10 Days of Spectacular Scenery & Lodges

NATIONAL PARKS & LODGES OF THE OLD WEST

AUGUST 14-23, 2019

with optional

JACKSON HOLE POST-TOUR
August 23-25, 2019
Dear Alumni, Parents, Families, and Friends,

I’m pleased to invite you to join us 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.

Experience ranch life in the Big Horn Mountains. Indulge in the geological phenomena of hot springs in South Dakota, and journey through Badlands National Park, known as nature’s surreal masterpiece, where impressive herds of bison roam, and dazzling, dramatic pinnacles rise over the largest undisturbed mixed-grass prairie in the United States.

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. Share this brochure with family and friends who may be interested in traveling with you.

Please reserve online at uchicago.orbridge.com, by calling (866) 636-0079 or by returning the enclosed reservation form.

Kind regards,

Ben Hancock
Director, Alumni Engagement
The University of Chicago

Questions? Visit the UChicago Alumni Travel Program online at alumni.uchicago.edu/travel or contact us at (773) 702-2150 or alumnitravel@uchicago.edu. For information about logistics and registration, call Orbridge at (866) 639-0079.
Trace the legends and natural splendors of the American West—an awe-inspiring expanse filled with beautiful scenery, abundant wildlife, hiking, storytelling, and incredible historic lodges you will write home about.
Your 10-Day Itinerary (subject to change)

Day 1: Arrive in Rapid City, SD (R)
Meet fellow travelers for a welcome drink
Overnight: Hotel Alex Johnson

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: Spearfish Canyon Lodge

Day 4: Mount Rushmore (B,D)
Monument exploration
Overnight: Spearfish Canyon Lodge

Day 5: 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, optional float trip, farewell dinner
Overnight: Rustic Inn

Day 10: Depart Jackson (B)

(B=Breakfast, L=Lunch, D=Dinner, R=Reception)

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 during 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.

• Explore Grand Teton National Park—host to flora and fauna that date back to prehistoric times.

• 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 the program itinerary; private deluxe motor coach with air-conditioning and comfortable seating; luggage porterage; all gratuities; and airport transfers for guests arriving and departing during the suggested times.

Activity Level: The majority of the program’s activities will take place outdoors and a fair amount of walking on varying terrain is to be expected. Many of the parks have dirt trails, but they are usually fairly smooth for walking, some do have paved pathways and boardwalks. It is our expectation that guests on this program are able to walk a mile at a moderate pace, get in and out of a motor coach, and walk up a flight of stairs without assistance. Also keep in mind that you will experience varying altitudes, rising up to 9,000 feet, to which you may not be accustomed.
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)

HOTEL ALEX JOHNSON
Located in downtown Rapid City, this historic hotel features a casual Irish pub, fitness center, and rooftop bar overlooking town.

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: Old Faithful Inn, Old Faithful Snow Lodge, or Canyon 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.
With two additional days in Jackson Hole, enjoy the area’s vibrant cultural offerings, jaw-dropping scenery, abundant wildlife, and outdoor activities.

**Post-Tour Itinerary (subject to change)**

**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 including transportation to and from the hotel, national park entrance fee, naturalist guide (including gratuities), and use of binoculars and spotting scopes
- Admission to and docent-led tour of the National Museum of Wildlife Art including transfers to and from the hotel
- Luggage porterage
- Airport transfers for guests departing during
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Option 2: Secure your reservation with a deposit charged to the credit card below, or with an enclosed check payable to: Orbridge, LLC.

GUEST INFORMATION:

Guest #1 Name (Title/Salutation): ___________________________________________
Email: ___________________________________________ Home Phone: ____________________________
Affiliation/Grad Year: ___________________________________________ Alt. Phone: ____________________________
Address: ___________________________________________________________
City: ___________________________________________________________ State: _______ Zip: _____________
Guest #2 Name (Title/Salutation): ___________________________________________
Email: ___________________________________________ Home Phone: ____________________________
Affiliation/Grad Year: ___________________________________________ Alt. Phone: ____________________________

DEPOSIT:
#_________ guests joining program ($850/person) +
#_________ guests joining post-tour ($500/person) = TOTAL DEPOSIT: $

OPTIONAL SNAKE RIVER FLOAT TRIP EXCURSION (added to your final invoice):
#_________ guests joining optional excursion ($75/person)

DEPOSIT PAYMENT:

☐ Check Enclosed ☐ Online Check/ACH ☐ MasterCard/Visa ☐ American Express ☐ Discover
Card #: ___________________________________________ Exp. Date: _______ CVV: _______
Name (as printed on card): ___________________________________________
Billing Address (if different from above): ___________________________________________
City: ___________________________________________________________ State: _______ Zip: _____________

For questions about the program, contact Ben Hancock at (773) 702-2150 or (800) 955-0065. For reservations, please call Orbridge at (866) 639-0079.

Cancellations and Refunds. All cancellations must be submitted to Orbridge in writing and will be subject to a cancellation fee ("Cancellation Fee") as follows: (a) if the cancellation notice is received by Orbridge 275 or more calendar days prior to the scheduled departure date, all deposits will be fully refunded; (b) if the cancellation notice is received by Orbridge between 274 and 151 days prior to the scheduled departure date, the Cancellation Fee will be $500 per person per program and $300 per person per program for extensions; (c) if the cancellation notice is received by Orbridge between 150 days prior to the scheduled departure date and the day before the final payment due date, the Cancellation Fee will be the full deposit per person per program including any extension; (d) if the cancellation notice is received by Orbridge on the final payment due date or closer to the scheduled departure date, the Cancellation Fee will be the full program price. In addition to and not in lieu of the foregoing, a Cancellation Fee equal to 100% of the carrier charge applies to all non-refundable airfares due to your cancellation made at any time prior to the scheduled program departure date, as applicable. Refunds, if any, of any Payments in excess of the aggregate Cancellation Fee shall be processed within 30 calendar days of our receipt of your written notice. For complete Terms & Conditions, visit terms.orbridge.com | Copyright © 2018 Orbridge, LLC | www.orbridge.com | (866) 639-0079

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Mail or fax reservation form and deposit to: Orbridge P.O. Box 10339, Bainbridge Island, WA 98110
Fax: (206) 452-5655

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 Opposition group rate; limited offer. Rates are per person based on double occupancy except where noted as Single, in U.S. dollars. Airfare not included. Single availability limited. **A complement to the educational component of this journey, Expedition Libraries are curated collections of useful resources and background reading tailored to this program. Place your deposit on or before the specified date, and one Expedition Library per household will be sent upon receipt of final payment. Libraries may be purchased; please call for details.  

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