

Cedar City, UT: Gateway to the Parks



4-Day itinerary to explore the vibrant national parks of southwest Utah with Cedar City, UT as your basecamp

Nestled almost perfectly between Zion National Park and Bryce Canyon National Park with an outstanding national monument in between, it's no wonder we're known as the Gateway to the Parks!

***Local Tip: An annual National Park pass is the most cost-effective option for entry during this itinerary**

Day One: *Kolob Canyons & Cedar City, Utah*

AFTERNOON

- Detour for a scenic drive in Kolob Canyons
 - Take Exit 40 on I-15
 - As part of Zion National park, a national park pass or day-use permit is required.
- Arrive in Cedar City and check into your lodging.

EVENING

- Grab a bite to eat from a local restaurant.
 - Places like Fire + Smoke BBQ in Kanarraville or Bowman's Cowboy kitchen in Cedar City are great spots.
- Explore the local shops and find vibrant murals with a walk through historic downtown Cedar City.
 - Some of the murals in downtown like *Cedar Breaks*, *UTAWESOME* are inspired by nearby national parks



Scenic Overlook in Kolob Canyons, North Zion National Park

Day Two: *Cedar Breaks National Monument*

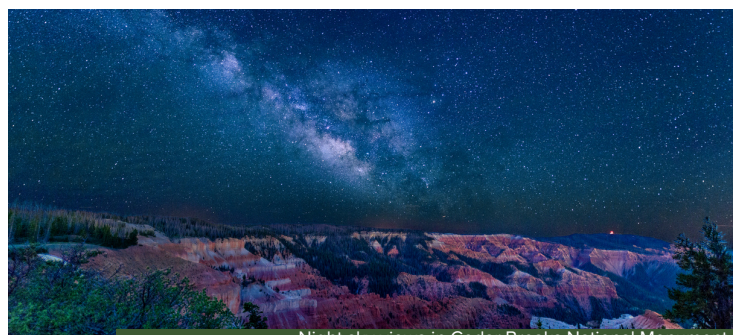
MORNING • Grab breakfast and your go-to caffeine fix at The Grind and a picnic lunch to-go from Bristlecone.

AFTERNOON

- Take off for Cedar Breaks National Monument
 - Center Street in Cedar City becomes SR-14 going east. This scenic byway will take you through Cedar Canyon. Turn left at the junction with Hwy 148.
 - On the way stop at the Zion Scenic Overlook (mile marker 16) for incredible views.
- Hike at Cedar Breaks National Monument
 - Some of our favorite trails include: South Rim Trail (5 miles), Sunset Trail (2 miles), and Alpine Pond Loop (1 to 2 miles)
- Visit Brian Head for lunch and a scenic chairlift ride for incredible views. Fill the afternoon with Brian Head Resort summer activities or mountain biking.
 - **WEEKENDS ONLY**
 - The view from Brian Head Peak is amazing too!
- Grab dinner in Brian Head at Pizano's Pizzeria

EVENING

- Grab dinner at Milt's Stagestop in Cedar Canyon. After returning to Cedar City, stop by IG Winery for drinks.



Night sky views in Cedar Breaks National Monument

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Day Three: *Bryce Canyon National Park*

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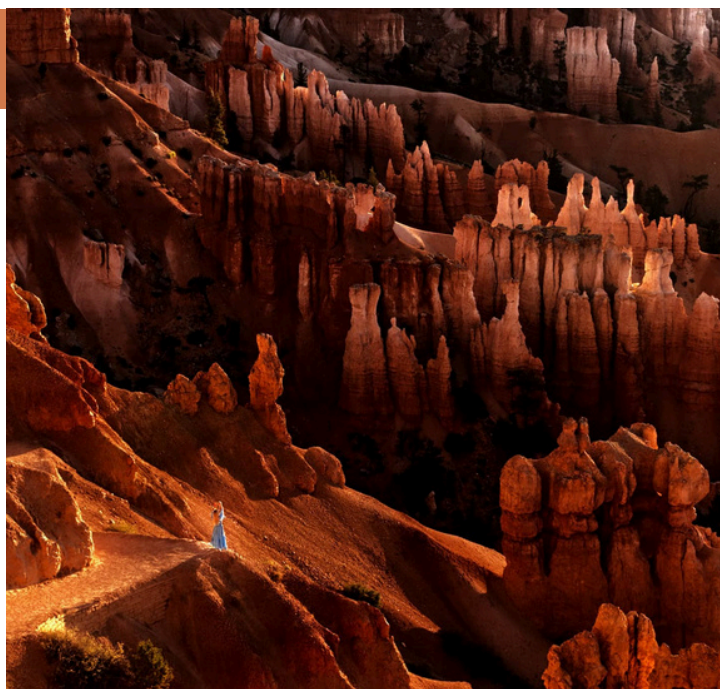
- Grab breakfast at The Grind in downtown before taking the scenic route to Bryce Canyon National Park.
 - Take SR-14 to Hwy 89 and into Bryce Canyon

AFTERNOON

- Stop to explore in Red Canyon just outside Bryce Canyon National Park for stunning red rock formations and trails.
- Grab lunch at the Canyon Diner and explore the shops in Old Bryce Town.
- Take the scenic drive to the top of Bryce Canyon National Park and stop at your must-do trails on the way down.
 - Popular trails include Sunset to Sunrise Point, Queen's Garden Trail, and the Navajo Loop Trail.

EVENING

- Stop for dinner at Ebenezer's Barn and Grill before heading back to Cedar City for the night.
 - Travelling back, you can take the same route over Hwy 89 and SR 14 or take Hwy 20 to I-15



Bryce Canyon National Park views on the trail

Day Three: *Cedar City to Home*

MORNING

- Stop for breakfast at The French Spot for an incredible breakfast from a Michelin rated chef in downtown.
- Get on the road to Zion National Park for an incredible day!
 - Before you take the shuttle through the canyon, make sure you drive the Zion-Mount Carmel Tunnel.

AFTERNOON

- Catch the Zion shuttle to hike for the afternoon.
 - Popular trails in the park include Angel's Landing*, Riverside Walk, Emerald Pools, The Narrows, Pa'rus Trail*

**Permits are required to complete the chain portion of the trail*
**The Pa'rus trail is the only pet-friendly trail in Zion National Park*
- Travel Safe!



Pack your park's pass

With day use fees for each park listed ranging from \$12 to \$35 the cost of the annual pass pays off quickly, even if you're only planning on visiting these specific parks during the year.

