

ROAD TRIP #1 Outline- 7 days

estimated cost in 2017 was ~\$ 2700 total- fuel, food, lodging, and attractions.

Pre departure tips:

- Make reservations at Mathers campground for your Grand Canyon stay first [here](#) it books up fast. You can also camp at Zion if you want, reserve up to 6 months in advance [here](#). Check the map and find a site near the restroom if that is important to you.
- Make reservations for all other sleeping arrangements prior to leaving.
- Have your tickets or reservations to all attractions of choice.
- If you have a 4th grader too, apply for your pass [here](#) to redeem at the gate.
- Do a google map search of all the places you will be going to familiarize yourself with the roads you will be on and to get a visual of the map you will be driving.

What to pack:

Clothes p/ person p/ day Toiletries Water bottle per person Bandanas, sunglasses	Food and snacks for all Cooler with ice Water gallons 1 p/day min Cart to carry all items in	Swimwear (for Narrows) Watershoes & sandals Tennis & hiking shoes Waterproof bag & phone bag Wooden walking stick (narrows)	Tent, sleeping bags Pillows, air beds with pump (batteries too) flashlight
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Here we go!

Day	Activity	Est. time	Where to sleep	+/- tips or hacks learned
1	Drive to Las Vegas See about going to watch a Cirque de Soleil rehearsal.	6 hrs. 287 miles	Treasure Island or any other hotel on the strip. We also like staying at Luxor on weekend trips.	Look for discounts for attractions or restaurants at your selected hotel. you can also catch a show or a concert, many options to choose from nightly.
2	Walk the strip and check out the many beautiful architected Casinos everywhere. Ride the tram from Excalibur to Mandalay Bay for free. See the fountain and the garden at Bellagio Walk the mall at the Venetian Ride the ferris wheel at Linq	All day	Same place.	Many hotels are owned by the same group and they allow you to park at all their locations with the same daily parking pass. So check which ones are part of the one you are staying with for free parking (after your daily purchased pass)

3	Up early and head to Coral Pink Sand Dunes in Kanab, UT. Enjoy the beautiful view and the dessert sand. Drive to Zion National Park and do the scenic drive Head to where you will sleep for the night: Zion campground or hotel, airbnb, etc.	2 hours 58 miles Then about 3 hours there. 45 minutes 29 miles		You can ride your own ATV or rent one. We opted for a guided tour so we didn't get lost and we could see all the cool spots in a short amount of time. Many companies offer guided tours, we went with this one. Enjoy this beautiful scenery. Use a pass to get in or buy one now. We stayed at an airbnb and we were not pleased so choose wisely.
4	Zion Day: Hiking the Narrows. Pack your lunch, water bottles, change of clothes, and your sandals in the water proof bag. Have your phone in a waterproof pouch.	All day 2-6 hours in the Narrows plus all other hikes you want to do.	Same place.	Take the tram to your destination, you have to hike quite a ways to get Narrows. Rocks in the water are slippery so having a wooden walking stick helps a lot. Walking stick also helps with checking water depthness (safety) You can rent walking shoes and boots if you want (outside the park) but it's a long walk back to walk in wet shoes. The deeper you hike in, the less people you will have around you (pretty sight) but be sure rain is NOT in the forecast. Take a nice warm shower and get some rest when you return to your room.
5	Up by 6 AM and head to Bryce Canyon for the scenic drive.	1.5 hours 72 miles About 2-4 hours there depending if you want to		Drive all the way in first til the end and on your way back, stop at the different lookout points. All turn outs will be on your right so it will make an easy in, easy out of each parking lot.

		hike there too.		
	Back on the road and head to the Grand Canyon next.	5 hours 286 miles		Be sure to use the restroom before you leave, long ride ahead next.
	Head to your campsite for the night and set up camp. Grab dinner before you make your way up.		Mathers Campground	Book near the restrooms if that's important to you.
6	Up by 7 AM and break down camp.	2-4 hours		Watch your kids, some scary cliff sections but amazing view.
	Head to the scenic spots by car or by tram to take in the majestic views.			Small but still a cute stop since it's on the way.
	Head to Bedrock City- you will spend about 1 hour there	33 minutes 29 miles		A little pricey, small, but a cool experience to do once.
	Head to Bearizona- spend about 2 hours there.	28 minutes 28 miles		
	Continue on to Phoenix- stop at Camelback Ranch	2 hours 174 miles		Pre order your tickets.
	Head to Chase field for an evening ball game.	30 minutes 28 miles		
	Heads to your choice hotel for the night. Many to choose from in downtown Phoenix	5-10 minutes	Hotel of your choice.	We stayed at the Marriott and it was great. 5 minutes away.
7	Begin our way home to LA! Stop at Parker or Ehrenberg for a quick dip in the Colorado River.	3 hours 148 miles Or 158 miles to Parker.		The river flows strongly so be careful with your little ones.
	Continue heading home. Half way in, stop in Cabazon for some shopping or Date ice cream.	4 hours 251 miles home.	Sleep at Home	There are outlets in Cabazon if you like shopping or you must stop at Hadley's for some yummy goodies including a phenomenal date ice cream.