An Exclusive Small Group Tour for
The Renaissance Academy of FGCU

NATIONAL PARKS OF THE SOUTHWEST
May 13-22, 2020

10 days from $3,895 total price land only

This tour is provided by
Odysseys Unlimited,
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Best Tour Operators award.
Dear Friends,

Travel with us on an exclusive 12-day tour through the scenic Southwest. From the desert landscape of Arizona to the diverse, rugged terrains of Utah and Nevada, you’ll experience breathtaking natural scenery at every turn.

Begin your journey in Tucson, Arizona, touring a 98-acre tribute to the natural world, the Arizona Sonora Desert Museum. On your way to Sedona, enjoy stops at the Heard Museum of Native Cultures and Art, the Honanki Heritage Site and an off road Pink Jeep excursion. You then head to a highlight of the tour, the Grand Canyon. Learn about this famous natural landmark and UNESCO site and take a guided tour. Next head to Page, Arizona to visit Upper Antelope Canyon where, over thousands of years, wind and water wore away a narrow crevice in the rock to form a slot canyon. You then depart for southern Utah to explore stunning Bryce Canyon National Park and Zion National Park. Your last stop is Las Vegas, where you have free time before returning home.

Space on this exclusive FGCU tour is limited to just 24 guests. We expect this tour to fill quickly, so please call now to reserve your space!

Sincerely,

John Guerra
Director, Continuing Education & Renaissance Academy

THE FGCU RESERVATION FORM: NATIONAL PARKS OF THE SOUTHWEST

Enclosed is my/our deposit for $______ ($500 per person) for ____ person(s) on National Parks of the Southwest departing May 13, 2020. I/We understand the final payment is due at least 95 days prior to departure. Payment may be made by American Express, Discover, MasterCard, VISA, or by personal check. Please make check payable to Odysseys Unlimited, Inc., and send, with completed reservation form, to: The Renaissance Academy of FGCU, Attention: John Guerra, 1010 5th Ave. South, Naples, FL 34102. Phone: (239) 434-4838; e-mail: jguerra@fgcu.edu.

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Please book my/our air from ___________________________
I will share a room with ___________________________ I request a single room (limited availability)

Please Note: The undersigned has read the schedule of activities for National Parks of the Southwest, May 13-22, 2020, and agrees that their signature below represents their acceptance of the General Terms and Conditions.

Signature(s) ______________________________ Date___________________

Method of Payment

☐ Check ☐ American Express ☐ Discover ☐ MasterCard ☐ VISA

Account # __________________________________ Security Code _________ Exp. Date __________

Name of Cardholder ______________________________________________________

Signature ______________________________________________________________

Final invoicing will be sent by the tour operator, Odysseys Unlimited, Inc. The balance of the program price must be paid to Odysseys Unlimited, Inc. Final payment is due 95 days prior to departure and is payable by check or credit card.
Day 1: Depart for Phoenix, Arizona
We depart today for Phoenix, Arizona. As guests’ arrival times may vary, we have the day at leisure to explore Arizona’s capital city as we wish. This afternoon we check in at our hotel, where we enjoy a welcome briefing and dinner together.

Day 2: Phoenix/Sedona/Grand Canyon
We leave Phoenix today, bound for the Grand Canyon. First, though, we’re headed to Sedona, one of the most striking spots in the American Southwest. Famed for its range of towering red sandstone formations, Sedona ranks as a popular destination for artists, filmmakers, photographers, hikers, and mountain bikers. We have time for lunch on our own and to do some exploring before we encounter this dazzling landscape in style, as we take a Pink Jeep tour for an exciting offroad excursion. Winding over dirt roads, we enjoy stunning panoramic views and learn about the region’s cultural and geological history. We also visit the Honanki Heritage Site, a 700-year-old Sinaguan cliff dwelling. Then we continue on to the Grand Canyon and our nearby hotel, where we dine together tonight.

Day 3: Grand Canyon
It’s a day to remember as we visit one of the country’s most famous natural landmarks: the Grand Canyon. Considered a wonder of the natural world, this UNESCO site stretches nearly 300 miles through and 10 miles across the Arizona desert. We see truly awe-inspiring vistas: banded layers of rock rise to plateaus and bluffs thousands of feet overhead, while the mighty Colorado River rushes one mile below. On our guided tour, we learn about the canyon’s geological history, and also about human history here: it dates back some 10,000 years and includes Native peoples, explorers, miners, entrepreneurs, conservationists, and of course, visitors—who today number some six million annually. Then we have time for lunch on our own and an afternoon at leisure to appreciate the magnitude and beauty of the six-million-year-old canyon as we wish. After this bucket-list visit, we return to our hotel; dinner tonight is on our own.

Day 4: Grand Canyon/Page/Antelope Canyon/Lake Powell
Today we travel to Page, Arizona, gateway to the imposing Glen Canyon Dam and its reservoir, Lake Powell. After reaching Page early this afternoon, we have

It’s a land of scenes epic in scope, from the immense Grand Canyon and the windswept Colorado to the sandstone spires of Bryce and the red-rock cliffs and chasms of Zion. It’s the Southwest, which our small group celebrates at favorite national parks and preserves. And, wrote author Wallace Stegner, it’s America’s “best idea.”
Day 5: Page/Colorado River/Bryce Canyon National Park, Utah  
Our long, but incredibly scenic, day of travel begins with a rousing motorized rafting excursion on the smooth waters of the Colorado River. Controlled by a series of dams and reservoirs, the river provides hydro-electric power, irrigation, and municipal water supply to nearly 40 million people in the western U.S. Our adventure begins at the base of one of these structures: the 710-foot-high Glen Canyon Dam. The dam holds back man-made Lake Powell, the nation’s second largest artificial lake at 186 miles long and with nearly 2,000 miles of shoreline. As we drift downstream between soaring sand-stone cliffs on either side, we’re on the lookout for ancient Native American petroglyphs on the canyon walls, as well as local wildlife. We continue on to southern Utah and Bryce Canyon National Park, stopping for lunch along the way. We dine together tonight.  

Day 6: 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 reminiscent of a child’s drip sand castle, as we see today. 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, we see a film about the unusual geology here then have the day free to explore at our own pace. Our full day of natural splendor concludes with dinner together tonight.  

Day 7: Bryce Canyon National Park/Zion National Park  
We depart this morning for Zion National Park, another celebrated Utah destination. We drive through Zion and on to our hotel, located in Springdale just a short distance from the park’s entrance and main visitor center. Upon arrival mid-day, we have lunch on our own then walk to Zion’s nearby visitor center, where we learn about this inimitable region, which encompasses four separate biomes: desert, riparian (or riverbank), woodland, and coniferous forest. Zion itself is so named for the 15-mile-long, 2,500-foot-deep Zion Canyon cutting through the park’s western half. We get our first taste of Zion’s wonders this afternoon then have the evening free for dinner on our own.

Day 8: Zion National Park  
We spend the day amid the wondrous natural world of Zion National Park, representing some 150 million years of geological history. Zion was originally a desert millions of years ago, but continuous winds blew one dune on top of another until the sands reached a height of more than 2,000 feet – and the red rock landscape we see today. Despite its modest size, Zion counts as one of the most diverse national parks in the United States. Deserts and forests, rivers and canyons, buttes and natural arches all greet us here, along with numerous plant and animal species. As with most of the Southwest, the area is dominated by red-rock bluffs that show eons of sediment buildup; indeed,
the rock formations here represent about 150 million years of geological history. We take a guided hike and have ample free time for exploration and lunch on our own. This evening we enjoy dinner together at our hotel. **B,D**

**Day 9: Zion National Park/St. George/Las Vegas**  En route to Las Vegas today, we stop in St. George, Utah. This town of 80,000 contains the winter home of Mormon leader Brigham Young, and sits in a unique geographical area where the Mojave Desert, Colorado Plateau, and Great Basin converge in a stunning setting. We have time to explore and have lunch on our own before continuing on to Las Vegas, arriving late this afternoon. Tonight, we celebrate our Southwestern sojourn at a farewell dinner. **B,D**

**Day 10: Depart Las Vegas**  This morning we transfer to the Las Vegas airport for our flights home. **B**

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**Tour Price Includes**

- Round-trip air transportation from listed cities (or may be purchased as land only)
- 9 nights’ accommodations in Deluxe, Superior First Class, and First Class hotels
- 17 meals: 9 breakfasts, 1 lunch, 7 dinners
- Extensive sightseeing as described, including all entrance fees
- Services of an Odysseys Unlimited Tour Director
- Private motorcoach transportation throughout your trip
- Luggage handling for one bag per person
- Gratuities for dining room servers, hotel porters, rafting guides, and all drivers

**Tour Departs: May 13, 2020**

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Please call if your city is not listed. Prices per person based on double occupancy and include airline taxes, surcharges, and fees for departures from above listed cities. Single travelers please add $995. All tour prices above (excluding airline taxes, surcharges, and fees) are guaranteed.

Please note: This trip involves considerable walking on uneven terrain in a natural environment. You should be in good physical condition to enjoy the tour to the fullest. While not severe, elevations at some hotel locations (Grand Canyon at 6,800 ft. and Bryce Canyon at 8,000 ft.) could pose problems for guests with certain health conditions. You should consult your personal physician if you have concerns.

For information and reservations, please contact John Guerra at The Renaissance Academy of FGCU at (239) 434-4838 or e-mail jguerra@fgcu.edu

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“We STRONG AND CONTENT I TRAVEL THE OPEN ROAD.”
– Walt Whitman

We explore sinuous Antelope Canyon on Day 4.
Cancellations, Refunds, and Changes: If you must cancel your trip, the effective date of cancellation will be upon Odyssey's Unlimited, Inc.'s receipt of your notification. Refunds for cancellations are subject to the following per person charges: cancel 95 days or more before departure: 100% of tour price; cancel 61-94 days before departure: 75% of tour price; cancel 29-60 days before departure: 50% of tour price; cancel 44-30 days before departure: 25% of tour price; cancel 29-0 days before departure: no refund. If you make any changes to your reservation from 94 to 30 days prior to departure, Odysseys Unlimited, Inc. will apply a $100 per person administrative fee, in addition to any fees or penalties imposed by third parties. Changes are subject to availability and cannot be guaranteed. If your reservation changes from double occupancy to single occupancy for any reason, you will be charged a single supplement. No changes are allowed within 30 days of departure. Upon reservation, you must provide your passport information and a valid credit card number. Once a travel itinerary is issued with incorrect information you have provided, you will be responsible for charges associated with the rescheduling of your travel plans. Responsibility–Tour Participation Contract – IMPORTANT: The Renaissance Academy of FGCU does not provide travel services or act as an agent of any provider of travel services. The liability of Florida Gulf Coast University, as a sponsor, and Odysseys Unlimited, Inc., as a tour operator, is strictly limited. The Renaissance Academy of FGCU is not responsible for or liable for any of the services provided by third parties including, but not limited to, airlines, railroads, hotels, motorcoaches, trains, vessels, aircraft, or other forms of transportation that may be used in connection with the tour. Odysseys Unlimited, Inc. reserves the right to change the itinerary, restaurant and other services from independent suppliers not under its control. All arrangements for transport, accommodations, and services are made upon the express condition that The Renaissance Academy of FGCU, Odysseys Unlimited, Inc., and their affiliates shall not be liable for any indirect, indirect, consequential, or incidental damage, injury, loss, accident, delay, or irregularity of any kind occasioned by reason of any act or omission beyond their control, including, without limitation, any act of negligence or breach of contract of any third party such as an airline, cruise line, train, hotel, restaurant, airport, supplier, ground handler, etc., including their agents, servants, contractors, invitees, and licensees, which is to or does supply any goods or services to the tour. Without limiting the foregoing, The Renaissance Academy of FGCU, Odysseys Unlimited, Inc., and their affiliates are not responsible for any losses or expenses due to delay or changes in schedule, overbooking of accommodations, default of any third parties, sickness, weather, strikes, acts of God, acts of terrorism, war, quarantine, criminal activity, the defect of any vehicle, or for any other cause beyond their control. The Renaissance Academy of FGCU reserves the right to change the itinerary of the tour, or substitute similar quality hotels or airlines without prior notice. If the tour is cancelled by the carriers, cruise lines, and other independent suppliers, when issued, shall constitute the sole contract between the carriers and passengers. Without limiting the foregoing, The Renaissance Academy of FGCU for any reason, The Renaissance Academy of FGCU, Odysseys Unlimited, Inc., and their affiliates shall have no liability beyond the refund of all tour participant deposits received by them, net of any and all expenses due to suppliers and the airline refund policies. The Renaissance Academy of FGCU, in its sole discretion, may increase the tour cost or event costs increase. The Renaissance Academy of FGCU may decline to accept or retain any tour participant as a participant on the tour at any time. Airline tickets may be sold in conjunction with the services of any airline. The passenger tickets in use by the carriers, cruise lines, and other independent suppliers, when issued, shall constitute the sole contract between the carriers and the passengers. If you choose to make your own air arrangements, The Renaissance Academy of FGCU and Odysseys Unlimited, Inc., shall not have any liability for any loss resulting from cancellation of or changes to this tour. The carriers agree that P. M. M. Christmas (Lee County) in the state of Florida shall be the venue for any disputes arising out of this tour. A signed FGCU General Release and Waiver Agreement is required from each participant prior to departure.

Medical Conditions: If you or a member of your party suffer from any physical challenge or medical condition, you must check with your doctor about the advisability of traveling abroad and make sure your health insurance will cover you abroad. We will make every reasonable attempt to accommodate the special needs of travelers with disabilities. Odysseys Unlimited, Inc. and other independent suppliers agree, but are not responsible for denial of services by carriers, hotels, restaurants, and other independent suppliers. Smoking: Smoking is NOT permitted in the hotels, on motorcoaches, or on other modes of transportation used by the group.

Air Transportation – Important Information: Odysseys Unlimited, Inc. includes in its tour price round-trip economy air from designated gateway cities as shown, and contracts with those airlines the company feels provide the level of service, routing, and value necessary for your entire trip. While another airline may offer a more direct connection, it may be at a price unavailable at the lower group rates. You will receive your preliminary air schedule approximately 2½ months prior to departure. Please note that seat assignments on your round-trip flight is usually done at airport check-in. Odysseys Unlimited, Inc. is unable to guarantee any seat assignments. Due to the nature of tour operator tickets, other restrictions apply, including, but not limited to, frequent flyer mileage accrual, stopovers, alternate travel dates and itineraries, and airline taxes and fees. Odysseys Unlimited, Inc. may, at any time, require that if you choose to make your own airline reservations, you do not purchase non-refundable tickets or those with high penalties for changes. If you choose to make your own air arrangements, Odysseys Unlimited, Inc. shall not have any liability for any loss resulting from cancellation of this tour or changes in this tour.