National Parks of the Southwest:
A Family Adventure in Zion, Bryce Canyon, Capitol Reef, Arches, Monument Valley, and the Grand Canyon

John Mack Faragher ’77 PhD
Howard R. Lamar Professor of History
Dear Yale Traveler

The Southwest has some of the most fascinating geological features and intriguing cultural history in our country. I invite you and your family to join me on a 10-day exploration of five superb national parks—Zion, Bryce Canyon, Capitol Reef, Arches, and the Grand Canyon—plus time to marvel at the fossils at Escalante Petrified Forest State Park, and the iconic American landscapes of Monument Valley and Lake Powell. Led by local guides who specialize in leading families through the American Southwest, we will enjoy a variety of excursions including walks, hikes, bike rides, and river rafting, all tailored to the interests and abilities of our group, as well as educational activities and fun adventures for family members of all ages.

The region has a rich and varied human history, and I look forward to talking with you about the native peoples, the incursion and explorations of the Spanish and later English-speaking Americans, and modern efforts to protect and defend both the local cultures and the spectacular landscapes.

To maintain the spirit of “family” throughout this program, we are limiting the number of participants to 30, so I encourage you to reserve space as soon as possible by visiting yaleedtravel.org/swparksfamily18. If you have any questions, please contact Yale Educational Travel at edtravel@yale.edu or 203-432-1952 to learn more.

Sincerely,

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Highlights

Marvel at the Southwest’s breathtaking geology and fascinating natural history on interpretive walks in five national parks and one state park.

Learn about Native American culture and traditions from Navajo guides in Monument Valley, at the Grand Canyon’s Tusayan Ruins, and during a tour of Flagstaff’s Museum of Northern Arizona.

Participate in fun, active adventures including rafting on the Colorado River, and bicycling along the South Rim of the Grand Canyon.

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Yale Study Leader

John Mack Faragher

John Mack Faragher is the Howard R. Lamar Professor of History and Director of the Howard R. Lamar Center for the Study of Frontiers and Borders. He attended the University of California, Riverside, then did graduate work at Yale, receiving his PhD in 1977. He taught for fifteen years at Mount Holyoke College before returning to Yale in 1993. Professor Faragher has published numerous articles and a dozen books, including *Eternity Street: Violence and Justice in Frontier Los Angeles*, published in 2016. He looks forward to sharing his love for the history of the American West with travelers on this program.

Upcoming Trips

**Japan by Sea:**
*Land of the Rising Sun*
April 15–28, 2018
*Prof. William Kelly*
Anthropology & Japanese Studies

**Adriatic Sea Voyage:**
*Croatia & Montenegro*
May 25–June 2, 2018
*Prof. Anthony Kronman*
Law

**National Parks of the Rockies**
September 8-16, 2018
*Prof. John Mack Faragher*
History

Book Corner

**Frontiers, A Short History of the American West**
*By Robert V. Hine & John Mack Faragher*
Lauded for their lively and elegant writing, the authors provide a grand survey of the colorful history of the American West, from the first contacts between Native Americans and Europeans to the beginning of the twenty-first century, in this revised, concise edition of *The American West: A New Interpretive History.*

**Desert Solitaire**
*By Edward Abbey*
A beloved classic, read aloud at campfires throughout the Southwest. It’s one of the great works on the value of the desert, eloquent and laugh-out-loud funny. Although Abbey writes specifically about the Colorado Plateau and his experiences as a ranger at Arches National Park outside Moab Utah, his message is universal.

*Suggested by Longitude Books*
Itinerary
JUNE 23–JULY 2, 2018

WELCOME PHONE CALL
Tuesday, June 12, 2018 (tentative)
Join the group at 4:00 p.m. EDT for a pre-trip welcome call with Professor John Mack Faragher to learn more about what to expect and ask any questions you may have.

HOME / ST. GEORGE, UTAH
Saturday, June 23, 2018
Fly to St. George and transfer to the Cliffrose Lodge and Gardens, just outside the south entrance of Zion National Park. Meet other Yale families and Professor Faragher during an orientation and reception, followed by a welcome barbecue at the lodge.
Cliffrose Lodge and Gardens (R,D)

ZION NATIONAL PARK
Sunday–Monday, June 24–25
Spend two full days exploring the wonders of Zion, which was established as a national park in 1919. The park’s 229 square miles include a range of geological features, from mountains, canyons, buttes, and mesas to monoliths, rivers, slot canyons, and natural arches. Human habitation of the area has been traced back at least 8,000 years. Enjoy interpretive walks and activities along the Emerald Pools Trail, Zion Narrows, and in the northern section of the park encompassing the Kolob Canyons.
Cliffrose Lodge and Gardens (2B,2L)

Bryce Canyon’s hoodoos, also called fairy chimneys or goblins, protrude from the bottom of arid drainage basins.

BRYCE CANYON NATIONAL PARK & ESCALANTE PETRIFIED FOREST STATE PARK
Tuesday, June 26
A 90-minute drive takes you through the eastern part of Zion to Bryce Canyon National Park. More remote and at a significantly higher elevation than Zion, Bryce Canyon is most renowned for its distinctive and colorful geologic structures known as hoodoos. Continue to Escalante Petrified Forest State Park to view the amazing petrified wood fossils, along with Fremont Indian relics, 1,000-year-old petroglyphs, and Jurassic-era dinosaur bones.
Boulder Mountain Lodge (B,L,D)

CAPITOL REEF NATIONAL PARK & ARCHES NATIONAL PARK
Wednesday, June 27
This morning view the famous Native American petroglyphs at Capitol Reef National Park, a long, somewhat narrow tract that encompasses Capitol Reef, a spectacularly rugged segment of the Waterpocket Fold, a warp in the earth’s crust that is 65 million years old. (“Reef” is a local word for any rocky barrier to travel.) Continue to Arches National Park, world-famous for its more than 2,000 natural sandstone arches. Overnight in nearby Moab.
Homewood Suites by Hilton (B,L)

COLORADO RIVER
Thursday, June 28
Spend the day rafting along the Colorado River by Fisher Towers, a series of sandstone towers caked with red mud, prized by both photographers and rock climbers. The water here is mostly flat with some small Class I rapids suitable for children and beginners.
Homewood Suites by Hilton (B,L)
MONUMENT VALLEY  
Friday, June 29
Monument Valley has become part of the collective American experience for its appearance in many old Western movies and television shows. A Navajo guide will lead a walking tour to see the valley’s stunning vistas and Native American petroglyphs. Afterward, drive to Lake Powell, a reservoir on the Colorado River that straddles the border between Utah and Arizona. Enjoy a dinner cruise, surrounded by the lake’s stunning rock formations.

Courtyard by Marriott Lake Powell (B,L,D)

GRAND CANYON NATIONAL PARK, ARIZONA  
Saturday–Sunday, June 30–July 1
Enter Grand Canyon National Park through the East entrance for two days of exploration. Enjoy the breathtaking scenery from Desert View Watchtower and visit the Tusayan Ruins and Museum, whose exhibits provide a glimpse into the life of the Hopi tribe and the Ancestral Puebloan people who inhabited this region 800 years ago. Hike into the canyon along the South Kaibab Trail; explore the Kolb Photography Studio, a national historic landmark that clings to the edge of the canyon, on a private tour; and take an interpretive walk into the canyon on the Bright Angel Trail. Optional activities include a bike ride along the canyon rim on Hermit Road or a visit to the Geology Museum at Yavapai Point. Enjoy a farewell reception and dinner on your final evening of this adventure.

Yavapai Lodge (2B,2L,R,D)

FLAGSTAFF / HOME  
Monday, July 2
This morning visit the Native American artifacts at the Museum of Northern Arizona’s Easton Collections Center in Flagstaff. Then transfer to the airport for flights home. (B)

Included meals indicated each day as B,L,R,D = Breakfast, Lunch, Reception, Dinner

Reserve Your Trip To The Southwest Parks Today
Book online: www.yaleedtravel.org/swparksfamily18
WHAT IS INCLUDED:
• Educational program of lectures and discussions with Yale study leader John Mack Faragher
• All accommodations and meals as specified in the itinerary
• All excursions as specified in the itinerary
• One group hotel transfer on June 23 and airport transfer on July 2
• Baggage handling
• Gratuities to porters, wait staff, guides, and drivers
• Entrance fees
• Welcome and farewell wine receptions
• Wine, beer, or soft drinks with welcome and farewell dinners
• Bottled water on motorcoaches
• Professional tour manager throughout the program
• Emergency medical evacuation services with UHC Global Assistance

WHAT IS NOT INCLUDED:
Airfare to St. George, Utah, and from Flagstaff, Arizona • Travel insurance • Optional excursions or deviations from the scheduled tour • Excess baggage charges • Transfers other than those specified as included • Meals not specified in the itinerary; dishes and alcoholic beverages not part of the included meals • Laundry or dry cleaning • Telephone, email, and fax charges • Room service • Other items of a personal nature

ITINERARY CHANGES:
The itinerary presented for this tour is subject to modification and change by Yale Educational Travel and Criterion Travel (the tour operator). Every reasonable effort will be made to operate the program as planned; however, should unforeseen world events and conditions require the itinerary to be altered, Yale Educational Travel and the tour operator reserve the right to do so for the safety and best interest of the group. Any extra expenses incurred in this situation are the responsibility of the participant.

A NOTE ABOUT COSTS: Tour costs are based upon current taxes, tariffs, and a minimum number of participants. While we will do everything possible to maintain the listed prices, they are subject to change. If there are significant changes, details and costs will be advised prior to departure.

Program Rates, per person

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AIRFARE: Airfare is not included in the program rates.

GROUP SIZE: 30 participants
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To reserve, return the above form with credit card authorization or check payable to “Criterion Travel” to Yale Educational Travel, P.O. Box 209010, New Haven, CT 06520-9010. Phone: (203) 432-1952. Fax: (203) 432-0587.

RESERVATIONS, DEPOSITS, AND FINAL PAYMENT: To reserve a space on this tour, please mail a deposit of $1,000 per person payable to “CRITERION TRAVEL,” along with the completed reservation form, to: Yale Educational Travel, Association of Yale Alumni, P.O. Box 209010, New Haven, CT 06520-9010 or fax the completed form to (203) 432-0587. Deposits may be charged to a credit card. Reservations are acknowledged in order of receipt. Final payment is due February 23, 2018.

CANCELLATIONS AND REFUNDS: All cancellations must be in writing to Yale Educational Travel. Refunds, less a cancellation fee of $300 per person, are made if we are notified in writing on or before February 23, 2018. No refunds are made after that date. There are no refunds for unused meals, accommodations, or other trip features.

WHAT TO EXPECT: The pace of this program is active, with up to four miles of walking each day over uneven terrain on hiking trails. Long-sleeved shirts, long pants, and a hat are strongly recommended to protect against sunburn, along with plenty of water to prevent dehydration. Participants must be in good health and able to keep up with the group without assistance from tour staff. Depending on location, temperatures can range from the low 60s to the high 90s F during the day, with the possibility of strong afternoon rain showers. Evening temperatures are considerably cooler. If you have any questions about your ability to participate fully on this itinerary, please call Yale Educational Travel at (203) 432-1952.

INSURANCE: Yale Educational Travel highly recommends the purchase of trip cancellation insurance. If participants purchase trip insurance, and we hope that they do, participants are free to purchase the insurance of their choice. Most travel insurance must be purchased within 7-10 days of paying a deposit in order to include certain provisions including pre-existing conditions.

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COVER PHOTO: GRAND CANYON
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Follow the mile-long loop trail in Escalante Petrified Forest State Park to see the multicolored petrified wood, believed to be conifers that fossilized as agate millions of years ago.

Enjoy behind-the-scenes access to the Kolb Photography Studio at the Grand Canyon and to the Museum of Northern Arizona’s Easton Collections Center in Flagstaff, Arizona.