

America's National Parks

September 1 – 21, 2010

Day 1 Wade Tours presents "A Once in a Lifetime Tour" begins as we board our luxury motor coach for our travel west to see America the most Beautiful. Overnight in Ohio.

Day 2 Our tour continues through Indiana and Illinois, heading into Wisconsin for a visit to "The House on the Rock"

Day 3 Morning boat tour of the Wisconsin Dells then depart for Sioux Falls, South Dakota

Day 4 Continuing our journey west to Rapid City, the second largest city in South Dakota. See the enticing Badlands and Black Hills; it's hard to imagine calling this "Badlands."

Day 5 Our day begins at Custer State Park. Then, to Mt. Rushmore National Monument – the sculptured faces of Presidents Washington, Jefferson, Lincoln & Roosevelt and stopping at Crazy Horse Memorial, which honors all Native Americans. Tonight, enjoy a Western Cook-out.

Day 6 Travel over to Deadwood and explore the town aboard a narrated trolley. Tonight enjoy the night in an old western cowboy town of Sheridan.

Day 7 Stopping today at Little Bighorn, site of the infamous "Custer's Last Stand," en route to Cody to visit Buffalo Bill History Center. Later, cross the Continental Divide and enter Yellowstone National Park. Arrive Old Faithful Snow Lodge for a 2-night stay.

Day 8 Enjoy a spectacular day touring Yellowstone Park, an amazing geothermal wonderland. Home to an astounding array of elk, rare bears and herds of buffalo. Dinner at Old Faithful tonight.

Day 9 Travel through scenic Grand Teton National Park, past sparkling Jenny Lake, on our way to Jackson Hole. Enjoy free time to explore the old wild west town.

Day 10 Heading south through the Bridger-Teton National Forest this morning. Enter Idaho and cross the route of the original "Oregon Trail." Continue via Logan Canyon to Salt Lake City, Utah. Tonight, dinner at The Roof Restaurant for a very special evening relaxing with our fellow travelers.

Day 11 Everyone will enjoy a morning guided tour of Temple Square. Next, head south to Bryce Canyon National Park, where sandstone spires reflect colorful hues from every vista point. Here we visit the amphitheater of "Hoodoos," the odd shaped stone monoliths. Relax at Ruby's Inn, then be entertained at a western dinner show by the Bar G Wranglers.

Day 12 Continue on to Zion National Park, the oldest park in Utah, called the West's "Garden of Eden." You'll see the most spectacular scenery on earth during our park tour.

Day 13 Our day begins with a scenic morning cruise on Lake Powell. We then continue to the magnificent Grand Canyon for an overnight at Maswik Lodge. There is plenty of time to explore this natural wonder, stroll the rim or take the tram to an overlook to see the sunset.

Day 14 Breakfast today is a special treat at historic El Tovar Lodge on the rim of the Grand Canyon. Then, re-enter Utah and visit Monument Valley, a beautiful pristine area of buttes and arches. Lunch is served at Goulding's Lodge overlooking the Valley and a visit to Hollywood Museum dedicated to the films made in Monument valley. Later, head for the frontier town of Durango for a 2-night stay, one of the last great cowboy towns left in the Southwest.

Day 15 Our morning start with a visit to Mesa Verde National Park, the Anasazi Cliff dwellings. This culture represents more than 700 years of history, ending about 1300 A.D. Enjoy lunch here in the park and free time to go out exploring on your own.

Day 16 This morning is a real treat as we board the Durango-Silverton narrow gauge railroad for an unforgettable adventure. The train winds through spectacular and breathtaking canyons in the remote wilderness of the two-million acre San Juan National Forest. Arrive in Silverton, a National Historic District. Step back 100 years in this old mining town and explore the historic buildings and quaint art shops. Then, continue on to the Grand Junction Doubletree for an overnight.

Day 17 We begin back east on scenic route 70, crossing over the Continental Divide once again. Continue along our scenic ride to Denver, Colorado for an overnight stay.

Day 18 We will travel to Omaha, Nebraska while sharing stories and laughter of our days spent visiting America's National Parks.

Day 19 A visit to the Amana Colonies, a unique destination with a unique history. Continue on to Davenport, Illinois.

Day 20 Day begins with a tour of the John Deere factory before continuing east to Cleveland, Ohio.

Day 21 Our final day is "bittersweet" – stopping off in Erie, PA for an afternoon visit to St. Patrick's Church to see wood carved life-size Stations of the Cross and then a farewell lunch before continuing our journey home from this unforgettable trip of a Lifetime!

Double \$3,500 Includes: Deluxe transportation & accommodations, breakfast each morning, four dinners and three lunches, and all sightseeing/admissions, as listed in the itinerary. (Insurance is optional for an additional \$225.00)

Here are the National Parks, Monuments & Sites you will enjoy on this tour of America's National Parks: House on the Rock, Wisconsin Dells boat tour, Badlands, Mt. Rushmore, Crazy Horse, Custer State Park, Deadwood, Little Bighorn, Yellowstone Park, Grand Teton National Park, Jackson Hole, Temple Square, Bryce Canyon, Zion National Park, Lake Powell, Grand Canyon, Monument Valley, Mesa Verde National Park, San Juan National Forest, Durango-Silverton narrow gauge railroad, Grand Junction & Vail!