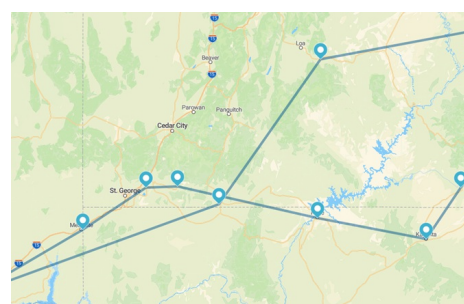




US, 10 Days · Tailor-made by car

## Route of the Indian Spirits

This trip will take you to natural wonders of the western United States populated by native Indians. Some of these places will instantly remind you of western films, which is no surprise as many of them (such as 'Stagecoach' and 'Fort Apache') were filmed there. On this fascinating road trip, you'll also get the chance to explore natural parks of extraordinary beauty. Marvel at the views of the Zion National Park canyon, visit Monument Valley and the Navajo Indian reserve, and discover the stunning Arches National Park and Capitol Reef National Park. And then round off your trip in Las Vegas, the gambling city where you can try your luck at its many casinos or take in a show such as Cirque du Soleil.



NATURE

**Departure date:** Departures from June 2026 till June 2027

**From:** Dublin, Shannon, Cork

## Travel details

### DAY 1 · CITY OF ORIGIN - LAS VEGAS

Flight departure from the city of origin to Las Vegas and rental car pick-up. Go to the hotel where you'll be spending the night before setting out on your road trip. Overnight stay in Las Vegas.

### DAY 2 · LAS VEGAS - MESQUITE - HURRICANE - SPRINGDALE

In the morning, head to Lake Mead and enjoy the views. This man-made lake was created in 1935 due to the construction of a dam. On the way to Springdale, you can stop at Mesquite and take a look at its local history museum (free admission, we recommend checking opening hours) or at Hurricane to marvel at its scenery. Springdale is the main gateway to Zion National Park. With the red rocks in the background, the city boasts a wealth of cafés and art galleries in a very laid-back atmosphere. If you're not too tired, you could always set out on a bike tour. For dinner, Bit & Spur Restaurant is frequented by locals and serves some fantastic regional specialities. Overnight stay in Springdale.

### DAY 3 · SPRINGDALE - PAGE

You'll spend today at Zion National Park before heading to Page. This park is simply exceptional. The Zion canyon, its main attraction, plays a key role in this. It stretches for more than 20 kilometres and reaches depths of 800 metres. We recommend taking a bus along Scenic Drive through the most jaw-dropping areas of the canyon. Another thing you can do is hiking. If you've got a good head for heights, give the Angels Landing Trail a go. From up there, the views over the canyon are truly fantastic. Once you're ready head over to Page. This city will be used as base camp to visit the surrounding canyons. A weird but wonderful attraction is Lake Powell, a reservoir just outside Page and which helps generate electricity for the area. Overnight stay in Page.

#### DAY 4 · PAGE - KAYENTA - MEXICAN HAT - BLANDING - MONTICELLO - MOAB

Today is a major day on the road, but you won't get bored at any time whatsoever. There are 430 kilometres between both locations and plenty of things to see along the way. So, have a hearty breakfast, fill up the tank and hit the road! Remember that distances here are vast, and you should always keep an eye on the petrol gauge. There are petrol stations even in the smallest of towns, but since Murphy's Law is also in force in the United States, you'll suddenly need to fill up when you can't find one. So, make sure you refuel whenever you can. You'll leave Page on the 98, connecting later with the 160 and then with the 163 until you reach Kayenta in Oljato-Monument Valley, over the border of Utah. You're now in the heart of the Navajo Indian Reservation, where their descendants still live, and it will be strangely familiar even though you've never been here before. Don't worry, you're not losing the plot. It's all a product of the Western film genre. This was the setting for hundreds of legendary battles between Cowboys and Indians. There's a demanding day on the road ahead, so you should choose whether to do a tour with a Navajo guide or simply stop off and admire the views en route. You'll also recognise this area from "Thelma & Louise" and from when "Forrest Gump" starts his epic run. If you're a film buff, don't miss "John Ford's Point", a tribute to John Ford and his westerns. Half an hour away, you can stop at the Mexican Hat, a gigantic stone perched precariously on a mound, which gives it the look of a Mexican sombrero. Once on the 191, you can stop off at Bluff Fort, the replica of one of the most famous forts in the Wild West. You can dress up in pioneer clothing, walk through barracks and experience how it felt to be one of the American soldiers who lived here. Eighty kilometres from here, near Blanding, is Edge of the Cedars State Park, a paradise for lovers of archaeology and history. Here lie the remains of an ancient Anasazi village, where you can head back 1,000 years in time just by going down a staircase. You can admire a pottery exhibition and take part in some of the workshops held daily. By now, you'll be over halfway through the drive, which will have been made even more enjoyable thanks to the stop-offs. That's why we're going to suggest a couple more to make the journey to Moab seem even shorter. After Monticello, you can stop and see Wilson Arch, a spectacular sandstone arch with a span of 28 metres and height of 15 metres. You can pull over and walk under it, take some photos and enjoy this natural phenomenon because it is very easy to get there. There's parking close by and walk to it. But this isn't nature's only gift in these parts. Just a few kilometres before reaching Moab, you'll come across a very unique sign. It screams out "Hole 'N the Rock" in huge letters. You'll see it straight away, no worries about that. And when you've finished admiring this roadside attraction, complete the drive to Moab, go out for dinner and a gentle stroll, and then enjoy a well-deserved rest. Overnight stay in Moab.

#### DAY 5 · MOAB AND SURROUNDINGS (OPTIONAL VISITS TO: ARCHES NATIONAL PARK / CANYONLANDS NATIONAL PARK / DEAD HORSE POINT STATE PARK)

As you'll have noticed yesterday, Moab is a small town that welcomes thousands of tourists a year who take advantage of its privileged location to visit the surroundings. So, use today to take advantage of its location and discover the nearby wonders. The entrance to Arches National Park is just ten minutes from Moab, and you'll love it if you liked Wilson Arch and Hole 'N the Rock. Here you'll find the greatest concentration of this type of arches in the whole world. But there's much more. You'll also see countless formations with original shapes, such as Delicate Arch, Balance Rock or Landscape Arch, which measures more than 85 metres in length. Delicate Arch is the symbol of the state of Utah; in fact, it features on all the licence plates of cars registered here. Getting to see it up close will involve a three-hour hike there and back, but we promise that it's well worth the walk. In fact, both trekking and sedentary enthusiasts will be on one of the best hiking trails in the United States. You'll think that you've left Planet Earth and travelled into space and time to reach Phobos or Deimos, the two moons of Mars. The terrain is reddish and gravelly, having suffered from wind erosion for millennia. It's a paradise for hikers and photography lovers. For as far as you can see, swathes of reddish rock span out, changing tones according to the position of the sun. There are magical snapshots simply waiting to be captured by your camera. Thirty minutes away from here, in Page, is Canyonlands National Park. As soon as you enter, the Visitor Centre will reward you with the very best viewpoint to marvel at the park. It's mind-blowing! Island in the Sky is pure magic. From here, you can admire the work of art that the Colorado River and the Green River have pitched out over the centuries. White water rafting is also a must-do in this area, with different levels of difficulty available. It's pure adrenaline, take our word for it. Another great option is a 4x4 trip over incredible terrains. It's a unique experience. If you're a lover of mountain biking, then you're also in luck. Cyclists from all over the world head up to the Moab area to enjoy dizzying descents and impressive itineraries. If after all this you still have time or energy, note down these names: Dead Horse Point State Park, a nature park located at the gates of Canyonlands National Park; or the ghost town of Cisco, accessible via the 128. Overnight stay in Moab.

#### ● DAY 6 · MOAB - CAPITOL REEF NATIONAL PARK - TORREY

Head for Torrey on the very attractive Interstate 70. On the way, you'll pass through the Capitol Reef National Park. You'll spend most of the day here. It's on a par with other more popular parks despite not being so well-known. The park is dominated by the Waterpocket Fold, a reddish geological barrier stretching more than 100 miles. You can take a Scenic Drive like at Zion National Park or go hiking on the Grand Wash and Capitol Gorge trails. (Note: Admission to the park not included). Once in Torrey, you'll see some of Old West buildings. For dinner, the Cafe Diablo is one of the best restaurants in Southern Utah. Overnight stay in Torrey.

#### ● DAY 7 · TORREY - KANAB

From Torrey, head to Kanab and witness the beauty of the Dixie National Forest. This is the largest forest in the area and is surrounded by several parks. The landscape is beautiful. Enjoy the views of the park and of Red Canyon, one of its most famous spots. You can also pass through the northern part of the Grand Canyon, which doesn't receive as many visitors as the south, but still cherishes endless attractions. After a long journey you'll arrive at Kanab, a pocket-sized town where many Western films were made. They include 'Stagecoach' and 'Fort Apache'. Gregory Peck and John Wayne stayed here at the famous Parry Lodge. Overnight stay in Kanab.

#### ● DAY 8 · KANAB - LAS VEGAS

Get up early to make the most of Las Vegas. Today's drive will take around 3 hours and 15 minutes. When you get there, you can start off by heading down The Strip. You'll bump into hundreds of stag dos trying to emulate the stars of "The Hangover" and dozens of people handing out flyers. Take it easy, as the distances are vast and it'll take some time to get through everything you've highlighted on your map. A map that includes the entire world, as walking along this street will take you to the Eiffel Tower, the Statue of Liberty, the canals of Venice and the pyramids of Egypt. You can enter all the hotels you fancy. All the big ones are worth a visit, so spend as long as you want because they're true works of art. Before heading back to the hotel, you can also watch the water show at Bellagio Casino. Litres and litres of water frolicking to the music with a combination of lights and colours that will mesmerise you. Bellagio isn't the only venue for a free show. Some of the big hotels also have one. Once back at yours, try your luck at the casino or on the slot machines. You'll already have seen that almost everything here is free, but you'll ultimately end up spending more than you had budgeted for. It's normal, don't worry about it. It's difficult to resist the temptations of a city that revolves around money. There are shopping malls and themed shops that are free to enter, but will somehow convince you to buy things and give your credit cards a good outing. What's more, you'll spend so much time in enclosed spaces with artificial daylight that time will simply fly by. You might look at your watch and it's two hours later (or more) than you thought. Take it easy, it's also normal. Before lunch, you can take the typical photo of the sign on the way into the city. It's the must-take photo, but you'll love showing it off when you get home. You can marvel at the sunset from the High Roller Ferris Wheel. It's huge and will let you observe the city from above. Even if you're not a fan of attractions like this, we wholeheartedly recommend it. If you're an adrenaline junkie, make sure you go on the roller coaster at the New York-New York Hotel. When the sun starts to fade, make your way over to Fremont Street. Dotted with the odd decadent casino, its authentic feel will captivate you. As you'll know your Las Vegas dates in advance, we recommend checking out which shows will be on during your time in the city. World-famous music artists or major performing companies such as "Cirque du Soleil" have residencies here. If you look in advance, you might get significant discounts on ticket prices. And good news if you're thinking about saying 'I Do' soon. You can get married while dressed as Marilyn or Elvis at any time of the day. You can say your vows whenever you want, but (unfortunately, or fortunately) they have no legal standing. Overnight stay in Las Vegas.

#### ● DAY 9 · LAS VEGAS - CITY OF ORIGIN

Arrival at the airport with enough time to drop off your rental car and flight back to the city of origin.

Night on board.

#### ● DAY 10 · CITY OF ORIGIN

Arrival. End of the trip and our services.

Your trip includes \_\_\_\_\_

Your trip includes

- ✓ Return flight.
- ✓ Stay in selected hotel in Las Vegas.
- ✓ Selected meal plan in Las Vegas.
- ✓ Stay in selected hotel in Springdale - Ut.
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- ✓ Stay in selected hotel in Page - Az.
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- ✓ Stay in selected hotel in Moab - Ut.
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- ✓ Stay in selected hotel in Torrey - Ut.
- ✓ Selected meal plan in Torrey - Ut.
- ✓ Stay in selected hotel in Kanab - Ut.
- ✓ Selected meal plan in Kanab - Ut.
- ✓ Rent-a-car.

Your trip doesn't include

- ✗ Electronic Authorization (ESTA/ETA) to enter in US.
- ✗ Resort fee US.
- ✗ Possible toll charges.
- ✗ Insolvency protection.

Destinations Visited

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Las Vegas



Mesquite - Nv



Hurricane - Ut



Springdale - Ut



Page - Az



Kayenta - Az



Mexican Hat



Blanding - Ut



Monticello - Ut



Moab - Ut



Torrey - Ut



Kanab - Ut



## Important remarks

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- Tips in US are a common practice.

- Generally in US the accommodation in the triple rooms have two double beds or one double and one single bed and the quadruple accommodation has two double beds.

- Driving in the USA: 1. Overtaking on the right is not only legal but everyone does it. And the sooner you get used to roads with more than five lanes, the better. 2. It is legal (and mandatory) to turn right on a red light when there is a signal to do so. 3. With regard to parking, make sure you check when you can park on the street and never park in front of a fire hydrant (even though there are no signs prohibiting it). If there are lines painted on the road to mark out parking spaces, leave the car right in the middle of them, however huge the gap may seem. Be especially careful in the centre of big cities and don't let the parking meter go over by even one minute (check before paying because there are days of the week or certain times when you don't have to pay). 4. Beware of tolls. They will be indicated with the words toll or turnpike and don't usually have a barrier, so you can drive through them without realising and then receive a fine a few weeks later. Don't drive in FasTrak Only lanes and make sure you have some cash on you, as some tolls are cash-only. 5. Unless you want a ticket and a stern chat from a Highway Patrol Officer, it's best not to drive more than five or ten miles above the maximum speed

allowed for the road. If the police end up stopping you, keep your hands on the steering wheel and in sight at all times and don't even think about trying to be funny. 6. We recommend signing up to roadside assistance services and a GPS when you hire a car.

- Consult the entry restrictions and additional requirements for people who have previously traveled to destinations such as Cuba, Iran, Iraq, Yemen, Syria, etc.
- Hotels may charge a Resort Fee charge that must be paid directly at the destination. The amount can vary between approximately \$15 and \$65 per room per night. This charge is indicative and may be modified depending on the establishment's policy.
- Check-in time at the hotel on the day of arrival depends on each establishment, but in no case will it be before 3:00 p.m., unless otherwise indicated.
- The proposed excursions and tours for each day are purely suggestions, as you can tailor the trip to suit your times, tastes and needs.
- A credit card is considered a guarantee, so sometimes you will need one for check-in at hotels.
- Hotels usually have cots available. Otherwise, babies will have to share a bed with an adult.
- To pick up your rental car, you'll need a credit (not debit) card in the name of the person who made the booking, who must also be the named driver of the vehicle.
- Consult the necessary documentation to enter the destinations visited and for transit in the countries where air stopovers are made.
- You must give notice that you are going to cross the border while collecting the vehicle. Authorisation may be required to drive through certain countries or areas/states (as is the case in the US and Canada). Depending on the conditions set out in the rental contract and the company hired, you might be charged a surcharge payable at the destination office.