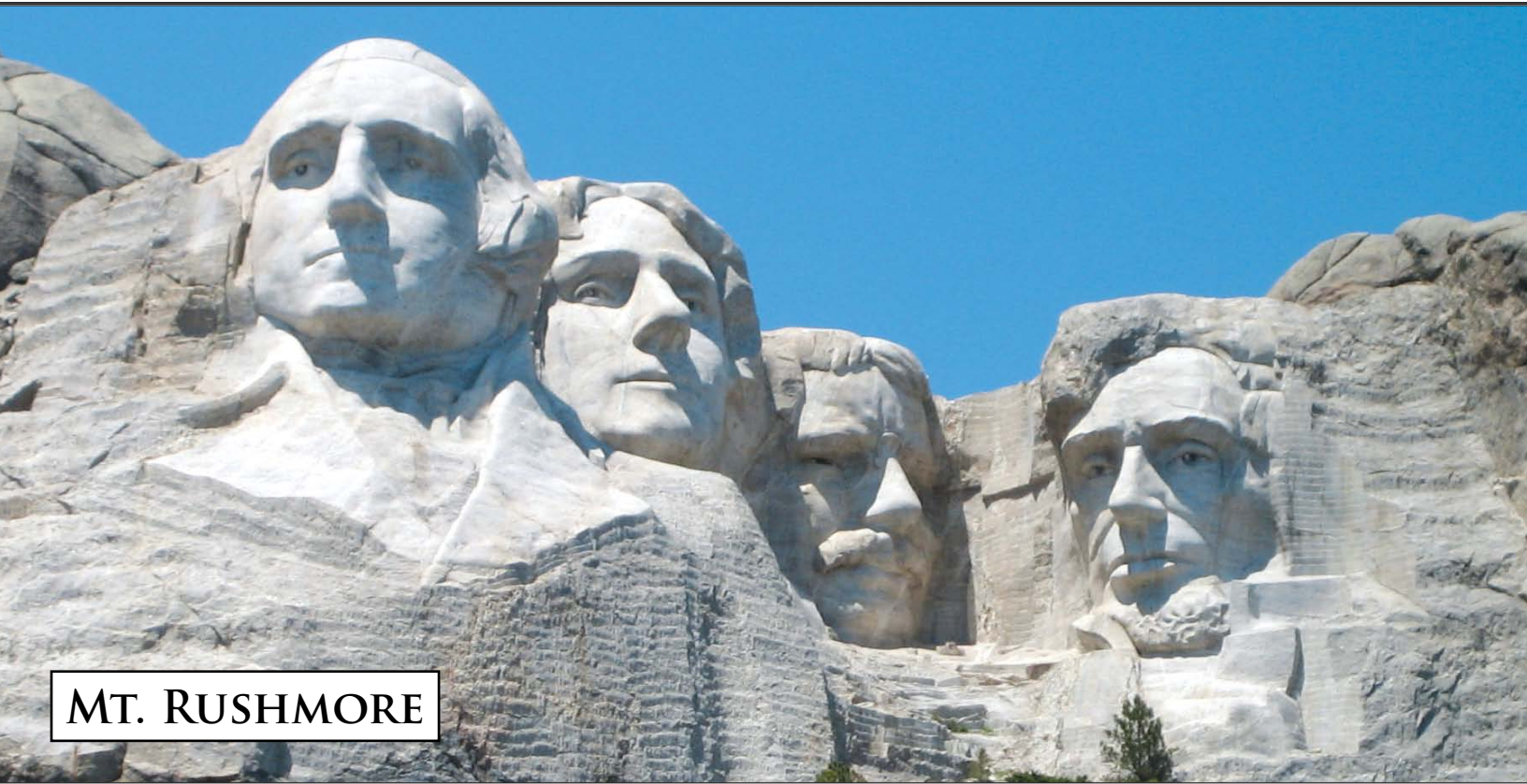


YELLOWSTONE/BLACK HILLS/MT. RUSHMORE

Jackson Hole • Grand Teton Range • Yellowstone National Park • Cody • Black Hills • Mt. Rushmore • Deadwood • Custer State Park



MT. RUSHMORE

- No mountain range is more impressive than the **Grand Tetons**.
- Incredible **Yellowstone National Park** is a two-million acre natural “jewel.” We’ll view the upper and lower falls and many geysers, including **Old Faithful**. Two full days have been devoted to Yellowstone.
- The **Buffalo Bill Historic Center** provides the chance to see what life was like on the frontier, and includes five museums in one location.
- Some famous historic sites included in your tour are **Mt. Rushmore**, the **Crazy Horse Monument**, and the infamous **Deadwood**.
- In **Custer State Park** you’ll have the chance to see buffalo and other wildlife among the rolling prairie.
- Enjoy a ride on the **Black Hills Central Railroad** on an 1880 train.

Days 1-2 Chicago to
Glenwood Springs
Day 3..... Jackson Hole
Day 4..... Grand Tetons
Day 5..... Yellowstone National Park

Day 6..... En Route to Cody, WY
Day 7..... Buffalo Bill Historic Center
Day 8..... Black Hills, Mt. Rushmore
Day 9..... Deadwood, Custer State Pk
Days 10-11 En Route to Chicago

TOUR DATE(S):**Thurs., May 10 to Sun., May 20****Thurs., July 12 to Sun., July 22****Sat., Sept. 15 to Tues., Sept. 25****TOUR PRICE:****\$2,495 - 11 Days**

Per person /double occupancy

Economy Class Tour: Roomette + \$450 p.p./d.o.
Bedroom + \$1,050 p.p./d.o.

\$3,245 Single Roomette +\$900

FLY OPTION - Fly to Jackson Hole, WY; return from Rapid City, SD.**9 Days****Price: \$2,095 p.p./d.o.****Single \$2,845****America by Rail will be happy to arrange your flights.****YOUR TRIP INCLUDES:**

- Round-trip transportation by Amtrak and deluxe motorcoach.
- Reclining coach seat with leg rest on Amtrak for two nights.
- First-class hotel accommodations for eight nights.
- 16 meals.
- Admission included for all sightseeing tours and attractions including Mt. Rushmore, Crazy Horse Monument and Yellowstone.
- All baggage handling, taxes and tips.
- Services of a professional America by Rail Tour Director.

AMERICA BY RAIL WILL BE HAPPY TO MAKE ARRANGEMENTS FOR YOUR CONNECTING TRANSPORTATION TO CHICAGO AND BACK BY RAIL OR AIR.

Day 1: Depart Chicago

All **Yellowstone / Black Hills / Mt. Rushmore** tour members will meet the Tour Director in Chicago's Union Station at 12:30 p.m. At 1:15 they'll prepare to board the famous California Zephyr. Departure is at 2:00.

The train is made up of Superliner equipment. Relax in your reclining coach seat with leg rest. Amtrak Roomettes and Bedrooms are available for an additional charge. After settling in, you may want to go the glass-walled Sightseer Lounge car with its comfortable seating. It's a great place to enjoy the passing scenery. All meals on the trains are included. Enjoy a full-course dinner in the diner tonight. **D**

Day 2: En Route

When you awaken this morning you may look out your window toward the West and thrill to the sight of the towering, majestic Colorado Rockies in the distance. Plan to get up early, have a piping hot breakfast in the dining car and find a seat in the glass walled lounge car for the spectacular scenery that will unfold before you.

The Zephyr will pull out of Denver at 8:05 a.m. and begin its climb over the Front Range toward the Continental Divide.

About an hour later we'll encounter the famous five-mile long Moffat Tunnel and go under the Continental Divide. The train will wind around sharp mountain curves and through numerous tunnels. You'll look down at roaring streams winding through valleys far below.

Our arrival into Glenwood Springs is scheduled for 1:53 p.m. We'll board our deluxe motorcoach and travel north to Craig, Colorado, where we'll spend the night at the Hampton Inn. **B & L**

Day 3: En Route / Jackson Hole

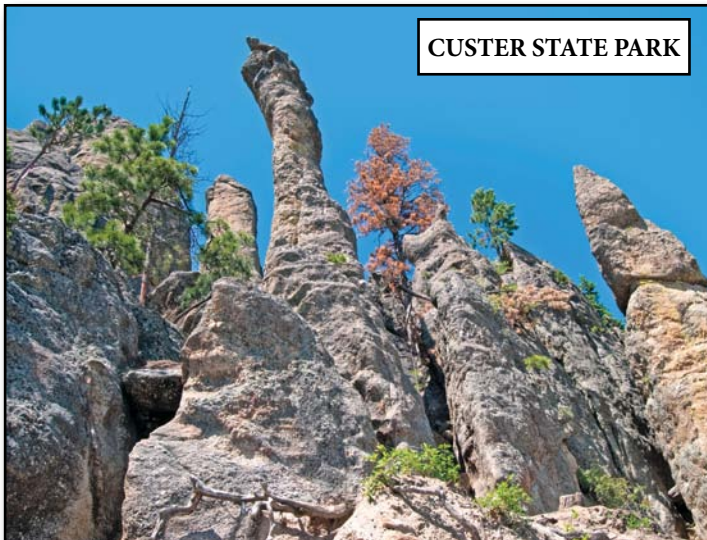
This morning we'll enjoy a hot Continental breakfast (included) before setting off for Wyoming.

By mid-afternoon we'll arrive in the ranching and resort center of Jackson, Wyoming. Our comfortable lodging is at the Best Western Lodge at Jackson Hole. We will enjoy an included dinner this evening. **CB & D**

YELLOWSTONE**Day 4: Grand Teton Range**

Enjoy a full breakfast in your hotel this morning. No mountain skyline is more impressive than that of the Grand Teton Range. Peaks rise abruptly with no foothills. We'll visit the Chapel of Transfiguration, a rustic log church with fantastic views of the Tetons. Lunch is included at the Jackson Lake Lodge. At the Colter Bay Visitor Center we view Plains Indian art and exhibits and learn more about Grand Teton National Park. Later, we continue into Yellowstone National Park. Yellowstone was established in 1872 as America's first national park. This is the world's most extensive region of geothermal activity. Thousands of hot springs dot the thermal basins. Old Faithful is the most famous geyser in the world. We will spend two nights at the Best Western





CUSTER STATE PARK

Desert Inn, West Yellowstone. There are a variety of evening activities available including the Playbill Theatre (Broadway-style musicals and dramas), an IMAX Theater featuring a 45-minute presentation about the Yellowstone Park area and the Yellowstone Historic Center. **B & L**

Day 5: Yellowstone

A Continental breakfast is included each morning in our hotel. Today we begin to explore Yellowstone National Park, a two-million acre national jewel. We'll journey through Madison Junction, Norris Geyser Basin, Mammoth Hot Springs, Tower Junction and Tower Falls. Following an "on-your-own" lunch, we'll continue on to Artist Point, Inspiration Point and the Upper and Lower Falls of the Yellowstone River. We'll return to our hotel by late afternoon. **CB**

Day 6: Yellowstone / Cody, WY

We'll begin our second day of awesome Yellowstone National Park experiences. A scenic drive takes us through the Hayden Valley, a region of lush forest meadows. Look for bison and other wildlife! Have a camera ready to capture awesome views. Old Faithful Geyser and the Grand Canyon of the Yellowstone are highlights of the day. We'll also view the paint-pots and bubbling hot springs mixed with clay. Our travelers will continue east to Cody, where we'll spend the night at the Holiday Inn at Buffalo Bill Village. We'll stop for an included dinner at the Yellowstone Valley Inn. **CB & D**

Day 7: Buffalo Bill Historic Center to Rapid City

We will spend the morning at the Buffalo Bill Historic Center, which has five museums in one easy-to-navigate location. Museums at the site include the Buffalo Bill Museum, exploring the famous life of "Buffalo Bill" Cody, the Whitney Gallery of Western Art, the Cody Firearms Museum, and the Draper Museum of Natural History. The

Plains Indian Museum features art and artifacts of the Plains Indians, including the Arapaho, Crow, Cheyenne, Kiowa, Comanche, Blackfeet, Sioux, Gros Ventre, Shoshone, and Pawnee. At noon we will depart via deluxe motorcoach on an extensive trip to Rapid City, South Dakota. We will make a stop for an included dinner in Gillette, Wyoming, at the Chop House Restaurant, and continue on to spend the next two nights at the Grand Gateway Hotel in Rapid City. **D**

Day 8: The Black Hills

This morning we will enjoy a guided sightseeing tour including a visit to the Stav Kirke Norwegian Chapel in the Hills. We will travel scenic Skyline Drive and Dinosaur Hill and enjoy a guided tour of the Black Hills Gold factory.

After an "on-your-own" lunch in Hill City, we'll visit Crazy Horse Memorial, an in-progress monument to the famous Chief, and enjoy a ride to the base of Crazy Horse Mountain.

We will continue to Custer State Park where we will tour the Park on the 18-mile Wildlife Loop Road. Located in the Black Hills, Custer State Park is populated with over 1,500 bison, pronghorn sheep, elk, and numerous other animals. Keep your camera ready for incredible photo opportunities!

There are a variety of dinner options nearby.

Day 9: Deadwood and Custer State Park

This morning we'll travel to Hill City where we'll ride the Black Hills Central Railroad. This 1880 train takes you past some of the Black Hills most amazing scenery. The narrated tour is about an hour and travels near Crazy Horse and Mt. Rushmore. The train ride terminates in Keystone where we will go to the Gutzen Borglum Museum and Mt. Rushmore. Here you will learn about the man who made one of the country's most famous monuments, the incredible Mount Rushmore.

We will have time for an "on-your-own" lunch. This afternoon we will travel to Deadwood where we will visit the legendary Wild West. You will see Main Street, a historic restored street, and the Black Hills Mining Museum.

Dinner is included this evening at the Silverado Grand Buffet.

We'll transfer to our hotel, the Holiday Inn Express, in Sturgis, South Dakota.

Day 10: Minot, ND

Today we will travel from Sturgis to Minot. An "on-our-own" lunch stop will be made. Dinner is included before boarding our train. We will board the Empire Builder at 9:42 p.m. **CB & D**

Day 11: En Route To Chicago

Last night, we passed through North Dakota and Minnesota. Enjoy an included piping-hot breakfast and lunch in the dining car as we pass through the dairy lands of Wisconsin and into Illinois. We will arrive at Chicago's Union Station this afternoon.

Some tour members will change to trains bound for Midwest, Eastern, and Southern home cities.

Others will spend the night in Chicago and fly home tomorrow. **B & L**

"WE RECOMMEND THIS TOUR TO OTHER FRIENDS. ALL WE CAN SAY TO ALL OF YOU, A JOB WELL DONE!"

EDITH AND CHARLIE GAUGER

GENERAL INFORMATION

MEALS

REGISTRATION AND DEPOSIT:

A deposit of \$200 per person (\$500 for cruise), of which \$100 per person is non-refundable, is required to finalize registration. The balance is due 75 days prior to departure (90 days for cruise). If payments are not received by the due date(s) specified, reservations may be cancelled without notice.

Cruises: If reservation is made after final payment due date, prevailing rates and availability apply.

TOUR CANCELLATIONS:

If cancellation is received by America by Rail more than 75 days prior to departure (90 days for cruise), \$100 of your deposit will be retained. For cancellations received within 75 days of departure, the following per person cancellation fees apply (90 days for cruise):

- 76-90 days prior to departure: (cruise only)
20% of total tour cost.
- 46-75 days prior to departure:
25% of total tour cost.
- 15-45 days prior to departure:
50% of total tour cost.
- 14 days or less prior to departure through duration of the tour: 100% of total tour cost.

The total tour cost includes tour price, add-ons and upgrades.

Refunds will be made approximately 30 days after the conclusion of the tour.

Payment / cancellation exceptions are noted on tours.

TOUR PRICE INCLUDES:

TRANSPORTATION

Rail transportation over the tour route and motorcoach, van, or other modes of transportation where specified in the tour description.

TRAIN ACCOMMODATIONS

All tours except those categorized as Coach Class include private Roomette on Amtrak overnight trains and Bedrooms (double occupancy) or Roomettes (single occupancy) on VIA Rail Canada overnight trains. Bedrooms on Amtrak are available at an additional cost. Reclining coach seats are included on U.S. and Canadian trains used only during the daytime except for those categorized as Coach Class. Coach Class tours include reclining coach seats with leg rests on Amtrak trains. Meals on the trains are included for those traveling Coach Class on the North American tours as indicated in the itinerary.

CRUISE ACCOMMODATIONS

Cruise tours include inside staterooms (double occupancy) on cruise ships. Upgraded staterooms may be available at an additional cost.

HOTELS

Accommodations are based on two persons sharing a room with bath. Two-bedded rooms are provided in most instances. However, sometimes their availability is limited. If a two-bedded room is required, please notify America by Rail at time of registration.

America by Rail reserves the right to substitute hotels for those named in any tour description, when necessary. Every effort is made to have hotel rooms available for occupancy upon arrival. There may be instances when rooms are not available until later.

SINGLE ROOMS

Single rooms at hotels and Amtrak Roomettes on a single basis are available at a supplemental cost.

SIGHTSEEING/ADMISSIONS

Sightseeing, as outlined in the itineraries, will be provided by motorcoaches in most instances. Admission fees are included as specified. Sightseeing tour arrangements may be altered if required.

All included meals are listed in the tour itinerary. Persons requiring a special diet must inform America by Rail at the time of registration. Not all restaurants/trains will be able to honor special requests. Due to events beyond our control, trains are sometimes delayed and supplies may become limited. If you have special dietary requirements, please make sure you have a sufficient supply of nourishment to meet your dietary needs.

In the itineraries, the meals are listed at the end of each day using CB for Continental breakfast, B for breakfast, L for lunch, and D for dinner.

BAGGAGE

For your convenience and to expedite movement, baggage handling is limited to one suitcase per person. Transfer and portage of one suitcase per person is included at overnight stopovers. On most tours the one suitcase per person is handled by America by Rail and is checked through to the next destination. Carry-on luggage is used while en route. America by Rail is not responsible for loss or damage to your baggage or for any lost, stolen or destroyed item. Specified transfers between rail stations and hotels are included.

TOUR DIRECTORS

Services of a qualified America by Rail Tour Director are included for all matters pertaining to the tour. Tour Directors will meet all tour members at the origination city.

TIPS AND TAXES

All gratuities to hotel staff (except to chambermaids), sight-seeing guides and drivers are included. Gratuities for sleeping car attendants and meals aboard the train are included. Gratuities for meals specified in the tour itinerary are included on escorted portions of the tour. Gratuities for cruise ship stateroom stewards and dining waitstaff are included.

TOUR PRICE DOES NOT INCLUDE:

Transportation and tips between your home city and the official origination city; charges for excess baggage; health, accident or baggage insurance; tips to chambermaids and for personal services; items of a personal nature such as laundry; meals, except those specified as included; gratuities for special services; charges for room service, and alcoholic beverages with included meals.

Gratuities to your America by Rail Tour Directors are an industry expectation. They should be extended on an individual basis, not as a group.

RAIL SCHEDULES:

The routing and features described in tour descriptions may be altered to adjust to rail schedules in effect at the time of the tour. America by Rail reserves the right to substitute motorcoach or air travel for unavailable rail schedules, misconnections, delays or other causes.

TRAVEL DOCUMENTS :

A valid passport will be required for any trip crossing international borders. i.e. into or out of the United States. At time of reservation we will need your date of birth; gender, passport number, passport expiration date and issuing country.

HEALTH, MOBILITY AND FITNESS TO TRAVEL:

Any type of disability requiring special treatment must be reported to America by Rail at the time of registration. Passengers requiring special assistance, including without limitations those who permanently or periodically use a wheelchair, must be accompanied by someone who is fit and able to assist them, who will be totally responsible for providing all required assistance. Participants will be asked to submit a confidential medical form for each tour.

SMOKING:

Smoking is not permitted on America by Rail motorcoaches. Those who smoke may do so at any of the frequent

stops we make. All Amtrak and VIA Rail trains are entirely smoke-free. If time is available at station stops, it will be announced by the conductor. Cruise ships policies vary from line to line, but all have designated areas to accommodate smokers.

PLEASE NOTE:

America by Rail reserves the right, at its sole discretion, to accept or retain any individuals as members of the tour. The acceptance of any service provided as part of an America by Rail tour, or any ticket or voucher, shall be deemed to be acceptance of and consent by the tour member to these conditions.

All rates published herein are in U.S. dollars and based on tariffs and exchange rates in effect on the printing date of the tour brochure. Prices and arrangements are subject to change without notice.

No persons, other than a representative of America by Rail, authorized by a document in writing, may vary, add or waive any term or condition set forth in the preceding provisions.

A \$50 per person fee will be assessed for each itinerary alteration requested after final arrangements are confirmed.

It is our company policy to issue a tour roster to all tour participants containing all tour participants' names and addresses. If you do not want your address included, you must let us know at time of reservation.

Times, schedules, entertainment and activities are subject to change without notice.

IMPORTANT INFORMATION REGARDING FUEL SUPPLEMENT:

Please be advised America by Rail reserves the right to apply a fuel supplement for all guests should the price of oil warrant it.

RESPONSIBILITY CLAUSE:

America by Rail acts only in the capacity as an agent for the owners and contractors providing means of transportation, hotel or other services. All tour services, tickets and vouchers are subject to any and all terms and conditions under which such means of transportation, hotel or other services are offered or provided. America by Rail shall not be or become liable or responsible in any way whatsoever, for any loss, injury or damage from acts of God, sickness, theft, weather, strikes, war, or quarantine however caused or arising.

America by Rail reserves the right to cancel a tour in the event tour participation does not meet minimum requirements.

America by Rail shall not be obligated to honor any booking resulting from, nor shall be responsible or liable whatsoever in connection with, misprints or errors of any kind, whether in brochures, advertisements, on the Internet, during the booking process or otherwise, that result in traveler being undercharged for the tour. America by Rail reserves the right, prior to departure, to collect the correct fare or cancel the booking and refund any payment made by traveler.

AMTRAK STATEMENT:

The National Railroad Passenger Corporation (Amtrak) is not to be held responsible for any act, omissions, or event during the time passengers are not on board their trains or conveyance. The passenger contract in use of the National Railroad Passenger Corporation (Amtrak) when issued, shall constitute the sole contract between the National Railroad Passenger Corporation (Amtrak) and purchaser of these tours and/or passenger. All conditions are subject to the laws of the District of Columbia, U.S.A.

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