NATIONAL PARKS & LODGES OF THE OLD WEST

JUNE 28 - JULY 6, 2024

with optional
JACKSON HOLE POST-TOUR

BOOK WITH CONFIDENCE
30-day refund guarantee

9 DAYS OF SPECTACULAR SCENERY & LODGES
Dear Alumni and Friends,

Join fellow alumni and friends on a journey that celebrates the American West’s magnificent National Parks, tracing legends and storied monuments along the way.

From Mount Rushmore, to Old Faithful, 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.

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 $1,000 per couple, we anticipate this tour will fill quickly, so be certain to reserve your spot today.

You may reserve online at jhu.orbridge.com, by calling (866) 639-0079 or by returning the enclosed reservation form.

Sincerely,

Marguerite Jones, A&S ’74, Bus ’88
Travel Program Director
Office of Alumni Relations
The Johns Hopkins University

One member of the traveling party is required to make a sustaining financial contribution of $50 to the Johns Hopkins Alumni Association within the fiscal year. Please visit www.alumni.jhu.edu/support. NOTE: A small portion of the cost of your trip supports the Johns Hopkins Alumni Travel Program.

For Johns Hopkins related questions, please call (800) 548-5481 or email alumni@jhu.edu.

Orbridge takes seriously the responsibility to minimize our global environmental impact. Each year we plant 100,000 trees in U.S. State Forests with afforestation needs as an ongoing initiative among our evolving sustainability efforts. Learn more at orbridge.com/going-green.
Your 9-Day Itinerary (subject to change)

**Day 1:** Arrive in Rapid City, SD (D)  
Settle in, welcome dinner  
Overnight: Hotel Alex Johnson

**Day 2:** Rapid City / Badlands National Park / Custer State Park (B,D)  
Park exploration, buffalo safari  
Overnight: Custer State Game Lodge

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

**Day 4:** Custer / Mount Rushmore / Spearfish Canyon (B,D)  
Monument exploration, leisure time  
Overnight: Spearfish Canyon Lodge

**Day 5:** Spearfish Canyon / Cody, WY (B,L)  
Scenic drive and stops, Bighorn Mountains  
Overnight: Holiday Inn Cody-At Buffalo Bill Village

**Day 6:** Cody / Yellowstone National Park (B,L,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:** Yellowstone National Park / Grand Teton National Park / Jackson (B,D)  
Scenic drive: western plains and mountains  
Overnight: Rustic Inn at Jackson Hole Creekside Resort and Spa

**Day 9:** Jackson / Depart (B)  
(B = Breakfast, L = Lunch, D = Dinner)

**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.
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 Jeep safari tour at 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 and visit otherworldly geothermal sites, including Old Faithful Geyser.
- Explore Grand Teton National Park—host to flora and fauna that date back to prehistoric times.

What’s Included

- 8 nights hotel and lodge accommodations
- 8 breakfasts, 2 lunches, and 7 dinners, including special welcome and farewell dinners
- Full guiding services of an Orbridge Expedition Leader
- All activities as described in the 9-day itinerary
- Admission and park fees
- Private deluxe motor coach with air conditioning and comfortable seating
- Luggage porterage, where available
- Gratuities to Orbridge Expedition Leader, local guides, drivers, porters, and wait staff for included meals
- Airport transfers for guests arriving and departing during the suggested times
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. Built in 1927 when Rapid City was a railroad town, many presidents and celebrities have stayed at the property over the years.

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 hiking trails that meander through the forest to a Black Hills waterfall or the canyon rim.

HOLIDAY INN CODY-AT BUFFALO BILL VILLAGE
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 properties: Old Faithful Inn, Old Faithful Snow Lodge, Canyon Lodge & Cabins or Mammoth Hot Springs Hotel. Each offers comfortable lodging and modern amenities.

RUSTIC INN AT JACKSON HOLE
This resort offers the finest Western accommodations amidst 12 lush acres adjacent to the National Elk Refuge and in close proximity 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 9:** Jackson  
National Museum of Wildlife Art  
Overnight: Rustic Inn at Jackson Hole Creekside Resort & Spa

**Day 10:** Jackson (B)  
Snake River float trip, wildlife viewing, and photography opportunities  
Overnight: Rustic Inn at Jackson Hole Creekside Resort & Spa

**Day 11:** Jackson / Depart (B)

What’s Included

- Two nights accommodations at Rustic Inn at Jackson Hole Creekside Resort & Spa (shown below) or similar, with breakfast each morning
- Admission to the National Museum of Wildlife Art, including a docent-led tour, and transfers to and from the hotel
- A half-day scenic Snake River float trip, including transportation to and from the hotel
- Luggage porterage, where available
- Airport transfers for guests departing during the suggested times
Special 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 after receipt of final payment. Libraries may be purchased; please call for details.

Standard Rate: $5,899 $7,699 Single
Special Rate: $5,395* $7,195 Single

Jackson Hole Post-Tour*
Double: $1,195 | Single: $1,795

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

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Signature: _________________________________________________ Date: _________________________
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