

US National Parks & More

Our journey begins in Rapid City, SD. After arrival at the airport we will enjoy a scenic drive through the stunning **Black Hills** en route to **Custer State Park** and the Sylvan Lake Lodge. Situated at 6,140' in a spot suggested by architect Frank Lloyd Wright—this stone and timber lodge sits atop the sloping hills and the breathtaking beauty of Sylvan Lake. After a jeep tour of the park where we will see bison and other wildlife up close we will see the magnificent **Mt. Rushmore and Crazy Horse** monuments before a 2nd night at our lodge. The next day will be a short visit to little visited **Wind Cave National Park** before heading west to Jackson with a night in wild west Casper en route.



Next is **Grand Teton National Park**, one of the most rugged ranges on the continent. Dominated by the 13,770-ft. Grand Teton, it's made even more impressive by the absence of foothills. We'll enjoy two nights in the historic "cowboy town" of Jackson, Wyoming, at the beautiful Jackson Lake Lodge. Surrounded by the Rockies on all sides, this unique western city offers spectacular views in every direction. We'll spend a half day floating on the scenic **Snake River**, then relax with some free time to enjoy the unique attractions of this amazing area, including Jackson and Jenny Lakes where we often see grizzlies and elk.



Just a short drive north takes us to **Yellowstone National Park**, where our park guide will share the unique geology and history of Yellowstone, the first National Park in the world. We'll witness America's largest thermal basin, complete with geysers, hotspots, fumaroles, canyons, and waterfalls. We'll stay inside the Park near the north exit at the beautiful Mammoth Hot Springs Hotel for 1 night.



For the home stretch We'll travel through breathtakingly beautiful country as we wend our way across the northwest corner of Montana towards the spectacular **Glacier National Park**, where we'll enjoy panoramic views from the comfort of the famous open air "red buses." This is a land of precipitous peaks, rugged vistas, and glacier-fed waterfalls, all visible along the "Going-to-the-Sun Road." We'll cruise Lake McDonald with the National Park mountains as a backdrop and enjoy 2 nights in picturesque Whitefish, MT before heading south to Butte, MT and it's fascinating mining history and a guided tour of an underground copper mine. We will fly home from Butte on a non-stop flight to Charlotte where you be taken to your home door by your Globe Treks driver.

