





Southwest Trips

MOTHER NATURE HAD SOME FUN IN THE SOUTHWEST. Red rock canyons crack across ancient plateaus. Hoodoos cluster like conspirators on remote slopes. Whisper-light sand dunes shimmer on distant horizons. Wildflowers, saguaros and ponderosa pines lure you in for a closer look.

Our trips across the Southwest swoop from scrubby deserts to the majestic Grand Canyon, from sandstone buttresses sculpted by desert winds to the shimmering lights of Las Vegas. En route, dramatic landscapes and movie locations unfold on all sides – this is the road trip as it was meant to be driven! Fill your tank, don your Ray-Bans and set off in search of the Southwest!

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Classic Trip

32 Four Corners Cruise 10 Days

Loop past the Southwest's biggest and boldest parks and sights. (p411)

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33 Fantastic Canyon Voyage

4-5 Days

Cowboy up in Wickenburg, enjoy views in Jerome, then applaud the Grand Canyon. (p423)

34 Zion & Bryce National Parks 6 Days

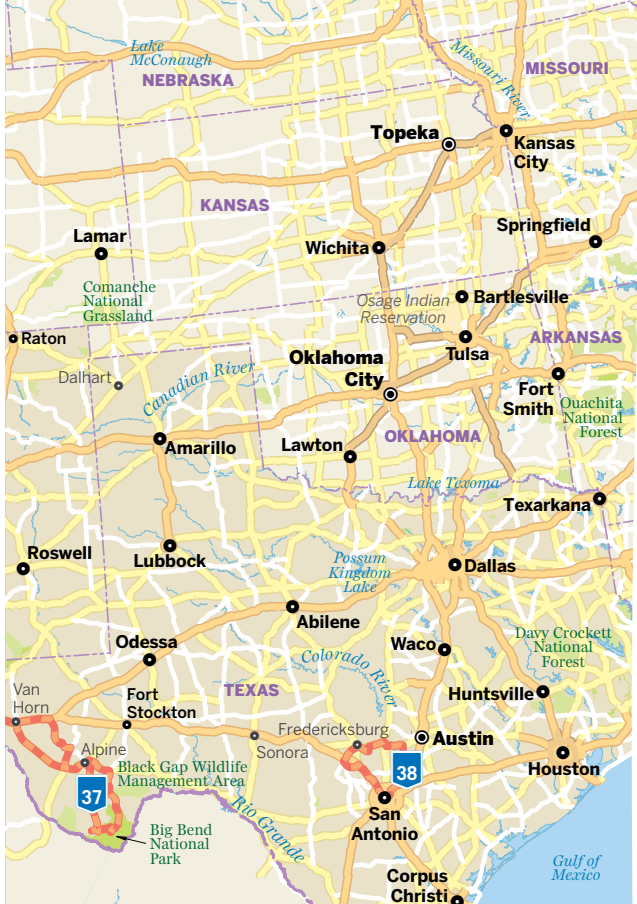
Red-rock grandeur in two stunning national parks. (p435)

35 Monument Valley & Trail of the Ancients 5 Days

Ancient and modern-day indigenous tribal cultures on display. (p445)

36 High & Low Roads to Taos 2-4 Days

Take the mountains up and the canyons down, looping between iconic destinations. (p453)



37 Big Bend Scenic Loop 5–7 Days
Minimalist art, mystery lights and star parties lead the way to Big Bend. (p463)

38 Hill Country 2–5 Days
This drive strings together some of Texas' most welcoming towns. (p471)



DON'T MISS

Horseshoe Bend

If you're a sucker for a gobsmacking view, stroll to this cliff-side perch to look at the Colorado River – 1100ft below, on Trip **32**

Santuario de Chimayó

This 1816 adobe church is home to miracle healings and is the site of the largest Catholic pilgrimage in the US. Find it on Trip **36**

Beer Drinking

Grab an ice-cold Shiner Bock and join the locals at Gruene Hall or on the Terlingua Porch, in Trips **37 38**

Canyoneering

Rock-climb up then rappel down through narrow slot canyons on Trip **34**

Airport Mesa

It's an easy scramble to a sweeping 360-degree view of Sedona's monolithic red rocks on Trip **33**