



KM Tours

National Parks Adventure

10 Day/9 Night Motor Coach Tour

September 12 – 23, 2021

Come Enjoy the Fun! as we travel to

Yellowstone National Park.



Filled with dazzling nuggets of wonder, our National Parks Adventure takes you deep into the golden wilderness of untamed South Dakota, Wyoming, and Montana. Visit some of the country's most renowned national parks bringing you face-to-face with the monumental sculpture of Mount Rushmore, the explosive geysers of Yellowstone National Park, and the towering spires of Grand Teton National Park. Plus much more!

Monday, September 13 – HARTFORD / MITCHELL S.D.

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Early this morning we depart Hartford and begin our journey west to South Dakota. Our travels will take us across the Mississippi River and through Minnesota. After our lunch stop, on your own, we continue into South Dakota to arrive in Mitchell, South Dakota and our hotel.

Tuesday, September 14 – MITCHELL / DEADWOOD

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This morning we see the world's only **Corn Palace** in Mitchell, dating from the 1890's. The Corn Palace is redecorated each year with naturally colored corn and other grains and native grasses to make it "the agricultural show-place of the world". This afternoon we arrive in the beautiful Black Hills of South Dakota and the historic town of **Deadwood**, where the Wild West still lives. Our local guide will lead us through Deadwood and will bring the legends of infamous Deadwood back to life. The remaining of the afternoon is at leisure to explore Deadwood on your own.

Wednesday, September 15 – DEADWOOD / SHERIDAN

(B,D)

This morning we cross into Wyoming to **Devils Tower** America's first National Monument. This astounding geographic feature towers over 1,000 feet above the Belle Fourche River, creating one of the most amazing natural landscapes in the country. Then we continue north into Montana to the present-day Crow Indian Reservation to visit the **Little Bighorn Battlefield National Monument**. On June 25 and 26, 1876, Lakota Sioux, Cheyenne, and Arapaho warriors joined forces to defeat the U.S. 7th Cavalry. Our day will come to an end as we arrive in Sheridan, located at the base of Wyoming's Big Horn Mountains.

Thursday, September 16 – SHERIDAN / CODY

(B)

This morning, we travel to Cody, a small western town with a big city attitude. Here we visit the **Buffalo Bill Historical Center**. Since 1917, the Buffalo Bill Historical Center has been committed to the greatness and growth of the American West, keeping western experiences alive for today's visitors and those in the future. The afternoon is at leisure to explore Cody's downtown which combines Western shops and taverns with boutiques and down-home cooking. And, if you're looking for nightlife, be sure to attend the Cody Night Rodeo, the nation's longest-running rodeo.

Friday, September 17 – CODY / JACKSON

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One of the many highlights lies ahead today as we travel to **Yellowstone National Park**, the first and one of the largest national parks in the world. Established in 1872, Yellowstone contains more than two million acres of steaming geysers, crystalline lakes, thundering waterfalls, and panoramic vistas, as well as a remarkable diversity of mammals, birds and fish. We'll meet our Yellowstone Tour Guide on the shores of Yellowstone Lake, one of the world's largest natural fresh water lakes, and then a day of touring will take us to view the parks many wonders. We'll see the Grand Canyon of the Yellowstone where the golden hued canyon walls and waterfalls show the true power of nature, beautiful Hayden Meadow, the Midway Geyser Basin made up of mud pots, hot pools, fumaroles and geysers, and of course, Old Faithful. Then we're headed south into the majestic Grand Tetons Mountain Range that rise from the Jackson Hole Valley where the scenery attracts millions of visitors from around the world each year.

Saturday, September 18 – JACKSON

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Today, we embark on a **scenic float trip**, rafting on one of America's most beautiful and unchanged wilderness river systems. Our experienced float trip guide will lead us into a protected sanctuary with a unique diversity of wildlife, breath taking scenery, and serene calmness of the Snake River in majestic Grand Teton National Park. On our return to Jackson, this evening we'll enjoy an evening of dinner and entertainment at the **Jackson Hole Playhouse**.

Sunday, September 19 – JACKSON / CASPER

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We are on the move today as we depart Jackson and cross the Continental Divide on our way to **South Pass City**, Wyoming's "City of Gold." South Pass City has been faithfully restored to the period of it's last big gold rush during the late 1800's and we'll have an opportunity to view the town's original structures and learn more about the real Old West and the people who made it wild, on an interpretive self-guided tour. This afternoon, we journey to Casper, stopping along the way to view the unusual roadside curiosity of **Hell's Half Acre**, also known as the Baby Grand Canyon.

Monday, September 20 – CASPER / RAPID CITY

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This morning, we return to South Dakota's beautiful Black Hills. We visit the **Crazy Horse Memorial**. Started in 1948 at the request of Chief Henry Standing Bear who invited sculptor Korczak Ziolkowski to carve a mountain to honor the North American Indians. The memorial is the world's largest sculpture-in-progress, and frequent drilling and mountain blasts make each visit unique. When completed, the Crazy Horse Memorial will stand 563 feet tall by 641 feet long. Next, we arrive in historic downtown Rapid City where you'll find tree-lined streets and discover, among some of the West's signature specialty shops, the life-size bronze statues of your favorite U.S. President. Late this afternoon, we step back in time as we visit **Fort Hays Old West Town Square**. Stroll along the boardwalk and take a free, self-guided tour of the Dances With Wolves film set and the South Dakota movie museum. See the craftsmen working with their hands making everything from handmade tools, ropes, bricks, tin plates, knives, and even pan for Black Hills Gold! Then we enjoy the Chuckwagon Supper & Branson-style Music Variety Show featuring a hearty chuckwagon menu and the most entertaining show in the Black Hills!

Tuesday, September 21 – RAPID CITY

(B,L,D)

This morning we begin with a visit to the **Journey Museum and Learning Center** that brings together the history of both the Western Great Plains as well as Native American history and tells the story of the Black Hills region. Next, we visit **Custer State Park** for a lunch at the Pheasant Dining Room. Enjoy a trip along the Custer State Park Wildlife Loop drive. Although Custer State Park is best known for its herd of roaming buffalo, the park is also home to an abundance of wildlife. Enjoy a fantastic driver through the Black Hills scenery a photo stop is made at Sylan Lake. This afternoon we'll arrive at **Mount Rushmore National Memorial**. Few attractions stir the emotions of visitors the way Mount Rushmore does. The granite faces of four American Presidents - George Washington, Thomas Jefferson, Teddy Roosevelt and Abraham Lincoln tower 5,500 feet above sea level and are scaled to men who would stand 465 feet tall. We enjoy dinner at the Memorial followed by the Evening Lighting Ceremony.

Wednesday, September 22 – RAPID CITY / SIOUX FALLS

(B,D)

This morning we depart Rapid City and begin our return journey home, but we still have a few stops along the way. Our first stop today will be at the **Wall Drug** store that got its start during the Depression years by offering Free Ice Water to thirsty travelers, although today it most likely best known for its one-of-a-kind store where visitors spend hours searching for just the right souvenir, from jackelopes to coffee mugs. Our journey will then take us through the **Badlands National Park**, consisting 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. Lunch this afternoon will take us to **Al's Oasis**, historically the premier resting stop for travelers along Interstate 90. Our day's journey will come to an end in Sioux Falls.

