



# SOUTHWEST ADVENTUREFEST

## TRIP ITINERARY



UCSB Adventure Programs is excited to offer an amazing multi-environment adventure to the American Southwest. On this trip you are sure to experience challenges amidst stunning desert and canyon landscapes, paddle the famous Colorado River by canoe, and enjoy great company!

**Joshua Tree:** Joshua Tree National Park encompasses nearly 800,000 acres conserving two separate desert ecosystems at different altitudes. “JTree” is one of the most famous climbing areas in the world. Many describe it as an outdoor playground paradise. This relaxing setting coupled with the highly geologically fascinating terrain will provide a valuable introduction into the high desert life.

**Colorado River:** Canoeing on the Colorado River through Black Canyon below Hoover Dam is a wonderful experience. The desert environment is broken by the cool waters of the river and the hot springs found at our camp is a welcomed treat after a day of paddling. Aside from carrying your own personal equipment, each canoe will be responsible for carrying some group food and group equipment.

**Zion National Park:** Zion is an ancient Hebrew word meaning a place of refuge or sanctuary. Described by the LA times as “A symphony of stone, where nature is the maestro.” Located in southern Utah at the junction of the Colorado Plateau, Great Basin and Mojave Desert, Zion boasts 229 sq. miles of dramatic landscape including sculptured canyons and soaring 2000-3000ft cliffs. We will enjoy a number of the incredible sites by day hiking from our car-camping style campsite. No hiking experience is necessary as long as you are in good physical condition. Weather permitting, some hikes can be up to a strenuous 9 mi roundtrip with a significant elevation gain/loss.

In order for your experience to be a pleasurable one, we ask that you thoroughly read the information in the handouts provided, including the **Itinerary**, the **General Trip Expectations** and follow the recommendations on the **Packing List**. You must supply your own lunches, money for road meals, and personal equipment. (Camping gear rentals are available <http://recreation.sa.ucsb.edu/adventure-programs/outdoor-gear-rentals> )

**Minimum Experience Level:** Hearty Beginner. Ability to swim. No hiking experience is necessary as long as you are in good physical condition and have spent adequate time breaking in your sturdy footwear.

**Sample Itinerary** (Subject to change due to weather, conditions, and other unintended changes):

**Saturday** —Drive from UCSB to Joshua Tree National Park and camp at Black Rock Campground. Explore Indian Cove, Joshua Tree. Dinner and Campfire.

**Sunday**— A full day of hiking and exploring the Real Hidden Valley, Hall of Horrors, Lost Horse Mine trail, and Ryan Mountain trail. Camp at Jumbo Rocks Campground.

**Monday**— After breakfast, pack up the van, check out Geology Tour road and Keys View, Drive to Willow Beach, AZ. Late camp.

**Tuesday**— Load canoes and have a canoe lesson. Paddle 8 miles upstream to our camping area with a lunch stop along the way.

**Wednesday**— Lay over day. Explore farther up river, hike or just relax around camp. Same campsite as Tuesday night.

**Thursday** —Early breakfast, load the canoes and paddle back to Willow Beach. Pack up the van and drive to Zion National Park, UT., arrive in the late evening, set up camp at Watchman Campground. Campfire. Stargaze.

**Friday** – Hike the canyons around the various sites of Zion with Angel’s Landing being a possibility.

**Saturday** - Wake early and explore other canyons in Zion (possibly the Narrows, weather and time permitting).

**Sunday**- After breakfast, pack up the van, and drive back to UCSB through Utah, Nevada, California.

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**Departure Location:** Service turnout at the Northeast outside corner of the Recreation Center and Adventure Rental Center.

**Departure Time:** Meet at 6:00 A.M. so we can load your personal equipment and leave by 6:30 A.M. As a courtesy to the group, please be prompt. If you are not there on time we will leave without you. No refunds for no shows.

**Approximate Drive Times:** 5-6 hours first day UCSB to Joshua Tree. Joshua Tree to Willow Beach, AZ (4-5 hours,) Willow Beach, AZ to Zion, UT – 4-5 hours. Zion, UT to UCSB (10-12 hrs) All days depend on travel conditions/routes/food and resupply stops.

**Approximate Return Time:** 10 P.M. on Sunday depending on traffic.

**Multi-sport/multi-environment:** We will be traveling and adventuring in different desert to canyon to river conditions. Please obey all national park notices and directions at all times!!! Pay attention to your trip leaders before and during the trip with regards to risk management, safety and adequate clothing and gear. Thank you!

**Road Trip:** Please be flexible as itinerary is always subject to change due to weather, and life on the open road. Please make sure you know what kind of fun adventure trip you are getting into. **We make every attempt to accommodate the needs of all participants without infringing on the overall group experience.**

**No Drugs or Alcohol:** University regulations and program policies do not allow alcohol or drugs on this trip. Thank you for your cooperation.

**Refund Policy:** Once an offering is **full**, you will be offered a refund (less **\$20 service charge**) **only** if someone **pays** for your spot. If the offering is **NOT** full:

- **30 or more days** before the course date- Full refund less \$20 processing fee.
- **29 to 8 days** before the course date- 50% refund less \$20 processing fee.
- **Less than 8 days** before the course date- no refunds available.