

(VERY) ROUGH DRAFT
OLLI VISIT TO LAS VEGAS AND SOUTHERN UTAH
JUNE 01 – 06, 2014

Sunday, June 01, 2014: Recommended travel day. Participants will travel to Las Vegas on their own. Lodging will be at Treasure Island Resort and Casino. The Sunday-Thursday group rate for us is \$69 + 12% tax = \$77.28, single or double. **(NOTE: If you want to guarantee two beds, and the key word here is “guarantee”, there is an extra \$10 per day charge** (plus tax). The Friday and Saturday group rate is \$119 plus 12% tax = \$133.48.

Monday, June 02, 2014: Optional travel day. We don't recommend waiting this late to travel because it might prove difficult to go through a 3 hour time change and be up and ready to go the next morning. Plus, there are now six (6) resort hotels in Las Vegas that have permanent Cirque du Soleil shows, including Treasure Island. We will list the contact numbers on our **Final Logistics and Briefing Sheet**, available after registration is complete.

Tuesday, June 03, 2014: The bus will depart from Treasure Island at 8:30am enroute Zion National Park. This will be a three hour non-stop bus trip. We will use the **OLLI ID CARD** to assist us in the boarding process. Also, please bring your **Golden Age Passport** or **Senior Pass** {same thing}. This saves us the \$190 per bus entrance fee. After entering the park, we will proceed directly to the Zion National Park Lodge. The rest of the day you are on your own. Lunch is available in the Lodge dining room. Zion Park runs free shuttle buses that go from one end of the park to the other, including the town of Springdale, just outside the park entrance. At the appointed meeting time, we will re-board our OLLI bus at The Lodge for the short trip to our motel in Springdale. The group lodging rate is (per room) \$109 + 12.8% tax = \$122.95. This does NOT include breakfast.

Wednesday, June 04, 2014: The bus departs at 8:30am for the 2-hour drive to Bryce Canyon National Park. Bryce Canyon basically divides into two sections: the amphitheatre section, include the Bryce Park Lodge (lunch), store and several vista sights; and the rest of the park. There is a shuttle that runs continuously inside the amphitheatre area only. After lunch at The Lodge, for those who are interested, we will take our OLLI bus all the way to the end of the park (to Rainbow Point), stopping at as many overlooks as time allows.. You also have then option to remain in the amphitheater area and just see the sights and walks. At the designated time, we will re-unite for the final stop at Mossy Cave. This is a 0.8 mile round trip optional walk to a (small) waterfall. Those that choose to remain in the bus area may do so. We will then head toward our lodging in Cedar City arriving in the very late afternoon. The lodging cost in Cedar City per room is \$82 plus 10.3% tax = \$90.45. There are two pieces of good news – really good news – here in that a free hot breakfast comes with the room – and – we are staying here two nights! That's one less night to unpack and one less morning to pack.

Thursday, June 05, 2014: The bus will depart Cedar City at 8:30am, for the 45 minute drive to the Cedar Breaks National Monument. We will spend about 3 hours here (Visitor Center, overlooks, short walking trails). We will then drive to the town of Parowan for lunch. After lunch we will motor to the Parowan Gap Petroglyphs. There is a ¼ mile walk on gravel road to the site. After this tour we will head back to our same lodging in Cedar City,

Friday, June 06, 2014: The bus will depart Cedar City at 8:30am for the 30 minute drive to Kolob Canyons Wilderness. (Technically part of Zion National Park). There are four stops in Kolob Canyons including the Visitor Center (only bathrooms). We hope to have a ranger give us a 20 minute presentation at the fourth overlook. From Kolob Canyons we travel south on I-15 to lunch at St. George. After lunch we head back to Las Vegas. With the one hour time change, we should be back in Las Vegas in the late afternoon.

Weather: On 7 June this year, (close to our trip date) it was 107 degrees in Las Vegas and 55 degrees in Cedar Breaks National Monument. So dress accordingly. Of interest – Zion will be the hottest place we will visit and Cedar Breaks possibly the coolest. This information could help in terms of packing.

Post-Trip Options: As noted, we will be arriving in Las Vegas in the late afternoon. This means you don't have to stay in Las Vegas. We can't guarantee the return time, but a late evening or redeye flight home could be an option. There are any number of interesting places to visit east of St. George (Arches National Park, Capitol Reef National Park, Canyonlands National Park, Monument Valley, etc). Some of us are heading west to Sequoia and Kings Canyon and Yosemite National Parks. It's probably best to configure your itinerary around Las Vegas as your arrival/departure point to avoid paying double air fare.

Registration Process: You can register for this trip during the upcoming Winter Term registration period. The registration fee for this trip is **\$98 per person**. This includes the four day bus rental plus driver gratuity. **DO NOT** attempt to book rooms at any of these locations at the group rate until you have been notified by the OLLI office that you have been accepted for the trip. The trip will also be offered in the spring catalogue so that we might fill up the bus. Non-OLLI friends and relatives of OLLI members will be the last ones accepted.

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