

Yellowstone, Grand Tetons and Mt. Rushmore
Thursday, August 4 – Friday, August 12, 2016
9 Days/ 8 Nights



Magnificent vistas, immense landscapes and abundant wildlife are yours to discover on this amazing tour through some of the most iconic sights of the west. Tour Yellowstone National Park, visit Mt. Rushmore and experience the power of Old Faithful. Venture out on an open-aired jeep wildlife safari to witness a wide variety of wildlife, such as bison, wolves and Grizzly. Next, head to the Grand Teton National Park and take a guided float trip down the Snake River.

DAY ONE – ARRIVE IN SOUTH DAKOTA

Begin your Western frontier adventure as you gather in Rapid City, South Dakota. Meet your Tour Manager in the lobby at 6:00 p.m. for dining suggestions.

DAY TWO – BLACK HILLS TOURING/ CUSTER STATE PARK

We begin the day with an exciting open-air jeep ride through Custer State Park. Enjoy the interesting sights and colorful commentary of our driver/guides on our ride through the park in search of the country's largest herd of American bison. Next we'll visit the colossal Crazy Horse Memorial, which will be 563 feet high and 641 feet long when completed! Following an afternoon break at our hotel, we'll experience all the greatness of a Mount Rushmore National Memorial, with sightseeing, dinner and the inspiring lighting ceremony. *Breakfast and dinner*

THREE – DEADWOOD AND DEVILS TOWER

The town of Deadwood was designated a National Historic Landmark in 1967 and preserves the history and legends of the Wild West from its beginnings as a mining town.

Our brief tour of the town takes us along the same streets walked by Wild Bill Hickok and Calamity Jane. We'll also visit Boot Hill, the final resting place of some of Deadwood's famous citizens. Crossing Wyoming today we come to a Devils Tower National Monument. Towering 1,267 feet above Belle Fourche River, this looming monolith served as the backdrop for the classic Steven Spielberg film *Close Encounters of the Third Kind*. *Breakfast and dinner*

FOUR — BUFFALO BILL TERRITORY

We travel today across the expansive Bighorn Mountains, where cowboys still graze their flocks of sheep and herds of cattle as in days of the Old West. As legendary as the sweeping plains and towering mountains of the Old West were, so were the grand personalities that became drawn to the frontier. At the Buffalo Bill Historical Center, you'll encounter some of these historic figures, including Bill himself, the renowned sharpshooter Annie Oakley and Indian chief Sitting Bull before we arrive in Yellowstone National Park, our home for the next two nights. *Breakfast*

FIVE — YELLOWSTONE NATIONAL PARK

A full day of sightseeing in a Yellowstone, the world's first national park, features outstanding natural spectacles, including renowned geysers and thermal basins. Our tour begins with the awesome 1,200-foot-deep Grand Canyon of Yellowstone, including views from Inspiration and Lookout Points. Next we'll travel through Dunraven Pass and Tower Junction to the terraced formations of Mammoth Hot Springs. Finally, we'll explore Norris Geyser Basin, filled with an incredible variety of steam vents, mud pots, geysers, and hot springs, before returning to our park lodge for dinner this evening. *Breakfast and dinner*

SIX — OLD FAITHFUL AND GRAND TETON NATIONAL PARK

Continuing our tour of Yellowstone National Park, we'll head for storied Old Faithful Geyser, named for its regular eruptions about every 80 to 90 minutes for some 150 years. Next, traveling along Rockefeller Memorial Parkway into magnificent a Grand Teton National Park, we'll drive alongside lovely Jackson and Jenny Lakes, visit the Chapel of the Transfiguration, while, of course, enjoying splendid views of the rugged, towering Tetons along the way. Tonight the dinner bell will call you to the Bar J Chuckwagon for an evening of song, stories, entertainment and authentic cowboy chow. *Breakfast and dinner*

SEVEN — SCENIC FLOAT TRIP AND JACKSON HOLE

The spectacular vistas of the Grand Teton Mountains offer a thrilling view from the white waters of the Snake River during a delightful floating trip. With its wooden boardwalks and unique antler-horn arches, downtown Jackson Hole brings the Old West to life. During the summer, catch local cowpokes in action at the Jackson Hole Rodeo, or after Labor Day, enjoy a show at the Jackson Hole Playhouse. *Breakfast*

EIGHT — SALT LAKE CITY

Take a step back in time as you explore Salt Lake City's historic Temple Square and walk in the footsteps of the Mormon settlers who founded this city more than 150 years ago. Just as remarkable is the Great Salt Lake, the region's most renowned natural landmark, with its deep, turquoise waters ringed by glistening white sand beaches. Tonight, enjoy a farewell dinner hosted by your Tour Manager. *Breakfast and dinner*

NINE — TRAVEL HOME

After breakfast transfer to the Salt Lake City International airport for flights home anytime today. *Breakfast*

Your Package Includes:

- 8 Nights accommodations
- 8 Breakfasts
- 5 Dinners (including dinner and a show at Bar J Chuckwagon Supper and Western Show)
- An open-air Jeep tour through Custer State Park
- Black Hills tour including Crazy Horse Memorial
- Lighting ceremony at Mt. Rushmore National Memorial
- Tour the historic town of Deadwood including legendary Boot Hill Cemetery
- Visit the awe-inspiring Devils Tower National Monument
- Tour the Buffalo Bill Historical Center
- Snake River float trip through the Grand Teton National Park
- Attend the Jackson Hole Playhouse
- Tour of Salt Lake City including the Great Salt Lake, Temple Square and Pioneer State Park
- Round trip airport transfers

Pricing Information:

- Per person double occupancy: 2,639.00
- Per person single occupancy: 3,638.00

Note: Above prices do not include roundtrip air transportation. Notch Above Tours will gladly arrange air transportation as well as pre and post night stays upon request. Prices and itinerary subject to change



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