

16 Day Yellowstone Park And Grand Tetons

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1 GATEWAY TO THE WEST / ST. LOUIS

We begin our enjoyable day by getting acquainted and talking over plans for the days ahead on our tour. We travel northwest through the "Bluegrass State" of Kentucky as we continue our first day's journey through the state of Illinois toward our destination for the night, St. Louis, Missouri, commonly known as the "Gateway to the West".

2 EISENHOWER MUSEUM & HOME / SALINA, KANSAS

Today could well be called "Historical Day" since we see the home of one of our former Presidents. We continue through the state of Missouri to Independence for lunch before continuing west into the State of Kansas, better known as "the Breadbasket of America". At Abilene we will visit former President Dwight D. Eisenhower's Museum, home and final resting place at Meditation Chapel. Salina, Kansas is our destination for the night.

3 DENVER, COLORADO

Today we leave Kansas and travel into the beautiful state of Colorado. We see the Rockies for the first time today. These Rocky Mountains are a very prominent geologic feature. The Continental Divide splits Colorado into two distinct regions. We spend the night in the Denver area. When you visit the Capitol you will be one mile above sea level. The interior and pillar facings are of Colorado rose onyx. The onyx mines have been depleted so no more of this beautiful stone can be found.

4 TRAIL RIDGE ROAD IN ROCKY MOUNTAIN NATIONAL PARK AND ESTES PARK/ FT. COLLINS, COLORADO

Trail Ridge Road crosses the broad back of Colorado's Front Range through Rocky Mountain National Park. It rises to 12,183 feet, well above tree line, and rolls along over a gentle landscape akin to the world's Arctic regions. We will get more than top-of-the-world vistas on this drive. We skirt wide meadows where bighorn sheep, elk and deer browse and follow streams and rivers—including the meek headwaters of the Colorado—and plunge through subalpine forests. At nearly every turn, the flat summit of Longs Peak and its companion peaks loom over the rooftops. We continue to Fort Collins, CO for the night.



5 SALT LAKE CITY, UTAH

Our journey today takes us into the "Beehive State" of Utah. This nickname is taken from the Mormon word "Deseret" (honey-bee), which stands for hard work and industry. We will spend the next two nights in Salt Lake City.

6 SIGHTSEEING / MORMON TABERNACLE

We see many interesting sights in Salt Lake City today on our half-day guided tour of the city. Afternoon is free for shopping, relaxing or visiting the famous Mormon Tabernacle at Temple Square. If the Choir is practicing in the evening we will attend the practice. Overnight again in Salt Lake City.

7 GRAND TETON NATIONAL PARK

Today we turn north and leave the state of Utah behind as we enter the "Land of the Cowboy", Wyoming. Our stop for tonight will be in the Grand Tetons and Jackson area. While here we will see the majestic mountain scenery of the Grand Tetons. Peaks in this park rise to heights of over 7,000 feet above the valley floor and frame a majestic landscape that is unique in America. It is a scene that has long been famous for its beauty even though the mountains are among the youngest of the North American Continent. Watch the shootout in Town Square each evening in Jackson.



8 & 9 YELLOWSTONE NATIONAL PARK

Today we visit the oldest, largest and best known park in America, Yellowstone National Park. We will have a tour of the park as we see Old Faithful Geyser that has been erupting consistently for over 100 years. At the Fountain Paint Pots see four of the geothermal features: fumaroles, geysers, hot springs, and a bubbling mudpot. Photo stops along the way at Yellowstone River's Lower Falls—almost twice as high as Niagara. Accommodations await us for two nights in the Yellowstone Park area.



MOTORCOACH

10 BUFFALO BILL CENTER OF THE WEST IN CODY

We continue through Yellowstone Park today as we depart for Cody, Wyoming. We will visit the Buffalo Bill Center of The West before checking into our hotel. Dinner is included this evening at the Irma Hotel, a meeting place for local cattlemen, sheep-herders and oilmen for the past 80 years. Its \$100,000 bar was a gift from Queen Victoria to Buffalo Bill. In the evening we will attend the Cody Rodeo. **D**



11 BIG HORN MOUNTAINS AND RAPID CITY

As we leave Wyoming and its beautiful scenery, keep in mind the fact that the U. S. Government owns almost half the land in the state. We soon cross the Big Horn Mountains before arrival in Rapid City, South Dakota, where accommodations await us for the next two nights.

12 MOUNT RUSHMORE MEMORIAL / CRAZY HORSE

Mount Rushmore National Memorial is our main attraction today. We will view this famous granite carving of the faces of four great American Presidents . . . Washington, Jefferson, Lincoln and Theodore Roosevelt. . . on a 6,000-foot mountain in the Black Hills of South Dakota as grand and enduring as the contributions of the men represented. It was a controversial project when Gutzon Borglum, sculptor, began his work on the carving in 1927. With crews often numbering 30 workers, he continued through 14 years of crisis and heartbreak and had almost finished in March, 1941 when he died. His son brought the project to a close in October of that year. We will also see the Crazy Horse Memorial, built in honor of the fearless Sioux Indian Chief. We return to Rapid City again for overnight.



13 BADLANDS OF SOUTH DAKOTA

Traveling today through the Badlands, we are on our way to Mitchell, South Dakota, for our next overnight stop. The Badlands have an unusual beauty all their own with spectacular exhibits of weathering and erosion. This fantastic painted landscape of steeply eroded buttes, spires and razor-edged ridges was made a National Monument by President Franklin Roosevelt in 1939 and became a National Park in 1978.

14 AMANA, IOWA AND DINNER

Today our journey takes us across the Missouri River into the "Hawkeye State" of Iowa. Even though industry is slowly creeping in, Iowa has about 95% of its land under cultivation— more than any other state. We will enjoy a delicious dinner (included) in Amana. A unique venture in community cooperation, the seven villages of the Amana Colonies function as a corporation with workers as owners of the stock. A religiously motivated community, Amana produces smoked meats, woolen goods, bakery products, furniture, ovens and radar ranges. Overnight Coralville/ Iowa City, Iowa. **D**



15 INDIANAPOLIS, INDIANA

The capital city of Indiana, Indianapolis is the scene of our last night together. The city is often called "The Crossroads of America" because of the many highways which intersect here.

16 HOMEWARD BOUND

As our journey comes to an end, we must bid farewell to our newly found friends. We anxiously await our arrival home to tell our family and friends about our exciting adventure to Yellowstone National Park with KNOXVILLE TOURS.

2 MEALS INCLUDED

B - Breakfast • L - Lunch • D - Dinner

Price Per Person:

Single \$3875 Twin \$2895 Triple \$2650

17 day tour from these cities departing one day earlier: Attalla, Decatur and Huntsville, AL and Lexington, KY. Add \$150 to the above prices for twin and triple and \$180 for single.