



COACH TOUR - NATIONAL PARK WONDERS - 7N/8D



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National Park Wonders: 8days Tour (Trafalgar)



This trip blends old west towns like Jackson, Cody, Sheridan and Montpelier, national parks like Yellowstone and Grand Teton, and historic monuments like Devil's Tower and Mount Rushmore. You'll enjoy Insider moments like...joining the owner of Sheridan's PO News and Flagstaff Café, an old world eatery in this historic western town. With its store established in 1910, the café's mix of home-style American fare, downtown setting and welcoming atmosphere is the perfect backdrop to your host's stories of the town's colourful past as the capital of the Bighorn region. In Yellowstone, we meet another local character who takes you on a walk among the geysers, hot springs and mud pots of the world's oldest national park.



Day 1: ARRIVE SALT LAKE CITY

Welcome to Salt Lake City. Check into your hotel and relax or take a walk around the hotel grounds to get acquainted. At 6 p.m., gather at the hotel with your Travel Director and fellow travellers for a Welcome Reception.

Sheraton Salt Lake City











Day 2 : SALT LAKE CITY - JACKSON (2 NIGHTS)

Travelling north into Idaho, trace the footsteps of the pioneers at the Oregon Trail Center in Montpelier. Through interactive exhibits, you'll travel vicariously with a covered wagon train in America's great western migration and experience the thrills and challenges of the old Oregon Trail. Enjoy a lunch before crossing into Wyoming on your way to scenic Jackson, which stands in the shadows of the icy peaks of the Grand Tetons. Get spectacular 360-degree views of the Snake River Valley and Grand Teton National Park on an exciting aerial tram ride to the summit of Rendezvous Mountain Full Breakfast

Lunch
The Lodge at Jackson Hole

Day 3 : GRAND TETON NATIONAL PARK SIGHTSEEING AND FREE TIME

If you like, hit the water this morning on an optional guided float trip down the Snake River (seasonal) where you'll float with amazing views of the magnificent Grand Tetons. Keep your eyes open for some of the area's abundant wildlife, including moose and elk drinking from the rivers, bison munching on grass, and beavers putting the finishing touches on their elaborate dams. Overhead, watch for majestic bald eagles, graceful blue herons and the dozens of species of songbird that call the park home. This evening, join your Travel Director and travel companions for a Chuckwagon Regional Meal.

Full Breakfast Regional Meal



Day 4: JACKSON - YELLOWSTONE NATIONAL PARK (2 NIGHTS) Spend the morning discovering the natural glories of Grand Teton National Park with its snowcapped mountains, pristine alpine lakes and evergreen forests. From Jenny Lake to the jagged peaks of the Teton Range, you'll find exhilarating vistas everywhere you look. Then it's onward to Yellowstone, established in 1872 as the world's first National Park. You could spend a year in Yellowstone and still only scratch the surface of its wonders. Watch in awe as Old Faithful's waters arc nearly 100 feet (30 metres) into the air—as it has done approximately every 90 minutes since the Washburn Expedition discovered it in 1870. Take a guided walk with a Local Specialist among the spouting geysers, bubbling mudpots and turquoise hot springs and learn about the geothermal dynamics of this amazing wonderland. Tonight, dine in the park. Before retiring for the night, be sure to step out and take in the great panorama of stars.

Full Breakfast Dinner National Park Lodges

Day 5: YELLOWSTONE NATIONAL PARK SIGHTSEEING
Begin today by looking for wildlife in Hayden Valley en route to the impressive Grand Canyon of the Yellowstone with its stunning waterfalls. Early explorers marvelled at the yellow rock of the canyon, and from this rock, Yellowstone got its name. Continue on the upper loop to Dunraven Pass and the Lamar Valley, some of the less travelled, but ruggedly beautiful regions of the park. At Mammoth Hot Springs, take a stroll and admire the mineral terraces that resemble frozen waterfalls cascading down into the valley.

Full Breakfast

Day 6: YELLOWSTONE NATIONAL PARK - CODY - SHERIDAN Head east to the town of Cody, named for its most famous native son, Buffalo Bill. Get a glimpse into the fascinating history of the American West at the Buffalo Bill Center of the West where you'll meet a Local Specialist and delve into the culture of the cowboy, the role of the firearm in the early days, and the culture and art of the Plains Indians. Join your fellow travellers for a Be My Guest dinner in true Western style at a historic cafe complete with an old-time tobacco shop.

Full Breakfast Be My Guest Dining Holiday Inn Sheridan



Day 7: SHERIDAN - DEADWOOD - RAPID CITY (2 NIGHTS) Proclaimed by Theodore Roosevelt as America's first national monument, the majestic Devil's Tower rises nearly 1,300 feet (396 metres) above the Belle Fourche River in eastern Wyoming. After exploring the area around the eroded core of this ancient volcano, head into the Black Hills of South Dakota and the boomtown of Deadwood, which arose after the discovery of gold in the 1870s. Explore the town and learn a bit about its founding, expansion and decline from your entertaining guide. Journey on to Rapid City, where you have the option of visiting Mount Rushmore this evening to see the magical illumination ceremony.

Full Breakfast

Adoba Hotel Rapid City

Day 8: BLACK HILLS EXCURSION AND FREE TIME

This morning discover more of the natural and manmade wonders of the Black Hills with a drive through stunning scenery on your way to see the Crazy Horse Memorial, a massive mountain carving of the famed war chief of the Lakota people. Next is a visit to Mount Rushmore, designed by sculptor Gutzon Borglum to celebrate the "founding, expansion, preservation and unification of the United States" through enormous carvings of George Washington, Thomas Jefferson, Theodore Roosevelt and Abraham Lincoln. The afternoon is yours to do as you please. This evening, toast your Travel Director and new friends at a festive Farewell Dinner.

Meal(s)

Full Breakfast

Farewell Dinner

Day 9: DEPART RAPID CITY

Bid farewell to your travelling companions and take a transfer to Rapid City Airport or extend your stay in Rapid City at the Adoba Hotel Rapid City.

Full Breakfast

INCLUSIONS:



Sightseeing Highlights:

Orientation tour of Jackson

Visit the Oregon Trail Center in Montpelier, Yellowstone National Park, the towering peaks of Grand Teton National Park, the Buffalo Bill Center of the West in Cody, Devil's Tower National Monument, and the Black Hills of South Dakota

View Crazy Horse Memorial and Mount Rushmore Scenic drive through Deadwood Dining

(including Be My Guest).

Travel	High	lights:

Airport Transfers

Luxury air-conditioned coach with WiFi in most countries or
alternative transportation (such as rail journeys)
□Hand-picked 4 and 5 star accommodation
□Hand-picked Insider Experiences
□Optional Experiences and free time
□All porterage and restaurant gratuities
□Must-see sightseeing and surprise extras
□An expert Travel Director and separate Driver
□All hotel tips, charges and local taxes
□Airport transfers on the first and last day of your guided holiday
□VIP entry to many sights
□Audio Headsets for flexible sightseeing
∏8 nights First Class accommodation