

2014 NECA Eastern Region Meeting Scottsdale, Arizona Post-Tour ~ March 27-29

The Grand Canyon & Sedona

Dear NECA Members:

A permanent connection between NECA and the Grand Canyon was established June 23, 2013. That's when **Nik Wallenda** reconfirmed his place in daredevil history by traversing the quarter-mile gorge 1500 feet above the Colorado River, without a tether or safety net. The highwire he walked was a two-inch-in-diameter, nine-pounds-per-foot cable painstakingly strung across the chasm by NECA-member **O'Connell Electric**, the same line contractor that made his **2012 walk across Niagara Falls** possible. Videos on **preparing for the 2013 walk** and **live-rigging the wire** are available on ElectricTV.net. Everyone affiliated with NECA should see them.



And, *everyone* should see the Grand Canyon, one of the **Seven Natural Wonders of the World**. *Here's your opportunity!*

Sunday morning, we head north driving through **Oak Creek Canyon** enroute to **Flagstaff**. Just north of Flagstaff, we encounter a spectacular portion of the **Painted Desert** before arriving at

the South Rim of the Grand Canyon. Many Native American reservations are in and around **Grand Canyon National Park**, including Navajo, Hopi, Havasupai and Paiute. We'll see their influence and trade at their markets during our travels.



Monday, we head back south to **Sedona**, Arizona's most beautiful and famous desert city. Our first adventure today is a "**Pink Jeep**" ride through the surrounding canyons. We're staying right in Sedona at the **Orchards Inn**. The Orchards is known for its large rooms and spectacular red rock views, but it's the convenience that makes it the perfect fit for our short-time schedule. (It's easy to extend your stay in Sedona. There's a shuttle can take you to **Sky Harbor Airport** in Phoenix on Wednesday.)



Tuesday morning, we'll leave Sedona in time to reach Sky Harbor Airport by 10:30am; it only takes 1 hour and 30 minutes. Please book your flight for any time after noon.

Please join us!

Sincerely,

Geoff Robertson, American Travel Association



*Click on the underlined links throughout this brochure for more information.
Receipt of final payment due February 12.*

Itinerary



March 27, Thursday Scottsdale/South Rim Grand Canyon

- L, D**
- Early departure from the Hyatt by motorcoach. Today's route to Grand Canyon National Park includes driving through the sheer rock walls and steep ravines of Oak Creek Canyon just before Flagstaff. From here, we travel through another picture-book portion of America, the Painted Desert. A stop at the former **Indian trading post of Cameron** for lunch also allows for a bit of local shopping. Continuing along route 64, we pass through **Desert View** before arriving at the South Rim of the Grand Canyon. Overnight at **Maswick North Lodge**.
 - Before check-in, we see the Grand Canyon IMAX movie, which gives everyone a spectacular glimpse into the Canyon's million-year history.
Note: We'll visit the Wallenda site and walk along the rim of the Canyon today or tomorrow morning depending on weather conditions.
 - Casual dinner tonight at Maswick's cafeteria. www.grandcanyonlodges.com



March 28, Friday Grand Canyon/Sedona

- B, R**
- After enjoying the morning views (perhaps a sunrise) and optional helicopter rides, we descend down Route 80 to Williams. Next is Sedona, one of the most beautiful areas in Arizona, particularly noted for its towering red rock formations and diverse culture. Sedona is an interesting town full of good shopping, restaurants, and southwestern ambiance.
 - Upon arrival, there's open time for lunch before we embark on a pink jeep ride into the heart of red rock country that has served as the backdrop for western movies and TV shows.
 - Our hotel is the Orchards Inn where tonight we'll enjoy a welcome reception. www.orchardsinn.com

March 29, Saturday Sedona/Phoenix Sky Harbor Airport

- B**
- Following breakfast, we depart for Sky Harbor Airport. We'll arrive by 10:30am so you can book your flights home accordingly. **Note:** You're encouraged to extend and enjoy Sedona Tuesday. There's an airport shuttle you can take to Phoenix Sunday (*Please note on Reservation Form*).

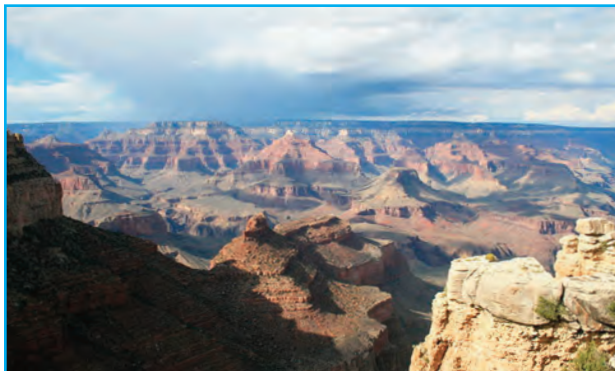


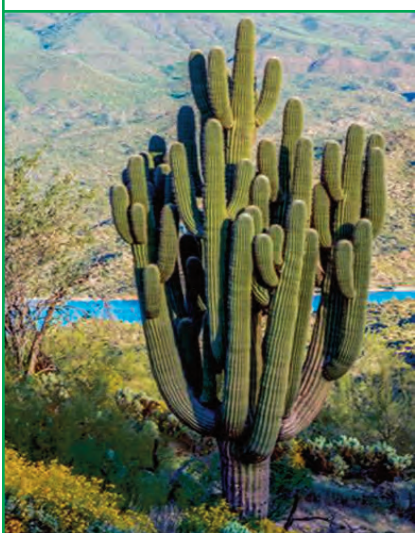
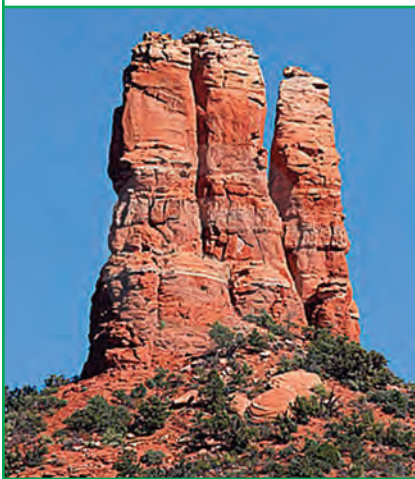
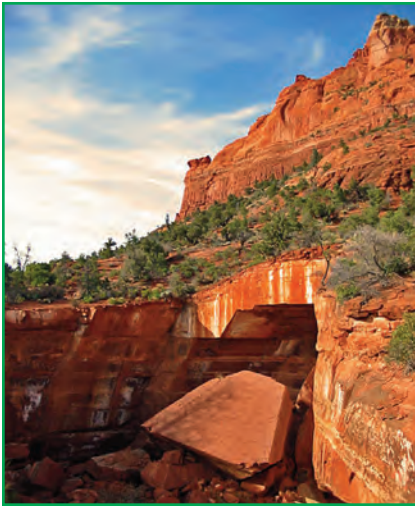
(**B** = Breakfast, **L** = Lunch, **R** = Reception, **D** = Dinner included in the tour)

Tour Inclusions:

- Two-night's first class hotel accommodations
 - one-night Maswick North Lodge, Grand Canyon Village
 - one-night Orchards Inn, Sedona
- Hotel taxes and portorage
- Breakfast each day
- Lunch at Cameron Trading Post Sunday
- Dinner at Maswick Sunday
- Dinner in Sedona Monday
- Entrance fee to Grand Canyon National Park
- Entrance fee to IMAX Theater
- Four-wheel Pink Jeep tour in Sedona
- Transportation by deluxe motorcoach
- Coach transfer to Sky Harbor Airport from Sedona Tuesday
- Arizona map and travel information

Meal Note: Food, tax and service are included; drinks are the individual's responsibility.





Tour Package Price:

- \$798 per person double occupancy
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 - Cost for accompanying children (*they're welcome*) available on request.

Tour Notes

Hotels:

- Maswick North is pretty basic. However, the rooms are good size and in good condition. Everyone who has stayed there on our prior trips has survived just fine.
- You can upgrade at the Orchards to a deluxe room, which means larger with a fireplace, for \$55 for the room (*see Reservation Form*).

Air. Please make your air reservations into Phoenix for the meeting and home on the 29th. Early booking helps insuring low fares and using upgrade credits. We'll arrive at Sky Harbor Airport by 10:30am Tuesday the 29th.

Features Not Included: Items of a personal nature, such as laundry and phone calls; liquor and soft drink charges; meals not specifically included; tips to the coach driver; airfare; airport transfers aside from the one coach transfer Saturday from Sedona to Sky Harbor.

Sedona Extension. You're welcome to extend and enjoy. There's shuttle service between Sedona and Sky Harbor. www.sedona-phoenix-shuttle.com (*see Reservation Form*).



Trip Advisor lists **56 Sedona activities**, but the big draw for thousands of tourists is the red sandstone formations that glow in brilliant orange and red when illuminated by the rising and setting sun. They form an inspiring backdrop for many activities, including spiritual pursuits that make the town famous.

If the terrain seems familiar, it's because Sedona has hosted more than sixty Hollywood productions from the first years of movies into the 1970s. The small town, which served as a kind of microcosm of Hollywood history, sits about 120 miles north of Phoenix, nestled between thousand-foot-high walls of stone in lushly forested Oak Creek Canyon and the wide open space of the Verde Valley, and it was the diversity of this unspoiled landscape that made it such an ideal location to shoot outdoor scenes.

Stretching as far back as 1923, this picturesque desert outpost quietly played host to Hollywood legends in the making, and its signature red rocks were a fixture in major productions — including enduring favorites such as *Johnny Guitar*, *Angel and the Badman*, *Desert Fury*, *Blood on the Moon*, and *3:10 to Yuma* — but typically were identified to audiences as the terrain of Texas, California, Nevada, and even Canadian territory.



CONDITIONS



Reservations and Payment: Reservations will be confirmed by American Travel Association (ATA) upon receipt of the Reservation Coupon and \$150 per person deposit. Receipt of final payment is due in the office of ATA no later than February 12th. All payments must be made by check payable to American Travel Association or by MasterCard, Visa or American Express card.

Cancellation: Cancellations must be made in writing to ATA. To avoid discrepancies, ATA will not act on information given over the phone until written notice has been received.

Land Package: A \$100 per person cancellation fee will be charged regardless of the reason. Penalty on cancellations received between February 12th and departure will be a maximum of 100% of the land cost per person, depending upon the amount recoverable from the suppliers to whom payment had been sent. Cancellation penalties are required to offset non-refundable hotel and supplier payments made by ATA in advance of the tour. There will be no refund for unused services once the tour has begun.

Insurance: Trip cancellation, baggage and medical insurance coverage is available for purchase through a form to be sent by ATA. We strongly recommend insurance coverage. When last minute illnesses occur, the insurance helps offset non-refundable air and land charges. You should check with your local insurance agent to see what is covered under your homeowner's policy.

Health: The Participant represents that neither he nor she nor anyone traveling with him or her has any physical or other condition or disability that could create a hazard to him- or - herself or other members of the tour. This program involves walking over uneven surfaces and climbing stairs at locations that are not handicap accessible. A letter of explanation of any physical or mental condition that may require medical attention or special equipment (wheelchair, for example) must be enclosed with the Reservation Form.

Prices: This price is subject to change due to cost increases, and in number of participants upon which the tour cost is based (26). ATA reserves the right to increase the price for such reasons. All prices are based on rates and tariffs in effect on December 16, 2013.

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RESERVATION FORM

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Name(s) _____

(if children are coming, please indicate ages and if they'll share your room)

Company *(if mailing to your office)* _____

Mailing *(delivery)* Address: Street _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Cell Phone _____ Other Preferred phone# _____

E-mail _____

Preferred first names _____

Sedona Extension: I/We wish to extend _____ more nights; room rate including tax is \$233.

Orchards Upgrade: I/We wish to upgrade _____ supplemental room cost is \$55.

Emergency Contact Name/s: _____

Phone # _____ E-mail address _____

Relationship _____

Hotel Rooms: _____ I/We prefer a one-bedded room. _____ If no king beds are available, queen is OK
_____ If no king beds are available, I/we prefer 2 beds

Deposit & Payment: A deposit of \$150 per person payable to American Travel Association by check, or credit card is due with this reservation form. The balance will be due by February 12, 2014.

_____ Enclosed is a check payable to American Travel Association OR

Please charge the deposit to: _____ Visa _____ MasterCard _____ American Express

Account number _____ Expiration date _____

Name on card _____ 3- or 4-Digit Security Code _____

Signature _____

Billing address of cardholder *(if different from above)*

I have read and understand the conditions set forth in this brochure. Reservations will not be accepted without signature here. _____

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or to our secure fax (706) 225-2551