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Great Parks of the West Tour

Mt. Rushmore~Tetons~Rockies~Jackson Hole, WY~West Yellowstone, MT~Cody, WY~Medora

July 29-Aug. 5, 2020 • 8 Days

PRICE INCLUDES:

- Motorcoach Transportation
- Hotel Accommodations
- Utopia Tours Tour Director
- Baggage Handling (1 bag p.p.)
- 7 Breakfasts / 5 Meals
- 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)
 - Jackson Hole Mtn Resort Ski Area
 - Town Square Shootout
 - Jackson Hole Playhouse
 - Dinner & Western Musical Show
- 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

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

STATES VISITED on this tour:

MN, SD, WY, MT, ND

PRICE PER PERSON

Double Occupancy\$1,690
Triple Occupancy.....\$1,660
Quad Occupancy\$1,630
Single Occupancy\$1,999
DEPOSIT: \$200 p.p. (due upon sign-up)
FINAL PAYMENT DUE: June 17, 2020

**Early Bird Discount \$50 per person
if you pay the deposit by 5/6/20**

*discounts to be deducted from final payment

Trip Cancellation & Interruption Insurance available.
Ask us for details or see our website.



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 29: Rapid City, SD (D) 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 **meal** is included at the famous **Wall Drug**. Then continue on to **Rapid City, SD**, our home for the night.

Thurs., July 30: Casper, WY (B) 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 31: Jackson, WY (B) 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., Aug. 1: Jackson, WY (B, 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 this Western Musical they put on for you.



(B=Breakfast; L=Lunch; D=Dinner included that day)

Sun., Aug. 2: West Yellowstone, MT (B, 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. 3: Cody, WY (B, 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. 4: Medora, ND (B, 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. 5: 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.

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DEPOSIT: \$200 p.p. due upon sign-up.

FINAL PAYMENT: Due by 6/17/20.

Payment by cash or check is preferred.

VISA, MASTERCARD, DISCOVER accepted.

DISCOUNTS: U-Save Coupons, Early Bird Discounts, etc., are to be deducted from final payment, not your deposit.

PICK-UPS AND DROP-OFFS are in: Fargo / F-M Visitors Center; Fergus Falls / Wal-Mart; Alexandria / Perkins; St Cloud / Country Inn & Suites (on Park Ave). You can leave your car at these locations for the duration of your tour.

Other pick-ups may be available depending on route of tour.

SEE POLICY SHEET FOR MORE INFO.

TOUR INCLUDES: See "Price Includes" Section. All sightseeing admissions, transportation, transfers, guide fees, a Utopia Tours tour director, events included in tour itinerary, lodging, baggage handling (for one piece of luggage per person), taxes, tips for services included in tour, meals mentioned in "Price Includes" section of itinerary. **NOT INCLUDED:** Tips for meals or services not included in tour price, Tour Director and Tour Driver tips.

PACKING: Dress for comfort! Layered clothing is the way to go! **TOUR BUS:** The tour bus will have a restroom in the back of the bus. Most buses have WiFi capabilities (limited in Canada & Alaska). Some buses may have plug-ins for your electronics. **MOTORCOACH SEATING:** There are no assigned or reserved seats.* It is common policy on motorcoach tours to rotate seats during tours. For the comfort and courtesy of all passengers, it is required that everyone participate in seat rotation.* (*unless we've been contacted by you for medical reasons) **BREAKS:** On driving days, we stop every few hours for coffee and lunch breaks. This is a great time to stretch a little, use restroom facilities, take a smoke break, and mingle with the other passengers. **UTOPIA TOURS** reserves the right to make changes or alterations in the printed itinerary, dates, routings, or included features prior to or during the tour as may be necessary for the smooth and efficient operation of the tour without prior notice and assumes no responsibility for delays and/or expenses due to such modification. We will make every effort to fulfill special meal and rooms requests, but do not assume responsibility or liability if request isn't fulfilled.

RESPONSIBILITY: Utopia Tours is not responsible for any loss or damage of personal property or for injuries, expenses or damages whatsoever incurred or claimed by any tour member. Once our activities have ended for the day and we are at our lodging, as well as any time you have exited the bus during the tour day, you are on your own and Utopia Tours is not liable for your activities and/or any accident/incident that may occur. Please use your best judgment when crossing streets/roads and be careful for uneven or slippery sidewalks. Your safety is important to us! **MORE INFORMATION** will be mailed out to you approximately 10 days prior to departure. This letter will include a tour brochure, hotel list, your pick-up and drop-off times/location, luggage tags, and more. Name tags will be in the tour packet you receive when you board the bus.

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