Western Adventure

Yellowstone - Grand Tetons - Black Hills & Medora

\$2,098 Per Person

Monday, July 26 Keystone, SD

Are you ready for the thrill of a Western Adventure? Summer is a beautiful time to travel the southwestern part of Minnesota into our neighboring state of South Dakota. Our luncheon stop will be in Sioux Falls with an afternoon break in Wall, South Dakota. Our home for the next two nights will be at the foothills of Mount Rushmore at the Ramada. More than 60 unique gift shops and restaurants as well as specialty shops make this a favorite vacation destination.

Tuesday, July 27 Keystone, SD

After breakfast we will take a short jaunt to board the historic 1880 Train, pulled by a steam locomotive complete with vintage cars, and chug through the hills from Keystone to Hill City. For lunch we will visit historic downtown Rapid City where life-size bronze statues of our nation's past presidents line the sidewalks. Our afternoon will have great photo opportunities filled with an oasis of colorful blooms, lush vegetation, and nature as we stroll at our leisure through the botanical gardens and walkways of Reptile Gardens. Spectators can watch the show about snakes, alligators, and view the prairie dogs scurrying around in their little town. An early evening arrival at Mount Rushmore gives us an opportunity to see the museum, watch the production in the theater, visit the gift shop and eat a light meal. The illumination of the majestic 60-foot faces of four U. S. presidents gazing out over South Dakota's Black Hills continues to thrill visitors. As the sun sets and patriotic music plays, the sculpture is bathed in light.



Grand Tetons - Jackson Hole, WY

Wednesday, July 28 Riverton, WY

As we depart Keystone, enjoy the scenic drive through Custer State Park, habitat of one of the world's largest free-roaming bison herds. Visitors are likely to meet the park's residents, "begging burros" on The Wildlife Loop Road. You can watch for photo opportunities for glimpses of free-roaming buffalo, bighorn sheep, prairie dogs, mule deer and elk. While traveling to Thunder Basin National Grassland we will cover five counties (1,800,339 acres). The national grassland was once a dust bowl. We will drive past Black Thunder Mine, one of the largest US coal mines and the first coal mine in the world to ship one billion tons; extracting coal from a 50-mile long seam in the Powder River Basin area. We will arrive into Casper, WY for a late lunch. Our overnight stay will be at the Wind River Hotel & Casino in Riverton.

Thursday, July 29 Jackson Hole, WY

Sit back and relax for a morning drive through the grasslands of Wyoming into the western town of Dubois. As the scenery becomes even more enchanting the Grand Tetons come into view. The Tetons are among the youngest mountains on the continent. We will get a glimpse of the National Elk Refuge before arriving in Jackson Hole, for lunch. You will have the afternoon to leisurely shop and meander the town before checking into our hotel. Our treat for the evening is visiting the Bar J Ranch for a Chuck Wagon Supper and Show. If you remember songs like "Tumbling Tumble Weeds", and "Cool Water" you will enjoy cowboys yodeling and poetry with loads of ranch style humor. Our overnight stay will be at the mountain lodge-like SpringHill Suites in downtown Jackson.

Friday, July 30 Cody, WY

There are many magnificent and unique places on this earth, but perhaps none quite as unique and wonderful as the world's first national park, Yellowstone National Park. Old Faithful, the most recognizable feature in the park, is just one of some 10,000 hot springs and geysers here. Paint Pots are large springs filled with hot clay ranging in color from white to shades of pink and black, with Fountain Paint Pot being the most famous in the park. We will travel on Canyon Drive, through Inspiration Point, down to the fishing bridge via the road known as "Buffalo Bill Cody Scenic Byway"; designated the "most scenic 52 miles in America" by President Theodore Roosevelt. Take note of the unusual rock formations along the way. Step back in time... into the old west as we enter Cody, WY. We will have an included dinner at the Irma Hotel – a place that Buffalo Bill Cody called "a gem" just outside of Yellowstone National Park. He built the hotel in 1902 and named it for his daughter, Irma. After dinner, our hotel for the evening is the Holiday Inn at Buffalo Bill Village in Cody.

Western Adventure Reservation Form July 26-Aug. 3, 2021 Wendinger Name Travel requests all non-smoking Room Partner____ rooms unless otherwise specified. Address City, State, Zip_____ Cell Phone Phone Traveling Companions Indicate tentative pick-up point: ____ New Ulm ____ Hutchinson ____ New Prague Finalized route & pick-up locations determined by Wendinger Travel at time of invoicing. Make \$200 deposit per person payable to: Wendinger Travel • PO Box 386 • New Ulm, MN 56073

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Saturday, July 31 Billings, MT

The opportunity is yours to relax or visit the Buffalo Bill Historical Center. William F. Cody was a scout, hunter, marksman, Pony Express rider, Congressional Medal of Honor winner,



adventurer and showman. He was also the most famous person in the world. Ten years after his death, the Buffalo Bill Museum opened in Cody. Over the next 76 years, that single museum grew to five Western museums becoming known as the Buffalo Bill Historical

Center. Enjoy the living legacies of his Wild West. After lunch, we will make our way to the Little Big Horn Battlefield at the Croix Agency in Montana. We will be joined by a step-on-guide to help re-enact the massacre of General Custer's troops. The Little Bighorn Battlefield National Monument commemorates the dramatic climax of the Indian wars by preserving the site of this American Indian victory. After we leave the park we will drive onward to Billings, Montana where our home will be at the DoubleTree by Hilton.

Sunday, August 1 Medora, ND

We'll travel through Eastern Montana into Western North Dakota on Interstate 94 on our way to the Badlands of North Dakota. Our first stop will be the Theodore Roosevelt National Park, as we pay tribute to the 26th President's contributions toward the conservation of the nation's natural resources. The Medora Visitor Center depicts the personal items of President Theodore Roosevelt. Ranching artifacts, natural history displays, and the restored Maltese cross cabin which Roosevelt frequented is behind the center. A major portion of the south unit of the park is a paved 36-mile scenic loop road viewing the historical and natural phenomena. Have your

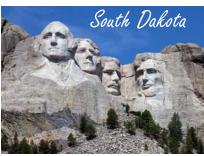
cameras ready to capture a glimpse of buffalo and the prairie dog towns. Our luncheon stop will be in downtown, Medora. This evening you will take part in a unique Medora treat, The Pitchfork Fondue, that will have you saying, "the best steak ever!" After dinner you will enjoy the Medora Musical production. This outdoor splendor takes place in a 2,900-seat amphitheater and history comes alive nightly with western themes and top-notch variety acts. Tonight, we will be lodging at the Rough Riders Hotel.

Monday, August 2 Bismarck, ND

After a brief walk to a nearby restaurant for a buffet breakfast, we will depart Medora. Shortly after leaving Medora we will turn south onto the Enchanted Highway, home of the World's Largest Metal Sculptures, with more being built each year. We will make a stop at the gift shop hopefully to have the opportunity to meet the artist Gary Greff. After lunch we are going to the "Skyscraper on the Prairie", the North Dakota State Capital for a guided tour. We will also tour the State History Museum. Our evening stay will be at the Courtyard by Marriott in Bismarck.

Tuesday, August 3 Home

After breakfast we will make one last stop in Jamestown at the National Buffalo Museum. As we travel East on Interstate 94 onward to Minnesota we thank our driver for a safe journey, we bid farewell to our traveling "family", and we hope that you have experienced a truly enjoyable vacation to our Western Adventure!



Great Faces. Great Places



General Information:

Tour price: \$2,098.00 per person based on double occupancy. Single accommodations are \$724 additional charge.

Deposit and Payments:

A deposit of \$200.00 per person is required to secure your reservation. Full payment is due by June 1, 2021. Credit cards are not accepted.

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Your Trip Includes:

- Round trip deluxe motor coach transportation
- Eight nights accommodations based on double occupancy
- Luggage handling one per person
- Breakfast each morning
- Park Admission to Custer State Park, Yellowstone National Park, Big Horn Battlefield, Grand Tetons & the Theodore Roosevelt National Park.
- Roosevelt & Big Horn Park Guides
- Admission Mount Rushmore & Reptile/Botanical Gardens.
- 1880 Train ride
- Buffalo Bill Museum
- Pitchfork Fondue
- Medora Musical
- Bar J Ranch Chuckwagon dinner show
- Dinner at the Irma Hotel Cody, WY
- Fully escorted

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