

# National Parks & Lodges of the Old West

July 13-22, 2016



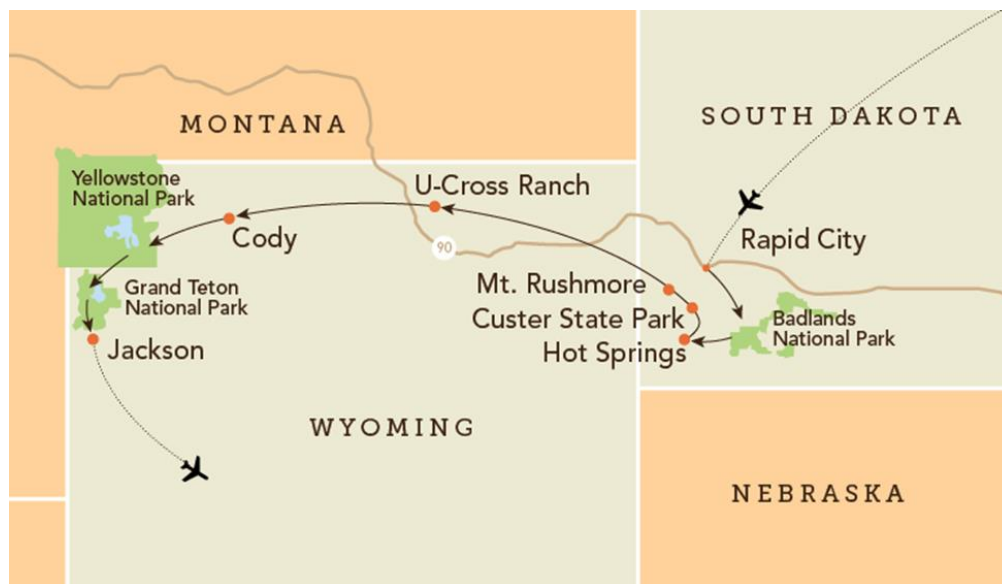
Trace the legends and natural splendors of the American West. The country our ancestors dreamed about—and that still resides in our nation's great parks—is filled with beautiful scenery, abundant wildlife, hiking, storytelling, and incredible historic lodges you will write home about.

*Please come to the information session on Thursday, March 24 at 10 am at the D'Amour Museum of Fine Arts and 5 pm at Glenmeadow, Longmeadow, MA.*

## Program Highlights:

- ❖ Overnight in landmark lodges that are national treasures themselves.
- ❖ Enjoy a chuck wagon cookout after a visit to Custer State Park—a wildlife reserve with scenic lakes, dramatic granite spires, and lush grasslands where bison herds roam.
- ❖ Marvel at the grandeur of Mount Rushmore, the Crazy Horse Memorial, and the world's largest mammoth site, where scientists are excavating remains of Columbian and woolly mammoths from 26,000 years ago.
- ❖ See the dramatic effects of Yellowstone's volcanically active caldera with visits to otherworldly geothermal sites including Fountain Paint Pot and Old Faithful Geyser.

**Cost: Land only, \$3995 per person double occupancy; \$4995 single occupancy**



## **National Parks & Lodges of the Old West Overview:**

Day 1: Arrive in Rapid City, SD

Day 2: Badlands Nat'l Park / Custer State Park

Day 3: Custer St. Park / Hot Springs

Day 4: Custer St. Park / Spearfish Canyon

Day 5: U-Cross Ranch / Cody, WY

Day 6: Cody / Yellowstone Nat'l Park

Day 7: Yellowstone Nat'l Park

Day 8: Grand Teton Nat'l Park / Jackson

Day 9: Jackson

Day 10: Depart Jackson

Optional Extension:

Days 10-12 in Jackson



### **Day-to-day itinerary:**

#### **Day 1: Arrive in Rapid City, SD**

Arrive in Rapid City and transfer to your hotel, where you will meet your Expedition Leaders and traveling companions for a welcome drink and expedition briefing.

Overnight: Adoba Eco Hotel (R)

#### **Day 2: Badlands National Park / Custer State Park**

Following breakfast, head to Badlands National Park, featuring some of the most spectacular scenery in the region. An afternoon safari into the Custer State Park reserve takes us to beautiful vistas where herds of bison and other wildlife can be observed. At a special chuck wagon cookout, sample Western specialties. Tonight, stay in Custer State Game Lodge. Built in 1920 and listed on the National Register of Historic Places, this lodge served as the "Summer White House" for President Calvin Coolidge in 1927 and was visited by President Dwight D. Eisenhower in 1953.

Overnight: Custer State Game Lodge (B,D)

**Day 3: Custer State Park / Hot Springs**

This morning, travel to Hot Springs to visit the world's largest mammoth dig site. After a short tour, stroll on the boardwalk over the dig area and see the paleontology laboratory. Continue to work-in-progress Crazy Horse Memorial. Under construction since 1948, when completed it may become the world's largest sculpture. The remainder of the day is yours to enjoy in Custer State Park.

Overnight: Custer State Game Lodge (B,D)

**Day 4: Custer State Park / Spearfish Canyon**

Today visit one of the world's largest stone monuments, the iconic Mount Rushmore. Afterward, visit Tatanka and walk with a local guide to view "Tatanka, The Story of the Bison." Spend the night deep in the heart of one of the most breathtakingly beautiful canyons in the world.

Overnight: Spearfish Canyon Lodge (B,D)

**Day 5: U-Cross Ranch / Cody, WY**

Journey through scenic Spearfish Canyon and across the grassy plains of Wyoming. Enjoy lunch at an authentic Western Ranch. Cross the Bighorn Mountains to Buffalo Bill's Wild West town of Cody, Wyoming.

Overnight: Holiday Inn Cody (B,L)

**Day 6-7: Cody / Yellowstone National Park**

Visit the Buffalo Bill Center of the West for a step into the region's rich past, including Western and Native American history, the life of W.F. "Buffalo Bill" Cody, Yellowstone, and old firearms. Continue on and pass through Shoshone National Forest to Yellowstone National Park, established in 1872 as the world's first national park. Watch in awe as Old Faithful Geyser erupts to heights between 106 to 185 feet. A stop at the Fountain Paint Pot Nature Trail is an opportunity to witness all four types of geothermal features found throughout the world, including bubbling mud pots. Continue on to Mammoth Hot Springs, where steamy limestone terraces and hot springs overlook the visiting facilities. Perhaps visit the Albright Visitor Center and Museum.

Overnight: Yellowstone Lodging (B,D)

**Day 8: Grand Teton National Park / Jackson**

Head south this morning through vast unspoiled wilderness to Grand Teton National Park, its jagged mountain peaks forming a perfect backdrop behind Jenny and Jackson Lakes. Continue on to the Western town of Jackson, Wyoming.

Overnight: The Rustic Inn (B)

**Day 9: Jackson**

Today is yours to explore on your own. You may choose to wander into Jackson's lively town square and browse the local art galleries and boutiques or take part in a wide range of optional outdoor activities including horseback riding, fly fishing, or a float trip down the Snake River. This evening, enjoy a farewell dinner hosted by your Expedition Leaders.

Overnight: The Rustic Inn (B,D)

### **Day 10: Depart Jackson**

After breakfast, guests departing during the suggested times take a complimentary transfer to the airport for flights home. (B)

R = Reception, B = Breakfast, L = Lunch, D = Dinner

### **Or extend your stay in Jackson!**

### **Day 10: Depart Jackson/Grand Teton Wildlife Extension**

Grand Teton Wildlife Excursion

Wildlife experts will guide you to the park's viewing hotspots while also providing details about the area's history, landmarks, and geography.

Overnight: Rustic Inn (B)

### **Day 11: Jackson/Leisure**

Take advantage of the wildlife viewing, enjoy various outdoor activities, visit the National Museum of Wildlife Art, explore downtown Jackson's shops and restaurants or relax at the Rustic Inn's resort and spa.

Your stay includes admission to the National Museum of Wildlife Art, which features more than 550 artists and over 5,000 catalogued items. Dating from 2500 B.C. to the present, the collection chronicles much of the history of wildlife in art, focusing primarily on European and American painting and sculpture. The collection of American art from the 19th and 20th centuries is particularly strong, recording European exploration of the American West. Many of these works predate photography, making them vital representations of the frontier era in the history of the United States. Located approximately 1.5 miles from the Rustic Inn, the museum is a short taxi ride from the Inn or from Jackson's town center, hop on the free START bus to the museum.

Overnight: Rustic Inn (B)

### **Day 12: Depart Jackson**

After breakfast, guests departing during the suggested times take a complimentary transfer to the airport for flights home. (B)

Please note that extensions are not escorted by an Orbridge Expedition Leader. Included sightseeing is accompanied by a local guide. Group space may not be available within 90 days of departure.

\*Itinerary subject to change

### **Activity Level: Easy**

The majority of the program's activities will take place outdoors and a fair amount of walking on varying terrain is to be expected. Many of the parks have dirt trails, but they are usually fairly smooth for walking, some do have paved pathways and boardwalks. It is our expectation that guests on this program are able to walk a mile at a moderate pace, get in and out of a motor coach, and walk up a flight of stairs without assistance. Also keep in mind that you will experience varying altitudes, rising up to 9000 feet, to which you may not be accustomed.

**Cost: Land only: \$3995 per person double occupancy; \$4995 single occupancy**

**Extension: \$745 per person double occupancy; \$995 single occupancy.**

**Deposit of \$850/per person for main tour and \$500/per person for Extension.**

**What's Included:**

- 9 nights in unique accommodations and inspiring landmark lodges
- 9 breakfasts, 1 lunch and 6 dinners, including a special farewell dinner in Jackson
- Full guiding services of two Orbridge Expedition Leaders as well as expert local guides
- Springfield Museums/Glenmeadow escort throughout the tour
- Admission to national parks and all activities as described in program itinerary
- Private deluxe motor coach with air-conditioning and extra leg room
- Luggage portage upon arrival at airport and in and out of hotels
- Gratuities to Orbridge Expedition Leaders, local guides, drivers, porters and wait staff for included meals
- Airport transfers for guests arriving and departing during the suggested times

**For more information or to register, please call 413-263-6800 ext. 382 or 377.**

**Cancellations and Refunds.** All cancellations must be submitted to Orbridge in writing and will be subject to a cancellation fee ("Cancellation Fee") as follows:

(a) if the cancellation notice is received by Orbridge 151 or more days prior to the scheduled departure date, the Cancellation Fee will be \$500 per person per program and \$300 per person per program for any extension;

(b) if the cancellation notice is received by Orbridge between 150 and 91 days prior to the scheduled departure date the Cancellation Fee will be the full deposit per person per program including any extension;

(c) if the cancellation notice is received by Orbridge 90 or fewer days prior to the scheduled departure date, the Cancellation Fee will be the full program price.

**Travel Insurance.**

Travel Insurance is recommended to protect your investment in the event of unexpected or unforeseen circumstances. In addition, we recommend that you consider obtaining a policy(ies) that will cover some or all of your losses associated with damage or loss of luggage or personal effects. Please note that travel insurance must be purchased within two weeks of the deposit and the tour is declared operational. If you do not have, but are interested in purchasing, travel and cancellation insurance please contact us immediately.

**Cancelled Programs.**

Cancelled Programs. The Springfield Museums reserves the right to cancel this scheduled program due to insufficient participation. If the tour is cancelled all deposits and payments will be automatically refunded in full.



## Springfield Museums Travel Booking Form

**Return to:** Travel Program - Museum School  
Springfield Museums  
21 Edwards St.  
Springfield, MA 01103

**For inquiries, please phone**  
(413) 314-6482  
**FAX:** (413)-263-6897  
**E-mail:** [jfontaine@springfieldmuseums.org](mailto:jfontaine@springfieldmuseums.org)

Please reserve \_\_\_\_\_ place(s) on the National Parks & Lodges of the Old West

<b>Cost: \$3,999 per person/double occupancy</b>	<b>\$4,999 w/single supplement</b>
<b>Jackson Hole Extension \$745, double occupancy</b>	<b>\$995, w/single supplement</b>

Enclosed please find a deposit in the amount of \$850.00 each for main tour: \_\_\_\_\_  
Plus deposit of \$500 for extension: \_\_\_\_\_

**Total:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Name(s)** \_\_\_\_\_

**Address:** \_\_\_\_\_ **City:** \_\_\_\_\_  
**State:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Zip:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Home Phone:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Business Phone:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Springfield Museum Membership #** \_\_\_\_\_ **Email:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Accommodations:**

\_\_\_\_\_ **Single Room**  
\_\_\_\_\_ **Double Room** Roommate's name: \_\_\_\_\_

**Important:** *By sending in my deposit and registering for the Springfield Museums National Parks tour, I am indicating that I have read and understand the Terms & Conditions as listed in the itinerary and accept the Refund/Cancellation Policy. Deposits can be made by personal check or by American Express, Master Card, Visa or Discover Card. Deposits will not be processed until the tour has been declared operational and participants have been notified.*

**Signature** \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ **Check Enclosed** \_\_\_\_\_ **Amex** \_\_\_\_\_ **Master Card** \_\_\_\_\_ **VISA** \_\_\_\_\_ **Discover\*\*** \_\_\_\_\_

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*By signing below I authorize the Springfield Museums to process my credit card payment.*

**Signature:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Date:** \_\_\_\_\_

*(Signature as it appears on Credit Card)*