



## AMERICAN STAGE TOURS



America's National Parks Tour

Presents ...

August 29 - September 15, 2021

**Sunday, August 29** - Come join us as we visit some of the best known and little known National Parks and Monuments. We will start our journey traveling thru Nevada stopping for a hosted lunch before spending the night at the **Best Western Plus Gold Country Inn** in Winnemucca.

**Monday, August 30** - Start the day with breakfast at our hotel before we continue traveling to Salt Lake City stopping for a hosted lunch in Elko. Our accommodations for the night will be at the **Crystal Inn**.

**Tuesday, August 31** We start with a hosted breakfast at our hotel this morning. We will stop for a hosted picnic lunch on our way to Moab where our accommodations for the next two nights will be at the **Best Western Canyonlands Inn**. This evening is free to explore this quaint town.

**Wednesday, September 1** - Hosted breakfast this morning before we pick-up our step-on guide for **Arches National Park**, which contains the largest number of natural stone arches in the country. Along with more than 2,000 arches are many redrock canyons, spires, fins and balancing rocks. Afterwards we will visit **Canyonlands National Park**. This afternoon is free to explore the town of Moab. Tonight we have a hosted Dutch oven dinner on the banks of the Colorado River. Afterwards we board the Moab Queen for **Canyonlands By Night**. We will cruise up the Colorado River where we will have a informative narration which helps to put the scenery of the river canyon into perspective. At the first notes of music 40,000 watts of light bathe the towering cliffs ahead. Dancing shadows perform to the rhythm of background music. The contrast of light and shadow form undulating silhouettes which combine with music and voice bring this narrative to life for an experience that will never be forgotten.

**Thursday, September 2** - After a hosted breakfast we will travel to **Colorado National Monument**. Sheer-walled canyons cut deep into sandstone and granite-gneiss-schist rock formations. The park hosts a wide range of wildlife, including red-tailed hawks, golden eagles, ravens, jays, desert bighorn sheep, and coyotes. This afternoon we will visit **Cross Orchards Historic Site**. The Orchards are known for showing how life was on an orchard at the turn of the twentieth century and is considered living history as it is still worked and cultivated regularly. It features a workers' bunkhouse, blacksmith shop, country store, and a collection of vintage farming equipment. Our accommodations for the next two nights will be at the **Wine Country Inn** in Palisades. Hosted Wine Reception at our hotel before a hosted dinner.

**Friday, September 3** - Hosted breakfast at our hotel before we travel to the **Black Canyon of the Gunnison National Park**. The canyon's name owes itself to the fact that parts of the gorge only receive 33 minutes of sunlight a day, according to *Images of America: The Black Canyon of the Gunnison*. Several canyons of the American West are longer and some are deeper, but none combines the depth, sheerness, narrowness and darkness of the Black Canyon. Afterwards we will have a hosted lunch. This afternoon we will stop at a shop with items from the peaches that Palisades is known for. Hosted Wine Reception at our hotel this evening.

**Saturday, September 4** - After a hosted breakfast at our hotel we will depart for **Rocky Mountain National Park**. We will stop for a no host lunch in **Grand Lake Village**. This afternoon we will drive thru the park. We will drive along the Trail Ridge Road – which crests at over 12,000 feet including many overlooks to experience the subalpine and alpine worlds. This afternoon we will stop in Estes Park for a break to browse in the shops. Our accommodations for the night will be at the **Holiday Inn Express**.

**Sunday, September 5** - Enjoy a hosted breakfast at our hotel before we travel to Rapid City, SD. We will have a hosted lunch stop along the way. Our accommodations for the next four nights will be at **The Rushmore Hotel** in downtown Rapid City. You might enjoy taking a walk this evening thru downtown where there is a statue of an US President on every corner.

**Monday, September 6** - Today we will have a hosted breakfast before we have a guided tour to discover the history and culture of one of America's national treasures as you embark on a **Mount Rushmore National Memorial** excursion. Mount Rushmore National Memorial is an experience you'll hold dear to your heart for years to come. Afterwards we will travel to **Custer State Park** for a hosted lunch. The Park is a home to abundant wildlife including bighorn sheep, antelope, deer, elk, coyote, prairie dogs and "begging" burros. The park also contains one of the nation's largest free roaming buffalo herds, making it common to encounter a "Buffalo Jam" while driving in the Park. We will ride along the **Needles Highway** deemed "impossible" to construct by its critics, National Scenic Byway, was completed in 1922. This afternoon we will visit the **Crazy Horse Memorial**. Witness the creation of the world's largest mountain carving. We will have a hosted dinner at the **Fort Hays Chuckwagon Dinner & Show**, home of the "Dances with Wolves" film set and much more.

**Tuesday, September 7** - Today we are off to the northern Black Hills area with our step-on guide. This area is synonymous with great stories of the gold rush and Old West. We will visit the haunts of such legendary figures as Wild Bill Hickok and Calamity Jane, as well as many other locations in the gaming town of **Deadwood**, a national historic landmark. We will take in the breathtaking beauty of **Spearfish Canyon**, with its towering cliffs, sparkling mountain streams, and cascading waterfalls. We will also visit the communities of **Sturgis**, home of the famed Sturgis Motorcycle Rally and **Lead**, site of Homestake Gold Mine, once the largest and deepest gold mine in the western hemisphere.

**Wednesday, September 8** - This morning we will depart for **Badlands National Park** where you will see a moonscape right here on earth. We will witness a stunning example of geological variety: jagged cliffs, deep canyons and sharp buttes, formed by relentless forces of nature. We will visit the **Minuteman Missile National Historic Site** which has been preserved to illustrate the history and significance of the Cold War. No South Dakota tour is complete without a stop at **Wall Drug**, the world's largest drug store. You will have time to have lunch on your own. This evening we will have a hosted dinner before we return to Mt. Rushmore for the evening lighting of the monument.

**Thursday, September 9** - Today we will travel to **Devil's Tower National Monument**. Rising 1,267 feet above the Belle Fourche River, Devils Tower has long been a beacon, attracting people and capturing their imaginations since prehistoric times. We will have a hosted lunch along the way. This afternoon we will visit **Little Bighorn Battlefield National Monument**. The Battle of the Little Bighorn was fought along the ridges, steep bluffs, and ravines of the Little Bighorn River. The Battle of the Little Bighorn has come to symbolize the clash of two vastly dissimilar cultures: the buffalo/horse culture of the northern plains tribes, and the highly industrial/agricultural based culture of the United States. This battle was not an isolated soldier versus warrior confrontation, but part of a much larger strategic campaign designed to force the capitulation of the non-reservation Lakota and Cheyenne. Our accommodations for the night will be at the **Quality Inn** in Red Lodge, MT.

**Friday, September 10** - After a hosted breakfast we will travel across the beautiful **Beartooth Highway** to **Yellowstone National Park**. The Park is home to one of the world's largest calderas with over 10,000 thermal features and more than 300 geysers. It has one of the world's largest petrified forests and over 290 waterfalls, with the 308' Lower Falls of the Yellowstone River as it's showpiece. We will have a boxed lunch along the way. This afternoon we will travel thru **Grand Tetons National Park**. Rising above a scene rich with extraordinary wildlife, pristine lakes, and alpine terrain, the Teton Range stands as a monument to the people who fought to protect it. These are mountains of the imagination. Our accommodations for the next two nights will be at **The Lodge at Jackson Hole**.

**Saturday, September 11** - Enjoy a hosted breakfast at our hotel this morning. Today is a free day to relax and explore the quaint town of Jackson.

**Sunday, September 12** - Hosted breakfast at our hotel before we depart Jackson. We will stop at **The National Oregon/California Trail Center**. The Center interprets the story of the pioneers who braved the arduous, six-month, 2,000 mile journey across the unsettled American West from Missouri to the Oregon Territory. The interpretation of this epoch migration is told using live actors within historically accurate interpretive areas located in the center. Visitors join a simulated wagon train headed west and experience what it was like to prepare for the journey. We will have a hosted lunch in Montpelier, ID. This afternoon we will travel thru the Bear Lake Valley. Our accommodations for the night will be at the **Crystal Inn** in West Valley, UT.

**Monday, September 13** Hosted breakfast at our hotel this morning. Our accommodations for the night will be at the **Holiday Inn Express** in Ely, Nevada. We will have a hosted dinner before we board the **Nevada Northern Railway** for stargazing. This area is perfect for stargazing with almost no lights to interfere with the night sky.

**Tuesday, September 14** - Enjoy a hosted breakfast at our hotel before we travel "**The Loneliest Road in America**", US Highway 50. We will have a hosted lunch along the way. Our accommodations for the night will be at the beautiful **Carson Valley Inn**. The evening is free to try your hand at "Lady Luck".

**Wednesday, September 15** - Our final day! Our first stop will be at **High Hill Ranch** where you will have time to shop. We will have a hosted lunch at the **Apple Bistro** before we depart for the return trip home with lots of memories. Approximate arrival time back in the Bay Area will be 5 pm.

PRICE INCLUDES: 17 nights deluxe lodging, 29 meals, 2 Wine Receptions, Entrance to 11 National Parks (memorials & monuments), Canyonlands By Night, Cross Orchards Historic Site, Custer State Park, Needles Highway, Guided tour of Black Hills, Guided tour of Northern Black Hills, Guided tour of Badlands Area, Beartooth Highway, National Oregon/California Trails Center, Nevada Northern Railway, motorcoach transportation, taxes and gratuities on all hosted meals

\$5240.00 per person, dbl. occ.    \$4830.00 per person, tpl. occ.    \$7055.00 single

Deposit: \$1000.00 per person    Balance due no later than June 25

You may cancel up to June 25 with a \$50.00 penalty. After June 25 there is no refund. Penalty will be waived if deposit is transferred to another trip. Please remember there are no refunds after June 25 or on any unused items included in the tour such as meals, attractions and transportation once the tour has commenced. Reserved seating is assigned at time of deposit. There is no smoking on the bus, however, frequent rest stops will be made enroute. There will be a \$50.00 surcharge for sign-ups after June 25. **Travel Insurance:** For your convenience, we offer travel protection through Travelex Insurance Services (CA Agency License #0D10209). For more information and to enroll call **800-228-9792**, mention AST & code **05-1782**. Plans underwritten by Berkshire Hathaway Specialty Insurance Company, NAIC #22276. 55Y

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