



TRIP NOTES SWIMMING VACATION LAKE POWELL, ARIZONA, USA

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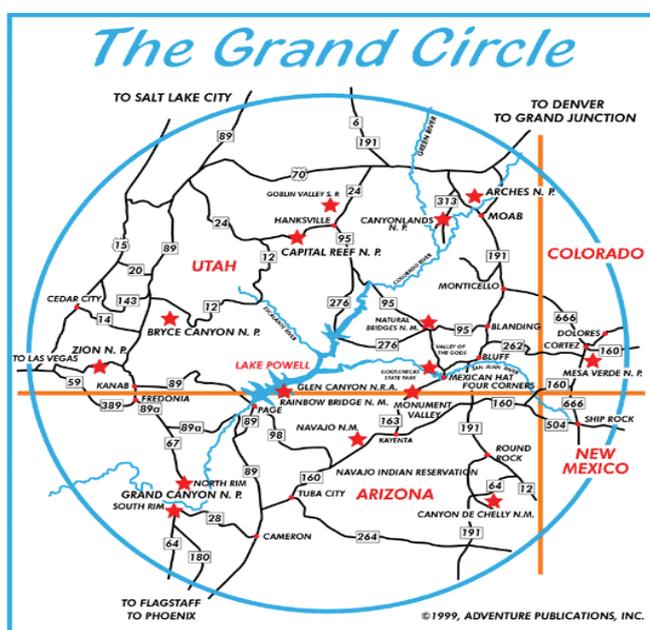
Basic information

Lake Powell's geological formations in the South-Western region of the United States are about as magnificent as anyone can imagine. This second largest man-made reservoir on the **Colorado River**, straddling the border between **Utah and Arizona** is surrounded by the beautiful red rocks, sandy beaches and clear blue water.

Lake Powell makes an excellent playground for safe adventurous swimming and exploration. Imagine swimming within the scenic canyons, and looking at the painted sky that changes from mesmerizing sunset to a star-filled sky by the end of the day. Join us as we set out for this very special swimming vacation tour.

This unique tour appeals to all levels of swimmers (please check our FAQs for details and swimming distances on our itinerary) looking for swimming adventure surrounded by spectacular scenery. Different escort boats provide safety and enjoyment to all our guests.

Map



Summary

Country: Arizona (USA)
Duration: 4 Days (3 Nights)
Tour Type: Lake and Canyon Adventure Swims
Accommodation: Hotel on the land (Page, AZ)
Average Daily Distance: 3 miles (5 km)
Level: All level swimmers (* you are expected to swim the distances on our itinerary)
Escort: powerboats, kayak, guides
Water: 68-75F/20-24°C **Air:** 75-85F / 24-30°C

Highlights

- Swimming in Lake Powell's warm waters through scenic canyons, surrounded by the dramatic landscape of the Glen Canyon National Park,
- Hiking and exploring the Navajo Indian trails,
- Enjoying the clear sky with magical sunsets,
- Visiting the Rainbow Bridge, world's largest natural bridge (weather permitted),
- Meeting and swimming with the legendary swimmer Martin Strel (Big River Man).

Included in the price

Fully guided swimming adventure tour with comprehensive safety escort, 3-night accommodation, national park and river usage fee, all transfers from/to hotel, breakfasts and lunches are included.

Accommodation Note: This tour is sold per twin share accommodation with an option to book single occupancy. If you are a single coming to the trip and we are unable to match/find the guest of your sex to share a room, then you will be charged the single supplement.

Each guest receives our branded silicone swimming cap. We provide water and other drinks while out on the boat and while swimming. Should you want to have your own water bottle, please bring it with you.

Additional cost

Transportation to and from Page, AZ - Lake Powell, evening meals, any additional tours or attractions.

Itinerary

Day 1

6:30 pm get together in the hotel lobby where you will meet the rest of the group and have a tour briefing by your guiding team. For those arriving late in the evening, we arrange another short briefing the next morning at 7:30 am. Please contact us for this request.

Day 2

Following our morning breakfast we will gather all our swimming gear and head out for our first day on the lake. After 15-minute drive we will stop at the **Antelope Point Marina** (a daily routine) where we are going to board our powerboats.

From there we will head towards North-East to Utah's Lake territory until we reach **Labyrinth Canyon**. The Canyon itself takes us to Arizona territory. Passing by on the east side is dominating Padres Point. Straight ahead is a great view of **Tower Butte**, famous Glen Canyon landmark noted for its nearly identical symmetry on all four sides. It rises 800 feet from Wild Horse Mesa, its flat top 5,282 feet above sea level. We will swim 1 mile – 1.5 miles out of the canyon towards **Dominguez Butte**. We are going to swim in the canyon between the Boundary Butte and Tower Butte. Our escort boats will pick us up and we will travel to a peaceful spot inside the canyon for lunch.

The early afternoon will be devoted to a short hike between Boundary Butte and Dominguez Butte. You will see some amazing high rock formations and narrow parts formed by the power of natural water. After our hike, we are going back in the water to swim our next mile and a half straight south into the **Face Canyon**. We are going to swim by serrated sandstone formations of unusual shapes and colors. When we are finished with swimming, our powerboats will take us back to the marina and to our hotel transportation. Dinner in Page.

Day 3

Powerboats will take us 36 miles up the lake into the historic **Cathedral Canyon** where we often spot famous Lake Powell Mountain Lions. Within the canyon is a long, winding, alternately wide and narrow gorge of unsurpassed beauty. Several sheer walls “lean in” adding to the mystique. Our first 1.5 mile-swim will be swimming out of the canyon, stopping inside the eerie passage to a dead end. We usually swim all the way until the lunch spot inside the canyon.

While we are going to enjoy the stunning views and the fresh air on the warm sandstone,

our chef will serve us a well-deserved lunch. Before we are going to jump back in the water the boats will take us further east towards the **Rainbow bridge**. The world's largest natural bridge and one of the seven natural wonders of the world. The span has undoubtedly inspired people throughout time--from the neighboring American Indian tribes who consider Rainbow Bridge sacred, to the 85,000 people from around the world who visit it each year. We park at the small courtesy dock and start our afternoon hike on the rainbow trail (flat, sandy hike) for about 1.2 miles one-way. We hike all the way to the bridge where the park rangers often share the stories of discovery, formation, protection of the bridge.

Our second 1.5 mile-swim will be right across from the Rainbow bridge at the **Cascade Canyon**. No cascade exists here, but a long, narrow water-course winds beneath leaning walls, cave-like alcoves, colorful streaks of desert varnish and “murals” of beautiful lichens. The canyon is known for good fishing. After the swim we head back towards the marina with one short stop at the **Dangling Rope Marina**, where they have small souvenir store and some Ice Cream. Dinner recommended at the World's Largest Floating Restaurant at Antelope Point Marina.

P.S. Rainbow Bridge is weather permitted and in case of strong winds we use an alternative plan for this day. If so, we usually visit Last Chance Bay and West Canyon.

Day 4

On our final day we will travel for a swim and exploration of the **Navajo Canyon** which is known as the longest tributary of the Lake Powell and home of the Navajo Indian Reservation. Lake Powell is adjacent to the Navajo Nation, the United States' largest **Native American Tribe**. Our base will be in the middle of the canyon surrounded by the sandy beaches and Navajo trails. We are going to do a morning 1.8-mile-swim around one of the canyon's meanders and walls which reach up to 600 feet high.

Before the lunch, we are planning to hike up the **Miner's Stairs**, one of the oldest Indian routes called the First Navajo Trail. You are going to see several finely cut steps in the slick rock as the trail emerges from the water. Once we reach the rim, we will have the entire view of the inlet. After lunch in the canyon, we head back to our marina.

Transfer to the hotel. Trip finishes around **1-2pm**.

Itinerary changes

Please note that our swims are carried out in the natural environment and we rely on the current weather conditions. Therefore, sometimes on-trip changes in the planned itinerary are required.

General Information

Start Point: Clarion Inn Hotel
751 S Navajo Drive, Page, Arizona, 86040, USA,
Ph: +1 928 645-9000, <https://goo.gl/lgY6zx>
Start Time: 6.30pm on 1st Day
Finish Point: Clarion Inn Hotel
Finish Time: 2pm on 4th Day

Passports and Visas

If you travel from outside of United States, please check with your authorities if and what type of Visa/permit do you require to enter U.S. border. Visa regulations do change, so be aware of this.

Vaccinations

There are no specific vaccination requirements for this trip, but you should ensure that your tetanus and polio are up to date.

Extra Expenses

You will need enough money to cover the evening meals which are not included in the tour price. An average dinner (including a drink) costs around \$20-25 USD.

Currency

You should bring extra money with you to cover such items as dinners, entertainment, souvenirs, and gratuities. The local currency is US Dollar and ATMs are widely available.

Accommodation

We stay at **Clarion Inn Hotel** which provides excellent amenities, quality service and a great location for the hotel's guests. Page, Arizona offers stunning mountain vistas and canyons, lush hanging gardens and gorgeous Lake Powell. Guests enjoy complimentary high-speed, wireless Internet access, an outdoor pool and a hot, full American breakfast.

Extended stay

If you arrive earlier or want to stay longer, please contact the hotel directly at Ph: +1-928-6459-000 or visit online sites for alternative options.

Swimming awareness

Your safety is of utmost importance to us. In the event of adverse weather conditions at any of our swimming locations, we may need to adapt our itinerary. Our team always includes local guides who know the safest and most picturesque places to swim, so rest assured you won't be missing out! Swimming in the lakes and canyons is a unique experience, but you may come across certain life such as fish and insects. The water in the canyons can be deep and the bottom cannot always be seen. If you suffer from Anaphylaxis or any other allergic reactions, it is important to inform us at the time of booking. Also, please bring with you any personal medical supply you may need while on the trip.

Group Size

Up to a maximum of 12 people with 2 swimming guides, local boat pilot. Number of escort staff (guides) may change and varies on the group size.

Swimming Information

Month	Water Temp. (F/°C)	Air Temp. (F/°C)
May	68/20	80/26
June	73/23	90/32
September	76/25	88/31
Beg.Of October	74/24	80/26

Swim location

Swim location	Distances
Last Chance Bay	1.5 miles (2.5 kms)
West Canyon	1.5 miles (2.5 kms)
Cookie Jar - Gunsight Butte	2 miles (3.2 kms)
Labyrinth Canyon	1.5 miles (2.5 kms)
Navajo Canyon Swim 1	1.5 miles (2.5 kms)
Navajo Canyon Swim 2	1 mile (1.6 kms)

Keep in mind that you can skip any of the swims you want and relax on our escort boats.

Walking Conditions

In order to enjoy your walks in the canyons and mainland, we advise you to bring comfortable walking shoes for summer temperatures.

Essential Equipment

In addition to normal items, we recommend the following: at least 2 swimming costumes, at least 2 pairs of swimming goggles (one clear and one tinted or anti glare), sweater/fleece/windstopper, towel, sun hat, sun glasses, small daypack, water bottle, waterproof sun cream, walking shoes and sandals or aqua shoes.

We provide drinking bottles while swimming, swim caps, and some other limited equipment to use, such as fins, wetsuits, rash vests, if required.

If you know in advance that you will need to use some additional equipment, please bring it with you.



Travel

Page, Arizona is centrally located to many of the spectacular National Parks, Monuments, Historical sites and Indian ruins in the Grand Circle region.

To get to Page, you can fly daily straight into Page airport (PGA) with Great Lakes Airlines - www.greatlakesav.com from Denver (DEN), Las Vegas (LAS), Phoenix (PHX), Los Angeles (LAX) or use any of the surrounding airports and then drive. There are some private landing strips at Page (AZ), Bullfrog (UT), and Halls Crossing (UT). Here is the entire Great Lakes flight timetable.

Once at the Page airport, you can take a taxi to the hotel for \$5 USD (the distance is less than a mile). Contact Destination Services - Mr. Drew Schmidt at 928 645 2789.

AVIS Rent a Car service (ph: 928 645-2024) is available at the airport and in town, walking distance from the hotel.

You can also fly into a nearby town Flagstaff. Flagstaff Pulliam Airport (FLG) provides air service from/to Phoenix via U.S. Airways. Several flights leave Pulliam Airport to Phoenix Sky Harbor International Airport on a daily basis. Once at Flagstaff airport, you can rent a car and drive to Page (Lake Powell) in 2 hours.

Directions

From Phoenix, Arizona

From Sky Harbor Airport in Phoenix, AZ, there is a 5 hour drive to Lake Powell. This drive allows you to experience a diverse landscape through the Sonoran Desert, up into the Colorado Plateau, the Painted Desert, and Glen Canyon as you enter Page, Arizona

From Las Vegas, Nevada

From Las Vegas (Nevada) McCarran Airport, there is a 4 hour drive to Lake Powell. This drive will take you out of the bright lights of Las Vegas and through beautifully diverse landscape towards Glen Canyon National Park. You will travel through the Virgin River Gorge and the Grand Staircase before entering Page, AZ.

From Sedona, Arizona

Sedona is located approximately 3 hours from the Lake Powell. Driving this stretch is a great way to experience the landscape of the Colorado Plateau through Flagstaff and the Navajo Nation/Painted Desert.

Other interesting things to do

If you have extra time to spend in the area, here are some other tourist attractions: Rafting the Colorado river, Horseshoe Bend (no fee), Lower (\$28) and Upper Antelope Canyon (\$45), Navajo Nation, Grand Canyon, Bryce and Zion National parks, Monument Valley.

From the Grand Canyon

Lake Powell and Page, AZ are located about 2.5 hours from the south rim and 2 hours from the north rim of the Grand Canyon.

From Salt Lake City, Utah

Lake Powell is located at the southern border of Utah-Arizona, so you will travel south on I-15 for about 6 hours passing by beautiful Bryce and Zion National Parks. Enjoy!

See you on Lake Powell, open water paradise!

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