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Just outside of the Great Basin Desert lies an oasis encircled by stunning red rocks known as St. George. Sure to quench any traveler's thirst for adventure with local hikes like "Sugarloaf" and the majestic Zion National Park, St. George's adventurous spirit will unlock your inner explorer. Once you've completed your adventures, roll down your windows and smell the freshly baked goods from Brick Oven, Bear Paw and Thomas Judd Store, which I might add, brings out your inner child with candy you loved as a kid. Of course you cannot overlook the St. George Temple, a historic landmark that is a central identity to this city.

1. Entrada golf course at Snow Canyon County Club opened in 1996 and is fictitiously known for being filmed in Disney's movie High School Musical 2.
2. If you haven't experienced Tuacahn Theater, plan it into your next trip because this theater will leave you awe struck and wanting more.
3. Snow Canyon became a state park in 1958 and is named after Lorenzo Snow.
4. Dixie Rock, or more commonly known as "Sugarloaf," didn't get the word "DIXIE" painted on it until 1970.
5. Since November of 1977, the St. George Marathon has been held annually on the first Saturday in October.
6. Red Hills Desert Garden is a 5-acre desert garden featuring 5,000 water-efficient plants, a 1,150-foot stream stocked with native and endangered fish species, a replica slot canyon and prehistoric dinosaur tracks found onsite dating back 200 million years ago.
7. Sand Hollow State Park spans 20,000 acres and is one of Utah's most popular destinations.
8. Larsen's Frostop is a privately owned restaurant that opened here in 1965.
9. Brick Oven has been around since 1956 and is still refer to as "Heaps Brick Oven."
10. Dixie Regional Medical Center was built in 1975 and continues to provide leading healthcare to citizens in northwestern Arizona, southeastern Nevada, and southern Utah.
11. The St. George Temple, built in 1877, was The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saint's third temple completed, and the first in Utah to be finished.
12. Did you know that in 1876, the St. George Tabernacle was built almost entirely out of local materials except for the windows?
13. The Pioneer Court House, built in 1876, was once a jailhouse, courthouse, and schoolroom.
14. The idea for Pizza Factory first came thanks to a few hungry skiers wanting a slice of pizza for their annual trip to Southern Utah.
15. The Pony Restaurant has a statue called the Painted Pony sitting nearby.
16. George's Corner Restaurant, originally called The Big Hand Café, sits in the center of town and is a perfect stop for tourists as they travel through Southern Utah.
17. The Woodward School was built in 1901 and taught students in grades 1st through 8th grade.
18. The St. George Carousel is actually a fully restored carousel from Chicago, Illinois.
19. The St. George Arts Center originally started out as the Dixie Academy in 1911.
20. Grey fox, aka the Tree fox, is the only member of the dog family that has the ability to climb trees.
21. Bobcats can pounce to around 10 feet while stocking prey that may be a little bigger than itself.
22. Gila Monsters live for nearly 20-30 years and are one of the few poisonous lizards around.
23. Long Nosed Leopard Lizards change their colors depending on environmental factors such as the temperature and camouflage when hiding or hunting.
24. Even though desert tortoise spend more than 95% of their life under ground, they can survive in areas where the temperature of the ground reaches 60° C.
25. Why is it called the Virgin River? Because no one's see it's bottom! Get it?
26. For being about the size of a pet dog, coyotes can run up to 40 mph.
27. The Great Basin Rattlesnakes binocular vision comes from their forward facing eyes, giving them excellent aim and helping them know when to precisely strike.