



Itinerary

Inspiring! Magnificent! America's National Parks system! Located inside our national parks are untamed areas of natural beauty and protected treasures of our majestic continent. Enjoy a breathtaking summer journey to America's very first National Park . . . incredible Yellowstone!

DAY 1: Salt Lake City. Meet your local guide who will show you the State Capital, Temple Square and more. Later, enjoy a "Welcome Dinner" with all your traveling buddies. Overnight Salt Lake City. (D)

Day 2: Jackson Hole. The unbri-dled western town of Jackson, WY, awaits! Stroll the historic square or ride a stage-coach. Later, board a Bar-T-5 covered wagon for a cookout and musical shenanigans. Overnight Painted Buffalo. (B,D)

DAYS 3-4: Oldest National Park. Marvel at the mighty Grand Teton, 13,771-ft tall, then visit the Chapel of the Transfigura-tion and reflective Jenny Lake. After lunch follow the John D. Rockefeller Parkway to Yellowstone National Park (7,300-ft eleva-tion). Yellowstone was America's first Na-tional Park. Bed down for two nights at the Canyon Lodge inside the park!

Founded in 1872, magnificent Yellow-stone features over 10,000 hot springs and the greatest concentration of geothermal features in the world. See Old Faithful, the world's most photographed geyser. It erupts up to 20 times a day, up to 130-feet high. for about 20 seconds.

You'll also visit the Fountain Paint Pots and majestic Hayden Valley. Watch for the largest variety of wildlife in the U.S. including elk, bear, moose, bighorn sheep and one of the last herds of wild buffalo. (B)

DAY 5: Beartooth Highway. Ride the wild Beartooth Highway! CBS news correspondent Charles Kuralt describes it as "the most beautiful drive in America." Visit the alpine village of Red Lodge where many buildings on Main Street were built in the 19th century. Overnight Country Inn & Suites in Billings, MT. (B)

DAY 6: Deadwood, SD. Your travels take you to famous Little Big Horn Battlefield (formerly Custer Battlefield). Re-trace the paths of George Armstrong Custer, his 7th Calvary, and Sitting Bull as you tour this fascinating monument-site of "Custer's Last Stand" in 1876. Down the road is Devil's Tower Monument, an 865-ft. granite column rising from the prairie. Remember the movie, "Close Encounters of the Third Kind"? Yep, it's that big rock!

Enjoy two nights at the Mineral Palace in Deadwood, SD! Located in the Black Hills, Deadwood is famous for Wild Bill Hickok, Calamity Jane, and old Boot Hill! (B)

Devil's Tower, Grand Tetons & historic Deadwood!



Yellowstone

and Mount Rushmore

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Yellowstone National Park highlights

- R/T air from Austin, Corpus Christi & San Antonio.
- Roomy coach with all amenities for sightseeing.
- 8-nts hotels (2nts Yellowstone & 2nts Deadwood).
- 12 meals (8 breakfasts, 1 lunch, and 3 dinners).
- 1880 Train, Beartooth Highway, Crazy Horse Monu-ment, Deadwood, Devil's Tower, Grand Tetons, Jackson Hole, Mount Rushmore, Old Faithful, Wall Drug & more that we're not telling now!
- Experienced local guides!
- Hotel taxes & luggage handling: 1 bag per person.
- Escorted by Rockport Tours.

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to Salt Lake City & from Omaha.*



Some walking,
Altitude.

DAY 7: Mt. Rushmore. It's all aboard the Black Hills Central Railroad in Keystone. The 1880 Train narrow gauge line climbs steep grades in the shadow of the rocky summits of the Black Hills. The line was part of the network of branches built by the Burlington Lines to tap the area's mining riches.

This afternoon learn about Gutzen Borglum's 14-year dedication to carving Mt. Rushmore. You'll marvel at the spec-tacular granite sculptures of Washington, Jefferson, Roosevelt & Lincoln. (B)

DAY 8: The Wall & Corn. To-day head to famous Wall Drug and the Corn Palace, a palace made of corn, grain and grasses!

You'll sup heartily at Bracco Restau-rant and sleep well at the Baymont Inn in Sioux Falls, SD. (B,D)

DAY 9: Time to say goodbye to our traveling friends, but there's still one more place to visit. It's Kenefick Park in Omaha that houses the 4-8-8-4 UP Big Boy 4023 locomotive! Enjoy a picnic lunch and trans-fer to the airport. (B, Picnic)

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