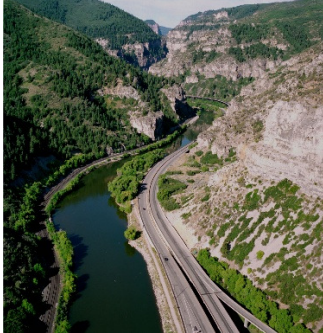


BOB'S TOURS GRAND CIRCLE ITINERARY (COUNTERCLOCKWISE ROUTE)

(9 NATIONAL PARKS/MONUMENTS + 5 STATE PARKS IN 16 DAYS)

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Day #	Stop at Map #	Proposed Itinerary	Sight Photos & Other Info	
1	2	1st day of travel - It takes a total of 10 hrs from Larkspur to the first park, so we'll break it up into 2 shorter days of travel. - Drive across Colorado through the Rocky Mountains to camp overnight the first night in Grand Junction or Fruita, CO (~5 hrs away) - Possible quick trip to the Colorado National Monument late in day.	 Glenwood Canyon on Rt 70	 Colorado National Monument
2	3	2nd day of travel (~5 hrs) to Capitol Reef National Park area - On the way, stop at Goblin Valley State Park for a brief stop. - We may not have much time at Capitol Reef NP except to pass through or make a quick stop. - If time – (on road before Visitor Ctr) - Hickman Trail hike (2.2 mi) - Fremont petroglyph/ruins - homemade fruit pie at the Gifford House	 Goblin Valley	 Capitol Reef
3	4	Travel to Bryce Canyon National Park (113 mi, 3 hrs) - On the way, stop at Anasazi Indian State Park Museum - We'll pass through large areas of Escalante (the Grand Staircase) National Monument and Dixie National Forest - Camp at Ruby's Inn - beautiful resort area just outside Bryce Canyon NP. Also opportunities to stay overnight at the Bryce Canyon Lodge or even hotel rooms & cabins		

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		at Ruby's Inn. - General sightseeing around the canyon with some short hikes or possibly horseback riding tour into canyon in late afternoon. - This is a good stop for a 1-day extension to sightsee or if you want to hike or horseback ride the trails into Bryce NP.	
4	5	Travel to Cedar Breaks National Monument (86 mi., 1¾ hrs) - Spend 1st morning before traveling at Bryce Canyon NP overlooks. - Then take a short trip to Cedar Breaks campground for possible brief visit to main overlook at 10,000 ft elevation.	
5		2nd day – Drive to overlook(s) and hike Ramparts &/or Alpine Trails - Best stargazing on trip.	
6	6	Travel to Zion National Park – (60 mi, 1¾ hrs) - Leave Cedar Breaks early to travel to the Zion Watchman campground - Then do short hikes once at Zion - Possible art shopping in Springdale, UT - Opportunities for a 1 - 2 overnight stay at the Zion Lodge (magnificent)	 
7		2 nd full day at Zion NP - Hike the Narrows canyon - Emerald Falls hike	

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8	7	Travel to the North Rim of the Grand Canyon (150 mi, 3.5 hrs) • Camp at North Rim Campground and spend day in and around the canyon, especially at sunset. • 45 min ride + hikes to Imperial Pt & Cape Royal outlooks • Sunset dinner at Grand Canyon Lodge • Opportunity to stay overnight at the Grand Canyon Lodge (most magnificent) and small log cabins along the edge of the Grand Canyon. • Obviously another good option for staying more than 1 night.	
9	8	Late start after watching an early Grand Canyon sunrise and breakfast. Travel to Lake Powell to Wahweap Marina & Campground (130 mi, 3 hrs) • See Glen Canyon Dam and Lake Powell • Possible evening sunset boat tour around the lake to the dam. • This is a good stop to spend more than 2 days.	 Lake Powell  Rainbow Bridge
10		2nd Day at Wahweap/Lake Powell • Possible boat or kayak rental on Lake Powell; • Possible tour boat trip with short (1 mi) hike to the Rainbow Bridge; or • Possible tour in Antelope Canyon around noon for a 2-3 hr Navajo jeep tour (reserve early). This is on our hit list to do one day.	 Antelope Canyon

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11	9	Travel to Monument Valley, Goulding RV Park (134 mi, 2.5 hrs) • After arrival to campsite, visit the John Wayne Museum • Navajo 2-3 hr jeep tour of Monument Valley at sunset • Shopping for Navajo tapestry, pottery & artwork after jeep tour	
12		Travel to the Moab, UT area (150 mi, 3 hrs) for a 4-night stay. • Stop at Gooseneck State Park on the way. • Sightseeing & dinner in the city of Moab • Possible evening Colorado River rafting or bike trip	
13	10	Arches National Park • Hike to Delicate Arch – a must see, but 3 mi hike on rock (2-3 hr) • Hike Devils Garden (2-3 hr) • Ranger guided hike through Fiery Furnace (2 hr) – 9a or 1:30p, strenuous • Hike in Windows section, mostly short (1-2mi) hikes • All roads close in park Sun-Thurs 7p-7a.	 

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14		Dead Horse Point State Park 35 mi commute by car from Moab. - Mesa Arch (sunrise or early morning) – 0.5 mi hike - Grand View Point (after Mesa) – 2 mi hike Fantastic sightseeing and light hiking to overlooks and Indian petroglyphs	
15		Free 4 th day around Moab – possibilities: 1 hr car ride to the Needles & Big Spring Overlooks at Canyonlands National Park, with short hikes possible. - Or lots more to see in Arches NP and near Moab. Examples: Moab jeep tours; easy mountain biking or rafting in/along the Colorado and Green Rivers.	Canyonlands is huge with 3 different large areas that we could never see, except from an overlook a vast distance away. 
16	Return Home to CO	Final day 😞 – Leave early and drive back Home across the Rockies (7 hrs). Past Vail and Glenwood Springs / Canyon	

Grand Circle Map

