

NORTHWEST PARKS

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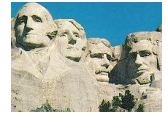
11 Days

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Yellowstone, Grand Tetons, Big Horn Mountains, The Black Hills, Badlands and Rocky Mountain National Park Enjoy seeing



these great parks from the comfort of a deluxe motorcoach. Highlights include a scenic drive through the Badlands, Mt. Rushmore National Monument, Crazy Horse Monument, Devil's Tower, crossing the Big Horn Mountains, historic city of Cody where we'll visit the Buffalo Bill Historical Center, tour of Yellowstone, float trip on the Snake River at Jackson Hole, beautiful drive across Trail Ridge Road through Rocky Mountain National Park, and much more!



Yellowstone - We'll have a step-on guide to share the history and culture of the area. Established in 1872, Yellowstone National Park is America's first national park. Located in Wyoming, Montana and Idaho, it is home to a large variety of wildlife including grizzly bears, wolves, bison, and elk. Preserved within Yellowstone National Park are Old Faithful and a collection of the world's most extraordinary geysers and hot springs and the Grand Canyon of the Yellowstone.



Grand Tetons



Established in 1929, Grand Teton National Park is in northwest Wyoming and includes Jackson Lake and part of Jackson Hole. It embraces the most scenic portion of the glaciated, snow-covered Teton Range, the youngest of all Rocky Mountain ranges. Grand Teton (13,766 ft) is the highest peak. The Snake River flows through the park, which is dotted with small lakes and has several glaciers, forests, and a great variety of wildlife. Hiking, floating down the Snake on rafts, camping, and mountain climbing are popular activities in the park.

Big Horn Mountains

The Big Horn Mountains are a mountain range in northern Wyoming and southern Montana in the United States, forming a northwest-trending spur from the Rocky Mountains extending approximately 200 miles northward on the Great Plains. They are separated from the Absaroka Range, which lie on the main branch of the Rockies in western Wyoming, by the Bighorn Basin.



The Black Hills

These are the legendary Black Hills of South Dakota, an oasis of pine-clad mountains on the Great Plains and the home of **Mount Rushmore**. Few attractions stir the emotions of visitors the way **Mount Rushmore** does. Since its completion in 1941, it has joined the Statue of Liberty and the Stars & Stripes as one of America's most inspiring symbols of democracy. The mountains and forests of the Black Hills include a treasury of six national parks, 101 miles of National Scenic Byways, waterfalls, watchable wildlife, acclaimed recreational trails, trout fishing and Old West landmarks like Deadwood and Wounded Knee. The Crazy Horse Memorial is being carved forever into the Black Hills granite. It's still a secret that the third-longest cave in the world, Jewel Cave, is in the Black Hills. The region enjoys unmatched brand of Old West history, with legendary names like Crazy Horse, Sitting Bull, Red Cloud, General George A. Custer, Wild Bill Hickok, Calamity Jane, Jim Bridger and Jedediah Smith.



Badlands National Park

Badlands National Park is famous for its deep gorges and sharp lunar-like spires. The Lakota gave this park its name, "mako sica," meaning "land bad." Located in southwestern South Dakota, **Badlands National Park** consists of 244,000 acres of sharply eroded buttes, pinnacles and spires blended with the largest protected mixed grass prairie in the United States. It is desolation at its truest, where you can look for miles and see no sign of civilization.



Rocky Mountain National Park.....Feel Like You're On Top of the world!



Rocky Mountain National Park's 415 square miles encompass and protect spectacular mountain environments. Enjoy Trail Ridge Road – which crests over 12,000 feet including many overlooks to experience the subalpine and alpine worlds – along with over 300 miles of hiking trails, wildflowers, wildlife, starry nights, and fun times. In a world of superlatives, Rocky is on top!

Devil's Tower A unique and striking geologic wonder steeped in Indian legend is a modern day national park and climbers' challenge. **Devils Tower** sits across the state line in northeast Wyoming. The tower is a solitary, stump-shaped granite formation that looms 1,267 feet above the tree-lined Belle Fourche River Valley, like a skyscraper in the country. Once hidden below the earth's surface, erosion has stripped away the softer rock layers revealing the Tower.



Our overnight lodging stops on our Northwest Parks Tour include Sioux City, IA (1), Rapid City, S.D. area (2), Buffalo, WY (1), Wapiti, WY (1), Jackson Hole, WY (2), Craig, CO (1), Denver, CO (1), Salina, KS (1). 4 dinners, 10 breakfasts, lodging, transportation and activities mentioned. **A WONDERFUL, EXCITING TRIP** allowing guests to see some beautiful scenery!!!
Pick-ups: QY, PM, HB