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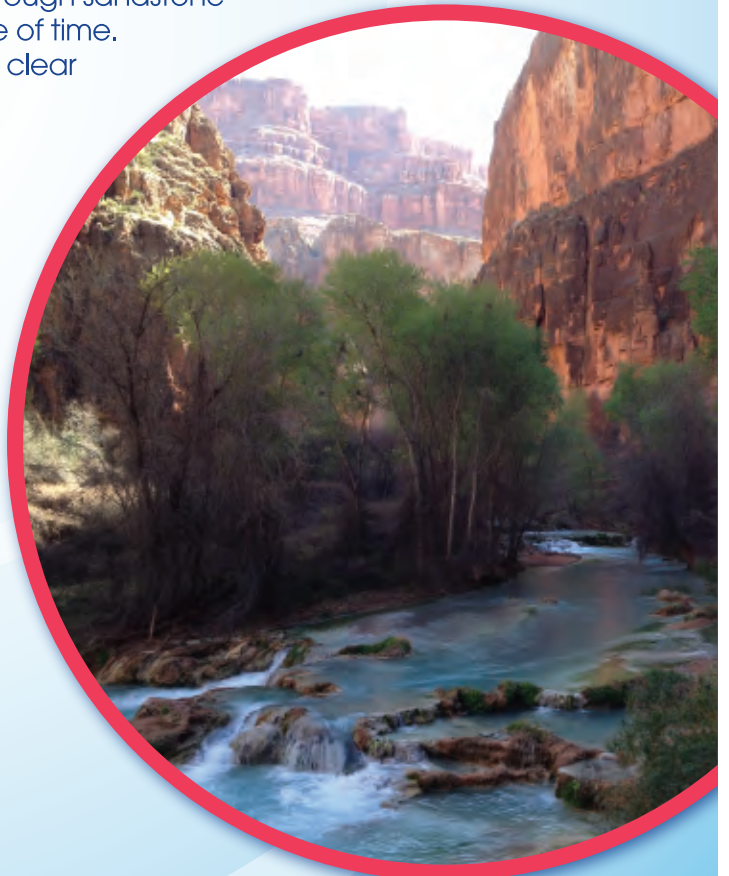
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ONE OF THE SEVEN NATURAL WONDERS OF THE WORLD

THE GRAND CANYON IS A SETTING OF DAZZLING SUPERLATIVES.

A spectacular World Heritage site, it can boast one of the oldest and most majestic landscapes on earth, plunging down to depths of over a mile in parts. Carved by the waters of the mighty Colorado River, its breathtaking vistas provide the backdrop to this incredible challenge. Heading away from the well worn pathways of the usual tourist trails around the Grand Canyon, this remarkable trek takes you deep into the heart of the ancient homelands of the Havasupai Indians, trekking through sandstone canyons that have been carved by the passage of time. You'll pass beautiful cascading falls and pools of clear blue water, wade across creek beds and follow steep winding switchbacks into canyons of towering red buttes.

The days will be hot and challenging, whilst the evenings will be spent camped amongst the serene tranquillity of the desert, where you will be expected to join in with the camp chores. Then it is on to the bright lights of Vegas, where you can celebrate the success of the trek in style, amongst the glitz and glamour of one of America's most unique and energetic cities.



DAY 1: DEPART LONDON FOR PHOENIX, ARIZONA

You will meet at the airport today for your afternoon flight to Phoenix, Arizona. A Charity Challenge and Global's Make Some Noise representative will be on hand to assist with check in and answer any last minute questions that you might have. On arrival in Phoenix you will then be met at the airport and transferred on to your hotel, where you'll have a chance to freshen up before a welcome meeting and a group dinner later this evening. Overnight in hotel.

DAY 2: TREK THE SONORAN DESERT - 8KMS TREK

Departing Phoenix after breakfast this morning you will head towards the quiet of the open Sonoran Desert, in Arizona. Your afternoon hike will take you across the rock trails and back roads developed by early miners and ranchers. You will have to keep your eyes wide open for wildlife sightings, as red tail hawk, coyote, roadrunners and javelina are all found in the area, as well as giant saguaro cactus, cholla cactus and the creosote bush. If the skies cooperate, your evening will have a spectacular finish, with the bright reds, pinks and purples that make the Arizona sunsets so impressive. Tonight you will enjoy a hearty dinner around campfire and enjoy your first desert camp at a ranch in the Lake Pleasant Area.

DAY 3: DRIVE TO THE SEDONA HILLS AND TREK THE DEAD HORSE STATE PARK - 11KMS TREK

Today we will transfer to the Sedona area, but en route you will be trekking in the Dead Horse State Park in Utah, at an elevation of approximately 900m (just lower than Scafell Pike!) Today will be a tough climb, with a steep uphill leading onto some gently undulating terrain. It is one of the longest treks you will do this week, followed by the continuation of your drive to Sedona and an overnight camp.

DAY 4: TREK THE OAK CREEK CANYON - 8KMS TREK

After breakfast, we hike in the Oak Creek Canyon area among the stunning red rocks and towering buttes of Sedona.

This will be a great opportunity to get some experience and become acclimatized to hiking in the heat and terrain of the high desert. You will find blister plasters and a good quality water bottle or bladder invaluable, as your feet will be dry and dusty, and you will be in need of the hydration!



DAY 5: DRIVE TO THE GRAND CANYON TRAILHEAD AND HIKE HAVASU CANYON - 16KMS TREK

A spectacular offshoot of the Grand Canyon, Havasu Canyon has been home to the Havasupai Indians for over 800 years. The smallest of the Native American tribes, the Havasupai are well named. The literal translation is the 'people of the blue-green waters', an apt description to describe the cascades and travertine pools that flow through this stunning setting. Driving to the trail head at Hualapai Hilltop this morning, we'll then begin with a steep 2.5 kilometre descent into the canyon, following a winding series of switchbacks down to a dry wash. We then follow a narrow canyon on to the small and isolated town of Supai, in the heart of the Havasupai Indian Reservation. One of the most remote towns on the U.S. mainland, the only way in is by mule, foot or helicopter! Continuing on through the village, it is then around 3 kilometres further to our campground near Havasu Falls.

DAY 6: HIKE TO MOONEY AND BEAVER FALLS - 13KMS TREK

A day of adventure and spectacular scenery, we leave camp this morning and head out along the trail towards the towering red sandstone walls and crystal blue waters of Mooney Falls. One of our most challenging days so far, the trek takes us down the falls by way of a series of ladders and tunnels that are not for the faint-hearted. Challenging though our descent may be, it does allow us to enter the beautiful canyon landscapes below the falls. Following the course of the river, we then head out along a rough trail that takes us across the creek on several occasions (so be prepared to get wet), before we finally reach the tumbling cascades of the Beaver Falls. Overnight at Havasu Falls camp.

DAY 7: HAVASU CANYON AND TRANSFER TO LAS VEGAS - 16KMS TREK

After a very early start this morning, you will hike back out of the canyon and be driven onwards to Las Vegas for your celebration dinner. One of America's most unique, and least subtle cities, it is home to exploding volcanoes, pirate ships, dancing fountains and some of the most famous casinos on the planet. On arrival you'll have a chance for a well-earned hot shower, before hitting the streets in time to enjoy a celebratory dinner and a night out in one of the most popular destinations anywhere in the continental United States.

There is an option this evening at your expense to enjoy an entertaining limo tour of some of the city's more eclectic highlights including Freemont Street, the Las Vegas sign and the city's famous Strip.

DAY 8: DEPART LAS VEGAS

After a free day to make more of Vegas's myriad of delights, you'll transfer to the airport early this evening for the overnight flight back to the UK.

DAY 9: ARRIVE UK

Morning arrival back into London.



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