



Itinerary

America's Cowboy Country

Aug 12, 2019 - Aug 19, 2019

Pre Night: The Lodge at Jackson Hole



Would you like to begin your vacation with an additional Hotel in Jackson Hole, WY?

Day 1: Jackson Hole, Wyoming - Tour Begins



Welcome to Jackson Hole, America's most famous cowboy town. Find yourself amid its rare blend of elegance and Western charm.

Hotel

The Lodge At Jackson Hole
Jackson

Weather

High 80°
Low 38°
Rain 1"

Day 2: Jackson Hole



This morning enjoy a visit to the National Museum of Wildlife Art featuring works by artists such as Georgia O'Keeffe and Andy Warhol. The museum's architecture was inspired by the ruins of Slains Castle in Aberdeenshire, Scotland. Afterwards, enjoy free time to explore trendy downtown Jackson. Look for the Antler Arch at the entrance to the historic town square. Get your first taste of the Old West at your welcome dinner where your ride in a covered wagon takes you past the Cache Creek Canyon for a night of western hospitality at a chuck wagon dinner* with entertainment.

Hotel

The Lodge At Jackson Hole
Jackson

Culinary

Breakfast & Dinner

Weather

High 80°
Low 38°
Rain 1"

Day 3: Jackson Hole - Grand Tetons - Yellowstone



Wind through Grand Teton National Park, home to the youngest peaks in the Rockies. Keep your camera ready. There are plenty of opportunities to take photos. Next, visit incomparable Yellowstone National Park, the first and oldest national park in the world. Yellowstone, a true symbol of the west, stretches across 3,470 square miles and touches three western states. Famous for its geysers, hot springs and incredible wildlife – including free-ranging

herds of buffalo – Yellowstone lives up to its reputation. A park guide joins your group to discuss the past, present and future of the park as you observe the unspoiled natural splendor. Of course, no visit to Yellowstone would be complete without seeing its most famous attraction: Old Faithful. Watch in amazement as the geyser erupts, sending a fountain of steam more than 130 feet in the air!

Hotel

Canyon Lodge
Yellowstone National Park

Culinary

Breakfast & Dinner

Weather

High 70°
Low 37°
Rain 2"

Day 4: Yellowstone - Cody - Sheridan



Begin your day with a journey along Lake Yellowstone and over Sylvan Pass. From the mountains to the prairies, the scenery is simply astounding. Pass through Cody and visit the Buffalo Bill Center of the West – a tribute to one of the most colorful figures of the Old West. Before turning in for the night in Sheridan, make your way through the incredible Bighorn Mountains and cross through the territory of the Great Sioux Nation.

Hotel

Holiday Inn Sheridan
Sheridan

Culinary

Breakfast

Weather

High 86°
Low 52°

Day 5: Sheridan - Deadwood - Rapid City, South Dakota



En route to Rapid City, stop in Deadwood, a rowdy, rambling western town that has been named a National Historic Landmark. Recreations of turn-of-the-century street lamps light the way through the restored architecture. A local guide introduces you to the history of the city, including a visit to Mount Moriah Cemetery, final resting place of Wild Bill Hickok, Calamity Jane and other figures from the Wild West. You'll also make a stop at Kevin Costner's Tatanka: "Story of the Bison." This interpretive center features large, awe-inspiring sculptures depicting the relationship of bison and the Lakota Native Americans. Enjoy some time to ramble through Deadwood where gold, gambling and gunpowder were once the order of the day. Later, arrive in Rapid City with time for independent exploration.

Hotel

Alex Johnson Hotel
Rapid City

Culinary

Breakfast

Weather

High 88°
Low 54°
Rain 1"

Day 6: Rapid City - Crazy Horse - Keystone - Rapid City



Today, learn more about this diverse region. Jump into the world of Black Hills gold on a tour through Riddle's Black Hills Gold and Diamond Factory. See skilled artisans handcraft South Dakota's official state jewelry. Then it is on to Custer State Park, where you'll ride into the park in search of the herd of approximately 1300 free roaming buffalo (or bison) that grace the woods of Custer, along with pronghorn antelope and elk. Your guide will fill you in on the history and fun facts about the park's wildlife. Next, prepare to be amazed by the Crazy Horse Memorial, the world's largest mountain sculpture still in progress. The memorial includes the Indian Museum of North America, Native American Cultural Center, the sculptor's studio, an orientation center and theaters. Many Native American artists and craftspeople practice their art at the memorial and are on hand to discuss the influence their culture has on their work. Tonight, after dinner on your own, see the illumination of Mt. Rushmore,** one of the true icons of the West, during the evening lighting ceremony.

Hotel

Alex Johnson Hotel
Rapid City

Culinary

Breakfast

Weather

High 88°
Low 54°
Rain 1"

Day 7: Rapid City - Badlands - Wall - Rapid City



Today you visit rugged Badlands National Park. Upon arrival at the visitor center, view its informative exhibits and displays and watch a film that introduces you to the area. Follow the Badlands Loop Road, a wonder of rock formations and vibrant colors caused by mineral deposits. Next, enjoy a stop at Wall Drug, a classic store from 1936, where there is time for lunch and browsing. This evening, a Lakota Native American will join you before your farewell dinner to discuss his dedication to his community and the Native American way of life, past and present.

Hotel

Alex Johnson Hotel
Rapid City

Culinary

Breakfast & Dinner

Weather

High 88°
Low 54°
Rain 1"

Day 8: Rapid City - Tour Ends



Your tour comes to a close today, leaving you with many pleasant memories.

