



# Yellowstone & Grand Teton National Parks

*Explore the grandeur of two national parks and landscapes rich in cowboy legends*

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## 1. Arrive Jackson

**Tour begins: 6:00 PM, Jackson Lake Lodge.** A transfer is included from Jackson Hole Airport to Jackson Lake Lodge in Grand Teton National Park. Join us this evening for welcome cocktails and dinner at your historic lodge. **Meals D**

## 2. Snake River Rafting in the Tetons

Enjoy a float trip along the Snake River\* as it meanders through the stunning Tetons, a fitting introduction to the natural splendors of Grand Teton National Park. Later, stop at the Mormon Row Historic District – a homesteaders'



## Uniquely Tauck

- KEN BURNS AMERICAN JOURNEYS – Filmed narratives by Ken Burns and Dayton Duncan, made exclusively for Tauck, offer compelling stories of the people who fought to create our national parks
- Take a float trip down the Snake River with an expert guide; panoramas of the magnificent Teton Range unfold as your guide offers insights on the wildlife and history of the area
- Learn all about the rodeo when you watch bull and bronco riders and roping artistry at the Cody Nite Rodeo in Cody, Wyoming, “Rodeo Capital of the World”; begun as an homage to Buffalo Bill Cody, the annual event runs June – August
- Saddle up and ride with the cowboys at the TA Guest Ranch, a working cattle ranch that was once a battleground in the Johnston County Wars; history and legends are everywhere at the ranch and on the range



*Experience the living legacy of showman Buffalo Bill Cody during an overnight stay in the “rodeo capital of the world.”*

settlement dating back to 1890 whose preservation is supported by a grant from Tauck. Spend the rest of the day exploring the western town of Jackson as you please before returning for dinner at the Jackson Lake Lodge. **Meals BD**

### 3. Yellowstone National Park

En route to Yellowstone National Park, visit the Colter Bay visitor center to view American Indian artworks and artifacts. Arrive midday in Yellowstone, the United States' first national park – and the world's. Your accommodations are ideally located in the historic Old Faithful Inn, just steps from famed Old Faithful Geyser. Approximately every 90 minutes, the geyser lives up to its name by shooting a plume of steam skyward; be sure to have your camera ready! Explore the Upper Geyser Basin and learn about Old Faithful during sightseeing this afternoon. Dinner is at leisure; enjoy the dramatic log-and-limb lobby with a huge stone fireplace that rises seven stories. **Meals BLD**

### 4. A geologic wonderland

With 10,000 hot springs, thundering waterfalls, two-thirds of all geysers in the world, and endless forests, Yellowstone

National Park inspires awe everywhere you look. Explore some of its most amazing wonders today. Follow the Firehole River to the Fountain Paint Pot, just one of many bubbling, colorful mud pots you'll find throughout the park. View the spectacular Grand Canyon of the Yellowstone, carved throughout the millennia by volcanic events, glaciers, and the churning waters of the Yellowstone River. Lesser known than its famous rival of a similar name, this canyon is no less breathtaking in its drama and immensity, with torrential falls more than twice the height of Niagara's, and jagged walls of pink, yellow, and orange plunging 1,200 feet to the river below. As you travel through broad, open Hayden Valley, you might see herds of bison and elk grazing in the distance. Continue on to your hotel in Mammoth Hot Springs. **Meals BD**

### 5. Buffalo Bill's legacy in Cody

Journey along winding mountain roads from Yellowstone National Park through the open oil and cattle lands of western Wyoming's cowboy country to Cody. Renowned as the “rodeo capital of the world,” historic Cody was founded by frontiersman William F. “Buffalo Bill” Cody in 1896. Learn





*Some of the most iconic sites within Yellowstone National Park are the storied geysers that send plumes of steam skyward, some with clockwork precision; enjoy them as you please when you spend the night at Old Faithful Inn, just steps from these natural wonders.*

more about his life and legacy at the Buffalo Bill Center of the West. This state-of-the-art complex of five museums is a celebration of the spirit of the American West, home to the world's largest collection of artifacts depicting its culture, history and art – explore Greater Yellowstone natural history, western art, cultural stories, histories of the Plains Indian peoples, and more. Your evening is about exciting Western-style fun – at the Cody Nite Rodeo (during rodeo season, June – August only) or the Dan Miller Cowboy Music Revue, schedule permitting. **Meals BD**

## 6. A hearty taste of Wyoming ranch life

Drive through the Bighorn Mountains this morning as you traverse canyons, taking in mountain vistas of snow-capped peaks and alpine meadows. Get a double dose of cowboy life today when you visit two different western ranches. Enjoy a cookhouse lunch at the TA Guest Ranch, an authentic working cattle ranch that was the site of a siege and shootout during the infamous “Johnson County War” in 1892 that pitched cowboy against cowboy and neighbor against neighbor. Remnants of the siege are still present



## Spend the night at the Ranch at Ucross

Nestled in the foothills of the Big Horn Mountain Range near the banks of Piney Creek, the Ranch at Ucross boasts a legacy as historic as the west itself. Now a working 20,000 acre cattle ranch, the property was homesteaded in Indian country in the late 1800s with a solitary sod roof cabin well-preserved today. One of the oldest standing houses in the area, the historic Victorian house you'll see here was built in 1902 on the old stagecoach route. Experience a taste of ranch life during an overnight stay, where dinner is served cowboy style in an authentic western setting amidst views of the surrounding Wyoming countryside.

and you can even see the old gunshot holes in the original horse barn as well as the log ranch house. Learn about the history of cattle ranching in Wyoming, and get a firsthand taste of life on the range. Spend the afternoon with the cowboys who work this ranch on a choice of activities that include saddling up for a horseback ride\*, meeting a horse whisperer, or taking an old-fashioned horse-drawn wagon ride. Your Wyoming adventure continues tonight with your overnight stay at the Ranch at Ucross, among scenic rolling hills beside the banks of Piney Creek, where dinner is served in an authentic western setting. **Meals BLD**

## 7. Crazy Horse to Mount Rushmore

Travel into the Black Hills of South Dakota for lunch and a visit to the Crazy Horse Memorial, begun in 1948 and still a work in progress today. Upon completion it will be the largest stone carving in the world, looming over 500 feet high. View a model of the statue at the visitors center, which includes a museum dedicated to American Indian history and cultures of the Plains tribes, and where you'll have lunch today. Then head over to nearby Mount Rushmore National Memorial to see the towering likenesses of US presidents George Washington, Thomas Jefferson, Theodore Roosevelt and Abraham Lincoln, cut out of the Black Hills granite. Larger than life and monumentally impressive, they're the crowning achievement of Idaho-born sculptor Gutzon Borglum, carved between 1927 and 1941 with the help of 400 workers (including his son Lincoln, who completed the project after the elder Borglum's death in 1941). Originally conceived as a novel way to attract tourism to the region, the memorial draws two million visitors every year. Continue to Rapid City for an overnight stay. Join us for a farewell reception and dinner at your hotel tonight. **Meals BLD**



Still a work-in-progress as you will see, Crazy Horse Monument is destined to be the largest stone carving in the world.

## 8. Journey Home

**Tour ends: Rapid City.** Fly home anytime; a transfer is included from The Rushmore Hotel & Suites to Rapid City Regional Airport. Allow two hours for flight check-in. **Meals B**

### 2023 DATES

May 15, 17, 20, 24, 31 Jun 3, 7, 10, 14, 17, 21, 24, 28  
Jul 1, 5, 8, 15, 22, 29 Aug 2, 5, 9, 12, 16, 19, 23, 26, 30  
Sep 2, 6, 9, 13, 16, 20, 23 / = Sold Out!

Go to [tauck.com](https://tauck.com) for up-to-the-minute space availability.

### 2023 PRICE PER PERSON

<b>May</b>		
Double \$ 4,790	Single \$ 6,015	Triple \$ 4,370 (double with rollaway)
<b>June - September</b>		
Double \$ 5,090	Single \$ 6,322	Triple \$ 4,668 (double with rollaway)

Dates in blue indicate Small Group Departures averaging 24 Tauck guests, from \$5,590 per person double. Special Solo Traveler Savings dates in red indicate special departures where you save \$200 on the single room price.

### 2023 PRICE INCLUSIONS

17 meals (7 Breakfasts, 3 Lunches & 7 Dinners), airport and train transfers as noted, service charges, gratuities to local guides, admission fees, taxes and portage.

### 2023 PREMIER ACCOMMODATIONS

Night 1,2	<b>JACKSON LAKE LODGE</b>	Grand Teton National Park, WY
Night 3	<b>OLD FAITHFUL INN</b>	Yellowstone National Park, WY
Night 4	<b>MAMMOTH HOT SPRINGS HOTEL</b>	Yellowstone National Park, WY
Night 5	<b>HOLIDAY INN CODY AT BUFFALO BILL VILLAGE</b>	Cody, WY
Night 6	<b>THE RANCH AT UCROSS</b>	Ucross, WY
Night 7	<b>THE RUSHMORE HOTEL &amp; SUITES</b>	Rapid City, SD

Airfare is additional. For activities marked with an asterisk (\*), participation is at your own risk; a signed liability waiver will be required. Certain exceptions may apply (will be advised at time of booking). Itinerary is subject to change. **Please go to General Information for additional information, including our Guest Protection Plan and Activity / Pace details.**

**Activity Level 2 / Pace Level 3**