



Spectacular Three Park Trail (10 days)

UNITED STATES

An adventurous camping experience in the pure tradition of the Old, Wild West. This **trail ride** takes place on the border between Utah and Arizona, with breath taking views over the **Grand Canyon region**. You will ride out from the Pariah River Canyon, making your way towards Bryce Canyon and Zion National Park before finishing your ride at Tuweep within the Grand Canyon National Park. **"Spectacular"** almost comes as an understatement!

Trail Riding	 10 days / 6 days riding	 From £2,300	
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ITINERARY

Highlights

- The chance to discover some of the US most famous national parks in the saddle
- Ride with an experienced team of wranglers
- Be welcomed into this cowboy family and leave as friends
- A real camping experience, perfect for those who want to switch off.

Day 1 — 1: EUROPE - ST GEORGE OR LAS VEGAS

Fly from Europe to St George. There are no direct flights from the UK, but same-day flights are usually available through Phoenix.

You can also fly directly to Las Vegas, then take a shuttle bus tonight (3 hours - to book on <https://saltlakeexpress.com/>).

Flights are not included. We can help with your travel arrangements, please contact us if you require assistance with your flights.

Night in St George to recuperate from the jetlag before the start of your ride the next day. The cost of this hotel is not included but we can book it for you on request - please contact us. We recommend you stay at the Red Lion where your pick up is scheduled the next day.

Day 2 — 2: ST GEORGE - PARIAH RIVER CANYON

Camp

Free morning at your leisure. Your pick up is scheduled for 2:00 pm at the Red Lion conference centre, where you will meet your fellow riders and your team. You will be transferred to the first camp, located in the Pariah River Canyon, near an old movie set where western movies were filmed. Welcome dinner and overnight at camp - on this camping trip everyone is asked to pitch in and help with the horses, tents, or meal preparation.

Day 3 — 3: RED ROCK CANYON - SHEEP CREEK CANYON - 5-6 hours riding



For your first day on horseback, you will set out towards the Red Rock Canyon. Take a short break at an old wagon stop where the early pioneers wrote their names on the cliff wall. After another break at Crack springs, the afternoon ride will lead you to your camp in the Sheep Creek Canyon.

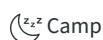
Day 4 — 4: SHEEP CREEK - BRYCE CANYON - 5-6 hours riding



This morning will see you ride along Willis Creek toward Bryce Canyon National Park, well known for its magnificent hoodoos (spire-shaped rock formations). The ride slows down as you enter the narrowest parts of the canyon (6-10 feet wide). Leave the canyon behind, and follow the old ranger trail along the boundary of the National Park (please note horses are not allowed inside the Park boundaries).

After riding around stands of pinon pine and juniper, you will reach your Camp for the night. Tonight's camp is set in a lovely meadow, with the cliffs of Bryce Canyon in the background. Switch off, relax, and enjoy the stars...

Day 5 — 5: BRYCE PLATEAU - VIRGIN RIVER - 5-6 hours riding



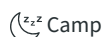
Today you will ride up to Bryce Plateau. Here there will be some good opportunities for canters, as the ground turns to meadows and woodlands ideal for a faster pace. The trail continues to climb steadily to elevations of 9,500 ft. Once at the top, remember to take the time to enjoy the views! You will then ride down to meet up with the trucks and trailers, ready for your transfer to the next camp along the Virgin River.

Day 6 — 6: ZION FORMATION - ELEPHANT COVE - MT TRUMBULL - 5-6 hours riding



After a hearty breakfast, get back in the saddle for a ride along the Zion formation through deep sand and sagebrush, surrounded by white cliffs. The ride will also take you through Elephant Cove. In the late afternoon, riders and horses will be transferred again across the flat lands of the Arizona Strip, north of the Grand Canyon. Tonight, you will set camp in a stand of ponderosa pines, at the base of Mt Trumbull.

Day 7 — 7: MT LOGAN - MT TRUMBULL - 5-6 hours riding



Follow your wranglers through the forest to the top of Mt. Logan, from where you can see over a hundred miles in every direction. You will ride back to your camp at the foot of Mt Trumbull for the night: today, there is no need to put up tents again!

Day 8 — 8: TUWEEP VALLEY - ST GEORGE - 5-6 hours riding

Your last day in the saddle follows an old cattle trail, leading off the mountain and into Tuweep Valley. With a last canter through the valley, you will reach Torowep Outlook, an overlook of the Grand Canyon. This seldom-visited area is a spectacular location for viewing the most famous of all canyons. Afternoon transfer for a 7.00pm arrival in St George, Utah.

We recommend you spend the night at a hotel in St George - please contact us for recommendations in St George (not included in the cost of your stay, invoiced separately unless you want to book it yourself).

Day 9 — 9: DEPARTURE

Make your way to the airport (transfer to your own account) on time for your flight home. There are no same-day flights and you will arrive in the UK the following day. Flights are not included but can be booked upon request.

Alternatively you can continue your trip through the USA with an extension.

Day 10 — 10: EUROPE

Arrive in Europe in the morning.

DEPARTURE	RETURN	PRICE WITHOUT FLIGHTS	PRICE INCLUDING FLIGHTS	STATUS
05/05/2023	14/05/2023	£2,300		Full
08/09/2023	17/09/2023	£2,300		Full
22/09/2023	01/10/2023	£2,300		Full

Price details

- International flights are not included.

- Hotel nights in St George (before and after the ride) as well as potential shuttle transfers from/to Las Vegas are not included. We are happy to help with this upon request.

- Groups comprise of 6 - 12 international riders plus guides

- Price is based on shared double room accommodation and a shared tent. If you would prefer not to share your tent during the horseback trail you will be charged approx. \$65/€65/£55. If no sharers are found, this is payable locally on arrival.

- Gratuities are included in the price of the ride, but you are welcome to give your team a little extra at the end of the trail.

- An electronic travel authorisation (ESTA) is required to enter the USA. It is your responsibility to organise this. Please visit <https://esta.cbp.dhs.gov/> and contact us if you need help.

Please Note

The itinerary may be modified at anytime for security reasons, meteorological or events beyond our control such as blocked roads, rivers in flood, drought, strikes and local holidays. Equus Journeys, our local partners and their local guides will always strive to find the best solution and will alter the itinerary as needed.

The names of the hotels and accommodation are given for information only and depending on availability, they may be modified without notice and replaced by another of a similar standard.

Price includes

SUPPORT TEAM

1 English-speaking horse guide

LOGISTIC

1 horse equipped with saddle and bridle per rider

1 groom

1 cook

1 vehicle and driver

1 local team

INLAND TRANSPORTS

Private bus as described in the itinerary

ACCOMMODATION

2 person tents and foam mattress

MEALS

Full board from dinner on day 2 to lunch on day 8

EXTRAS

Taxes and gratuities

Price doesn't include

MEALS

Beverage and personal extra

Meals in St George.

TRANSPORTS

International flights bookable on request
Visa fees (ESTA) which must be arranged in advance
Airport transfers

INSURANCE

Cancellation and travel insurances are not included. Please note that insurance is mandatory. We recommend to take out an insurance policy as soon as your travel is booked in case of cancellation.

Optional

ACCOMMODATION

Single tent supplement
First and last night hotel accommodation in St George: see price details for more information

EQUESTRIAN INFO

Horses

Working horses including mustangs, paints and quarter horses. They are well trained, forward going, confident and independent.

Minimum riding ability

MINIMUM RIDING ABILITY

You need to be an intermediate to experienced rider who is used to riding across varied terrain for several hours. There are some long riding days. There are some areas of difficult terrain.

Rider weight limit: 95 kg/200 lbs/14.2 stones. Riders weighing more than 90 kg should contact us before booking.

PACE

There are long stretches of walk as the horses need to complete the whole ride, and some trots and canters when the terrain allows.

TACKING ABILITY AND PARTICIPATION

Everyone is expected to assist in caring for the horses (tacking up, un-tacking etc) and setting up camp (erecting tents and helping prepare meals).

TRIP CONDITIONS AND REQUESTED EXPERIENCE

You need to be physically fit. There are some long days (up to 8 hours riding) at the start of the ride. The ground is uneven and you have to be able to trust your horse to find his way. This ride is not recommended for riders who are scared of heights. On some occasions you may be asked to dismount and lead your horse on foot. The camp is also basic. You should have previous experience of a long trail ride over several days and it is advantageous if you have experience of remote camping too.

EQUESTRIAN EQUIPMENT

Western saddles and bridles.
Medium-sized saddlebags are provided.
We recommend our riders to wear a helmet to the correct standard and you should bring your own to ensure a proper fit.

TRAVEL INFO

COMFORT

Whilst on the trail you camp in two-man tents with foam mattresses provided. You should take your own sleeping bag (it is possible to rent one of \$35 for the week). A portable toilet is provided and warm water is available to wash your face and hands, but there are no showers facilities. There is no electricity so you should bring a torch, and if you bring a camera, spare batteries or solar charger.

This is a vehicle-supported trip.

MEALS

- Copious breakfasts with a choice of sweet and savoury options
- Picnic lunches
- Hot meals at dinner (meat, potatoes, vegetables and salad)

Water will be available at Camp.

Alcohol is not provided but you are welcome to bring your own drink.

Please make sure to advise us in advance of any dietary requirements you may have.

CLIMATE

The climate is that of a mid-latitude desert with relatively moderate temperatures. Annual temperatures average 20°C.

- June and May are very dry and hot (15-30°C) with cool nights.
- Summers (June-September) are long, hot and sunny (c. 30°C). Nights average 10-15°C. A few showers and the occasional thunder storm are possible.
- Expect extremely hot weather in Las Vegas - up to 45°C in the summer.

GUIDE AND LOCAL TEAM

The Heaton family will be your hosts for this adventure.

The father, Mel, used to be lead guide and is now Camp manager.

Justin, his son, is a true cowboy at heart. Always attentive to your needs, he is always happy to help you learn more about the area.

Several wranglers work for them - Cade, Houston, Jason...

TIPS

Tips are compulsory in USA: hotels, taxi drivers, restaurants, etc.

Gratuities to the wranglers and riding team are already included in the price (10%). You are welcome to give a little extra if you like.

PACKING LIST

Head

- Equus Journeys strongly recommend that you wear a riding helmet and that you take your own to ensure a correct fit. There are many lightweight options available nowadays
- Sunhat for when not riding
- Sunglasses - with a cord attached so they don't fly off when riding
- Buff or bandana
- Warm hat for cold nights when camping

Upper body

- Thermals (long or short sleeved)
- Long sleeved shirts provide protection from the sun and are an extra layer
- T-shirts
- Lightweight fleece or jumper
- Warm fleece or jumper (and a spare in case one gets wet)
- Warm and waterproof jacket - it can rain at any time of year and the evenings can be cold
- Swimming costume - for swimming/bathing in rivers/hot springs

Legs

- Lightweight, comfortable riding trousers or jodhpurs - we recommend riding in them at home before taking them on holiday to ensure they don't rub
- Thermals
- Casual trousers for the evenings, such as jeans or tracksuit bottoms
- Waterproof over trousers

Hands and Feet

- Comfortable riding boots. We recommend short boots with half chaps but you may wish to take long chaps as an extra layer against inclement weather.

We don't recommend taking your favourite long leather boots in case they get damaged

- Waterproof shoes/boots can be useful for abundant dew in the mornings or when it rains
- Trainers or equivalent light shoes for moving around the camp in the evenings
- Several pairs of warm, thick socks
- Gloves - your hands are particularly exposed to the sun, cold - rain whilst riding. Waterproof gloves can be particularly useful

Nightwear

- Sleeping bag. You need at least a comfort factor down to minus 5 celsius, but would recommend at least minus 8 or 10 celsius
- Sleeping bag liner - silk, cotton or fleece - adds an extra layer
- Inflatable mattress if you need more comfort
- Pyjamas or tracksuits or thermals for sleeping in

Other useful items

- Towels - camping ones will both dry and pack more easily
- Camera and high capacity memory card. Spare battery
- Bumbag for carrying your camera and small items whilst riding
- Headtorch or small torch for moving around camp at night - bring spare batteries and bulbs
- Water bottle (2 litres or 2 x 1 litre)
- Swiss army knife
- Biodegradable wet wipes or equivalent (for when washing facilities aren't available)
- Toilet paper and a lighter to burn it with
- Small plastic bags for rubbish
- Ear plugs (for light sleepers)
- Zipbags to preserve fragile items from dust or rain
- A pair of leather laces could be useful to tie a jacket behind your saddle.
- Solar charger (opportunities to charge batteries are limited)

Medical kit

- Any medication you regularly take
- Sunscreen and lip balm - should be high factor
- Insect repellent, preferably containing deet
- Blister plasters in case of any rubs
- Antiseptic cream, plasters, aspirin, anti-histamine, insect-bite salve etc...
- Spare prescription glasses/contact lenses
- Eye drops
- Imodium or similar anti-diarrhoea medication
- Re-hydration sachets if you feel you will need them
- Antiseptic wipes
- Handwash gel

Our Recommendations

- Please don't take a hard sided suitcase. Your luggage should be soft sided with a capacity of 60-80 litres. We recommend taking a backpack or similar.
- Backpacks cannot be worn whilst riding. We recommend a small bumbag or a coat with pockets so that you can carry small items with you during the day (passport, camera, sunscreen, lipbalm etc)
- We recommend travelling in your riding boots and carrying your hat and some riding clothes in your hand luggage - then if your luggage goes astray you are still able to ride!
- Even if foam mattresses are provided, you may pack your inflatable mattress for comfort sake.
- We recommend taking a copy of your passport and insurance documents with you in case you lose your originals
- Please take your rubbish home with you. There are no recycling facilities, so take your used batteries, aerosols etc back home and dispose of them appropriately. Try to leave excess packaging material at home before travelling
- If you prefer travelling in a "light way" please choose a biodegradable soap or washing powder/liquid.

In your hold luggage

- Any liquids, such as shampoo, moisturiser, deodorant unless they are less than 100ml and all bottles can fit in a small, clear, plastic ziplock bag. We recommend biodegradable washing products where possible.
- Swiss army knife (or equivalent)

Formalities

It is your responsibility to ensure you have the valid visa requirements for entry. We will endeavour to keep this section up to date, but please visit <https://www.cbp.gov/travel/international-visitors> for further information.

You'll need prior authorisation to enter the United States using a British passport, either through a visa, a Permanent Resident Card, or the Visa Waiver Programme. To enter the United States of America, a passport valid for the duration of stay is required by Australian, British, Canadian and other EU nationals.

ENTRY REQUIREMENTS - VISA WAIVER PROGRAMME

Most passport holders can get an Electronic System for Travel Authorisation (ESTA) through the Visa Waiver Programme, which allows travel to the US for up to 90 days. Visit the official US website to apply for your ESTA: <https://esta.cbp.dhs.gov/esta/>

All travellers entering the USA under the Visa Waiver Program require individual machine-readable passports. Children included on a parent's passport also require their own machine-readable passport. Travellers not in possession of machine-readable passports require a valid USA entry visa.

UK Emergency Travel Documents (ETDs) aren't valid for entry into the United States or transit through the United States under the Visa Waiver Programme; if you're planning to enter or transit through the US using an ETD you must apply for a visa from the nearest US embassy or consulate before you travel, or hold a valid lawful permanent resident card (often referred to as a 'green card'), which you must have with you on arrival; you can leave the US using an ETD that has been issued in the United States

Visitors to the USA travelling under the Visa Waiver Program must obtain authorisation from the Electronic System for Travel Authorization (ESTA), a fully automated, electronic system for screening passengers before they begin travel to the USA, if arriving by air or sea. It is recommended that applications are made at least 72 hours prior to travel but you may apply at any time prior to travel. Airlines must now deny check-in to passengers without a valid ESTA. There is a US\$14 fee. An ESTA is valid for two years, so if you've applied for one previously, ensure it's still valid.

When applying for ESTA-authorisation and entering the passport number, the number 0 must not be replaced by letter O as this can lead to problems upon entering the USA. The granting of an ESTA does not guarantee entry to the USA. Canadian citizens do not require an ESTA, but permanent residents of Canada who are eligible for the Visa Waiver Program must obtain one.

ENTRY REQUIREMENTS - VISAS

If you don't qualify for entry under the VWP, and don't have a US Permanent Resident Card, you should apply for a visa from the nearest US Embassy or Consulate before travelling.

Holders of UK passports with the endorsement British Subject, British Dependent Territories Citizen, British Protected Person, British Overseas Citizen or British National (Overseas) Citizen do not qualify for the Visa Waiver Program and need to obtain a visa.

PLEASE NOTE

Travelers in the following categories are no longer eligible to travel or be admitted to the United States under the Visa Waiver Program (VWP):

- Nationals of VWP countries who have traveled to or been present in Iran, Iraq, Sudan, Syria, Libya, Somalia and Yemen on or after March 1, 2011 (with limited exceptions for travel for diplomatic or military purposes in the service of a VWP country).
- Nationals of VWP countries who are also nationals of Iran, Iraq, Sudan, or Syria.

IMPORTANT NOTICE FOR TRAVELERS TRANSITING THROUGH CANADA

If you are travelling to the USA via Canada, please remember you also need to apply for an Electronic Travel Authorization (eTA), mandatory for anyone transiting through Canada. Completing ESTA formalities do not replace your eTA.

<https://www.canada.ca/en/immigration-refugees-citizenship/services/visit-canada/eta.html>

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Health

There are no vaccinations required for entering the United States. If you are entering from a yellow fever endemic area (or you have been to one within 7 days of entering the country), you may be required to show proof of immunization. Recommended vaccinations include Tetanus(Lockjaw), Hepatitis A and Hepatitis B. Rabies vaccinations are sometimes recommended for wilderness travel and/or wildlife volunteer projects. Lyme disease is endemic in the northeastern, Mid-Atlantic and upper Midwest areas and transmitted via blacklegged ticks.

Travel insurance that provides medical coverage is a requirement for visitors to the US. Only emergency cases are treated without prior payment and treatment may be refused without evidence of insurance or a deposit. All receipts for services rendered must be kept in order to make a claim. Medical care in the United States tends to be quite expensive, especially for emergency treatment provided in hospital settings, paid for out of pocket.

Insurance

It is a condition of your booking with Equus Journeys that you have travel insurance which covers you for the riding activities to be undertaken. Your travel insurance should cover you for medical expenses and repatriation. Your guides will require your travel insurance details before they allow you to ride and may refuse to let you ride if you cannot provide them. You should take your insurance documents with you.

Voltage

120 volts AC, 60Hz. Plugs have two flat pins with or without a third round grounding pin

Budget and money

The US Dollar, is the national currency of the United States. One dollar consists of 100 cents. Frequently used coins are the penny (1¢), nickel (5¢), dime (10¢) and quarter (25¢). 50¢ and \$1 coins also exist, but are rarely used. Frequently used banknotes are the \$1, \$5, \$10 and \$20 notes. \$2, \$50 and \$100 notes can also be found, but are rarely used.

Most major credit cards are accepted throughout the USA, including American Express, Diners Club, MasterCard and Visa. Visitors are advised to carry at least one major credit card, as it is common to request pre-payment or a credit card imprint for hotel rooms and car hire, even when final payment is not by credit card. Be sure to check with your card issuer for current surcharge rates imposed for use of the card outside your home country. You should also inform your issuer that you are travelling for a specified period so your card is not flagged or temporarily suspended.

Bank-issued debit cards are accepted at many businesses in the US; however, using them to pay for many travel-related expenses, such as car hire and hotel rooms, often incurs a surcharge, deposit, or a hold on your account.

Telephone and jetlag

The dialling code for the USA is +1

The country straddles a number of different time zones. Eastern Daylight time (eg. New York) is GMT -4. Mountain Daylight time (eg. Montana) is GMT -6. Pacific Daylight time (eg. California) is GMT -7.