

1999 RV Trip – Las Vegas to New Jersey

Day 1 – Las Vegas (43 miles; .75 hours)

Take possession of RV from Lazy Daze – drive 45 minutes to Las Vegas
Walk the strip – see different shows
Stay at Circusland RV Park (on the strip)

Day 2 – Las Vegas (0 miles; 0 hours)

Ripley's Believe it or Not Museum
Wet and Wild Waterpark
Stay at Circusland RV Park again

Day 3 – Hoover Dam / Lake Meade / Zion National Park (250 miles; 5 hours)

Drive 45 minutes to Hoover Dam – take Hardhat Tour
Drive through Lake Meade National Area – lunch and swim
Drive through Valley of Fire State Park
Drive to Zion National Park
Swim in Virgin River by campsite
Stay at Zion Watchman Campground

Day 4 – Zion National Park (0 miles; 0 hours)

Take Zion Canyon 7-Mile Scenic Drive Tram Tour
Hike 2-mile Riverside Walk to the Gateway of the Narrows
Hike to Weeping Rock – ½ mile hike (under waterfalls)
More swimming in Virgin River by campground
Dinner at Zion Lodge
Stay at Zion Watchman Campground again

Day 5 – Zion to Grand Canyon (120 miles; 3 hours)

Drive scenic Zion–Mount Carmel Parkway east out of the Park
Drive to Grand Canyon North Rim
Walk to Bright Angel Point (1/3 mile from lodge) – great sunset
Stay at Grand Canyon North Rim Campground

Day 6 - Grand Canyon (25 miles; 1 hour)

Drive on Scenic Cape Royal Road (23 miles) – 3 miles north of Lodge
Turn off onto 3 mile road to Point Imperial (highest view)
Stop at Vista Encantadora
At end ½ mile nature trail hike to Angel's window at tip of Cape Royal
Hike Transept Trail – 1 ½ mile along rim
Have dinner at Grand Canyon Lodge
Stay at Grand Canyon North Rim

Day 7 – Grand Canyon to Bryce National Park (160 miles; 4 hours)

Drive to Bryce
Swim campground pool in the afternoon

Drive 17-mile Bryce Canyon Scenic Drive to various viewpoints
Stay at Ruby's Inn Campground and RV Park

Day 8 – Bryce National Park (20 miles; ½ hour)

Hike 3.5 mile trail under Rim from Sunrise Point to Sunset Point
(Queen's Garden Trail to Navajo Trail)
Go on Ruby's Inn Cowboy cookout
Stay at Ruby's Inn Campground and RV Park again

Day 9 – Bryce to Capitol Reef National Park to Green River (180 miles; 5 hours)

Drive to Capitol Reef National Park (3 hours)
Picnic in Fruita Picnic Area
Stop to see Fruita Schoolhouse
Stop at Petroglyphs pull off to view petroglyphs
Hike 1-mile Hickman Bridge trail to a natural bridge
Stop at Behunin Cabin
Drive another 2 hours to Green River, Utah
Stay at Shady Acres RV Park

Day 10 – Green River to Arches / Canyonlands National Park (140 miles; 4 hours)

Drive to Arches National Park (1 Hour)
Drive Arches Scenic Drive 18 miles – stop at various hikes and view arches
Hike easy .3 mile Balance Rock Trail
Hike 1.25 miles Windows Loop Trail
Hike .5 miles to Double Arch
Hike 2.25 mile roundtrip hike to Landscape Arch
Drive to Canyonlands National Park - Islands in the Sky District (2 hours)
Stop at Dead Horse Point State Park along way
Hike 1-mile Grand View Trail along the rim
Drive back to Moab (1 hour)
Stay at Arch View RV Park
Swim in campground pool – view of arches from pool

Day 11 – Moab to Mesa Verde National Park (190 miles; 4.5 hours)

Drive to Mesa Verde (4.5 hours)
Stop at Far View Visitor Center – get tickets for Balcony House tour
Drive 6- loop along Chapin Mesa - numerous views of cliff dwellings
Go on ranger-led tour of 45-room Balcony House (cliff dwelling)
climb ladders, crawl through tunnels, etc.
Go to Chapin Mesa Museum at Spruce Tree House Trailhead
Walk the paved ¼ mile trail to Spruce Tree House – best preserved ruin
Attend Hopi Indian Ceremonial Dance at the amphitheater
Stay at Mesa Verde Point Kampark
swim in campground pool

Day 12 – Mesa Verde to Kansas (615 miles; 11 hours) *

Drive towards home

Day 13 – Kansas to Ohio (900 miles – 15 hours) *

Drive 9 hours through Kansas and Missouri

Stay somewhere along route

Day 14 – Ohio to Home (627 miles – 11 hours) *

Drive 9 hours through Kansas and Missouri

Stay somewhere along route

* Driving days long because of death in the family and a need to get home quickly.
Otherwise, would have taken 6 days instead of 3 to get home from Mesa Verde)

Total Trip Mileage: 3270 miles

Average Miles per Day: 234 miles per day