

## SIMPLY ARIZONA – THE GOLDEN WILD WEST



*FEATURING a wide range of destinations including Sedona, Grand Canyon, Tucson, Tombstone & Yuma – programme begins & ends in Phoenix*

*HIGHLIGHTS include:- Pink Jeep Rim/Broken Arrow combo tour, western chuck wagon dinner, Grand Canyon railway, Musical Instrument Museum, Meet Indian tribe elders, an opportunity to eat Rattlesnake, Arizona native wildlife, OK Corral, Sunniest City in the World, ATV tour & kayaking on Colorado River*

*DURATION: 12 days/11 nights with 2 meals per day included (available all year)*

Day by day programme as follows:-

### Day 1: PHOENIX/SEDONA

Arrive Phoenix (Sky Harbor International Airport) & drive to Sedona, remainder of day at leisure to relax and recover from your flight/travels. We will enjoy dinner together at a nearby restaurant.

Overnight Courtyard by Marriott Sedona or similar (D)

### Day 2: SEDONA/COTTONWOOD

Breakfast. Morning tour of Sedona including the Chapel of the Holy Cross & the Red Rock Scenic Highway followed by free time in town for shopping and lunch (own arrangement). This afternoon we will enjoy a fabulous Pink Jeep Broken Arrow & Scenic Rim combo tour. Optional Helicopter or Horseback Excursions will also be available. In late afternoon, we will travel to Cottonwood for a fabulous Western Chuckwagon dinner & show at Blazin M Ranch.

Overnight Sedona. (B,D)

### Day 3: WILLIAMS/GRAND CANYON

Early breakfast and depart for Williams where we will take the train on the historic Grand Canyon Railway (First class seats included) into the heart of the Grand Canyon (South Rim). On arrival, you will have more than 3hrs to explore the Canyon, it's historic buildings and exhibits and to enjoy lunch at your leisure. Return on the train to Williams and back to Sedona by motorcoach.

Dinner & Overnight in Sedona (B,D)

### Day 4: PHOENIX/SCOTTSDALE

Depart Sedona for Phoenix. Our first stop is a guided tour of the unique Musical Instrument Museum which features more than 15,000 instruments from over 200 countries and much more. We will then proceed to Scottsdale Old Town where you will enjoy some free time for shopping and the opportunity to have lunch at one of the many cafes and restaurants (own arrangement). We'll then proceed to our hotel in the Riverwalk/Salt River area.

Dinner and overnight at Hampton Inn & Suites Scottsdale Riverwalk or similar (B,D)

### Day 5: SALT RIVER COMMUNITY / PHOENIX

Today we will visit the Salt River Pima Indian Community and join one of the elders to understand the history & customs of this Indian tribe at a local community venue called the Hangout (tortillas & tacos, tea/coffee included). We will also visit some local attractions including Odysea Aquarium which features America's coolest restroom & Butterfly Wonderland. Tonight we will enjoy dinner at picturesque Roosters Rooste located on South Mountain. The menu will include wonderful Steaks, all you can eat Ribs, Chicken and Seafood plus if you are brave, authentic Rattlesnake!

NB If you are interested in late night activities, you can visit the nearby Talking Stick Casino (walking distance).

Overnight Scottsdale/Riverwalk (B,D)

### Day 6: PHOENIX/TUCSON

Our journey today takes us South towards the Catalina foothills & the beautiful city of Tucson. After time to refresh, we will enjoy a slow paced tour of the tranquil botanical gardens of Tohono Chul followed by an amazing fresh lunch in their on-site bistro. The balance of the day is free at leisure for you to enjoy the facilities of our amazing resort hotel. These include a spa, swimming pool, horse-riding, hiking and biking trails & even a self guided nature trail. The resort also offers various dining options and dinner will be your choice this evening (not included).

Overnight Tucson/Westward Look Wyndham Grand Resort & Spa or similar (B,L)

### Day 7: TUCSON/SAGUARO

We begin our day with a guided visit to the San Xavier del Bac mission and its ornate church which is a National Historic Landmark and dates back to 1692. Our day continues with a visit to the Saguaro National Park, named after the famous saguaro cactus and then we will enjoy a visit to the outdoor Arizona-Sonora Desert Museum which houses more than 230 local species of animals & reptiles and also incorporates a botanical garden & aquarium. Dinner is included this evening at one of Tucson's finest restaurants.

Overnight Tucson (B,D)

### Day 8: TOMBSTONE/BISBEE

We will spend today on the trail of the OK Corral in the authentic Old West town of Tombstone. You will visit the Old Courthouse (now a museum) & enjoy a re-enactment of the famous gunfight at the OK Corral. We will also visit the nearby city of Bisbee, known for its mining history where we will venture 1,500 feet underground in our hard hats for a guided tour of the historic Copper Queen mine. We will enjoy an early dinner (Margaritas are optional) at Santiago's famous and authentic Mexican restaurant before returning to our accommodations in Tucson for overnight.

Overnight Tucson (B,D)

### Day 9: TUCSON/YUMA

After breakfast, we will set off on the long journey to the city of Yuma which is located very close to the Mexican border (apt after last night's dinner!) If you are feeling active, you will really enjoy our en-route stop at the Kofa Wildlife refuge which will provide opportunities for hiking and wildlife viewing. Yuma is noted in the Guinness book of Records as the sunniest city in the World so is great for visits year round. It is also known for military history & agriculture as you will find out over the next couple of days. Enjoy dinner at your hotel.

Overnight Yuma/Holiday Inn or similar (B,D)

### Day 10: YUMA

First it's time to enjoy a guided city tour and a visit to the Territorial Prison State Park including the Dark Cell. We will also top by the City Hall to view the Yuma Endurance Flight plane & learn the story behind it. You will also enjoy free time in the downtown area (voted one of the best historic main street communities in the US) for shopping or simply enjoying the fountains & historic buildings. Lunch is included at historic Lutes Casino, now an American restaurant full of history & eclectic décor. The afternoon is free for independent exploration or just relaxing by your hotel pool or in the lounge. Dinner is your own choice this evening (not included).

Overnight Yuma (B,L)

### Day 11: YUMA

Our last full day in Arizona will certainly be a day to remember packed full of fast paced activities. We will begin with an ATV adventure in the Imperial Sand Dunes Recreational Area. You will then have the opportunity to go kayaking on the Colorado River where you will see many species of water birds and have the chance to see beavers and muskrats. At a slower pace, we will also make a stop at the Robert J. Moody Demonstration Garden where you can view native plants and make a visit to one of the farms growing lettuces & salad, key products successfully grown thanks to the climate in the Yuma area. We will enjoy our very special farewell to AZ dinner tonight at the River City Grill which offers a wide range of menus to suit all tastes. 02 drinks per person (wine, beer or soda) will also be included this evening.

Overnight Yuma (B,D)

### Day 12: YUMA/PHOENIX

Following one final breakfast, we will depart for Phoenix & it's Sky Harbor International Airport where the programme ends.

### *OPTIONS TO EXTEND YOUR TRIP.....*

Alternatively you can choose to enjoy additional nights in Yuma, depart directly from Yuma (instead of PHX) or fly to Las Vegas for an extension stay. (details can be made available on request).