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Great Parks of the West

Mt Rushmore-Tetons-Rockies-Jackson Hole-W. Yellowstone-Cody-Medora

July 28-Aug. 4, 2021 8 Days



PRICE INCLUDES:

- Motorcoach Transportation
- Hotel Accommodations
- Utopia Tours Tour Director
- Baggage Handling (1 bag p.p.)
- Wall, SD
 - Wall Drug
 - Meal
- Rapid City, SD
- Black Hills of South Dakota
- Mt. Rushmore
- Casper, WY
- Rocky Mountains
- Teton Mountains
- Jackson, WY (2 nights at Antler Inn)
 - Jackson Hole Mtn Resort Ski Area
 - Town Square Shootout
 - Jackson Hole Playhouse
 - Dinner & Play t.b.a.
- West Yellowstone, MT
- Yellowstone Nat'l Park (So. Entr.)
 - Old Faithful, Fountain Paint Pot,
 - Mammoth Hot Springs
 - Old Faithful Dining Room-Lunch
 - Canyon Village
 - Grand Canyon of Yellowstone
 - Fishing Bridge/Yellowstone Lake
- Cody, WY
 - Buffalo Bill Museum
 - Irma's Restaurant-Dinner
 - Cody Gunfight
 - Cody Night Rodeo
- Little Bighorn Battlefield Nat'l Mon.
- Medora, ND
 - Pitchfork Steak Fondue Dinner
 - Medora Musical
 - Buffet Breakfast
 - Painted Canyon Visitors Center /
 - Theodore Roosevelt Nat'l Park
- Meals t.b.a.

*Option (not included in price): White Water Rafting in Jackson Hole on the Snake River

This tour will take you through South Dakota, Wyoming, Montana, and North Dakota to experience the great parks, landmarks, and cultures of the different areas along the way. Watch as the landscape changes from the plains, to rolling hills, to meadows and mountains, and canyons along the way. Bring your camera with on this tour!

Wed., July 28: Rapid City, SD A great summer tour awaits us as we head west to view the many beautiful sights of the Badlands and Black Hills, Tetons and Jackson Hole, Yellowstone National Park and Medora. Our route takes us through a portion of **Badlands National Park to Wall, SD** where a stop is included at the **famous Wall Drug**. Then continue on to **Rapid City, SD**, our home for the night.

Thurs., July 29: Casper, WY We will head into the **Black Hills** this morning. The Black Hills contains scenic drives, unique landscapes, a variety of wildlife, a rich culture and history, and more in this vast area known as the Black Hills. In Keystone, SD, we visit **Mt. Rushmore**, where the faces of former presidents George Washington, Thomas Jefferson, Theodore Roosevelt, and Abraham Lincoln, are carved into the mountain. This enormous project took 14 years to complete, ending in 1941. We'll have lunch in this area before continuing on through the Black Hills to Custer, SD. From here our route takes us through Newcastle, WY, to **Casper, WY**, for the night.

Fri., July 30: Jackson, WY We keep going westward through central Wyoming, with a stop in Riverton for coffee. The **Rocky Mountains** will be in view as we drive through the Wind River Range. In Moran, we'll go south on 191 to **Jackson, WY, for a two-night stay**, viewing the awesome **Teton Mountains** along the way. The Old West is still alive in Jackson. Our lodging is at the **Antler Inn**, located one block from Jackson's charming western Town Square. See the elk antler arches. The hotel is close to restaurants, shops, and nightspots. The evening is free to enjoy on your own here.

Sat., July 31: Jackson, WY (D) Today will be a fun free day. You may want to go on a white water rafting trip on the Snake River (optional). The bus will go to the **Jackson Hole Mountain Resort Ski area in Teton Village** to spend some time here. You may wish to take an optional Tram up Jackson Hole Mountain for a great view of the Valley. This mountain is one of America's highest mountains at 4,140 feet high. Later this afternoon we return to Jackson. We'll take in the nightly **Town Square Shootout at the Town Square** tonight before we enjoy a **fantastic dinner and show at the Jackson Hole Playhouse**. You'll enjoy their Western Musical, "t.b.a."

B=Breakfast, L=Lunch, D=Dinner included that day

This is a tentative brochure. Let us know if you would like to sign up for this tour, or if you are just interested in this tour, and we will e-mail or mail a brochure at a later date listing more complete details and prices. No deposits are due to hold seat at this time. Trip Cancellation & Interruption Insurance information is available on our website.

STATES VISITED ON THIS TOUR: MN-SD-WY-MT-ND

Sun., Aug. 1: West Yellowstone, MT (L) After a fun couple days in Jackson we will head north, again viewing the **Tetons of Grand Teton National Park**. Our route takes us along Jackson Lake on our way to the South Entrance of **Yellowstone National Park**. Yellowstone is widely held to be the first national park in the World, and is known for its wildlife and its many geothermal features, most notably, the Old Faithful Geyser. We will explore the Park and more scenic stops, including Old Faithful, with free time here. At the **Old Faithful Inn Dining Room, we'll have a delicious Western Buffet lunch**. After lunch, stops will be made at sightseeing pull outs as we go up to **Mammoth Hot Springs**. Then come back down through the Park to our overnight, just across the border in **West Yellowstone, MT**.

Mon., Aug. 2: Cody, WY (D) Continuing our sightseeing this morning we will come back into the Park at the Norris Cut-Across to **Canyon Village**, and then stop at the **Grand Canyon of Yellowstone** for an awesome view of the **Falls of the Yellowstone River**. Then down to **Fishing Bridge to see Yellowstone Lake**. A scenic drive takes us to the east entrance where we leave the Park and continue through the Shoshone National Forest to the western town of **Cody, WY**. Here we will visit the **Buffalo Bill Museum** to learn of the authentic story of the American West - past and present, history and myth, and culture. Then check into our hotel. After we get settled in we will have an included **dinner at Irma's Restaurant**, built by Buffalo Bill, in 1902, naming it after his daughter, Irma. After dinner, **watch the Cody Gunfight**. Tonight we attend the **Cody Night Rodeo**, which started in 1938 and is the longest running night rodeo in the World. A fun-filled day.

Tues., Aug. 3: Medora, ND (D) We venture on north, this morning, to **Billings, MT**. After lunch we will drive a short distance to Crow Agency, MT, and stop at the **Little Bighorn Battlefield National Monument**. It is here the battle commonly referred to as Custer's Last Stand was fought. It is now a place of reflection as the place where Lt. Col. Custer and other cavalry died in a battle with the Sioux and Cheyenne as they fought to preserve their way of life. From here, stops will be made along the way as we travel through Miles City and Glendive, MT, on I-94, to **Medora, ND**. This evening we head just outside of town, and up to the scenic Tjaden Terrace to enjoy the **Pitchfork Steak Fondue** with all the fixins'. After our meal, we walk a short distance over to the **Medora Musical** show. Our outdoor seats are nestled into the hillside, and overlook the Badlands as the sun sets. You'll enjoy this western-style musical show that is proudly dedicated to the legacy of President Theodore Roosevelt, and the time he spent here in the Badlands of the Dakota Territory. Then return to our hotel in **Medora, ND**, for the night.

Wed., Aug. 4: Home (B) Enjoy the included **Buffet Breakfast** this morning in Medora, and then shortly after leaving we will stop at the **Painted Canyon Visitor's Center** where you can overlook the **Theodore Roosevelt National Park**. We will then make our way home after exploring through the Black Hills, Rocky Mountains, Grand Teton National Park, Yellowstone National Park, Painted Canyon/Badlands National Park, and so much more. We arrive home later this evening. Thank you for traveling with Utopia Tours.



*Deposit due at later date. Price includes highlighted info in write-up, motorcoach transportation, hotels as listed, Utopia Tour Director, meals as noted. See Policy Sheet for more information. Travel Guard Trip Cancellation & Interruption Insurance is available. *Information (dates, inclusions, prices, etc) subject to change without notice.*