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Utah's Travel Industry for Highmark Charter School

Tour Dates: TBA – March/April, 2021

Day 1 – South Weber – Bryce Canyon (?)

This morning depart Highmark School and travel south to Lehi for a tour of the **Amazon Fulfillment Center**. Tour the center and see what happens when you click “buy now.” (this tour will be based on availability, currently closed due to Covid-19) Then continue south with a stop for lunch along the way. In the afternoon, arrive **Bryce Canyon National Park** for sightseeing and hiking. The vibrant colors and unearthly shapes of Bryce Canyon spark the imagination of both young and old. The Paiute Indians described the canyon as "red rocks standing like men in a bowl-shaped canyon." After a full day, check into your hotel located just outside the park. This evening, join the group for dinner and a round table discussion with one of the owners of Ruby's Inn. The Syrett family has operated what it now a large complex of hotels, restaurants, a campground, service station, rodeo grounds activities and more starting with the first lodge built by Ruby Syrett in 1919.

Best Western Bryce Canyon Grand Hotel, Bryce Canyon, UT (L,D)

Day 2 – Capitol Reef – Goblin Valley - Moab (?)

Depart Bryce Canyon and enjoy a drive on one of America's most spectacular roads. **Scenic Highway 12** has been designated as an “All American Road,” the crown jewel of the Scenic Byways system. Travel through **Grand Staircase – Escalante National Monument**, with vast expanses of cream and rose colored Navajo sandstone. There are dramatic cliffs, high mesas, beautiful streams and deep canyons in multi-hued colors across the 1.9 million acre monument. Stop in the town of Boulder for touring of **Anasazi State Park** with its ancient Indian ruins. Next arrive **Capitol Reef National Park** for a wonderful picnic lunch under towering cottonwood trees and exploring of ancient petroglyphs, beautiful rock formations, deep canyons and pioneer history. take a short drive to nearby **Goblin Valley State Park** for some exploration. This strange and colorful valley, which is unlike any other on the planet, is covered with thousands of sandstone formations referred to locally as goblins. It is a place that many describe as other worldly. Next travel through the San Rafael Swell and the town of Green River and on your way **Moab**. After checking in, enjoy a little time to relax before dinner at a local restaurant. Later tonight, join the group for a private **Stargazing Experience** as you join local astronomers to explore the wonders of the night sky and our universe. The dark skies of canyonlands will allow you to view planets, galaxies, star clusters, nebulae, and other breathtaking celestial sights with high powered telescopes that will fill you with wonder at the vastness of our universe!

Moab Valley Inn, Moab, UT (B,L,D)



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Day 3 – Arches – Colorado River (?)

This morning you are off to nearby **Arches National Park** for touring and hiking. The unique geology of the area created the highest concentration of natural arches in the world with over 2,000 named arches within the park boundary. You will visit and hike the park's highlights including Balance Rock, The Windows, Landscape Arch and Delicate Arch. A picnic lunch will be included today. In the afternoon, join the group for a unique experience as you take a **Jet Boat Ride** on the mighty Colorado River through spectacular red rock canyons. The canyon colors come to life while you learn about the river's ecosystem, geology and history. After a thrilling ride, enjoy a delicious BBQ dinner served on the banks of the Colorado River and here from the local family who built this amazing business from the ground up.

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Day 4 – Jeep Tour - Dead Horse Point - Journey Home (?)

Begin your day with a **Jeep Tour of Canyonlands National Park**. Your guide will provide information on Canyonlands and its natural history. The ancient culture of the Ancestral Puebloans left evidence of their lives in the canyons, stops will be made to investigate their mysterious and beautiful rock art. On the trail, you will experience the famous Gooseneck overlook of the Colorado River, and travel a portion of the White Rim to Musselman Arch. Then finish the tour by climbing the switchbacks of the Shafer Trail to the top of the Island in the Sky. Canyonlands National Park is a showcase of geology and this 4X4 tour offers an excellent opportunity to observe nearly the complete succession of rocks exposed in the Park. Then arrive **Dead Horse Point State Park** for a picnic lunch and one of the most spectacular scenes in the southwest. You will see the expanse of Canyonlands National Park stretching to the south and the mighty Colorado River 2,000 feet below. Then it is time to say goodbye to the red rocks of the Colorado Plateau as you travel north returning to South Weber in the early evening.

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Tour Includes:

- Services of a Southwest Adventure Tours tour director
- Comfortable transportation
- 3 nights hotel accommodations
- 3 breakfasts, 4 lunches, 3 dinners
- Entrance fees to attractions and activities listed in the itinerary
- Gratuities for included meals, local guides, the driver and the tour director

Not Included:

- Items of a personal nature (alcohol, room service, etc.)
- Meals (other than listed in the itinerary)

Complimentary Trips:

2 complimentary single trips for the school staff are included in the price

Price: About \$1100.00



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