a chance on priceline and get something cheaper; this was great with the kids many restaurants on site and good pool area, plus a roller coaster that is a one time ride but cool to do; we got a rollaway easily for the 3rd kid)

3790 Las Vegas Blvd S 89109

We did Eiffel Tower at dusk was cool to see sunset, see all lights and see Bellagio fountains across the street from the top of the tower

Day 2

New York New York - sight seeing, activate groupon (we had a groupon to choose 5 things from 12 activities), swim

Bobby's Burger Palace - we loved!

Linc High Roller early in the day, no line

Hop on and off bus tour and Vegas sign

V Ultimate Variety show (part of our Groupon) - LOVED this

Day 3

Morning at hotel - breakfast at Hash House a Go Go - a favorite meal but is busy place so try to get there early - we went to the Linq hotel location (have the banana pancakes!!)

Drive to south rim (4.5 hr) Grand Canyon national park visitor center, last movie at 4:30. Then walk around there, eat (we ate Bright Angel restaurant right on the edge of the canyon at the Lodge food was pretty good), see sunset somewhere??(see places below)

Best western premier Grand Canyon squire inn 100 highway 64, Grand Canyon, AZ 86023
866-430-9014 (if I had to do over would likely try stay in the park but very hard to get reservations) (our hotel was fine/clean for the night but did not include breakfast)

****ALL THE HOTELS AROUND THE CANYONS I BOOKED IN JANUARY AND IN FEB WENT BACK TO CHANGE AND COULDN'T BECAUSE THEY WERE BOOKED SO BOOK ASAP****

****at the entrance (and at the hotel) you will get a map of bus routes, hikes, etc - this will be your bible at each park (they all have a similar format)****

Day 4

Sunrise in the canyon? (Hopi point, mathers point, lipan point) - was raining and we didn't do Havasupai area

Hermit road on and off free shuttle hiking (75 min round trip) - you take this as far or near as you like - we went to the end and did the hike there, this was very nice, somewhat advanced and not many people

Cell phone tour 928-225-2907

Hike rim trail - this was pretty but full of people

Trail of time from Verkamp's visitor center to Yavapai Point (1.3 mi easy walk) - again pretty but lots of people

Drive to Page, AZ 2h 40 min

Sleep inn and suites, 673 Scenic View Dr, Page 2 nights (includes breakfast)-nice, new, clean, convenient - would definitely stay here again

Day 5

Ken's tours - Check in by 8:50 (AZ time -Pacific Daylight Time!!) for 9:20 tour lower antelope - this was rained out BUT would love to do!!

We did JEEPLAKEPOWELL.com as a last minute deal (he picked us for a private tour that was AMAZING!!!)

Colorado River Discovery half day raft check in at 12:30 (?order box lunches-we did but could have packed our own snacks)

In the evening we drove to Lake Powell and had dinner at a little counter service (was "fine") on the boat ramp then wandered around, there is a great place to watch the sunset near here!

Glen Canyon

Day 6

Drive to Bryce Canyon (2hr50min from Page)

Lunch, wander until horseback

Horse back tour at Canyon Trail Rides Bryce, we did the 2 hour trip at 2pm tour and LOVED

*****THIS BOOKS EARLY*** MAKE RES AS SOON AS YOU KNOW DATES**

After horseback, we rode the shuttle to last stop and hiked a ways back along the canyon rim before catching the shuttle back to the car

Drive to St George for night (approx 2-2.5 hours - we stopped for a quick local diner dinner along the way)

Day 7

St George rest day (4 nights here at a family member's house)

Thursday we slept in then went to the local pool which sounds crazy but was very nice, indoors (it is HOT outside in July), and fun for the kids for a down day, grocery shopped and just took it easy - BUT there are lots of things to do in St George!

Day 8

Day trip to Zion National Park

We did another Canyon (horse) Trail Ride here - it was nice but we wouldn't do it again. (Was far more "pretty" plus more exhilarating in Bryce and we decided didn't need 2 horse rides) Here there are GREAT hikes! Our favorite was the Narrows - you will need shoes/clothes that can get wet and walking sticks. I never got deeper than the bottom of my (pretty short) athletic shorts so the backpack with camera etc on my back stayed pretty dry. I did have everything important in ziplocks. We hiked for 3 hours in then was about 2.5 back out - you could go 15 min or 5 hours in on this one, but you come out the way you went in. Also, unless you bring extra shoes I would make this the last stop of the day. There was another hike we would love to do called Angel's landing - if we could do over we would go here first then do the Narrows then go home with our wet feet

Back to St George for the night

Day 9

Snow Canyon state park - right in St George and totally different from all the other parks so far. Hotter here (we used the frog togs this day and needed more water/ice than we had) Much of the hiking here is scrambling and we loved it! Also there is a cave where we had a picnic out of the heat (take a little flashlight)

Day 10

Back to Vegas from St George (less than 2 hours easy scenic drive)

Delano at the Mandalay Bay hotel (2 nights) - the Delano has bigger, nicer rooms and were about same cost. Pool here is fantastic but lots of people and it is hot!! Kids liked this hotel better and is attached to the Luxor with the funky sideways elevator they explored.

We saw the illusionist Jan Rouven (again groupon had front row booth seats which were fun) and kids loved this.

Day 11

- get up **early** and get to the line for the Hoover Dam about half hour before they start selling tickets - the parking garage opens 1 hour prior to the ticket booth. We got there about 35 min prior to the opening and got on the first tour - they only take like 12 people on each tour and this one sells out quickly. Once we were finished we wandered around a bit - again not something we would see again but was very cool to see once. On our way out the garage was full and traffic was backed up for MILES just to get there. It was crazy and once again glad I read the reviews!

Day 12

Fly home LAS - EVV