Are we there yet? Yes!

Follow Utah’s Scenic Byways to some of the most spectacular places in the world. With eight National and 18 State Scenic Byways, your experience begins as soon as you pack up the vehicle. From cool alpine vistas to slickrock expanses, Utah has something for all travelers. Take a look at some of the Scenic Byway connections just a tank away. Your trip begins...

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1- Scenic Byway 12: Utah’s All-American Road is a road like no other and a destination unto itself. This exceptional 124-mile route negotiates an isolated landscape of slickrock canyons, towering plateaus, and mountain valleys ranging from 4,000 to 9,000 feet above sea level. You’ll encounter archaeological, cultural, historical, natural, and recreational intrinsic qualities when driving this exhilarating scenic byway.

2- Dinosaur Diamond Scenic Byway runs through the best region in the world to learn about dinosaurs and fossils. Numerous points of interest, in both Utah and Colorado, interpret these prehistoric stories. Museums, dinosaur dig sites, and rock art petroglyphs along the way enhance the experience of discovery.

3- The Energy Loop: Huntington - Eccles Canyons Scenic Byway rises to 10,000 feet in the Manti-La Sal National Forest. Enjoy stunning alpine views, interpretive displays, coal power sites, and a historic mining town. Sweeping aspen groves are home to mule deer, black bear, raptors, and songbirds.

4- Flaming Gorge-Uintas Scenic Byway meanders over the eastern flank of the Uinta Mountains and through the Ashley National Forest and Flaming Gorge National Recreation Area. View wildlife in their native habitats and experience the “Real West” as passed down through western folklore of early explorers, homesteaders, mountain men, outlaws, and cowboys.

5- Logan Canyon Scenic Byway connects the cities of Logan and Garden City, following the Logan River though Logan Canyon and passing through dense forests, lush meadows, rugged rock formations, and panoramic views. Each season brings a colorful show, especially in autumn.

6- Nebo Loop Scenic Byway features views of the Wasatch Range and 11,877-foot Mt. Nebo, its highest peak. See alluvial valleys, high alpine conifers, red rock formations, gray sandstone cliffs and salt flats all in the same day. Sights include Devil’s Kitchen, Walker Flat, and Mt. Nebo Wilderness.

7- Trail of the Ancients Scenic Byway explores the long and intriguing occupation of the Four Corners region by Native American peoples. Meander through the archaeological heartland of America while crossing the beautiful and diverse landscapes of the Colorado Plateau, including Mesa Verde National Park, Monument Valley Tribal Park, and Four Corners Monument.

8- Utah’s Patchwork Parkway: Follow Highway 143 from Parowan to Panguitch and imagine the early Mormon pioneers during a winter snow storm in 1864. To avoid sinking into the deep snow, they resorted to walking on handmade quilts thrown down upon the surface, enabling them to continue their journey over the pass. Experience Utah’s 2nd highest paved road as it passes through Brian Head Resort and Cedar Breaks National Monument. Learn about local cultural heritage at the interpretive sites while enjoying Utah’s newest National Scenic Byway.

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Northern Utah

9- Bear Lake Scenic Byway (Hwy 30 from Laketown to Garden City) Delight in the turquoise waters of beautiful Bear Lake. Don’t leave without enjoying the famous, locally harvested raspberry confections in the friendly towns of Garden City or Laketown.

10- Big & Little Cottonwood Canyons (Hwy 190, Big Cottonwood Canyon to Brighton / Hwy 210, Little Cottonwood Canyon to Alta) Both Big & Little Cottonwood Canyons lead to year-round recreation at its best. World-renowned snow beckons at four exceptional resorts: Alta, Brighton, Snowbird, and Solitude. Spring and summer wildflowers, wildlife-viewing, hiking, and fishing entice visitors; and in autumn the splendor of vibrant colors splashes across the scenery.

11- Legacy Parkway Scenic Byway (Hwy 67 from Farmington to North Salt Lake I-215) Follow the pastoral landscape and national migratory bird flyway along the shores of the Great Salt Lake while enjoying views of Antelope Island and the Wasatch Mountains. Legacy Parkway is an experience that embraces the rural-to-urban transition on this 14-mile corridor.

Southern Utah

15- Beaver Canyon Scenic Byway (Hwy 153 from Beaver to Mount Holly / Check for road conditions) A jewel of a canyon, it is mostly undiscovered but a delight to hikers, fisherman, campers, and hunters. Beaver Canyon boasts views of 12,000 foot Mount Holly and Delano Peak.

16- Capitol Reef Country Scenic Byway (Hwy 24 from Loa to Hanksville) Rolling off the Fishlake National Forest headed east, delight in the quaint towns of Loa, Lyman, Bicknell, and Torrey just before entering the splendor of Capitol Reef National Park. Deep magenta, burnt orange, and pink sandstone formations celebrate one of the most remarkable national parks in Utah.

17- Cedar Breaks Scenic Byway (Hwy 148 linking Hwy 143 / Patchwork Parkway Scenic Byway and Hwy 14 / Markagunt High Plateau Scenic Byway) Millions of years of wind and water erosion have formed the 2,000-foot-deep and three-mile-wide amphitheater known as Cedar Breaks National Monument - a landscape of multi-colored ridges and stunning rock formations.

18- Dead Horse Point Mesa Scenic Byway (Hwy 313 from Moab to Dead Horse Point State Park) Geological and archaeological sites are found all along this scenic route. Take the spur that leads to Dead Horse Point State Park for thrilling views of Canyonlands National Park.

19- Fishlake Scenic Byway (Hwy 25 between Hwy 24 and Hwy 72 near Loa) The alpine meadows, forested peaks, and crystal mountain waters of Fishlake National Forest provide recreational opportunities for anglers, boaters, and birding enthusiasts alike.

20- Indian Creek Scenic Byway (Exit west off US 191 at approximately Church Rock, on to Hwy 211 [4 miles north of Monticello] to the Needles section of Canyonlands National Park) Sagebrush flats roll along before plunging down into the twisted turns of Indian Creek. Attractions include Newspaper Rock, a 50-foot high rock face covered in petroglyphs and historic inscriptions, and Canyonlands National Park.

21- Kolob Fingers Road Scenic Byway (I-15 exit 40, 18 miles south of Cedar City / NPS fee) A short but spectacular drive just south of Cedar City off I-15, this route offers a view into the jagged and colorful red “finger canyons” of this remote section of Zion National Park.

22- Markagunt High Plateau Scenic Byway (Hwy 14 southeast from Cedar City to the intersection with US 89 at Long Valley Junction) Linking Highway 89 to Cedar City, this scenic byway will take you through memorable Dixie National Forest. Enjoy views of Zion National Park, Kolob Terrace and Navajo Lake at pullouts along the way.

23- Mount Carmel Scenic Byway (US-89 from its junction with SR-12, south to Kanab) Green farmland is cut abruptly by the Sevier River through Long Valley. Vanilla and caramel-colored sandstone cliffs rise to the east, while deep coral sands peppered with juniper unfold to the south toward Kanab.

24- Potash – Lower Colorado River Scenic Byway (From US 191, three miles north of Moab, take Hwy 279) An abundance of Native American rock art and a series of dinosaur tracks delight the traveler along this dramatic byway. Make sure to visit Corona Arch and Jug Handle Arch along the way.

25- Upper Colorado River Scenic Byway (From its junction with I-70, just west of Cisco, follow Hwy 128 to its terminus 2 miles north of Moab) Following the Colorado River for most of the route, this scenic byway is dramatic landscape of river and canyon. Take in the two-mile hiking trail that leads to Morning Glory Natural Bridge, or create a photo opportunity that includes Castle Rock or Fisher Towers.

26- Zion Park Scenic Byway (SR-9 from I-15 to Mount Carmel Junction / NPS fee) Passing through the towns of Hurricane, La Verkin, Virgin, Rockville, and Springdale, get a taste of southern Utah hospitality before savoring the drive through the heart of Zion National Park. The mile-long Zion Mt. Carmel Tunnel is an early 20th Century engineering marvel.

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