

# BLACK HILLS & YELLOWSTONE

Tuesday, August 21 –  
Monday, September 3, 2012

14 Days – 13 Nights

Cost: \$2,689.00 per person (dble. Occup)

Deposit: \$200 per person

Final Due: June 21<sup>st</sup>, 2012



## Package Includes:

- Round trip fully equipped motor coach transportation.
- 13 Nights accommodations include:
  - 1 Nite: Isle of Capri Casino Resort in Bettendorf, Iowa \*1 Nite: Country Inn & Suites in Kearney, Nebraska \* 1 Nite: Hampton Inn in Scottsbluff, Nebraska \*2 Nites: Howard Johnson's in Rapid City, South Dakota \* 1 Nite: Cody Legacy Inn in Cody, Wyoming \* 1 Nite: Clubhouse Inn & Suites in West Yellowstone \*2 Nites: Best Western Lodge at Jackson in Jackson, Wyoming \* 1 Nite: The Plains Hotel in Cheyenne, Wyoming \* 1 Nite: Red Lion Inn in Aurora, Colorado \*1 Nite: Holiday Inn Express in Junction City, Kansas \* 1 Nite: Drury Inn & Suites in Springfield, Illinois
- \* 19 Meals include:
  - \* Oregon Trail campfire cookout \* Dinner at the State Game Lodge, summer White Game Lodge, summer White House to two Presidents \* Horse-drawn covered wagon ride to a Chuck wagon Barbecue Dinner \*13 breakfasts (Deluxe CB &Full) \* Dinner Buffet at the Capri Casino Resort \* Picnic Lunch at Yellowstone National Park \* Dinner at the historic Plains Hotel in Cheyenne \* Dinner in Aurora
- \* Tours and admissions include:
  - \* Great Platte River Road Archway \* Golden Spike Tower & Visitor Center \* Fort Robinson, a strategically located military & Indian Agency during the final Indian Wars. \* Museum of the Fur trade, which explains the importance and influence of Trade \* Buffalo Bill Cody Museum \* Colter Bay Indian Center \* Abraham Lincoln Library & Museum
- Evening Lighting ceremony at Mount Rushmore, the Shrine of Democracy, plus a daytime visit.
- Visit to Crazy Horse Monument, the still-unfinished mountain carving dedicated to Native Americans, and Custer State Park, one of the largest state parks in the country.
- Open-Air jeep ride through scenic Custer State Park in search of the buffalo and other wildlife.
- Touring thru Yellowstone National Park, where we'll visit serene mountain lakes, mud volcanoes, awesome waterfalls and the Grand Canyon of the Yellowstone, Fountain Paint Pots, Old Faithful.
- Driving thru the Grand Tetons, America's most spectacular mountain range.
- Snake River Float Trip with America's most spectacular mountain, the Grand Tetons, as a backdrop.
- Scenic drive along the famed Trail Ridge Road in Rocky Mountain National Park with a visit to picturesque Estes Park.
- Step-on Professional Guide from Scottsbluff, Oregon to Denver, Colorado.
- Tour Director from Maryanke Tour & Travel plus baggage handling and all taxes for those items listed above.

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**Tuesday, August 21, Day 1:** With our group together we are on our way out West to the beautiful Black Hills and Yellowstone. Periodic stretch and meal stops will be made along our route to Bettendorf, Iowa and the beautiful Isle of Capri Casino Resort. Enjoy your included dinner at the Resort this evening. (D)

**Wednesday, August 22, Day 2:** After breakfast we continue our travels thru the heart land. Once we arrive into Kearney, we visit the Great Platte River Road Archway, which represents the gateway to the west for the 40,000 plus people that passed under the structure daily. The structure is two-stories of fascinating interactive exhibit that traces the history of the Great Platte River Road from Oregon Trail days to the fiber optic future world of tomorrow. Afterwards we check into the Country Inn & Suites for the evening. (B)

**Thursday, August 23, Day 3:** Today we travel to North Platte, Nebraska to visit the Golden Spike Tower & Visitor Center where east meets west on Union Pacific's rail line, with a panoramic view of Bailey Yard will be seen. We continue our drive Scottsbluff, where we check in and meet our local step-on guide who will remain with us until we depart Denver, providing us with history and stories of the old west. Tonight's special dinner is an authentic Oregon Trail campfire cookout served in the shadow of one of the trail's most distinguished landmarks, Chimney Rock. (B, D)

**Friday, August 24, Day 4:** We head toward the Black Hills, the sacred Paha Sapa of the Sioux, on the way we'll visit Fort Robinson, a strategically located military and Indian agency during the final Indian Wars, where Crazy Horse breathed his last. Before leaving Nebraska we'll also pay a visit to the outstanding Museum of the Fur Trade which explains the importance and influence of this trade on the area. After settling in to our home for the next two nights in Rapid City, we'll attend the awe-inspiring evening lighting ceremony at Mount Rushmore, the Shrine of Democracy. (B)

**Saturday, August 25, Day 5:** This morning we'll enter the Black Hills National Forest, where we'll visit Mount Rushmore again for daytime photos. Our afternoon drive will bring us to Crazy Horse Monument, the still-unfinished mountain carving dedicated to Native Americans, and Custer State Park, one of the largest state parks in the country, where we'll enjoy an open-air jeep ride through scenic Custer State Park in search of the buffalo and other wildlife that roam free in the Hills. Dinner tonight is at the State Game Lodge, summer White House to two US Presidents – where we'll dine appropriately on buffalo steak! (B, D)

**Sunday, August 26, Day 6:** Today is a travel day, but wondrous sights await us everywhere in the West as we head west across the cowboy state of Wyoming. We'll cross the picturesque Big Horn Mountains en route to the western town of Cody, named for the famous Wild West Showman. Nightly rodeo is a popular evening option here. (B)

**Monday, August 27, Day 7:** The world-famous Buffalo Bill Cody Museum is a highlight of our tour today, with its four major collections including a large Native American exhibit and the Winchester arms collections. Then it's on to the wondrous sights of America's first national park as we visit serene mountain lakes, mud volcanoes, awesome waterfalls and the Grand Canyon of the Yellowstone. Overnight in West Yellowstone (CB, L)

**Tuesday, August 28, Day 8:** This morning we'll resume our tour of Yellowstone with a drive along the Firehole River and a visit to Fountain Paint Pots. We'll catch an eruption of Old Faithful before making our way south along America's most spectacular mountain range, the Grand Tetons, and check in to our Jackson Hotel. Tonight we step back in time as we board horse-drawn covered wagons and ride to a chuck wagon barbecue site along the banks of a clear mountain stream. Mountain men and "wild Indians" whoop it up along the way to make this a never-to-be-forgotten western dining experience. (CB,D)

**Wednesday, August 29, Day 9:** Today's highlight is a leisurely Snake River float trip with America's most spectacular mountain range, the Grand Tetons, for a backdrop. We'll also visit the Colter Bay Indian Center and have free time for shopping in Jackson's exclusive boutiques, antique shops and art galleries. (B)

**Thursday, August 30, Day 10:** We'll re-cross the Continental Divide today as our journey takes us eastward toward the old west town of Cheyenne. Our hotel tonight is the beautifully restored historic railroad hotel, The Plains Hotel in downtown Cheyenne. We'll enjoy a wonderful dinner there to cap our last day in the Cowboy State. (B,D)

**Friday, August 31, Day 11:** This morning we'll take a scenic drive along the famed Trail Ridge Road in Rocky Mountain National Park. We'll make photo stops along the way and visit picturesque Estes Park. This evening we enjoy a festive dinner together and bid farewell to our local guide. (CB, D)

**Saturday, September 1, Day 12:** Today is a travel day across the plains. Our destination with stops and meals brings us to Junction City, Kansas. (B)

**Sunday, September 2, Day 13:** Today our travels take us Springfield, Illinois. Before checking into our hotel we'll visit the Abraham Lincoln Library and Museum. (B)

**Monday, September 3, Day 14:** Our last day together as we return to our home state of Michigan with fond memories for our visit to the Black Hills and Yellowstone!!