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10 DAYS OF SPECTACULAR SCENERY & LODGES

*Relive the Old West, minus the saddle burn*
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Trace the legends and natural splendors of the American West.

A frontier of adventure, storied sights, and pristine nature.

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 old lodges you will write home about.

Program Highlights:

• Experience the diverse and unspoiled natural wilderness of our National Parks, accompanied by an Orbridge Expedition Leader.
• Overnight in landmark lodges that are national treasures themselves.
• Witness one of the world’s largest free roaming bison herds and enjoy a chuck wagon cook-out.
• Marvel at the grandeur of Mount Rushmore, the Crazy Horse Memorial, and the world’s largest mammoth site, where scientists are excavating remains of woolly mammoths from 26,000 years ago.
• View the natural wonders and unique geothermal features of Yellowstone National Park, such as Old Faithful Geyser and the Fountain Paint Pots Nature Trail.
• Relax: Included are nine nights accommodations, transport via a private deluxe motor coach, airport transfers (for guests arriving and departing on program dates), most meals (9 breakfasts, 1 lunch, and 6 dinners), and admission to all parks.
Our 10-Day Itinerary*

Day 1: Arrive in Rapid City
Day 2: Rapid City, South Dakota / Badlands National Park / Custer State Park
Day 3–4: Custer State Park / Spearfish Canyon
Day 5: Spearfish Canyon / U-Cross Ranch / Cody
Day 6–7: Cody / Yellowstone National Park / Mammoth Hot Springs
Day 8: Yellowstone National Park / Grand Teton National Park / Jackson
Day 9: Jackson
Day 10: Depart Jackson

Optional excursion: Days 10-12 in Jackson

Activity Level: Guests should be able to walk a mile at a moderate pace on dirt trails, paved pathways, and boardwalks.

A Day-by-Day Guide*:

Day 1: Rapid City
Arrive in Rapid City and transfer to your hotel, where you will meet your expedition leader and traveling companions for a welcome drink and expedition briefing.

Day 2: Rapid City, South Dakota / Badlands National Park / Custer State Park State Game Lodge
Following breakfast, head to Badlands National Park, featuring some of the most spectacular scenery in the region. Later in the afternoon, travel into the back country and enjoy a Buffalo Safari and Chuck Wagon Cookout. (B,D)

Day 3: Custer State Park
This morning, travel to Hot Springs to visit the world’s largest mammoth dig site and work-in-progress Crazy Horse Memorial. After a short tour, stroll on the boardwalk over the dig area and see the paleontology laboratory. The remainder of the day is yours to enjoy in Custer State Park. (B,D)

Day 4: Custer State Park / Spearfish Canyon
Today visit one of the world’s largest stone monuments, the iconic Mount Rushmore. Spend the night deep in the heart of one of the most breathtakingly beautiful canyons in the world. (B,D)

Day 5: U-Cross Ranch / Cody
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. (B,L)

*Subject to change
Day 6–7: Cody / Yellowstone National Park / Mammoth Hot Springs
Visit Buffalo Bill Historical Center for a step into the West’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 between heights of 106 to 185 feet. Take a guided walking tour of Fountain Paint Pots Nature Trail 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. (B,D)

Day 8: Yellowstone National Park / 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. (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 Leader. (B,D)

Day 10: Jackson
After a leisurely breakfast, your expedition comes to an end with a transfer to Jackson Hole Airport. (B)

Our Guides

Steve Osten
Steve has guided throughout the U.S., Canada, Mexico and South Africa for nearly 25 years. He studied Wildlife Biology with an emphasis on Animal Behavior at Kearney State College in Nebraska. One of his favorite projects focused on ethograms of river otter behavior. He also trained in Environmental Interpretation, with NOAA regarding the Orca whales of Puget Sound, and had the privilege of being a local naturalist and guide in Yellowstone National Park during his studies. One of the most thrilling parts of his job is to pass on to travelers an understanding of the intricate symbiotic relationships within America’s national parks.

Andrew Moran
Andrew’s touring career began with nine years supporting guided expeditions behind the wheel of a motor coach, an experience that inspired him seven years ago to become an Expedition Leader. He loves the opportunity to share knowledge with travelers, and is fortunate enough to spend summers in one of the most beautiful places in the world, Yellowstone National Park. He spends his time exploring its hundreds of hiking trails and walking paths, where there is always something new to see. Andrew was born in Salisbury, England.

What’s Included:

- Full guiding services by an Orbridge Expedition Leader as well as expert local guides.
- Nine nights in unique accommodations and inspiring historic lodges
- 9 breakfasts, 1 lunch, and 6 dinners, including a special farewell dinner in Jackson
- Admission to national parks and all activities as described in program itinerary
- Private deluxe motor coach with air-conditioning and extra leg room
- Airport transfers for guests arriving and departing on suggested group flights
- Luggage porterage upon arrival at airport, and in and out of hotels
- Gratuities for all guides, drivers, porters, and wait staff for included meals
Adoba Eco Hotel (Rapid City)
Situated near the Journey Museum and Gardens, and Dinosaur Park, this hotel features a cafe, restaurant, and lounge.

State Game Lodge (Custer State Park)
Set in a beautiful mountain valley, surrounded by a ponderosa pine forest, this gracious stone and wood lodge served as the “Summer White House” for President Calvin Coolidge in 1927 and was visited by President Dwight D. Eisenhower for several days in 1953. Built in 1920, the lodge is listed on the National Register of Historic Places. Inside, you’ll discover a blend of the past and the present, the elegant and the outdoors. Enjoy South Dakota specialties like buffalo, pheasant, and trout in the historic Lodge Dining Room.

Spearfish Canyon Lodge (Spearfish Canyon)
Nestled alongside lofty pines and spectacular limestone cliffs, Spearfish Canyon Lodge was built and decorated in the style of the old lodges of the West with heavy log walls and a 40-foot stone fireplace. Several hiking trails outside the Lodge door allow visitors to experience the sights and sounds of nature firsthand as they meander through the forest to a Black Hills waterfall or hike to the rim of the canyon.

The Cody Hotel (Cody)
Located near Cody Rodeo Arena and Old Trail Town, The Cody is a premier, eco-friendly luxury hotel, offering upscale amenities and comfort. Stroll along the beautiful grounds, take in the mountain views on the master patio with outdoor fireplace, rejuvenate in the hot tub, and enjoy the large indoor pool complete with a lap lane.

Old Faithful Inn (Yellowstone National Park)
Built during the winter of 1903-04, the Old Faithful Inn is one of the few remaining log hotels in the United States. The original part of the Inn, known as the “Old House” was completed in 1904 and includes an immense lobby with a huge stone fireplace. Guest accommodations include rooms with private baths. A full service restaurant, deli, gift store and interpretive tours are available at the Inn.

Mammoth Hot Springs Hotel and Cabins (Yellowstone National Park)
Established in 1911, the Mammoth Hot Springs hotel is situated below the steaming limestone terraces of the hot springs. Make sure you drift into the Map Room (named for the massive inlaid map of the United States on one of the walls); and keep your eye out for elk, which routinely graze outside the hotel around the grounds of what was once Fort Yellowstone.

Old Faithful Snow Lodge (Yellowstone National Park)
A short walk from its famous namesake, the Old Faithful Snow Lodge makes abundant use of natural wood and fixtures that harken back to historic Yellowstone lodges. The rooms are simple, comfortable, and outfitted with lodge details like wooden shutters over windows that open for fresh air.

The Rustic Inn (Jackson)
Whether you’d like to lose yourself in nature’s grandeur or find yourself in the middle of Jackson Hole’s lively downtown scene, the Rustic Inn Creekside Resort & Spa offers the finest Western accommodations just steps away from it all. Surrounded by seven lush acres adjacent to the National Elk Refuge, outdoor enthusiasts can easily enjoy everything Jackson and its spectacular environs has to offer. The Rustic Inn offers an outdoor pool, spa tub, sauna, fitness equipment, and spa services.
Jackson Hole

Take advantage of Jackson Hole’s world-class wildlife viewing, outdoor activities and the region’s jaw-dropping scenery. On a half-day wildlife sightseeing excursion in Grand Teton Park, wildlife experts will guide you to the park’s viewing hotspots while also providing details about the area’s history, landmarks, and geography.

Itinerary:

Day 10:  Jackson (continued from Main Program)
Day 11:  Jackson / Grand Teton Park
Day 12:  Depart Jackson

What’s included:

• Two nights accommodation at Rustic Inn
• Breakfasts each morning
• Guided wildlife sightseeing excursion including transportation to and from the hotel, park entrance fee, snacks and refreshments, naturalist guide, use of binoculars and spotting scopes
• Services of a local host to provide ideas and suggestions to help plan your days
• Transfer from hotel to airport on Day 12

Please indicate if you would like to add the Jackson extension to your program on the enclosed reservation form.
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JUNE 8–17, 2013
Optional Jackson Extension: June 17–19

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