East Lyme Senior Center presents...

National Parks of America

August 13 – 24, 2025



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12 Days • 16 Meals: 10 Breakfasts, 6 Dinners

HIGHLIGHTS... Scottsdale, Grand Canyon, Lake Powell, Zion, Bryce Canyon, Salt Lake City, Jackson Hole, Grand Teton & Yellowstone National Parks, Old Faithful, Sheridan, Bighorn Mountains, Crazy Horse Memorial, Mount Rushmore

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Day 1	Courtyard by Marriott Scottsdale, Scottsdale, Arizona			
Day 2	Yavapai East at South Rim Grand Canyon, Grand Canyon National Park, Arizona			
Day 3	Lake Powell Resort , Page, Arizona			
Days 4, 5	Holiday Inn Express/Springdale Zion Park Inn, Zion National Park, Utah			
Day 6	Radisson Hotel Salt Lake Downtown, Salt Lake City, Utah			
Days 7, 8	Snow King Resort, Jackson Hole, Wyoming			
Day 9	Buffalo Bill Village Holiday Inn and Cabins, Cody, Wyoming			
Day 10	Best Western Sheridan Center, Sheridan, Wyoming			
Day 11	Courtyard by Marriott Rapid City, Rapid City, South Dakota			
	On some dates alternate hotels may be used.			

- Day 1: Wednesday, August 13, 2025 Scottsdale, Arizona Journey through five of America's most incredible national parks. Arrive today in Arizona where you will enjoy a stay in the world-famous resort town of Scottsdale. This evening, join your fellow travelers at a welcome dinner. (D)
- Day 2: Thursday, August 14, 2025 Scottsdale Sedona Grand Canyon Begin the day with a visit to the artists' colony of Sedona and see the amazing rock formations that change hue with each turn in the road. Afterward, travel through the beautiful scenery before arriving at one of the Seven Natural Wonders of the World – the spectacular Grand Canyon. Upon arrival, relax at one of the many public seating areas overlooking the immense and colorful canyon. Take a moment to reflect as you stand in awe of this iconic natural treasure. Before dinner you may wish to take a short hike to explore the area. (B, D)
- Day 3: Friday, August 15, 2025 Grand Canyon Lake Powell Today, head to the Carl Hayden Visitors Center and look out over Glen Canyon Dam to see the end of Lake Powell. Later, arrive at Lake Powell for dinner and sunset views of the lake. (B, D)
- Day 4: Saturday, August 16, 2025 Lake Powell Springdale, Utah On the way to Utah, take in the views across Marble Canyon from historic Navajo Bridge, 467 feet above the Colorado River. Later, stop in Kanab, which locals refer to as "Little Hollywood" due to its history as a filming location for many western movies and TV series such as Stagecoach, the Lone Ranger and Gunsmoke. Arrive in Springdale, gateway to Zion National Park and your home for two nights. (B)
- Day 5: Sunday, August 17, 2025 Springdale Zion National Park - Springdale Today's destination is Zion National Park, very likely one of the most awe-inspiring national parks in the world, just in sheer magnitude and color. Climb aboard Zion's open-air tram and wind your way alongside the Virgin River and through the 2,400-foot deep, half-mile wide Zion Canyon. This afternoon, it's your choice! Visit the Zion Human History Museum to learn more about the park -**OR-** continue to enjoy time in the great outdoors exploring the park independently. (B)
- Day 6: Monday, August 18, 2025 Springdale Bryce Canyon National Park - Salt Lake City Today's journey takes you to Bryce Canyon National Park, truly one of the most spectacular scenic wonders of the world. The formations within the park, called Hoodoos, are the creation of wind and water erosion over eons of time. Iron oxidizing within the rock causes the natural orange and red hues that color these formations. Enjoy a hike along the Rim Trail looking into the expansive Bryce Amphitheater, from overlooks at Sunrise and Sunset Points. A drive north takes you to Salt Lake City, the "City of the Saints," for a 1-night stay. (B, D)
- Day 7: Tuesday, August 19, 2025 Salt Lake City Jackson Hole, Wyoming En route to Wyoming, see the majestic Bear Lake Summit. Later, arrive in the cowboy town of Jackson and experience a funfilled evening of cowboy entertainment and a traditional chuck wagon* dinner. (B, D)
- Day 8: Wednesday, August 20, 2025 Jackson Hole The day is yours to enjoy Jackson Hole. From hiking and river-rafting to shopping and sampling the local cuisine, there are endless activities to make the most of your day. (B)
- Day 9: Thursday, August 21, 2025 Jackson Hole Grand Teton & Yellowstone National Parks From Jackson Hole, pass through Grand Teton National Park. Towering more than a mile above the valley of Jackson Hole, the Grand Teton rises to 13,770 feet. Twelve Teton peaks reach above 12,000 feet and support a dozen mountain glaciers. The Teton Range is the youngest range in the Rockies and displays some of North America's oldest rocks. Later, arrive at the amazing Yellowstone National Park** and explore the park's







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incredible sights. Experience the world-famous Old Faithful Geyser, a fountain of steam that rises more than 130 feet in the air. (B)

Day 10: Friday, August 22, 2025 Yellowstone - Cody - Sheridan A delightful day of sightseeing begins with a trip along Yellowstone Lake and over Sylvan Pass. As you pass through Cody, stop at the Buffalo Bill Center of the West, a tribute to one of the most well-known figures of the Old West. Before turning in for the night in Sheridan, drive through the incredible Bighorn Mountains and journey through the territory of the Great Sioux Nation. (B)

Day 11: Saturday, August 23, 2025 Sheridan - Rapid City, South Dakota Visit Crazy Horse Memorial, a monument dedicated to

Native Americans. Visit the Native American Cultural Center to learn more about local customs, when Native Americans discuss the movements of their dances and the significance of different clothes. Later, see one of the country's most famous landmarks, Mount Rushmore, whose four figures carved in stone represent the first 150 years of American history. At tonight's farewell dinner you will meet a local Lakota Native American and learn all about their fascinating way of life, past and present. (*B*, *D*)

Day 12: Sunday, August 24, 2025 Rapid City - Tour Ends Your tour comes to a close, leaving you with many wonderful memories.

Experience It! See History Cast in Stone

In 1925, Gutzon Borglum set out to create a gigantic work of art. Armed with four hundred men and one million dollars, he began carving a 5,725-foot mountain into a national masterpiece. The mountain's name is Mount Rushmore and the men whose images are carved into its façade symbolize the first 150 years of United States history. Immortalized in stone are George Washington, Thomas Jefferson, Theodore Roosevelt and Abraham Lincoln. Creating the memorial was a difficult task. The rock on Mount Rushmore was so strong, dynamite was the most practical way to mold the monument. Once the stone was blasted to within inches of Borglum's measurements, the faces were fine-tuned with hammers and chisels. Fourteen years after construction began, Borglum died, leaving the final phases of construction to his son, Lincoln. All work on Mount Rushmore concluded for good in October of 1941, on the eve of World War II. Interestingly enough, what you see immortalized in the Black Hills of South Dakota is actually an unfinished masterpiece. Borglum's original plans called for the four men to be carved all the way down to their waists.

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Book Now rates valid until Feb 13, 2025, valid on air inclusive packages only. This tour includes traveling to high altitudes (approx. 10,000 feet/3048 meters) and may not be suitable for some guests. We suggest you consult your physician if you have any concerns.

The overall activity level of this tour is a level 2. This means you like a balanced approach to travel. Walking two to three miles over the course of a day is no problem for you. You can partake in a two-hour leisurely walking tour, covering up to two miles (with included breaks). You can handle a variety of terrains, from cobblestone streets to moderate hills with relative ease and without assistance. You can climb two flights of stairs with ease. There may be 1 to 2 days on this tour when walking tours can cover 3 to 4 miles over uneven terrain. Expect some full days balanced with free time to recharge or set out on your own adventure. You can handle altitudes up to 6,000 feet. While this level is appropriate for travelers that require mobility assistance devices, there could be times when you may have to sit out on some of the included activities

Travel with a group size of an average of 37 travelers, up to a maximum of 44 travelers.

If you require any special assistance while on tour, please make us aware at time of reservation so the necessary request form can be sent to your attention.

*The chuck wagon experience is only available from mid-May through September 30th and is closed on Sundays. For the days that the chuck wagon experience is unavailable, dinner will be substituted at a local restaurant or at the hotel.

Personal audio devices (headsets) are not included on this tour.

Single accommodations are limited and are available on a first-come, first-served basis. Single rate subject to change based on availability.

**Certain departure dates may be confirmed outside of Yellowstone National Park.

Our air passengers will arrive into Phoenix, Arizona airport. All transfers will depart from Phoenix for Scottsdale.

To complete your tour, we <u>include</u> roundtrip airport-to-hotel transfers when purchasing our airfare with your tour. If you have arranged for your <u>own air</u>, we are pleased to provide you the option of *purchasing* these transfers. Please note that all transfers will leave at pre-scheduled times.

For air-inclusive reservations, the name provided at time of booking must match your government-issued ID that will be used during travel. Name changes are subject to penalties.

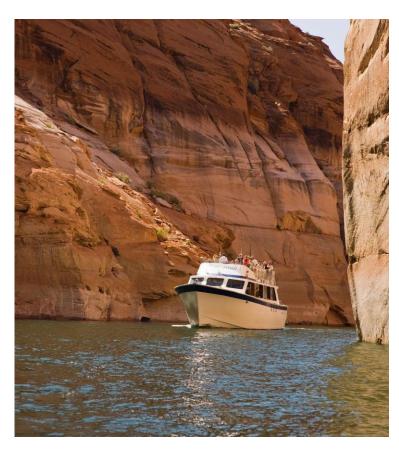
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For travel completed by May 6, 2025, all airlines will ask for identification when you check in. It is recommended that you carry a passport if you have one. A driver's license (with a photo I.D.) is also acceptable for domestic flights.

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Economy air rate and schedule are applicable for groups of 10 or more traveling on the same flights and dates.

A deposit of \$698 per person is due upon reservation. Reservations are made on a first come, first served basis. Reservations made after the deposit due date of February 06, 2025 are based upon availability. Final payment due by May 15, 2025. Deposits are refundable up until February 13, 2025.

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Available Options

Personalize your tour by adding an optional activity below. Our recommended options have been carefully chosen to help enhance your individual experience. Complete the provided Prepaid Options Form to reserve your options.

Availability is limited and reservations are on a first come, first serve basis. Payment must be received no later than 15 days prior to departure. Prices are subject to change.

Children under the age of 18 MUST be accompanied by an adult.

Jackson, WY



Wildlife Scenic Float with Lunch

\$145 USD

Enjoy the beautiful scenery of the Snake River on a gentle float trip. Your guide will paddle while pointing out interesting sights along the way. The trip is a great way to see the beauty of the river and the geology that forms the Snake River. The river is home to a variety of waterfowl and native animals including moose, deer and river otters. It is also the nesting area of our nation's symbol, the bald eagle, as well as ospreys. You will enjoy an included picnic lunch. Guests that choose this option will not be able to book the White Water Rafting & Lunch option as they operate at the same time. Duration: Approximately 4 hours. Please note a minimum of 1 passengers is required. Transportation is included.



White Water Rafting & Lunch

\$145 USD

If your interests stretch beyond the beauty of downtown Jackson Hole, we have a special treat for you! Swing your own paddle for a thrilling ride through the white waters of the Snake River. An experienced guide conducts the trip, and you provide the paddle power. This unforgettable addition to your vacation is an experience you will talk about for many years to come. Guests who choose this option will not be able to book the Wildlife Scenic Float with Lunch option as they operate at the same time. Participants must be 6 years of age or older. This option is not available in October due to seasonal repairs. Duration: Approximately 4.5 hours. Please note a minimum of 1 passengers is required. Transportation is included.

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