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America's Western National Parks



By Deluxe Motorcoach

Including Mt. Rushmore, Badlands, Yellowstone Park, the Grand Tetons National Park, the Grand Canyon & Zion National Parks & Much More !!!

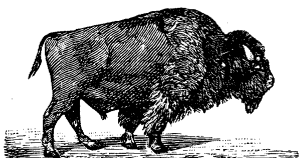
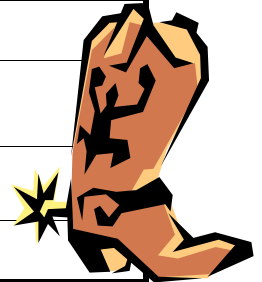


July 29-August 12, 2019



Included Features

✓ Round-trip Transportation via Deluxe Motorcoach	✓ Wall Drug Store
✓ 14 Nights Hotel Accommodations	✓ Black Hills of South Dakota
✓ Two Meals Daily	✓ Yellowstone National Park
✓ Tour of Amana Colonies	✓ Grand Teton National Park
✓ Jeep Ride to the Buffalo Herds	✓ Bryce National Park
✓ Badlands National Park	✓ Dallas, TX & JFK Historic Sight
✓ Mt. Rushmore National Park & Crazy Horse Memorial	✓ Grand Canyon National Park
✓ Buffalo Bill Historical Center	✓ Zion National Park
✓ Jackson Hole, Wyoming	✓ Painted Desert
✓ Old Faithful and Paintpots	✓ Petrified Forest



Per Person Rates

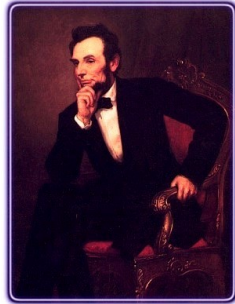
Double \$3454	Add \$1200 for the Single Supplement
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Day 1 ♦ Monday, July 29 ♦ Home/Illinois

Today we travel into the Land of Lincoln and overnight in Mt. Vernon, IL, beginning our journey westward. A **get-acquainted included luncheon** will highlight our day.



Day 2 ♦ Tuesday, July 30 ♦ Lincoln Land / Iowa



We continue our journey today with an added treat—a visit to the Lincoln Home National Site in Springfield, IL. Abraham Lincoln came of age while living and working as a private citizen in Springfield, Illinois. It was here that he chose to settle down, build a life for himself and his family, and worked hard to achieve success. At the same time, many of Lincoln's social and political beliefs were formed while he lived in the house at Eighth and Jackson Streets. The house that would become the future Lincoln Home was built in 1839 for the Reverend Charles Dresser. Dresser actually married Abraham Lincoln and Mary Todd in 1842. When the house was completed, the house stood one-and-a-half stories tall with five rooms including a sleeping loft. We will have a special early **included dinner** here and will overnight in Coralville, Iowa.

Day 3 ♦ Wednesday, July 31 ♦ Amana Colonies/Sioux Falls, SD

We continue our journey today to a unique attraction, the Amana Colonies in Iowa.

Even though industry is slowly creeping in, Iowa has about 95% of its land under cultivation, more than any other state. In 1854 a group of God-fearing people of West German, Swiss and Alsatian ancestry left New York State (where they first settled in this country) and founded seven villages in the fertile fields of Iowa. 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, baking products, furniture, ovens and radar ranges. We will have a special **included luncheon** here and will head on to South Dakota where we will overnight in Sioux Falls.

Day 4 ♦ Thursday, August 1 ♦ Sioux Falls, S.D./Rapid City

Today we continue westward for our next stop at Mitchell, South Dakota. Here we will see the Corn Palace, of Moorish architecture, with minarets and kiosks. Portions of the exterior and interior are covered with corn, arranged in designs and outlined with grasses and grains. Each year 2,000-3,000 bushels of various shades of corn and grasses are used to redecorate the building, which is illuminated at night. The interior contains decorative panels designed by Oscar Howe.

Following our tour of the Corn Palace, we travel on to the Badlands National Park, formed from 35 million years of wind and water erosion. Spires, pinnacles, buttes and gorges cover 244,000 acres. Sedimentary layers reveal ribbons of colored sandstone embedded with petrified remains of prehistoric animals such as prehistoric camels, three-toed horses, saber-toothed tigers and giant rhinoceros-like titanotheres. Regional wildlife including buffalo, deer, pronghorns, coyotes and others inhabit the area today.

We will also visit famous Wall, SD, and the Wall Drug Store. Wall was named for its location at the northern edge of the Badlands, whose eerie moonscape rises out of the South Dakota prairie. Today the town is a starting point for trips through the park. Famed Wall Drug achieved its prominence by offering travelers free ice water, and now you will find a sprawling store with an incredible variety of goods. Main street also offers a newspaper museum, a wax museum, and many charming shops. We will continue on to Rapid City, our home for the next two nights.



Day 5 ♦ Friday, August 2 ♦ Rapid City/Black Hills Touring

Today it's a tour of the famous Black Hills. Gold! This cry lured thousands of prospectors to the Black Hills after an exploratory mission led by General George Armstrong Custer discovered the first nuggets in 1874. Four U.S. presidents are also enshrined in the Hills. Gutzon Borglum began drilling into the 6,200-foot Mt. Rushmore in 1927. The epic Shrine of Democracy, linking the faces of presidents Washington, Jefferson, Teddy

Roosevelt and Lincoln, was completed 14 years later. The presidents' heads on Mt. Rushmore are 60 feet high. Our tour also includes the Crazy Horse Memorial.

We have a special treat today as we take a jeep ride to the buffalo herds. We overnight in Rapid City again.



Day 6 ♦ Saturday, August 3 ♦ Rapid City/Cody

Today we continue through the Wild West to Wyoming, to the famous town of Cody. Founded by Colonel William "Buffalo Bill" F. Cody in 1909, Cody is near the east entrance to Yellowstone National Park. We will visit the Buffalo Bill Historical Center. The four museums have more than 150,000 square feet of exhibit space dedicated to depicting the art, artifacts, crafts, culture, traditions and history of the American West.



Day 7 ♦ Sunday, August 4 ♦ Cody/Jackson Hole



Yellowstone, our next stop, is the world's first national park (established 1872) and is also one of the largest and best known. We will see Old Faithful and The Geysers exhibit a wide variety of character and action. Many, like Old Faithful and Riverside, spout at quite regular intervals; others are irregular. Some burst upward with immense power; others shoot at angles or bubble and boil. Also, we will see The Paintpots, large springs filled with hot clay ranging in color from white to shades of pink and black. From Yellowstone, we will travel to the Grand Tetons. Grand Teton National Park's 485 square miles include the major portion of Wyoming's Teton Range and the valley of Jackson Hole. Together the mountain range and valley frame a majestic landscape of eight large lakes and many smaller ones, glaciers, numerous snowfields and extensive pine, fir and spruce forests. We will travel on to beautiful Jackson Hole to overnight.



Day 8 ♦ Monday, August 5 ♦ Jackson Hole

Today we'll float downstream on rafts! What a great way to enjoy the fabulous scenery all around us! We will enjoy an old fashioned western wagon train adventure tonight which will **include a dinner and show!** What a fabulous day! This gives us two nights in Jackson Hole.

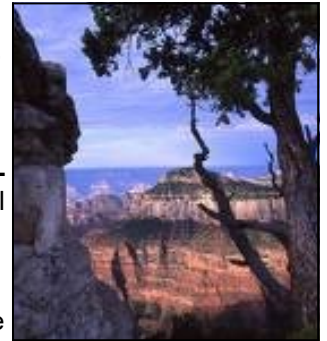
Day 9 ♦ Tuesday, August 6 ♦ Jackson Hole/ Provo, Utah

Today we travel south past the Great Salt Lake and continue on to Provo, Utah for our overnight.

Day 10 ♦ Wednesday, August 7 ♦ Bryce National Park / Zion National Park / Kanab, Utah

Our touring today takes us to Bryce Canyon National Park, which includes some of Earth's most colorful rocks, sculpted by erosion into pillars called "hoodoos", and other fantastic forms. Iron oxides give red, yellow and brown tints to the limestone, while manganese oxides lend a lavender hue. Then our tour takes us deep into Zion Canyon where the Virgin River has cut a canyon through the nearby 2,000 foot deep layer of petrified dunes known as the Navajo Sandstone. Zion is renowned for its striking rock formations and stone pillars.

Following our tour of Zion, it's on to Kanab where we will enjoy a **Real Western Included Dinner** and a re-creation of Old Western Movies. This evening will be a wonderful experience.



Day 11 ♦ Thursday, August 8 ♦ Kanab/Grand Canyon / Flagstaff

Today we travel a short distance to the Grand Canyon. Rising 6,000 feet above the canyon carving waters of the Colorado River, the Kaibab Plateau forms the north rim of the Grand Canyon. World-renowned for its remarkable beauty and diverse range of rock layers, the Grand Canyon offers its visitors ample picture taking opportunities from a variety of roadside overlooks. Tonight we overnight in Flagstaff, Arizona.



Day 12 ♦ Friday, August 9 ♦ Flagstaff / Albuquerque

Today we travel east through the Petrified Forest and the Painted Desert enroute to Albuquerque, NM.

Day 13 ♦ Saturday, August 10 ♦ Albuquerque, NM / Wichita Falls, TX

Today we continue eastward with an **included luncheon** at the Big Texan Steak Ranch in Amarillo. After lunch we continue onto Wichita Falls, TX for our overnight.

Day 14 ♦ Sunday, August 11 ♦ Dallas Tour / Longview, TX

Today we tour Dallas with a local guide and stop at the Sixth Floor Museum at Dealy Plaza, the area where JFK was assassinated. After an included luncheon, we'll continue onto Longview, TX for our overnight.

Day 15 ♦ Monday, August 12 ♦ Home

Today we arrive home with many fond memories of a Western National Parks Adventure. We'll have an **included luncheon** along the way.



Cancellation Policy: Insurance waiver is available for an additional \$275 if purchased with first deposit. If you have not purchased Cancellation Insurance Waiver, there is **no refund after final payment**. Reason for cancellation can be for medical reasons only, with a doctor's letter required.

**RESERVATION INFORMATION
Western National Parks**

A deposit of \$300 per person is due by **April 20, 2019** to hold your reservation. The final payment is due **June 20, 2019**. Please complete this Registration Form and mail it with your deposit check made payable to **Southern Touch Tours**. **Reservations are on a first-come basis!**

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