

# Topdeck

## SOUTHWEST STATES



TRIP CODE:

UHRTLO-9



## Topdecker, MEET NORTH AMERICA

Las Vegas, Austin and New Orleans - three cities with BIG personalities. Vegas is all bright lights and bags of character. Austin is the oh-so-cool 'Live Music Capital of the World'. And New Orleans? Well, that place has some seriously infectious energy that'll get your toe tapping the minute you set foot in town.

### WORTH NOTING...

A Sector trip is part of a larger journey, meaning your new friends might continue on or after you leave, or you might be joining a trip already in progress.

### WHAT YOU NEED TO KNOW



Hotel



Nights



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This is a sector trip.

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We really appreciate your decision to travel with us, and rest assured that the entire Topdeck team will be pulling out all the stops to make your trip an unforgettable one.

Now it's time to get excited and get ready for a fantastic holiday!

From all the crew at Topdeck Travel

## ABOUT YOUR TRIP NOTES

These Trip Notes contain everything you need to know before your trip departs, including where to meet, what to bring and what you can expect on your trip of a lifetime! Also, you can easily download and print this document off so you can check off the lists or bring it with you when you travel.

Please do bear in mind though, some points should be taken as a guide only - after all, everyone's different! For example, daily spending money and clothing lists can vary greatly from one person to the next so don't be alarmed if you don't expect to spend (or even wear) so much! However, we're sure you'll find the information in general to be very useful.

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**PLEASE NOTE:** We strongly urge you to refresh this document as close to the time of your departure as possible to ensure you have the most up-to-date accommodation list and information available.

### ON THE BUCKET LIST (INCLUDED)

- + Party bus, Las Vegas
- + Sixth Floor Museum, Dallas
- + Ranch visit, Durango
- + NASA Space Center, Houston
- + Day trip to Grand Canyon National Park
- + Navajo Jeep tour, Monument Valley
- + Spray paint cadillacs at Cadillac Ranch
- + Visit the Fort Worth Historic Stockyards
- + Driving tour of Austin
- + Driving tour of the Las Vegas Strip

### MORE INCLUSIONS

- + Driving tour of the Las Vegas Strip
- + Las Vegas party bus
- + Day trip to Grand Canyon National Park
- + Entry to Monument Valley Tribal Park
- + Monument Valley Navajo Jeep tour
- + Ranch visit
- + Spray paint cadillacs at Cadillac Ranch
- + Visit Fort Worth Historic Stockyards
- + Visit the Sixth Floor Museum in Dallas
- + Driving tour of Austin
- + Visit Houston Space Center (home of NASA)
- + Orientation tour of Baton Rouge

## YOUR TRIP WILL START

### PICK UP:

Los Angeles  
North America

## YOUR TRIP WILL FINISH

### DROP OFF:

New Orleans  
North America

## *Trip currencies*

- + United States - USD

# Your Itinerary



**AWESOME TRIP  
LEADER**

## DAY 1 | LOS ANGELES, CALIFORNIA TO LAS VEGAS, NEVADA

First things first: we'll kick things off in LA and drive through the cactus-scattered Mojave Desert to reach Las Vegas. Once we're there, we'll take on The Strip on a driving tour. Then, it's time to dress to impress as we climb aboard a Las Vegas party bus.



### MEALS:

- + Dinner



### INCLUDED TODAY:

- + Driving tour of the Las Vegas Strip
- + Las Vegas party bus



### OPTIONAL ACTIVITIES:

- + Club entry

## DAY 2 | LAS VEGAS

Anything goes in Vegas. You could go high with today's optionals: a heli-tour over The Strip or a ride on the High Roller Observation Wheel. We've got optional shooting range visits, too! Just remember to save some energy for one more night out among the bright lights and Elvis impersonators.



### OPTIONAL ACTIVITIES:

- + Ride the High Roller Observation Wheel
- + Heli-tour over the Las Vegas Strip
- + Visit a shooting range

## DAY 3 | LAS VEGAS TO GRAND CANYON REGION, ARIZONA

Let Route 66 show you why it's one of the most iconic roads in the world as we make our way to the Grand Canyon region.



### MEALS:

- + Dinner



### INCLUDED TODAY:

- + Day trip to Grand Canyon National Park



### OPTIONAL ACTIVITIES:

- + Heli-tour over the Grand Canyon

## DAY 4 | GRAND CANYON TO DURANGO, COLORADO

Today feels like a Navajo jeep tour kind of day. One that goes through Monument Valley. Even though it's a bumpy ride, you'd be forgiven for wanting to miss the bus, especially once you learn the stories of the mesas from our Navajo guide. Later: zip up your boots, we're off to visit a ranch!



### MEALS:

- + Breakfast
- + Lunch
- + Dinner



### INCLUDED TODAY:

- + Entry to Monument Valley Tribal Park
- + Monument Valley Navajo Jeep tour
- + Ranch visit

## DAY 5 | DURANGO

Wanna get that adrenaline pumping? Then get involved in some optional whitewater rafting on the Animas River today. Less bumpy options include hiking, biking and ziplining. Completely smooth-ride seekers can spot prairie dogs and gaze at the cracking scenery from the Durango Silverton steam train.



### MEALS:

+ Breakfast



### OPTIONAL ACTIVITIES:

- + Horse riding (summer only)
- + Whitewater rafting (summer only)
- + Ziplining (summer only)
- + Chuckwagon Dinner Show
- + Mountain bike tour (summer only)
- + Snowmobile tour (winter only)

## DAY 6 | DURANGO TO ALBUQUERQUE, NEW MEXICO

After a trip down Route 64 and a trip to Santa Fe, we reach Albuquerque. You've got some free time to explore Heisenberg's old stomping ground today, so grab your pork pie hat and get going.



### MEALS:

+ Breakfast

## DAY 7 | ALBUQUERQUE TO AMARILLO, TEXAS

Feeling artistic? Good. It's time to channel Banksy at Cadillac Ranch (an art installation of half-buried Cadillacs) on Route 66. You'll get to crack out the spray paint and get creative on the tailfins of these all-American automobiles. Later: prepare to chow down Texas-style at the Big Texan Steak House.



### MEALS:

+ Breakfast  
+ Dinner



### INCLUDED TODAY:

+ Spray paint cadillacs at Cadillac Ranch

## DAY 8 | AMARILLO TO DALLAS/FORT WORTH

We're off to Dallas and the Fort Worth Historic Stockyards for a step back in time to the Wild West. From its original brick walkways to its wooden corrals, Fort Worth has it all. Tonight, we highly recommend Billy Bob's Texas - the World's Largest Honky Tonk. This enormous dancehall has over 30 bars and can hold up to 6,000 people! Time to get your two step on.



### MEALS:

+ Breakfast



### INCLUDED TODAY:

+ Visit Fort Worth Historic Stockyards

## DAY 9 | DALLAS/FORT WORTH TO AUSTIN

Before we leave Dallas, we'll pay a visit the Sixth Floor Museum. Then, we'll make our merry way to Austin, the 'Live Music Capital of the World'. We've got a driving tour to help you get your bearings AND a Texan style BBQ dinner to look forward to before we let you loose on the town.



### MEALS:

+ Breakfast  
+ Dinner



### INCLUDED TODAY:

+ Visit the Sixth Floor Museum in Dallas  
+ Driving tour of Austin

## DAY 10 | AUSTIN

The city is yours today. Hello thrift shopping, Airstream cuisine (cooler than regular food trucks) nudists, boot scooters, cheese makers and a cathedral of junk. When you're done with the weird, there's Zilker Park and SoCo to check out. Be sure to hit 6th Street tonight for a live music smorgasbord.



### MEALS:

- + Breakfast

## DAY 11 | AUSTIN TO LAKE CHARLES, LOUISIANA

On our way to Lake Charles we'll make a pit stop at the Houston Space Center. Trust us, this place will make all your childhood space camp dreams come true.



### MEALS:

- + Breakfast
- + Dinner



### INCLUDED TODAY:

- + Visit Houston Space Center (home of NASA)

## DAY 12 | LAKE CHARLES TO NEW ORLEANS

Before hitting the hubbub of New Orleans, there's an orientation tour of Baton Rouge on the cards. Then, it's on to the Bayou we go! Tonight, hit Bourbon Street and prepare to party.



### MEALS:

- + Breakfast
- + Dinner



### INCLUDED TODAY:

- + Orientation tour of Baton Rouge

## DAY 13 | NEW ORLEANS

This groovy city boasts culture and history by the bucketload. Foodies will have a hard time picking between gumbo and po-boys, jambalaya and muffulettas, and beignets and Bananas Foster. Maybe just try 'em all. Or, you could get on board with one of today's optionals: swamp tours, cooking demonstrations and paddleboat cruises. When night falls, head out and hit the clubs to hear New Orleans do its thing.



### MEALS:

- + Breakfast



### OPTIONAL ACTIVITIES:

- + Swamp tour
- + Cooking demonstration
- + Paddleboat cruise

## DAY 14 | NEW ORLEANS

Nooooo, it's over already! Sad faces all round. Say farewell to the crew – we're outta here after breakfast.



### MEALS:

- + Breakfast

*Meals*

Please note that drinks are not included with meals, except at breakfast where coffee, tea and/or juice may be included. If you wish to purchase drinks at dinner you may do so at your own expense.

If you have any dietary requirements we will make every effort to cater to your specific needs as long as you advise your travel agent or

Topdeck Trip Consultant when you book. But please be aware that although we will do everything in our power to arrange it, we cannot guarantee that every restaurant we use will be able to cater to all dietary needs. We cannot cater for tastes or dislikes, as most of our included evening meals feature a set menu.

## *Topdeck Travel App*

Our travel app is **AVAILABLE TO DOWNLOAD BEFORE YOU TRAVEL**. With a range of cool features including a Currency Converter, Budget Planner, Check-In tool and Social Timeline (so your next #TravelEnvy post is never too far away) you can plan your trip like a pro.

Think of it like your very own Topdeck Trip Leader, always on call with the latest info, weather, maps and city guides to give you the trip of a lifetime, all in the palm of your hand.

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## *Passenger safety*

One of the best parts of travelling is experiencing the nightlife and entertainment each city has to offer. However, amidst the fun and excitement, it's important to be aware of your surroundings and personal safety as well. Before you hit the road with us, be sure to familiarise yourself with the following safety information.

When you're on a night out, remember to avoid walking alone, particularly through deserted areas like beaches and back streets. Always stick together, take a registered taxi where possible, and keep a note of your accommodation details so you can find your way back to your fellow Topdeckers if you become separated. It's also a good idea to get your Topdeck trip mates' mobile numbers in case you need to get hold of them while out and about.

In some countries, alcoholic measures can be considerably larger than what you may be used to. Try to keep track of what you're drinking, and if you see one of your trip mates looking a little worse for wear, take them back to your accommodation. Never leave your drink unattended.

It's also important to be aware that what you might consider harmless flirting may be interpreted differently in some countries. Be yourself and have fun, but stay savvy – you don't want to find yourself in an uncomfortable situation.

## OTHER INFORMATION



**THAT'S IT!**