



# U.S. National Parks: The Rockies to Yellowstone

9 days | 13 days with the Badlands & Mount Rushmore extension

Stand in awe of extraordinary landscapes and embrace your pioneering spirit on this breathtaking adventure. From the soaring peaks of the Rocky Mountains and the mesmerizing sandstone cliffs of Moab to the wildlife of Yellowstone, this is America at its most majestic.



## Your tour package includes

- 8 nights in handpicked hotels
- 8 breakfasts
- 3 dinners with beer or wine
- 1 beer tasting
- 6 sightseeing tours
- Expert Tour Director & local guides
- Private deluxe motor coach

## Included highlights

- Downtown Denver
- Rocky Mountain National Park
- Vail
- Arches National Park
- Park City's historic Main Street
- The Grand Tetons
- Yellowstone National Park
- Old Faithful

## Tour pace

On this guided tour, you'll walk for at least 1 hour daily across moderately uneven terrain, including paved roads and unpaved trails, with few hills.

## Group size

15-35

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## Denver, Colorado → 2 nights

### Day 1: Arrival in Denver

*Included meals: welcome dinner*

Welcome to Colorado! Meet your Tour Director and fellow travelers at a welcome dinner this evening.

### Day 2: Sightseeing tour of Denver

*Included meals: breakfast*

Explore Colorado's capital city on a tour led by a local guide.

- See the Colorado State Capitol Building and the Denver Public Library
- Pass through the city's vibrant art and museum districts

Enjoy a free afternoon in Denver or add an excursion.

+ Garden of the Gods & Cave of the Winds

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## Rocky Mountain National Park Region, Colorado → 1 night

### Day 3: Rocky Mountain National Park

*Included meals: breakfast, dinner, beer tasting*

Set out to explore the wonders of Rocky Mountain National Park.

- Drive along the Trail Ridge Road, which soars to 12,000 feet in elevation (*weather-dependent*)
- Take several short trail walks
- Look out for wildlife including elk, bighorn sheep, moose, and bears

Sample local brews during an included beer tasting and dinner this evening.

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## Moab, Utah → 2 nights

### Day 4: Moab via Vail

*Included meals: breakfast*

Make several stops as you travel through the Rockies and Glenwood Canyon en route to Moab, Utah.

- Stop in Vail, a famous resort town
- Visit the charming mountain town of Glenwood Springs

Then, continue along the continental divide to Moab.

### Day 5: Arches National Park

*Included meals: breakfast*

Spend a free morning in Moab or add an excursion.

This afternoon, gaze at the red rock sculptures carved by nature as you explore Arches National Park, home to more than 2,000 arches, spires, domes, pinnacles, and fins.

*Please note: The order of activities may vary based on season.*

Enjoy a free evening in Moab or add an excursion.

+ Colorado River Raft Trip

+ Canyonlands River Cruise & Old West Dinner

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## Park City, Utah → 1 night

### Day 6: Transfer to Park City & sightseeing tour

*Included meals: breakfast*

Enjoy the open spaces and fantastic scenery as you travel north to Park City, a popular ski resort that's also known for hosting the Sundance Film Festival. With your Tour Director leading the way, get to know the city on a guided tour.

- Explore the historic Main Street, listed on the National Register of Historic Places in 1979
  - Pass the Park City Museum, where you can discover the city's rich past
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## Jackson, Wyoming → 2 nights

### Day 7: Transfer to Jackson & Grand Teton National Park

*Included meals: breakfast*

Make your way to Jackson, Wyoming this morning. Then, spend the afternoon exploring Grand Teton National Park with your Tour Director.

- Admire the Grand Tetons, the youngest mountain range in the Rockies
- Take short walks to view the park's unique wildlife

### Day 8: Yellowstone National Park

*Included meals: breakfast, farewell dinner*

Travel to Yellowstone, which was designated the world's first national park in 1872.

- Marvel at natural wonders as you explore Yellowstone National Park
- Spot hot springs and geysers, including the iconic Old Faithful
- View wildlife including bison, grizzly bears, elk, and wolves

Enjoy a farewell dinner with your fellow travelers this evening.

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## Flight Home

### Day 9: Departure

*Included meals: breakfast (excluding early morning departures)*

Transfer to the airport for your flight home or extend your stay to visit the Badlands and Mount Rushmore.

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## + the Badlands & Mount Rushmore extension

Continue your trip in the American West to visit more national monuments, including the Little Bighorn Battlefield and Crazy Horse. Then, spend a full day exploring Badlands National Park and getting face-to-face(s) with Mount Rushmore.

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## Cody, Wyoming → 1 night

### Day 9: Transfer to Cody & Buffalo Bill Museum Center of the West

*Included meals: breakfast*

Travel to Cody and visit the Buffalo Bill Center of the West, which was founded in 1921 by Buffalo Bill's foster son Johnny Baker.

- Learn about the life, times, and legend of William "Buffalo Bill" Cody
  - View Buffalo Bill's show outfits
  - See Frederick Remington's Portrait of a Ranch Hand as well as Sitting Bull's bow and arrows
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## Sheridan, Wyoming → 1 night

### Day 10: Sheridan via Little Bighorn Battlefield

## **National Monument**

*Included meals: breakfast*

Head north into Montana to pay a visit to the Little Bighorn Battlefield National Monument. Then, head south into Big Horn County, Wyoming and soak in the views of the mountains and wildlife as you travel to Sheridan.

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## **Rapid City, South Dakota → 2 nights**

### **Day 11: Rapid City via Devils Tower National Monument & Crazy Horse Monument**

*Included meals: breakfast*

Cross into South Dakota, making several stops before continuing on to Rapid City for the evening.

- Visit the soaring Devils Tower National Monument, a sacred site for Native Americans
- View the Crazy Horse Monument, the world's largest mountain sculpture and memorial for the legendary Lakota Chief

### **Day 12: The Badlands & Mount Rushmore**

*Included meals: breakfast*

Set out to admire some of the country's most famous attractions.

- Visit Badlands National Park, a desolate landscape of sharply eroded buttes, pinnacles, and spires
- Stop at Wall Drug, South Dakota's favorite general store
- Stand in awe of Mount Rushmore
- Enter the Lincoln Borglum Visitor Center

Raise a glass and toast to your trip with a farewell drink this evening.

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## **Flight Home**

### **Day 13: Departure**

*Included meals: breakfast (excluding early morning departures)*

Transfer to the airport for your flight home.

## Customize your experience

Customize your tour by adding excursion options. Excursions offered on the same day will occur at different times, so there's no need to choose. Save \$10 when you book your excursion up to three days before your tour departs.\* Excursions requiring advance reservation only list this discounted price.

### **Day 2: Garden of the Gods & Cave of the Winds**

\$65/\$75\* (6 hours, departs in the afternoon)

Head south to visit the Garden of the Gods. This public park is a National Natural Landmark and features unique sandstone rock formations. You'll see some of the towering red, pink, and white rocks that sit against the backdrop of snow-capped Pikes Peak. After, continue on to the Cave of the Winds. Walk up stairs and stroll along the cave's illuminated, paved walkways during an hour-long guided tour to see a variety of stalagmites and stalactites. You'll learn how John and George Pickett's curiosity led them to discover the underground caverns and how the name of the cave pays homage to a local Native American legend.

### **Day 5: Colorado River Raft Trip**

\$69/\$79\* (4 hours, departure time varies)

Take a leisurely rafting trip down a tranquil stretch of the Colorado River, where you'll admire some of the most majestic sights of the American West. You'll float through Castle Valley and past the Fisher Towers during your time on the river. Though your raft will ride a current, you'll travel through the river's mildest stretch. Please note: This excursion is seasonal and runs March through October.

### **Day 5: Canyonlands River Cruise & Old West Dinner**

\$105/\$115\* (2.5 hours, departs in the evening, dinner included)

Start the evening with a cowboy-style, Dutch oven dinner featuring included drinks and various types of meat and sides. Then, board a flat-bottomed boat for a cruise on the Colorado River. As you float along, soak in views of the 2,000 foot cliffs and listen to live western entertainment amplified by the natural acoustics from the canyon walls. Please note: This excursion is seasonal and runs March through October.

\*Optional excursions may be purchased up to three days prior to departure or while on tour. Pre-purchased optional excursions cannot be canceled within three days prior to departure or while on tour. Select optional excursions require advance booking and cannot be purchased or canceled after the advanced reservation deadline. GAT accepts payment by cash, Visa or MasterCard for optional excursions purchased on tour. Additional fees may apply for optional excursions purchased on tour. Excursions require a minimum number of participants to operate. Details and prices are subject to change. Due to seasonal hours of operation and availability, some excursions may not operate. If this occurs, you will be refunded any payments made for that excursion post-tour. Learn more at [goaheadtours.com/terms](https://goaheadtours.com/terms)