The Southwest is a land of scenes epic in scope. Begin in Phoenix at the Heard Museum of Native Culture and Art, a museum dedicated to the story of the native peoples of the Southwest. Encounter Sedona, famed for its towering red sandstone formations. Visit the Grand Canyon, often considered one of the seven wonders of the natural world. Embark on a rafting excursion on the smooth waters of the Colorado River before traveling onto Navajo land to discover Upper Antelope Canyon. In southern Utah, hike in Bryce Canyon National Park, then spend a day amid the wondrous Zion National Park, one of the most diverse national parks in the United States.

GROUP SIZE: 12-24 guests

PRICING: Per person, double occupancy

- $4,795—Air inclusive from Denver, LAX, Phoenix, Portland (OR), or SFO (including airline taxes and fees)
- $4,995—Air inclusive from BOS, NYC, WAS (including airline taxes and fees)
- $4,495—Land only
- $1,095—Single supplement

STUDY LEADER: SHELLY LOWE, Executive Director of the Harvard University Native American Program. She is an enrolled member of the Navajo Nation and grew up in Ganado, Arizona on the Navajo Reservation. Ms. Lowe has served on the board of the National Indian Education Association and as a Board of Trustee for the National Museum of the American Indian. She has presented and published in the field of American Indian higher education and is currently completing her doctorate in Higher Education with a focus on American Indian student success and services.

Shelly has most recently held the position of Assistant Dean for Native American Affairs in the Yale College Deans Office and Director of the Native American Cultural Center at Yale University. Prior to her position at Yale, she spent six years as the Graduate Education Program Facilitator for the American Indian Studies Programs at The University of Arizona. During her time at the University of Arizona she was actively involved in the Native American Student Affairs Office and the American Indian Alumni club.
SCHEDULE BY DAY
B=Breakfast, L=Lunch, D=Dinner

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 4
DEPART FOR PHOENIX, ARIZONA

Depart today for Phoenix, Arizona. As guests’ arrival times may vary, the day is at leisure to explore Arizona’s second largest city. This afternoon, enjoy a welcome briefing at the hotel before dinner together.
Overnight: Pointe Hilton Tapatio Cliffs Resort (D)

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 5
PHOENIX / SEDONA / GRAND CANYON

Leave Phoenix today, bound for the Grand Canyon. First, though, head to the red-rock town of Sedona. Enjoy lunch and exploring on your own before viewing the dazzling landscape in style as you take a Pink Jeep tour for an exciting off-road excursion. Winding through trails and over dirt roads, witness stunning panoramic views as you learn about the region’s cultural and geological history. Next, visit the Honanki Heritage Site, a 700-year old Sinaguan cliff dwelling.
Continue on to the Grand Canyon and your nearby hotel, where the group dines together tonight.
Overnight: Best Western Premier Grand Canyon Squire Inn (B, D)

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 6
GRAND CANYON

Visit what is arguably one of the country’s most famous natural landmarks: the Grand Canyon. Often considered one of the seven wonders of the natural world, this UNESCO site stretches nearly 300 miles through the Arizona desert. Witness truly awe-inspiring vistas: banded layers of rock rise to plateaus and bluffs thousands of feet overhead while the mighty Colorado River rushes below. You’ll have time to appreciate the magnitude and beauty of the six-million-year-old canyon as well as to learn about its history and geological significance. Enjoy lunch on your own and an afternoon at leisure to appreciate the simply beautiful scenery. After this bucket-list attraction, return to the hotel for dinner on your own tonight.
Overnight: Best Western Premier Grand Canyon Squire Inn (B)

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 7
GRAND CANYON / PAGE / ANTELOPE CANYON / LAKE POWELL

Today, travel to Page, Arizona, gateway to the imposing Glen Canyon Dam and its reservoir, Lake Powell. After reaching Page early this afternoon, enjoy lunch on your own before visiting the winding Upper Antelope Canyon, known to local tribes as “the place where water runs through rocks.” A tour through this stunning passageway reveals red-orange walls of “flowing” rock rising to heights of nearly 120 feet – the narrow canyon’s edges smoothed away by thousands of years of water and sand erosion. Check into your lakeside hotel this afternoon and enjoy dinner together tonight.
Overnight: Lake Powell Resort (B, L, D)

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 8
PAGE / COLORADO RIVER / BRYCE CANYON NATIONAL PARK

This long, but incredibly scenic day of travel begins with a thrilling motorized rafting excursion on the Colorado River. Controlled by a series of dams and reservoirs, the Colorado provides hydroelectric power, irrigation, and municipal water supply to nearly 40 million people in the western U.S. Today’s adventure begins at the base of one of these structures: the 710-foot high Glen Canyon Dam, which holds back man-made Lake Powell. As you drift downstream between soaring sandstone cliffs, look for ancient Native American petroglyphs lining the walls of the canyon, as well as local wildlife. Continue on to southern Utah and Bryce Canyon National Park.
stopping for lunch along the way. Dinner is together as a group tonight.

Overnight: Best Western Bryce Canyon Grand Hotel (B, D)

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 9
BRYCE CANYON NATIONAL PARK

Despite its name, Bryce isn’t truly a canyon at all, but a series of natural cliffs and amphitheaters carved into the region’s plateaus. The result: a stunning array of hoodoos, natural stone pillars and spires. Thousands of these delicate structures stand side by side along the canyon’s ridgelines, lending a dramatic atmosphere to this remote location. In the park’s visitor center, watch a film about the unusual geography here and then have the day free to explore at your own pace. The full day of natural splendor concludes with dinner together tonight.

Overnight: Best Western Bryce Canyon Grand Hotel (B)

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 10
BRYCE CANYON NATIONAL PARK / ZION NATIONAL PARK

Depart this morning for another celebrated Utah destination: Zion National Park. Upon arrival, enjoy lunch on your own before walking to the park’s visitor center to learn about this inimitable region, which encompasses four separate biomes. Get your first taste of Zion’s wonders this afternoon and then enjoy an evening at leisure with dinner on your own.

Overnight: Holiday Inn Express Springdale / Zion National Park (B, L)

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 11
ZION NATIONAL PARK

Spend the day amid the wondrous natural world of Zion National Park. Despite its modest size, Zion counts as one of the most diverse national parks in the United States. Deserts and forests, rivers and canyons,