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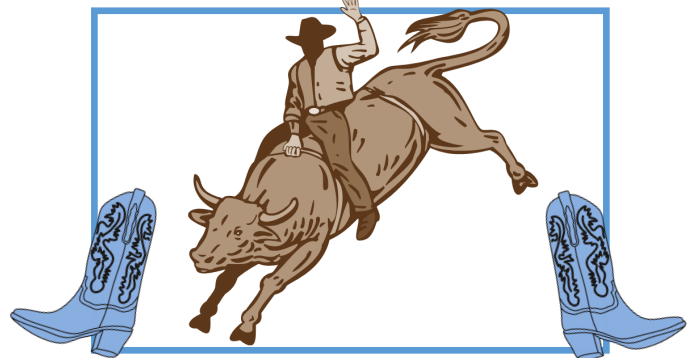
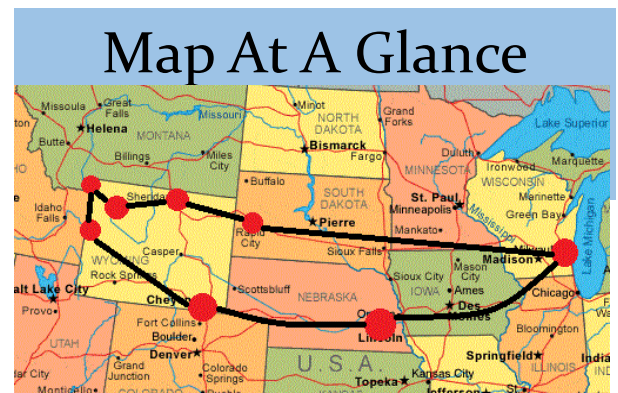
Because some things can't be explained, only experienced.



SEPTEMBER 7-18, 2023 (12 DAYS)

HIGHLIGHTS:

- Rodeo With Chuckwagon Dinner & Behind The Chutes Tour
- Western Entertainment: Dinner & Music
- Buffalo Bill Center of the West
- Heart Mountain WWII Site
- Badlands National Park
- Yellowstone National Park
- Old Faithful Geyser
- Grand Teton National Park
- Sinks Canyon
- Snowy Range Scenic Byway
- Wyoming Territorial Prison
- Terry Bison Ranch
- Devils Tower National Monument



The Wyoming state insignia says it all—a cowboy waving his Stetson hat while riding a bucking horse. This is classic cowboy country, a land of wide open grasslands stretching for miles in every direction. There is so much in store for us during this Western adventure. From Yellowstone National Park, to Grand Teton, and so much more, you'll be sure to have a great time and embrace the "Western Culture" and spirit of the Cowboy Country as we wander through Wyoming.

Thursday, September 7—Today we spend the day making our way Westward. We will watch the landscape change through our motorcoach windows. From the winding roads and rolling forested hills, we venture into farmlands and flat prairies as we arrive in our overnight location, the Holiday Inn, Council Bluffs, IA. This property is connected to the Ameristar Casino. **L**

Friday, September 8—As we continue our journey towards Wyoming, we follow in the pioneers' footsteps. We cross into Wyoming this afternoon and arrive in Cheyenne. What would the west be without rodeos? Tonight we will experience the thrill of the **rodeo** as we take our seats. Cheer on these cowboys and cowgirls as they show us some of the oldest sport in U.S. history! We will have a chuckwagon dinner and a behind-the-chutes private tour. **B,D**

Saturday, September 9—After breakfast at our hotel, we are treated to a driving tour of Cheyenne. We will see the State Capitol Building, the Governor's Mansion, and Historic Union Pacific Train Depot. Of course, time in Cheyenne wouldn't be complete without a stop at the **Wyoming State Museum**. Lunch will be at **Terry Bison Ranch** and we will get to ride the Bison Train. There will be some free time this afternoon before dinner. **B,L,D**

Sunday, September 10—Enjoy breakfast at our hotel before departing for a day of spectacular sights and scenic mountains. Time to explore the **Wyoming Territorial Prison Historic Site** that dates back to 1872 and was once filled with the Wild West's most violent outlaws. We take backroads across the **Medicine Bow Mountains** and over **Snowy Range Pass**, an elevation of 10,847 ft. We will make stops along the way for photo ops and to take in the beautiful sights. Upon our descent from the mountains, we will enjoy lunch and a stop at the **Saratoga Hot Springs Resort** before we are whisked away to another natural wonder—**Sinks Canyon**. A unique geological formation, the Sinks are an area within the canyon where the river disappears underground only to resurface further downstream. **B,L,D**

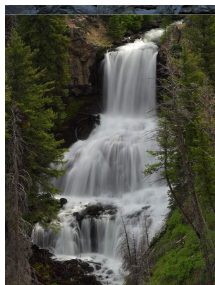


Monday, September 11—Say goodbye to Lander and continue west, making our way towards the majestic **Grand Teton National Park**. As we journey over the **Togwotee Pass** and across the **Continental Divide**, you'll want to be sure you have your camera ready. Lunch is at the **Jackson Lake Lodge** where we dine in the historic Mural Dining Room and see stunning views of the Tetons. We'll continue our journey through the park this afternoon including a stop at **Jenny Lake**. Our hotel tonight is in **Jackson**, where there is time to explore the downtown area and get dinner at one of the many great, local restaurants. **B,L**

Tuesday, September 12—Another national park will get checked off your bucket list today as we journey into **Yellowstone National Park**. One of the most iconic parks, Yellowstone sprawls more than 2 million acres (larger than Rhode Island and Delaware combined). There will be plenty of places to stop for photos as we wander through the park and soak in the magic of this beautiful place. Be on the lookout for some of the wildlife the park is known for—elk, moose, and even bison. The cherry on top of this fantastic time exploring the park is our arrival at the **Old Faithful Geyser** basin. We will gather around and wait to see its spectacular natural display. Today our travels have us in Montana, Idaho and Wyoming, all in one day. **B**



Wednesday, September 13—Today we continue our journey through Yellowstone as we make our way towards **Cody, WY**. As we travel from the west side of the park to the east, we will see the **Grand Canyon of Yellowstone** and the **Lower Falls** viewing area at **Artist Point**. The 300 ft falls is one of the most iconic and recognizable views of the park. We will watch for buffalo and elk, and maybe even catch a glimpse of the elusive Yellowstone wolf pack. We arrive in Cody this evening and enjoy dinner. **B,D**



Thursday, September 14—Our focus today is on the rugged city of Cody. A western paradise, Cody is home to the **Buffalo Bill Center of the West**. This museum is called the "Smithsonian of the West," and for good reason. Home to five museums under one roof, the center explores all things "West." From Plains Indian cultures, trailblazing cowboys & cowgirls, classic and modern western artwork, and so much more—all the galleries share the uniquely thrilling stories of the West. Following lunch on your own, we will head just outside of town to **Heart Mountain**. This is a National Historic Landmark where more than 14,000 Japanese Americans were confined during World War II; a part of our history that is often forgotten and that most know little about. This evening we will experience a night of legendary entertainment with The Cody Cattle Company! **B,D**



Friday, September 15—Following breakfast, we travel to "**Old Trail Town**." This is a unique opportunity to experience first-hand the rich Western heritage of Wyoming. The Old Trail Town preserved the lifestyle and history of the Frontier West through a rare collection of authentic structures and furnishings. The original cabins used by Old West outlaws such as Butch Cassidy and the Sundance Kid are here as well! After

exploring the town, we will depart and begin our travels to the **Bighorn Mountain Range**. Our destination tonight is **Sheridan**, a city nestled in the foothills of the Bighorn Mountains. Here you'll find **King's Saddlery** and **Don King's Western Museum**! **B**

Saturday, September 16—Our first stop of the morning is at the **Brinton Museum**, situated at the foot of the Bighorn Mountains. This museum connects people to the past, present, and future of the American West through its historic Quarter Circle A Ranch, Fine Art, and American Indian Art collections. There will be time for lunch at the bistro before we depart. Next we visit the scenic **Devils Tower**. This iconic landmark rises above the surrounding prairie and is known by Prairie native tribes as "Bear's Tipi" because so many bears once lived there. The Lakota Sioux tribe have a great legend on how the tower came to be—the legend says that 6 young girls were picking flowers one day before they were attacked and chased by bears. The Great Spirit felt bad for the girls and raised the ground beneath their feet to save them. The iconic "claw marks" running down the tower are said to be claw marks of the bears who tried to climb the newly formed tower before they fell off and departed. It was designated as the nation's first National Monument by President Teddy Roosevelt in 1906. **B,L**

Sunday, September 17—Today we continue our journey towards home. We will arrive in **Badlands National Park** and enjoy the scenic byway. The Badlands scenic byway meanders through towering buttes, dramatic cliffs, and spires. Keep an eye out for some of the famous native animals that call the Badlands home, like bison, prairie dogs, and pronghorn antelope. A stop at the Ben Reifel Visitors Center will allow us time to learn about the unique landscape and how it changed from a deep ocean into the prairies and rock faces we see today. We will stop for lunch en route to Sioux Falls, SD, where we will stay tonight. **B,D**

Monday, September 18—We rise early this morning and travel the final stretch towards home. As we journey through South Dakota and Minnesota, we begin to soak in the familiar landscape and enjoy the wonderful time we had and the new friends we've made along the way. **B**



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