

# National Parks of the Rockies

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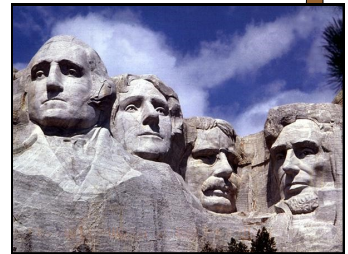
*This travel package planned by Bob Oliver and Denise Hovden-Baumler.*

10 Days: Sept 25 - Oct 4, 2010

*Following consecutive sell-outs of our Black Hills Buffalo Round-up and National Parks of the Northwest tours for earlier this year, we have put together a "best of" itinerary to give those of you that missed out a second chance to see this amazing and beautiful area. Everyone else is invited too!*

**Saturday September 25** get acquainted with fellow passengers as we pick up through our guaranteed departure cities as we make our way east. Overnight in Murdo South Dakota.

**Sunday September 26** we enjoy breakfast at our hotel before departure to, **Badlands National Park** (Ben Reifel Visitor Center and unique landscape of the scenic Loop Drive). and then head to **Mount Rushmore National Monument** (see Avenue of The Flags, Trails, Visitor Center & gift shop). Next, we visit **Crazy Horse National Monument**, that largest rock carving in the world – in progress for 60+ years!). We then drive the famous **Wildlife Loop of Custer State Park**. Overnight in Keystone South Dakota.



**Monday September 27** breakfast served at our hotel before departure. Head out early to witness America's only annual **Buffalo Round-Up**, where you'll watch 1500 buffalo thunder the valley from a vantage point atop a high ridge! Enjoy an all-you-can eat buffet lunch at **South Dakota State Game Lodge**, served in the historic dining room of President Calvin Coolidge's Summer White House). Overnight in Casper Wyoming.

**Tuesday September 28** breakfast is served at our hotel, and then enjoy lunch & shopping time on-your-own in Colter Bay Village Wyoming. We then take in a guided tour of **Grand Teton National Park** (with expert guide aboard our coach), where we'll see Jenny Lake, Transfiguration Chapel, Moose Visitor Center and Snake River Overlook. Overnight in Grand Teton National Park WY.



**Wednesday September 29** breakfast is served at our hotel before departure. We then enjoy a guided tour of **Yellowstone National Park**, with an expert guide aboard our coach. While there, we'll see the Grand Canyon of the Yellowstone, Old Faithful, Paint Pots and Lake Yellowstone. Overnight in Gardiner Montana.



**Thursday September 30** following breakfast we make our way north towards **Helena, MT**. Our first stop will be at **Elkhorn Ghost Town**, we're not sure if you'll actually see any ghosts here but you will see prime examples of frontier architecture during the silver boom of the 1880's in this once-vibrant town that had its own mill and smelter producing \$30,000 worth of ore per month.

You'll see remnants of the old mine shoemaker's shop and a saloon. The cemetery provides a fascinating and somewhat eerie memory of those who lived here. Head north to Helena after we get settled in our lodging we depart for a memorable evening of good food and good times at **Last Chance Ranch** for a Wagon Ride Dinner. We'll depart Helena on a deluxe bus, transfer to covered wagons for a ride to Moose Meadow tipi for a gourmet meal of prime rib along with live western entertainment by a campfire.

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**Friday October 1** breakfast will be served at the hotel before enjoying a **guided tour** of Helena. Learn about the rich history of the Helena community, marvel at the Cathedral of St. Helena, and see the authentic Pioneer Cabin. Catch a glimpse of The Old Fire Tower, view the Greek Renaissance architecture of Montana's impressive State Capitol, and see the opulent mansion district. We will continue to **Billings, MT** for the night and a visit to the **Western Heritage Center**. In the historic 1901 Parmly Billings Library Building, the center features exhibits about the history and culture of the Yellowstone Valley region.

**Saturday October 2** after breakfast we continue our homeward journey traveling across the majestic Montana Rockies. We arrive in **Medora, ND**; we'll arrive at Billings County Museum to the old county courtroom for "**The Murder Trail of the Marquis**". Hear the arguments, listen to the commentary and learn what happened when the Marquis brought barbed wire to Dakota Territory – murder or self defense? Next enjoy a leisurely **guided walking tour** of Historic Medora followed by overnight in Medora.

**Sunday October 3** after breakfast we will stop at the **Theodore Roosevelt National Park Visitor Center**. The museum at the Visitor Center focuses on Theodore Roosevelt's ranching days in the Badlands during the 1880's and has some of his personal items. The museum also has other cultural and natural history exhibits, including an exhibit on the Civilian Conservation Corps and their role in the development of the park. See back, relax and enjoy the rest of our travel day to Watertown SD. This evening will include dinner and lodging in Watertown.



**Monday October 4** we enjoy our final breakfast, and then visit the **Redlin Art Center** including an introductory video presentation and Q & A session. Take a self-guided tour of the galleries, including 150 original Redlin paintings. Morning coffee & cookies, plus shopping in three unique gift shops. Enjoy a deli sandwich lunch served in souvenir tin lunch bucket. Depart for home, with vivid memories of some of the great National Parks of the Northwest.

**Your 10-day National Parks of The Rockies package includes:** luxury motor coach transportation, lodging for 9 nights, luggage handling, tickets/admissions to all bolded attractions, National Park fees, gratuities to step-on guides, 9 breakfasts, 2 dinners, 2 lunches (inclusive of tax and gratuity).

\$1999.00 per person, double occupancy

\$1849.00 per person with 3 or 4 persons sharing a room with 2 beds

\$2599.00 single room accommodations

**Reservations:** anytime as long as space is available

**Deposit:** \$200.00 per person due with reservation

**Balance due:** August 25

**Cancel by:** August 25 for full-refund cancellation

**Peace of Mind Protection:** 5% of the trip cost, due with deposit.

**Guaranteed Departure Cities:** Newton, Des Moines, Ames, Ft Dodge, Webster City, Williams, Clear Lake, Tama, Waterloo, Waverly, Charles City, Clear Lake, Coralville, Cedar Rapids, Independence, West Union, Decorah, Rochester & Owatonna

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