

10 Unique Ways to Stay and Play in Greater Zion

New Glamping Resorts, Former Residence of an FBI Most Wanted Fugitive and Historic Homes Among Creative Lodging Options

St. George, Utah – June 3, 2020 – Greater Zion, nestled in the southwest corner of Utah, offers creative lodging experiences for guests that are as unique as the destination's landscape. From two new glamping experiences to the home of a former FBI Most Wanted fugitive, Greater Zion provides several unique ways to stay while adventuring in this world-class destination.

Greater Zion's wide open spaces provide for natural social distancing. The region's unique lodging experiences range from cabin-like experiences, tiny homes and wagons that are thoughtfully spaced for guest comfort and privacy.

1. Zion Wildflower Resort - Opening Summer 2020

Zion Wildflower allows guests to choose from several unique and memorable accommodations including covered wagons, canvas tents and cozy bungalows. Guests have full access to the resort's amenities including games, yoga and more. The resort is located between St. George and Springdale in Virgin near the Kolob Terrace section of Zion National Park.

2. Open Sky - Opening Summer 2020

Luxury camping, aka glamping, is elevated even more at Open Sky. The safari-style glamping tents allow guests to indulge with bamboo linens, soaking tubs and private outdoor showers while enjoying the stunning backdrop of Greater Zion. Open Sky features an onsite spa tent and restaurant.

3. Zion's Most Wanted Hotel

The former home of convicted polygamist Warren Jeffs, who was on the FBI's Most Wanted list, has been transformed into Zion's Most Wanted Hotel. Located almost 50 miles from St. George in remote Hildale, the large residence was home to Jeffs and his family for several years. Quirky, yet comfortable, the hotel is located near several outdoor activities including the popular Water Canyon Trail, which takes hikers through a slot canyon and up to an expansive plateau.

4. Under Canvas Zion

Near the Kolob Terrace section of Zion National Park lies 196-acres of safari-inspired glamping at Under Canvas Zion. Surrounded by sandstone cliffs and red rock, the property offers luxury tents and amenities including onsite dining, daily housekeeping, complimentary camp activities, an adventures concierge and more. Opening for the season June 4, Under Canvas Zion is currently offering a package that includes a tent, all meals and dining gratuity, choice of an adventure and an on-site guest experience coordinator.

5. Gooseberry Yurts

Mountain bikers seeking to connect with nature will find Gooseberry Yurts the perfect place to rest after riding the popular Gooseberry Mesa or other iconic routes in the area. This is

the only property located on Gooseberry Mesa, providing bikers easy and quick access to nearby trails. Three yurts with bunk beds, lanterns, cookstoves and wood stoves elevate the normal camping experience and connect guests with the surrounding area. Each yurt can sleep up to six adults comfortably and guests are responsible for their water, firewood and gas canisters.

6. The Dwellings

The Dwellings offers a twist on the typical vacation rental with tiny homes situated on the rim of the Virgin River and Confluence Park, overlooking the expansive landscape of Greater Zion. The accommodations provide the comforts and necessities of home, and offer a balance of modern design, classic touches and technology features. The property is adjacent to the popular River Rock Roasting Company for fresh coffee and espresso drinks, breakfast, lunch and dinner. It also provides easy access to many of the region's popular locations such as Sand Hollow State Park and Toquerville Falls, and is 30 minutes from Zion National Park.

7. Seven Wives Inn

Nestled in downtown St. George, Seven Wives Inn is only a short walk from top-rated restaurants, shops and historical sites. This historic inn and federal landmark features two neighboring homes and a cottage that were built in the late 1800s. Edwin G. Woolley, who built the larger house in 1873, hid polygamists in the attic after polygamy was outlawed by the U.S. One of these people, Benjamin F. Johnson, had seven wives, hence the name Seven Wives Inn. The bed and breakfast features private bathrooms in each room, a guest pool and other amenities.

8. Gooseberry Lodges

Another haven for mountain bikers is Gooseberry Lodges, located in rural Apple Valley, and only a short drive (or bike) to the expansive trail system of Gooseberry Mesa. Each cabin was specially designed with mountain bikers in mind with wall mount bike work stands and a communal bike washing station. The lodges are comfortably furnished and cooking supplies are available for use at check-in. The main office also acts as a general store with various provisions including fire wood and limited food and drink selections. The friendly staff also is intimately familiar with the local biking trails and can provide a wealth of insights and information.

9. Zions Tiny Oasis

Located on the western side of Zion National Park, Zions Tiny Oasis offers comfortable tiny homes overlooking stunning mesas and North Creek. The property features several tiny home styles that each include an outdoor gazebo, fire pit, grill and hot tub. Each home is fully insulated with full utilities making it a year-round lodging option for guests.

10. Under The Eaves Inn

This quaint 1931 historic home is located in Springdale, surrounded by Zion National Park on three sides and less than a mile from the park entrance. It was recently added to the National Register of Historic Places and is the first building in Springdale to receive this designation. The home is known for its steep gabled roof and bell cast eves that make it unique among other homes in Springdale. Hosts Mark Chambers and Joe Pitti fully embrace "Southwestern Hospitality" and are readily available to provide recommendations for activities, dining and more.

For more information on unique lodging options, activities and events throughout Greater Zion, please visit www.greaterzion.com.

About Greater Zion

Located in the southwest corner of Utah, Greater Zion is a destination that offers more than 2,400 square miles of adventure and inspiration. Zion National Park, the fourth most visited National Park in the United States, is the premier attraction, but Zion is only the beginning. Four state parks and a multitude of year-round recreational lands set the stage for a burgeoning mountain biking scene, some of the best off-highway vehicle riding in the country, scenic and challenging play at 13 top-rated golf courses, world-class cultural performances at Tuacahn Center for the Arts and so much more. The vibrant communities of St. George, Springdale, Hurricane, Ivins and towns in between offer a wide range of lodging options, dining experiences and access to outdoor pursuits through local outfitters and tour companies. Home to the 2021 IRONMAN 70.3 World Championships, Greater Zion also is a world-class destination for sporting events, conferences and meetings. The Greater Zion Convention and Tourism Office is a transient-room-tax-funded entity of Washington County, Utah.

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