NATIONAL PARKS & LODGES OF THE OLD WEST

10 Days of Spectacular Scenery & Lodges

AUGUST 12-21, 2018
Special Alumni Rate
SAVE MORE THAN $600 per couple
Dear Alumni and Friends,

We are pleased to invite you on a journey that celebrates the American West’s magnificent National Parks, tracing legends and storied monuments along the way.

From Old Faithful to Mount Rushmore and from Spearfish Canyon to the Snake River, you will see the best of the Old West and traverse its beautiful vistas in style and comfort. Wonderfully historic hotels and lodges are a highlight of this program, including landmark lodging within the parks themselves.

Space is limited. With significant savings of more than $600 per couple, we anticipate this tour will fill quickly, so be certain to reserve your spot today and share this brochure with family and friends who may be interested in traveling with you.

Please reserve online at http://tcu.orbridge.com, by calling (866) 639-0079 or by returning the enclosed reservation form.

Sincerely,

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Free Expedition Library
AN EARLY RESERVATION BONUS

Reserve your space by December 29, 2017, to receive the FREE Orbridge Expedition Library we’ve assembled for this program.

This exclusive gift is to thank you for joining us early. Guests who reserve after the specified date may purchase libraries. Call for details.
Trace the legends and natural splendors of the American West.

The country our ancestors dreamed about—and that still resides in our nation’s great parks—is filled with beautiful scenery, abundant wildlife, hiking, storytelling, and incredible historic lodges you will write home about.
Your 10-Day Itinerary*

Day 1: Arrive in Rapid City, SD (R)
Meet fellow travelers for a welcome drink
Overnight: The Rushmore Hotel & Suites

Day 2: Badlands National Park / Custer State Park (B,D)
Buffalo safari, canyon cookout
Overnight: Custer State Game Lodge

Day 3: Custer State Park / Hot Springs (B,D)
Mammoth dig site, Crazy Horse Memorial
Overnight: Custer State Game Lodge

Day 4: Custer State Park / Spearfish Canyon (B,D)
Mount Rushmore, Tatanka Museum
Overnight: Spearfish Canyon Lodge

Day 5: The Ranch at Ucross / Cody, WY (B,L)
Ranch life, Bighorn Mountains
Overnight: Holiday Inn Cody

Day 6: Cody / Yellowstone National Park (B,D)
Buffalo Bill, Old West, Old Faithful
Overnight: Yellowstone Lodging

Day 7: Yellowstone National Park (B,D)
Geothermal highlights, park sightseeing
Overnight: Yellowstone Lodging

Day 8: Grand Teton National Park / Jackson (B)
Scenic drive: western plains and mountains
Overnight: Rustic Inn

Day 9: Jackson (B,D)
Leisure activities, farewell dinner
Overnight: Rustic Inn

Day 10: Depart Jackson (B)

Optional Extension: Days 10-12 in Jackson

Activity Level: Guests should be able to walk up a flight of stairs, and get in and out of a motor coach without assistance. Maximum altitude: 9,000 feet.

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Program Highlights

- Experience the diverse wonders of our National Parks accompanied by an Orbridge Expedition Leader.
- Overnight in landmark lodges that are national treasures themselves.
- Enjoy a chuck wagon cookout after a visit to Custer State Park, a wildlife reserve with scenic lakes, dramatic granite spires, and lush grasslands where bison herds roam.
- Visit the world’s largest mammoth site, where scientists are excavating remains of Columbian and woolly mammoths from 26,000 years ago.
- Marvel at the grandeur of Mount Rushmore and Crazy Horse Memorial.
- See the dramatic effects of Yellowstone’s volcanically active caldera with visits to otherworldly geothermal sites including Fountain Paint Pot and Old Faithful Geyser.

- What’s included: 9 nights hotel and lodge accommodations; 9 breakfasts, 1 lunch, and 6 dinners; full guiding services of an Orbridge Expedition Leader; admission to national parks and all activities as described in program itinerary; luggage porterage; all gratuities; and airport transfers for guests arriving and departing during the suggested times.

*Subject to change.
Your Expedition Leader:
From identifying a wildflower to recalling details about Mt. Rushmore’s making, the company and keen eyes of an expert Orbridge Expedition Leader will make all the difference in your educational experience. Enriched by their wealth of expertise, you’ll bring home a deeper understanding of the flora, fauna, natural history, and cultural narrative of the Old West.

Accommodations (subject to change)

THE RUSHMORE HOTEL & SUITES
Situated near Rapid City’s entertainment, shopping, and dining, this hotel features a café, award-winning restaurant, and lounge.

CUSTER STATE GAME LODGE
Set in a beautiful mountain valley in Custer State Park, it served as the “Summer White House” for President Calvin Coolidge and was visited by President Dwight D. Eisenhower.

SPEARFISH CANYON LODGE
Nestled alongside lofty pines and spectacular limestone cliffs, this property features heavy log walls and a 40-foot stone fireplace. Follow the hiking trails that meander through the forest to a Black Hills waterfall or the canyon rim.

HOLIDAY INN CODY
Near the Buffalo Bill Center of the West, Old Trail Town, and other local attractions, this hotel offers well-appointed rooms with all the comforts of home, as well as an outdoor pool, bar/restaurant, and lounge.

YELLOWSTONE LODGING
Confirmed by the National Park Service, you’ll stay at one of the following Yellowstone facilities: Lake Yellowstone Hotel, Old Faithful Inn, Old Faithful Snow Lodge, Mammoth Hot Springs Hotel (all pictured to right), or Canyon Lodge & Cabins, Grant Village, or Lake Lodge Cabins. Each offers comfortable lodging and modern amenities.

RUSTIC INN AT JACKSON HOLE CREEKSIDE RESORT & SPA
Rustic Inn offers the finest Western accommodations, 12 lush acres adjacent to the National Elk Refuge, and nearby access to Jackson’s downtown scene.
Optional Extension

Jackson Hole

With two added days in Jackson Hole, enjoy the area’s vibrant cultural offerings, jaw-dropping scenery, abundant wildlife, and outdoor activities.

Extension Itinerary*

Day 10: Jackson / Grand Teton
Wildlife Excursion (B)
Wildlife experts will guide you to the park’s viewing hotspots while also providing details about the area’s history, landmarks, and geography.

Day 11: Jackson / Leisure (B)
National Museum of Wildlife Art, wildlife viewing, various outdoor activities, or relax at the resort and spa at Rustic Inn.

Day 12: Depart Jackson (B)
After breakfast, guests departing during the suggested times take a complimentary transfer to the airport for flights home.

What’s Included

• Two nights accommodations at Rustic Inn at Jackson Hole Creekside Resort & Spa (shown below) or similar, with breakfast each morning
• A half-day guided wildlife excursion through Grand Teton National Park
• Complimentary admission to the National Museum of Wildlife Art (transfers not included)
• Park entrance fees for guided wildlife excursion
• All gratuities
• Transfers for guests departing during the suggested times

Early Reservation Bonus:
See reverse for details.
Online Check/ACH

*Special group rate; limited offer. Rates are per person based on double occupancy except where noted as Single, in U.S. dollars. Airfare one Expedition Library per room will be sent upon receipt of final payment. Libraries may be purchased; please call for details.

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Registration, Deposits and Final Payment. To confirm and secure your reservation, a deposit of $1,700 per person for the Antarctica program and $850 per person for all other programs, a deposit for any extension(s), and any non-refundable advanced payments, payable by check, online check/ACH, money order, wire transfer of same day U.S. funds, or major credit card, is due at the time of registration. Final payment, including any extension(s) and optional(s), is payable by check, online check/ACH, money order, or wire transfer of same day U.S. funds. Final payments made by credit card are subject to a 2% transaction fee. If final payment is not received by Orbridge by the final payment due date, Orbridge may, at any time and with or without notice, cancel your reservation in its sole discretion and/or take my/our deposit for this program.

Registration form
Mail or fax and deposit to:
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P.O. Box 10339, Bainbridge Island, WA 98110
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Option 1: Reserve online now at http://tcu.orbridge.com or call (866) 639-0079.

Option 2: Secure your reservation with a deposit charged to the credit card below, or with an enclosed check payable to: Orbridge LLC.

Deposit Payment:

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When you reserve by December 29, 2017**

What Guests Are Saying...

We have just completed this tour and can’t say enough POSITIVE things about it. Your organization is amazing. We’re giving Orbridge and “family” 5 stars! We’ve traveled the globe, been in charge of various trips and have had many tour operators. You rank at the TOP! We saw more and learned more than we even imagined. Our tour director and guide were the best ever. It will be a trip we will remember for the rest of our lives! Thank you for the opportunity.

~Judith & Peter W., Los Altos Hills, CA

The trip was much better than we expected. We were very satisfied with the service provided by Orbridge. We came home with renewed appreciation of our National Parks.

~Donnajean & William D., Columbus, OH

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~Rod and Betty S., San Francisco, CA

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