

# Iconic American Southwest

The Grand Canyon, Bryce and Zion National Parks with Schiele Explorers!

The Grand Canyon(above); Zion National Park (right)

Join The Schiele Explorers this fall for nine unforgettable days exploring three breathtaking national parks in Arizona and Utah.

The American Southwest is a singular region—abundant in cultural traditions and natural beauty, and home to some of our most iconic public lands. Our tour itinerary takes you through some of the most beautiful landscapes, with stunning views of mesmerizing red rocks, slot canyons, and rock formations in colors of dusty pink, deep oranges, and brilliant red.

Autumn is an ideal time to visit Arizona's canyonlands and Utah's famous red rock country, when balmy weather settles on the deserts and fall colors begin to ripple across the lower elevation canyons filled with sycamores, cottonwoods, ashes, and walnuts. Our tour's expert geologist will guide us and explain the formation of the many colorful landforms we will visit, from the Grand Canyon's vistas of banded layers of rock bluffs rising above the Colorado River; Bryce Canyon's rust-colored slot canyons and hoodoos—rock formations formed by erosion—to Zion's diverse landscape of hanging gardens and sandstone monoliths. River rafting, star-gazing, optional hiking and scenic flights, and many surprises make this tour a once-in-a-lifetime experience!

NB: In order to help protect passengers, staff and guides, The Grand Tour will require that all travelers provide proof of full vaccination for the COVID-19 virus by the definition of that status by the Center for Disease Control (CDC) as of two months prior to the tour.

October 16-25, 2022



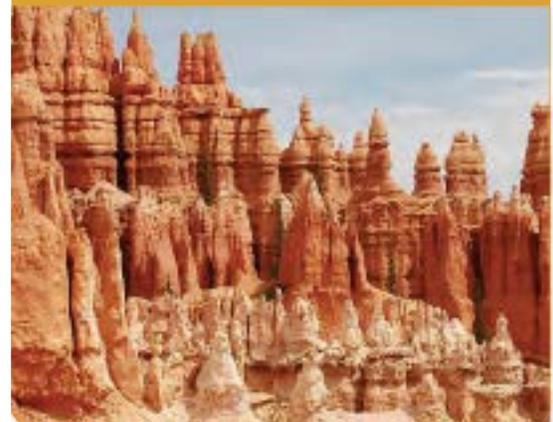
## YOUR HOST

### TONY PASOUR

Tony is no stranger to adventure, especially out west! He's led several Schiele expeditions to dig for fossil treasures and recently traveled to Norway with Schiele Explorers to venture into the Arctic Circle. If you've traveled with him before, you know he enjoys sharing stories of his journeys with fellow adventurers.



In 1993, he joined The Schiele to initiate the Grassroots Outreach Program, serving more than 100,000 students across the state in six years before becoming the Head of Education at the museum in 1999. In 2010, he became Head of Interpretation responsible for managing and applying the resources of the education, planetarium, and exhibits departments into a blend of interpretive products. Over the years Tony has enjoyed a wide range of experiences at The Schiele, from reptile wrangling and Wyoming dinosaur digs to scout sleepovers and elephant rides. He's looking forward to traveling with you on this next adventure to the Southwest!



Bryce Canyon National Park

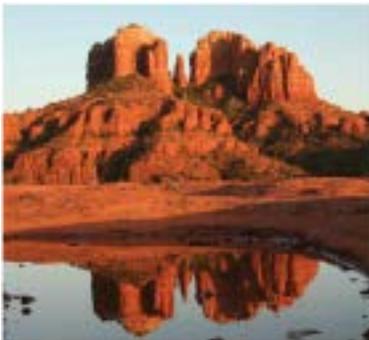
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## TOUR HIGHLIGHTS INCLUDE:

- **Sedona:** Encounter the geologic curiosities of the colorful and surreal red-rock landscape, red-rock arches, towers and monoliths of the Coconino National Forest. Experience petroglyphs, ancient Sedona ruins and the Honanki Heritage Site, a 700-year-old Sinagua cliff dwelling, on an off-road jeep tour.
- Private, guided visit to the *Museum of Northern Arizona* in Flagstaff.
- **Grand Canyon National Park:** [Lodging in the park.] One of the world's seven natural wonders showcasing nearly two billion years of the earth's geological history.
- Guided walk/hike to the Grand Canyon's *Shoshone Point*. Learn about the canyon's cultural, geological, and human history. Experience, close up, the awe-inspiring canyon's vast beauty.
- Private, guided visit to the *Grand Canyon Museum Collection*, rarely open to the public.
- Options for free time may include:
  - Morning nature walk with guide
  - Photography workshop
  - Scenic Flight
- **Lake Powell and Upper Antelope Canyon**  
Man-made Lake Powell boasts nearly 2,000 feet of dramatic cliff-lined shoreline.
- Walk between the iconic sandstone walls of *Upper Antelope Canyon*; its undulating designs have been shaped by years of water and wind.
- Watch for wildlife and ancient Native American petroglyphs while gliding along on Lake Powell on a *Horseshoe Bend* rafting trip.
- Navajo performance and dinner at *Red Heritage*.
- **Zion National Park:** Take a day and a half to discover the disparate and distinct terrain of this extraordinary park, from deserts and rivers valleys to buttes and natural arches.
- Guided hike among sandstone cliffs ranging in color from cream to pink and rusty red.
- **Bryce Canyon National Park:** Magical, mystical 'forests' of multi-colored stone spires, amphitheatres and hoodoos.
- Guided tour of the unique and unusual geography sculpted by thousands of years of wind and other natural elements.
- Visit to *Maynard Dixon House* and studio.
- Stargazing with an expert astronomer.

*Itinerary subject to change.*



## YOUR GUIDE

**Wayne Ranney**



Our guide is geologist and award-winning author, Wayne Ranney. Wayne is known for his extensive and approachable expertise in geologic interpretation around the globe and his expansive knowledge and love of the Southwest, in particular his native Arizona.

Join us as we explore the magic and majesty of three legendary national parks of the Southwest and the landscapes encircling them. The Grand Canyon, Zion and Bryce National Parks offer up endless opportunities to encounter captivating geology and indigenous archeological sites in Arizona and Utah's canyon country.



## TOUR REGISTRATION

**Tour Cost:** \$4,850 per person, double occupancy, ground only. Tour limited to 25 participants, or as hotel space allows. Single supplement \$1,250.

**Deposit:** \$1,000 per person first come, first served. Tax-deductible contribution to The Schiele included.

**Balance Deadline:** Monday, August 15, 2022. After that date, call for availability.

**Contact:** Elysabeth Utick of The Schiele, 704.836.0020 or [elysabethu@cityofgastonia.com](mailto:elysabethu@cityofgastonia.com) for questions about traveling with The Schiele.

To reserve your place on the tour with a credit card deposit, or send a check made to *The Grand Tour* for the deposit amount to: Iconic Southwest Trip, The Grand Tour, PO Box 274, Peterborough, NH 03458. Registration materials will be made available online at [www.schielemuseum.org](http://www.schielemuseum.org).

**Questions?** Elysabeth Utick of The Schiele Museum or The Grand Tour at 800-727-2995 / [info@thegrandtour.com](mailto:info@thegrandtour.com).

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