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Thousands of square miles of untouched scenery surround Amangiri, which lies at the gateway to major national parks in the Colorado Plateau. From canyoneering and cultural insights to excursions by air, bike, boat or on horseback, guests are encouraged to discover the region their way.

Long-standing relationships with local experts allow Amangiri to arrange tailor-made itineraries for every guest – a bespoke approach that guarantees a creative, adventurous and fulfilling experience.

Advance reservations are encouraged. To find out more about the possibilities on offer, or to create a custom itinerary, please contact the Amangiri Experience Team, who will be delighted to assist.
Discover An Ancient Landscape
Awaken the spirit of adventure at Amangiri, in a land where iconic geology reveals millennia of history.

An Ethical Journey
Amangiri is fortunate to call the Colorado Plateau home, but with this honor comes responsibility. To experience the landscape in its unaltered, pristine state, guests are encouraged to travel quietly and lightly on the land.

Cultural artifacts are safeguarded by the Archaeological Resources Protection Act. It is illegal to remove or disturb archaeological or historic sites, or any artifacts, no matter how recent, found on public lands.

It is illegal to carve into any of the rocks, on or off Amangiri property.

Enjoy and learn from historical and archaeological sites, but respect these national treasures. Some are sacred to Native Americans, or are important cultural reminders of pioneer heritage.

Natural objects of beauty or interest, such as antlers, petrified wood and colored rocks, enhance the atmosphere of the backcountry and should be left for others to experience too.

Quick movements and loud noises are stressful to animals. Travel quietly and do not pursue, feed or force animals to flee. Do not touch, get close to, feed or pick up wild animals.

Amangiri thanks guests in advance for joining its effort to protect this fragile environment.

Don’t Bust the Crust
The darker-colored, textured veneer that can be found throughout Amangiri is composed of living organisms that are a vital part of the region’s ecosystem. They are instrumental in reducing erosion as well as increasing water retention and soil fertility. We encourage our guests to walk in their guide’s footsteps and keep to the trail as far as possible to protect these fragile crypto-biotic soils that can take decades to recover.

Experiences for all ages
From hiking to boating and cultural discoveries, Amangiri offers a collection of activities that can be enjoyed by the whole family while creating unique memories. Fun and easy to adapt, these activities will ignite the spirit of adventure in participants of any age. In this guide, the most family-friendly tours will be identified with a specific label.
Amangiri Adventures

Amangiri’s property boundary encompasses 600 acres (243 hectares) on the Colorado Plateau and features more than 12 miles of designated trails, so there is plenty to explore.

Slow down and take it in

Enjoy the Amangiri property, especially early in the morning or late in the afternoon. Take a leisurely walk at sunrise or sunset, and allow the long shadows and glow of the sky to envelop you in comfort and peace. Enjoy the pool, take part in daily complimentary group hikes or stretch out at morning group yoga.

Designated Trails System

Guests are welcome to explore the property at their own pace along the 12 miles of designated trails. Trails are marked by signs, wayfinding posts and rock cairns. They vary in length and difficulty and offer beautiful views of the property as well as archaeological, geological and natural findings. Note that the Cave Trail, which circumnavigates the Broken Arrow Cave, is open to guests; however, they must be accompanied by a guide to enter the Cave as it is a protected archaeological site. A Trail Map is available at the Front Desk.

Discover the Via Ferratas

Invented centuries ago in the Italian Alps, a Via Ferrata (‘iron road’) is a series of cables and ladder rungs, fixed to the rock face to enable the ascent of steep mountain routes. The climbs and drops can be an adrenaline ride, but Via Ferratas also offer an opportunity to get up close to the fascinating geology of the terrain. Amangiri offers a number of fun and challenging Via Ferrata hikes led by expert guides on the property’s 243 hectares. Guests are provided with helmets and harnesses; climbers younger than 10 years of age will require assessment before they can climb.

Hoodoo Via Ferrata

The Hoodoo Via Ferrata ascends an impressive peak, with commanding views in every direction and fascinating geology. The expansive summit allows for significant exploration, including a short slot-canyon loop hike. With two route options for ascent and descent, the Via Ferrata includes an 18-inch-wide (45-centimeter) suspension bridge spanning a 600-foot-deep (182-meter) gorge. Rappel training (abseiling) can be added to the climbing trip, extending the excursion by approximately one hour. Duration: 3 hours

Voodoo Via Ferrata

The Voodoo Via Ferrata route, ascends a technical arête of entrada sandstone. This alternate route leads to the above-mentioned 600-foot high suspension bridge. The Voodoo Via Ferrata is arguably the most exposed and challenging route Amangiri has to offer. This route is perfect for those looking for an elevated adventure. Guests can go down either along the Hoodoo or the Vertigo route. Duration: 3 hours
Vertigo Via Ferrata
The Vertigo route is sure to challenge even the most experienced Via Ferrata enthusiasts. Along with the typical metal rungs guests will climb along steep ladder to reach the top of a free standing Hoodoo. From there, guests will cross over a narrow six-inch (15-centimeter) wide bridge to gain access to the main mesa and follow the route to the above-mentioned 600-foot (182-meter) high suspension bridge. This route offers the perfection combination of an adrenaline ride with commanding views in every direction. Duration: 3 hours

Studhorse Mesa Via Ferrata Loop
Guests will climb to the top of Studhorse Mesa via the Red Line Ridge Via Ferrata and will descend via the Rincon Via Ferrata (or the other way around). From the summit, they will be guided to Skylight Arch to enjoy panoramic views of Lake Powell, Navajo Mountain and the Grand Staircase-Escalante National Monument. Guests also have the option to hike down to return to Amangiri via the Studhorse Trail, adding 3 miles of hiking. Duration: 4 to 5 hours

Cave Peak Via Ferrata with Cave Peak Stairway
With an unmatched vertical route of ascent, a spectacular position and a summit visible from the Amangiri Pavilion, the Cave Peak Via Ferrata is destined to become an iconic southwest adventure. For an adrenaline rush, guests can then venture on the Cave Peak Stairway. This installation is about 200-feet (61-meter) long, features 120 steps and raises 400 feet (122-meter) above the ground, offering intense exposure and mesmerizing views of the property and beyond. Duration: 4 hours

Canyon Crossing Via Ferrata – Family friendly
This exhilarating experience has been designed to challenge and inspire the whole family and is a fun way to introduce children to the skills needed for travel in mixed terrain on the Colorado Plateau. Children 6 and older will learn the basic technique required for a full-scale Via Ferrata as well as rope climbing. The site also includes a replica dinosaur dig, created using castings from real fossils, that references the paleontology site at nearby Grand Staircase-Escalante National Monument. Duration: 3 to 5 hours
UTV Tour – Family friendly
The Ultimate Terrain Vehicle (UTV) is a safe and adventurous way to explore, allowing passengers to access harder-to-reach hiking trails and viewpoints. Guests will be driven by a professional, informative guide who will endeavor to make the journey to your hiking destination an adventure in itself.

Stud Horse UTV & Hiking Tour
The UTV Tour leads guests to Stud Horse Mesa, passing some beautiful hoodoo formations along the way. From the top of the Mesa guests can hike to Skylight Arch and enjoy panoramic views of Lake Powell, Navajo Mountain and the Grand Staircase-Escalante National Monument as well as scenic views of Camp Sarika and the Resort. Duration: 3 hours

E-Bike
Our e-bike tours are a fun way for riders of mixed ability to ride together and enjoy the exercise, scenery, and fresh air. The e-bikes’ pedal assist helps guests increase their range and enjoyment while riding a mountain bike.

Stud Horse E-Bike Tour
After a short drive, guests will ride their e-bikes to the top of Stud Horse Mesa, enjoying panoramic views of Lake Powell, Navajo Mountain and the Grand Staircase-Escalante National Monument as well as scenic views of Camp Sarika and the Resort. Guests may also find dinosaur tracks along the way. Duration: 3 hours

Horseback Ride – Family friendly
For an iconic Western experience, join Amangiri’s wranglers on a truly authentic ride, suitable for groups and families.

Amangiri Ride
This private ride with Amangiri wranglers, suitable for all levels, departs from the front steps of Amangiri and navigates through the property’s desert backdrop. Duration: 2 hours, or longer upon request

Hot-Air Balloon
Launching from Amangiri at sunrise, hot-air balloon flights offer extraordinary views of the property’s 600 acres (243 hectares). Because launches are subject to weather conditions, Amangiri typically schedules balloon flights only in the cooler fall and winter months when the cancellation is less likely, though spring and summer flights are available by special request. Please contact a member of the Amangiri Experience Team to speak about the logistics of ‘off-season’ flying. Duration: 20–30 minute flight time
Amangiri’s unique location on the Colorado Plateau gives guests access to a wide variety of natural attractions in the vicinity of the property, from the raw beauty of the National Parks, to the otherworldly scenery of Lake Powell, to the iconic landscape of Monument Valley. Whether touring by air, car or on foot, Amangiri guests have access to expert in-house and local guides offering custom itineraries.

Explore the Natural Wonders of the Colorado Plateau
National Parks
Grand Canyon National Park

With two billion years of history hidden in its striking erosional forms and layers of geologic color, the Grand Canyon – one of the deepest gorges on Earth – never fails to overwhelm the senses. Amangiri’s proximity to the canyon’s South Rim offers guests lots of flexibility in viewing this wonder of the world. The North Rim is open only half the year, typically from mid-May to mid-November.

Scenic Tour - Family friendly
One of the best ways to comprehend the scale of the Grand Canyon, and the surrounding region, is to experience it from the air. Amangiri offers a one-and-thirty-minute private scenic flight directly from the Amangiri property, allowing guests a unique look at the resort and the desert landscape. The route to the Grand Canyon from Amangiri includes some of the most beautiful topography in the region.
Flight Time: 1 hour 30 minutes

Scenic and Ground Tour with Grand Canyon Association Field Institute - Family friendly
This full-day excursion combines a scenic to and from the South Rim with a guided tour on the ground led by a highly knowledgeable Grand Canyon Association Field Institute (GCAFI) guide. Affiliated with the country’s National Park Cooperating Associations, the GCAFI is a non-profit organization, and Amangiri donates a portion of the tour fee to support its work. The tour is unscripted and can be tailored to guests’ requirements.
Flight Time: 45 minutes each way
Ground Tour: 4 hours

Ground Tour with Private Driver, South Rim – Family friendly
Amangiri’s in-house guides provide private transportation between Amangiri and the South Rim of the Grand Canyon, as well as expert, custom guidance within the park. The drive to the Grand Canyon is almost entirely on the Navajo Reservation, winding through a stunning high-desert landscape, arriving at the park via the less congested Desert View entrance. The tour includes a breathtaking 23-mile (37-kilometer) journey along the East Rim Drive.
Journey time: 2.5 hours by car each way
Full Tour Duration: 9 hours

Ground Tour with Private Driver, North Rim – Family friendly
Experience the tranquility of the North Rim on a private tour with an Amangiri guide. With a fraction of the visitor numbers received at the South Rim, it is a less developed, more peaceful alternative, with several easily accessible viewpoints. Its altitude – 1,000 feet (304 meters) higher than the South Rim – also offers cooling respite from the summer heat. The excursion includes private transportation from Amangiri to the North Rim, entrance fees, and a customized interpretive tour within the park.
Journey time: 2.5 hours by car each way
Full Tour Duration: 9 hours

Self-Guided Tour
We encourage our guests to discuss self-guided hiking options in the Grand Canyon National Park with our Experience Team. Both rims are about 2.5 hours away from the resort.
Defined by hundreds of pillars of sandstone known as hoodoos, Bryce Canyon is an otherworldly landscape, a maze of gorges and grottos. Numerous vistas and hiking trails make this a worthwhile day trip – particularly in summer, when the park’s altitude, more than 3,000 feet (900 meters) above Amangiri, offers cool respite from the high-season heat.

Scenic Tour – Family friendly
A scenic flight is the best way to experience the entirety of Bryce Canyon in all of its glory. A Zion National Park flyover can also be added so that guests can enjoy two very different—but equally beautiful—iconic parks in one flight.
Flight Time: 1 hour 15 minutes
Flight Time with Zion Flyover: 2 hours 15 minutes

Scenic and Ground Tour – Family friendly
Combine a scenic flight over Bryce Canyon National Park with a customized interpretative tour led by an Amangiri guide. The tour can be tailored to guests’ specific interests. Topics of discussion can include geology, botany, wildlife, human history or any combination thereof.
Flight Time: 45 minutes each way
Flight Time with Zion Flyover: 45 minutes on the way in, 2 hours on the way back
Ground Tour: 4 hours

Ground Tour with Private Driver – Family friendly
Discover Bryce Canyon National Park with an in-house guide, who will transport guests between Amangiri and the park, and lead a customized guided tour.
Journey Time: 2.5 hours by car each way
Full Tour Duration: 9 hours

Self-Guided Tour
We encourage our guests to discuss self-guided hiking options in Bryce Canyon National Park with our Experience Team. Bryce Canyon National Park is about 2.5 hours away from the resort.
Smaller in scale than the Grand Canyon National Park, Zion National Park is home to hundreds of species of plants and animals. A deep canyon with towering sandstone walls, Zion National Park boasts North America’s second-largest freestanding monolith, the Great White Throne, and offers superb hiking and sightseeing for all ages and ability levels.

**Scenic Tour – Family friendly**

Guests can fly over Zion National Park as a combination to a Bryce Canyon Scenic Tour, enjoying two national parks in one flight. Flight Time with Bryce Flyover: 2 hours 15 minutes

**Self-Guided Tour**

We encourage our guests to discuss self-guided hiking options in Zion National Park with our Experience Team. Zion National Park is about 1.5 hours away from the resort.
Encompassing almost 2,000 miles (3,219 kilometers) of shoreline, Lake Powell’s glassy surface mirrors picturesque side canyons and secluded bays with sandy beaches – a view best captured during the winter months, when the lake appears in its purest, most unaltered state. With mile after mile of pristine water to explore, it is ideal for boating activities, and Amangiri offers open-bow boat, adventure water sports and up lake jet ski tours.

**Boating Tours – Family friendly**

With the marina located 45 minutes away from Amangiri, Lake Powell can be toured privately throughout the day. Tours range from three to eight hours in length, and are captained by guides hand-picked by Amangiri. Touring options include, but are not limited to, visits to the lake’s unique side canyons and the phenomenal Rainbow Bridge (a 290-foot (88 meter) free-standing arch), swimming in the pristine water, fishing, paddleboarding, kayaking and other water sports. **Tour Duration: 3 to 8 hours**

**Adventure Boat & Water Sports – Family friendly**

These tours are meant for the truly adventurous at heart. Guests can board a 28-foot Munson Landing Craft, guided by accomplished and knowledgeable USCG licensed captains to discover Lake Powell in swift, safe and comfortable style. It is designed to be the perfect platform for guests drawn to human powered discovery via foot or hybrid paddleboard. The boat’s unique, climate controlled, interior cabin space and ample deck allows for unobstructed sightseeing as you head up lake to paddle hidden canyons. It is also perfect for winter travel, where few venture on the Lake’s glassy and solitary waters. Alternatively, guests can embark on a 28’ Protector Targa Rigid Inflatable Watercraft. Known for its performance, lightweight design, stability and speed in rough water, this unique vessel will connect guests with up lake boating destinations and less crowded slot canyons. **Tour Duration: 3 to 8 hours**

**Private Jet Ski Tour**

This adventure takes guests up Lake Powell approximately 30 miles along secluded canyons and coves. Guests can go hike some unique slot canyons only accessible by water. There is also an option for guests to go fishing with all necessary gear (rods, reels and tackle) provided. The owner Bob Reed has an extensive knowledge of Lake Powell that he enthusiastically shares with guests, making this adventure both fun and educational. The Fish Pro Jet Skis are very stable and practical to maneuver in narrow canyons, enabling guests to cover much more of Lake Powell than on a traditional boat tour. **Tour Duration: 9 hours**

Guests must be 12 years and older
A tour is highly recommended for those who want to become better acquainted with the culture of the Navajo, the original southwest settlers, and Amangiri has developed excellent relationships with Navajo guides. The property also has links with Goulding’s Lodge, the historic trading post whose owners introduced Hollywood directors to Monument Valley in the 1930s, sparking the Western movie genre.

Scenic Tour – Family friendly
Fly by helicopter to Monument Valley for breathtaking views of this iconic landscape of the American Southwest.
Flight Time: 1 hour and 45 minutes

Scenic & Ground Tour – Family friendly
Guests can fly by helicopter to Monument Valley before embarking on a private ground tour with a Navajo guide. Guests can choose between a 3.5-hour private tour, taking them to famous features of Monument Valley, including the Mittens, Merrick Butte and the Totem Pole or a seven-hour tour exploring Monument Valley region and the restricted area known as Mystery Valley.
Flight Time: 45 minutes on the way in, 1 hour on the way back
Ground Tour: 3.5 hours or 7 hours

Ground Tour with Private Driver
Amangiri’s in-house guides will provide transportation between the property and Monument Valley, and accompany the tour with a Navajo guide.
Journey Time: 2.5 hours by car each way
Full Tour Duration: 8.5 hours or 12 hours

Navajo Nation Slot Canyons
Serene and awe-inspiring, slot canyons are a geological marvel and easily accessible from Amangiri.

Three Canyon Tour – Family friendly
Led by a Navajo guide, this tour includes Rattlesnake Canyon, Owl Canyon and a choice of Upper Antelope or Mountain Sheep Canyons – offering three distinct and iconic canyons of the southwest.
Tour Duration: 3 hours
Wilderness & Backcountry Hiking

Chosen for their passion and extensive knowledge of the Colorado Plateau, Amangiri’s in-house guides offer a wide range of exhilarating and educational tours.

Spending time with a guide allows for an invaluable one-to-one introduction to the ecology, geology and human history of the area, as well as learning GPS navigation, map reading, rope techniques and desert travel. All activities can be customized to suit personal interests, fitness and technical skill level.

Buckskin Gulch – Family friendly

About an hour’s drive from Amangiri through open red-rock country, Buckskin Gulch is the longest, narrowest slot canyon in the world. It has two access points: Wire Pass, the easier approach, and the Middle Route, for advance hikers only, requiring a scramble to the canyon floor. The hike through the canyon, which is nearly 15 miles (24 kilometers) long, reveals ancient petroglyphs and twisted rock formations providing dramatic photo opportunities. The shady canyon floor provides a cool respite during the summer heat.

Tour Duration: Full day

Hodge’s Hideaway – Family friendly

Always investigating new and unexplored territories, the Amangiri team discovered this wide-open, rarely visited area of slickrock, peppered with native American artifacts. With no trails, no roads, and no campsites, guests will feel immersed in remote backcountry, despite being only an hour away from Amangiri.

Tour Duration: Half day or Full day

Thousand Pockets – Family friendly

Navigate a sandstone landscape of spectacular domes, fins and rock sculptures on this guided hike through the Vermilion Cliffs National Monument. Thousand Pockets was well traveled during ancient times by the Anasazi Native Americans, who were attracted to the area’s ‘pockets’ of water and its bighorn sheep.

Tour Duration: 3 hours

Hackberry Canyon – Family friendly

This delightful hike up a narrow slot canyon is an iconic southern Utah wilderness experience, combining a remote setting with in-season-the refreshing gentle flow of spring water on the sandy canyon floor. Hackberry Canyon can be paired with a hike to the massive, multicolored monolith of Yellow Dome to create a full-day tour.

Tour Duration: Full day

Cathedral Wash – Family friendly

Cathedral Wash is a distinctive canyon that begins in the softer red sandstone and shale of Vermilion Cliffs National Monument and enters the Grand Canyon’s top layer of grey Kaibab limestone. Silent and tranquil, the towering canyon is populated by astounding rock formations and ancient fossils, ending at the banks of the mighty Colorado River.

Tour Duration: Half day

Native American Rock Art Tour – Family friendly

This tour takes guests to a magnificent petroglyph panel within Amangiri’s grounds and a second panel a short drive from the property. Additional rock art panels can be added to this tour, making it a half-day outing. The tour can also incorporate Catstare, a small canyon adorned with well-preserved petroglyph panels.

Tour Duration: 3 hours
Resurrection Canyon – Family friendly
A 15-minute drive from Amangiri, Resurrection Canyon is a white Entrada sandstone canyon with numerous windows, hoodoos and winding chutes. The route is ideal for photographers and anyone wishing to wander through the unique erosional features visible from Amangiri’s pavilion windows. Hiking distance can be tailored to guests’ fitness and goals. This is a wonderful introduction to backcountry travel in Glen Canyon National Recreation Area.
Tour Duration: 3 hours

Paria Overlook – Family friendly
The soaring precipice of Paria Overlook gives guests the chance to stand on the edge of a great canyon, taking in the vast spaces of the Colorado Plateau, without the drive to Grand Canyon or Bryce. Reached via a drive up the back of the Ferry Swale canyon, Paria commands incredible views of Grand Staircase-Escalante and the endless canyon landscape. Photography opportunities abound, along with short hikes to other jutting viewpoints. This tour can include a stop and short walk to the Anasazi Lookout/Pueblo Ruin.
Tour Duration: 3 hours or Half day depending on hiking option

Horseback Riding
Off-property Ride – Family friendly
A short 25-minute drive will open up the option to explore 1,800 acres of established horse trails at the foot of the Red Vermillion Cliffs. Wranglers can ride through creeks, over mesas and through slot canyons. All riding levels are welcome.
Tour Duration: 3 hours

Amangiri Ride – Family friendly
This private ride with Amangiri wranglers, suitable for all levels, departs from the front steps of Amangiri and navigates through the property’s desert backdrop.
Duration: 2 hours, or longer upon request

E-Bike Adventures
The Colorado Plateau is home to some of the world’s best biking trails. Amangiri offers 3-hour and half-day tours that will invigorate even the most experienced of riders, using TREK full-suspension Class 1 e-bikes. The e-bikes’ pedal assist helps guests go faster and farther, while still enjoying the exercise, scenery, and fresh air. E-bikes also allow riders of mixed ability to ride together and effortlessly expand their cycle touring possibilities.
Scenic Back-Road Destinations

There are many scenic options available depending on guests’ preferences and seasonal conditions. One of them is the Paria Townsite. As you wind through the stunning Chinle rock formations, the terrain is too difficult for standard mountain biking, and on the back end of the trip, the steeper incline of the hills is more manageable with the assisted power in each pedal you take.
Tour Duration: 3 hours

Page Mesa Rim Trail

Suitable for more experienced mountain bikers, the 10-mile (16-kilometer) loop around Page, Arizona, mixes remote and urban stretches.
Tour Duration: 3 hours

Alstrom Point

Alstrom Point provides some of the most memorable, scenic, and widely photographed views of Lake Powell. The ride on a backcountry dirt road can be tailored to the riders’ ability from a leisurely two mile ride to the rim or a challenging 6.5 mile ride one way to the rim. This trail traverses some sections of rugged slick rock and provides a good challenge for the novice rider.
Tour Duration: Half day
Adventures by Air

Working closely with the area’s best pilots, fly this incredible landscape as an inspiring way to discover the breadth of the backcountry.

Helicopter tours – Family friendly

Guests can depart directly from Amanfiri’s private helipad, discreetly located between picturesque sandstone towers. From there, guests can be flown to any of the surrounding National Parks. These tours can be either combined with a privately guided ground tour, or strictly an air-only scenic flight.

Lake Powell, Horseshoe Bend & Tower Butte

This scenic journey takes guests over Lake Powell, Horseshoe Bend and Glen Canyon. Mid-flight the helicopter will land on top of Tower Butte, a 1000-foot-tall freestanding sandstone tower. Guests will have the opportunity to walk the circumference of the tower and enjoy outstanding views in every direction.

Flight Time: 30 minutes

Tower Butte Yoga

Greet the sunrise above Lake Powell on a yoga excursion to majestic Tower Butte. Rising from the canyon floor, the flat-topped pinnacle is one of Lake Powell’s most iconic sights. The journey begins with a scenic helicopter flight from Amanfiri, soaring over Lake Powell and Glen Canyon before landing on Tower Butte. Here, guests will be guided through a tailor-made movement and meditation session, fuelled by the magical energy of the 360-degree panorama.

Flight Time: 15 minutes each way

Movement session: 1 hour

Grand Canyon National Park

Amanfiri offers a one-and-thirty-minute private scenic flight directly from the Amanfiri property to the Grand Canyon, allowing guests a unique look at the landscape of the Colorado Plateau.

Flight Time: 1 hour 30 minutes

Bryce Canyon National Park / Zion National Park

A scenic flight to Bryce Canyon National Park offers spectacular views over its famous hoodoos rock formations. Guests can also add a detour over Zion to appreciate the unique beauty of these iconic national parks of the Grand Circle region in one single flight.

Flight Time - Bryce only: 1 hour 15 minutes

Flight Time with Zion Flyover: 2 hours 15 minutes

Monument Valley

Enjoy an air tour over the enchanted land of the Navajo Nation, with the towering pinnacles and buttes that have been the backdrop for countless films including the classic John Wayne Westerns.

Flight Time: 1 hour and 45 minutes
Amangiri Cultural Encounters

The Colorado Plateau offers immersive encounters beyond the purely physical. Many of the lecturers and performers for the events detailed below can be booked privately for individual parties.

Held throughout the year, Amangiri’s ever-expanding collection of cultural experiences offers guests the unique opportunity to learn more about the ecology, geology and human history of the area as well as the rich traditions of neighboring Native American tribes.

Navajo Story Telling – Family friendly

Storytelling is part of the oral tradition of Native American peoples through which values, language, memories, ethics and philosophy are passed on to the next generation. Eli Secody is a Navajo Native American who has performed all over the United States and has been nominated for various awards for song, drum, and storytelling/presentations. In his presentation, Eli highlights the harmonious living of Navajo people within this region, its wildlife and the earth.

Native American Hoop Dancing – Family friendly

Joseph Secody is a Navajo Native American that was born and raised on the local Navajo Reservation. He brings to Amangiri the dazzling charm and energy of traditional hoop dance, in which performers create various figures with their hoops, as well as some insight on Navajo culture.

Navajo Code Talker Presentation – Family friendly

Peter MacDonald, one of the last living WWII Navajo Code Talkers will tell you the unique story of the Navajo Code that was used in all Pacific battles to transmit top secret and confidential messages between allied forces. It is the only military code in modern history which has never been broken by an enemy. Commissioned by the United States Marine Corps, it saved hundreds of thousands of lives and helped to shorten the war in the Pacific.

Dreamcatcher Workshop – Family friendly

Discover the art and learned skillset of Native American weaving as local Navajo Woman, Pearl Seaton, gives detailed instruction of how to create authentic Dreamcatchers, made from genuine Navajo material. Pearl has been weaving for her entire life, with instruction from fellow tribal members as well as family mentorship.
Sage Smudge Stick Workshop – Family friendly
Sage smudging is used in traditional Native American ceremonies to cleanse both spaces and spirits. In this workshop, guests will have the opportunity to collect their own sage and will be guided to tie their bundle, while learning about the sage properties, foraging practices, and the traditions linked to this special botanical element.

Wildlife Workshop – Family friendly
In this interactive workshop, our resident animal enthusiast Terry Moore will provide a hands-on introduction to some of our region’s most interesting creatures such as snakes and lizards as well as members of the arachnid family (scorpions and tarantulas).

Astronomy – Family friendly
Amaniriri is blessed with year-round clear dark skies, making the property the perfect stargazing outpost. Resident astronomy enthusiast, Jeremy Byrom, will lead guests on a tour of the night sky, utilizing an impressive Orion telescope.
Self Guided Activities

Guests are always encouraged to use the expertise of Amangiri’s Experience Team, from assistance with self-guided tours of the National Parks to invaluable insider knowledge of the immediate surroundings.

Wahweap Overlook
A perfect way to wrap up a peaceful day in the desert is to take a short drive to the Wahweap Overlook. This hilltop vantage point offers a spectacular place to view and photograph Lake Powell.

Horseshoe Bend
This self-guided hike is located 30 minutes from Amangiri. The 0.75-mile (1.2-kilometer) trail is well marked and easy to follow. Hikers will be rewarded by the incredible thousand-foot-deep (300-meter) gorge of the Colorado River.

Glen Canyon Dam
Twenty minutes’ drive from Amangiri, the Glen Canyon Dam is a spectacular man-made landmark and can be toured with a Natural History Association guide.

Toadstool Hoodoos Trail
Located in the Grand Staircase-Escalante National Monument, about 30 minutes away from Amangiri, the Toadstools Hoodoos Trail offers a great place to explore the famous balanced rock formations with awe-inspiring views. It is a 1.5-mile round-trip (2.4-kilometer) and easy to moderate hike that is particularly suited for families.
Desert Hiking Tips

Hike in cooler temperatures
Summer hiking presents challenges that cannot be taken lightly. Plan an early morning or evening departure to take advantage of cooler temperatures. Hiking in direct sunshine, in the middle of the day, increases the risk of a heat-related illness. You will make better time and feel better if you use shaded rest stops often in your travels.

Carry plenty of water
Adequate water intake is critical for a safe and enjoyable trip in the desert environment. When planning a full day’s hike, water should be the heaviest item in your pack. Some desert travelers will drink at least a gallon of water per day. While hiking in the desert heat, everyone sweats around 0.5–1 quart of water and electrolytes for every hour they walk in the heat.

Eat adequate amounts
Eating enough food will help guarantee you are replacing the electrolytes (salts) that you are sweating out. You will need two to three times your normal food intake to meet your energy needs while hiking.

Plan your trip carefully
Always tell someone where you are going and when you will return. Check local weather forecasts and road conditions. Summer monsoons and flash floods can make travel in narrow drainages extremely dangerous. Stick with your itinerary, and check in when you return. It is easy to become disoriented in the desert, where many landmarks and rock formations look similar. Amangiri staff members are available to offer advice or help plan an itinerary.

Dress properly
Protect yourself from the elements. Good hiking shoes, loose-fitting breathable fabrics with UPF protection, a wide-brimmed hat, sunglasses and sunscreen are a must. A high SPF sunscreen should be applied liberally and regularly. Desert temperatures can reach over 100 degrees in the middle of the day. In winter, dress in layers and wear warm gloves and a warm hat that covers your ears.
Map & Driving Times

Driving Times from Amangiri - One Way

Glen Canyon National Recreation Area & Lake Powell: 15 minutes
Grand Canyon South Rim: 2.5 hours
Grand Canyon North Rim: 2.5 hours
Zion National Park: 1.5 hours
Bryce Canyon National Park: 2.5 hours
Monument Valley: 2.5 hours