Exploring Our Region

Day Trips In and Around St. George, Utah

Course Description

This 4-week course will explore places to go and things to see and do in a day trip from St. George, Utah. We will discover opportunities in St. George, Cedar City, central and southwestern Utah, southeastern Nevada, and northwestern Arizona. Included in the course are St. George, Kanab, Page, Mesquite, Las Vegas, and Cedar City areas. The course will also include highlights, history, geology and insider tips for exploring each area.

Classes will be held from November 5 to December 3, 2025, except for Thanksgiving week when we will not meet (November 26, 2025). Class will be held in Udvar-Hazy Room 121 at Utah Tech University.

November 5, 2025 – Explore opportunities in and around St. George and Cedar City, Utah (dinosaur tracks, petroglyphs, Cedar Breaks National Monument, Frontier State Park, museums, and recreation areas, etc.)

November 12, 2025 – Explore routes and places around Mesquite and Las Vegas, Nevada (Gold Butte National Monument, Valley of Fire State Park, Lost City Museum, Sloan Canyon National Conservation Area (NCA), Red Rock NCA, etc.)

November 19, 2025 – Explore routes and places in and around Page, Arizona (Antelope Canyon, Horseshoe Bend, Navajo National Monument, Vermilion Cliffs National Monument, Grand Staircase-Escalante National Monument, House Rock Valley, Jacob Lake, Baaj Nwaavjo National Monument, etc.)

December 3, 2025 – Explore Scenic Byway 12, the All-American Road (Bryce Canyon National Park, Anasazi State Park, Capitol Reef National Park, Boulder Mountain, etc.)

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