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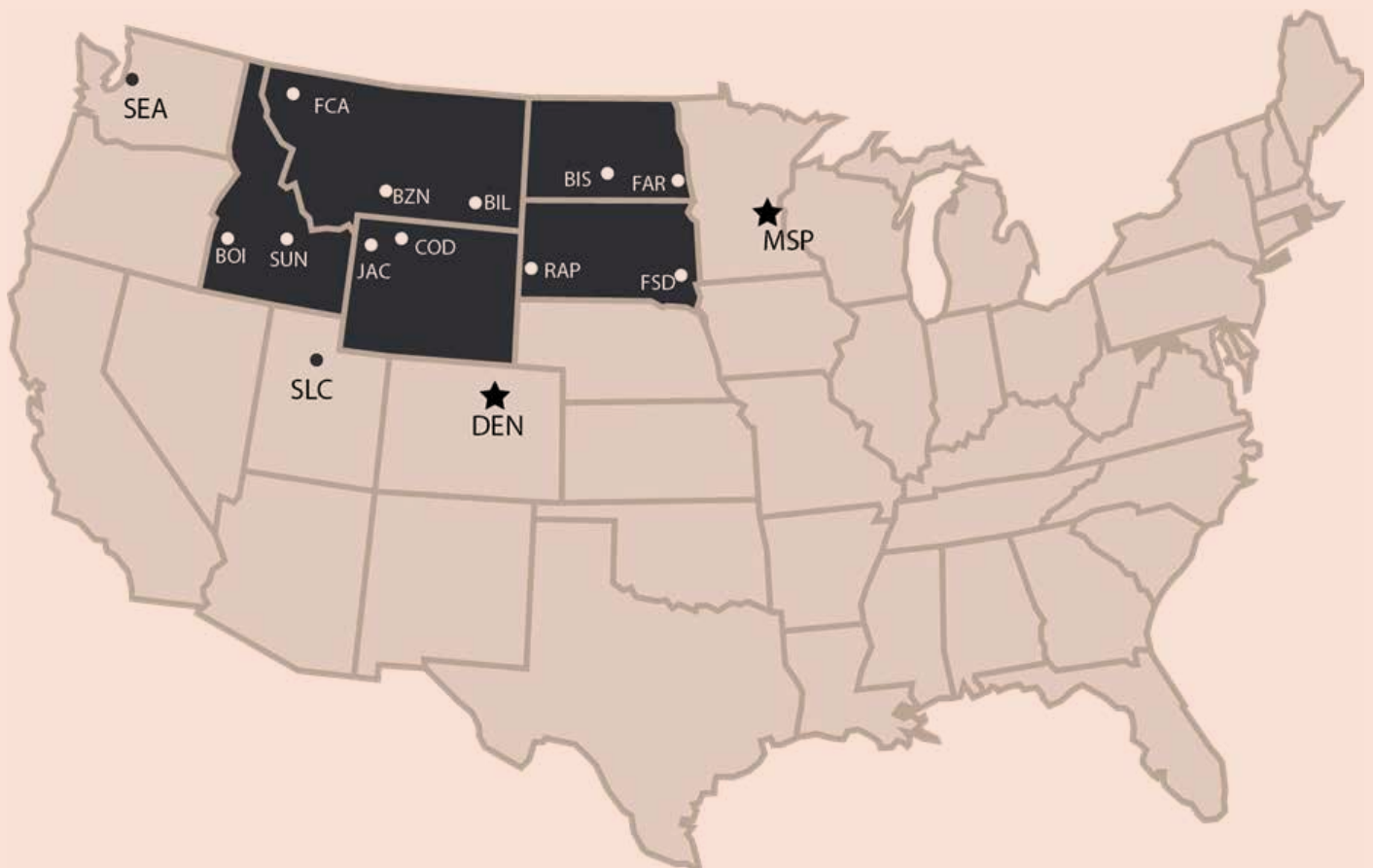
The Great American West

Idaho • Montana • North Dakota • South Dakota • Wyoming

The diverse and expansive Great American West states of **Idaho, Montana, North Dakota, South Dakota** and **Wyoming** are packed with epic vistas, stunning natural beauty and an abundance of wildlife. If you are looking for adventure, a cultural ride into the heart of cowboy-land, or a historical trip discovering the battlefields of Cowboys and Native Americans the Great American West has it all!

With awe-inspiring scenery, majestic mountains, shimmering lakes, sweeping prairies and tumbling waterfalls, this really is the perfect canvas to paint your own story. Not to mention legendary history and heritage; with real-life cowboys and ranches, discover ancient Native American tribal culture, explore national parks including Yellowstone, Glacier and Grand Teton, visit iconic Mount Rushmore and spot more wildlife than people.

It's time to saddle up as your Western dreams are just a gallop away! The Great American West is blessed with an unspoiled, natural beauty that beckons visitors from around the world. Take time to discover it for yourself on the ultimate US road trip.



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Idaho

Idaho is filled with remote wonders that tap into the true Western lifestyle. Nicknamed the Gem State for its abundance of gemstones and wilderness areas, Idaho is ruled by rivers, mountains and crystal-clear night skies.

The expansive, volcanic remains, lava flows, craters and caves of Craters of the Moon National Monument create a landscape like no other. By day, take a stroll among the volcanic remains or tour the scenic loop drive by car. By night cast your eyes towards the star-studded night sky as it is also designated an International Dark Sky Park. At the City of Rocks National Reserve explore the rock formations, aspen groves and sage meadows in search of historic markings from Gold Rush pioneers who passed through on the California Trail, naming it "The Silent City".

Natural beauty rules in Idaho. During the spring experience the power of Shoshone Falls. Taller than Niagara Falls, the water plunges into the rugged Snake River Canyon below. Head northwest see Upper Mesa Falls, a thunderous 10-story tall waterfall that pours into the remnants of an ancient volcanic super-eruption. Hit the road on one of the 31 scenic byways to witness the best of Idaho's picturesque vistas. To the north is pristine Lake Coeur d'Alene. Hells Canyon to the west is North America's deepest river gorge offering thrilling white-water adventures. The dramatic Sawtooth Mountains of central Idaho boast jaw-dropping scenery with 57 peaks over 10,000 feet.

After a busy day exploring, treat yourself to a soak in one of the many natural hot springs throughout the Gem State.



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Montana

Montana is widely referred to as 'Big Sky Country' and gives a new meaning to the phrase 'wide open spaces'. Montana is beautifully raw and untamed, the wild and the natural; a blend of spectacular scenery and rich history. To the north is the breath-taking Glacier National Park, a beautiful wilderness in the Rocky Mountains with snowy peaks, a hidden photogenic lake and grizzly bears, then to the south is the fascinating Yellowstone National Park, with some of the world's most vibrant geothermal activity. In between you'll find ranches, cattle drives, rodeos and old mining towns. Tour through Little Bighorn Battlefield National Monument where General Custer infamously met his last stand against Chief Sitting Bull and the Lakota and Cheyenne native warriors, in their last armed efforts to preserve their way of life.

Montana provides year-round opportunities; from white water rafting, horse riding, fly fishing, zip lining, mountain biking, all for the adrenalin seeking enthusiast. Or experience the laid back Western way of life with sweeping scenic drives through the mountains, leisurely strolls down charming main streets from the gold-rush era, or some quiet time at the museums to delve into the history of the fourth largest state in the U.S. The Beartooth Highway – a National Scenic Byways All-American Road – is not to be missed, extending from the quaint mountain town of Red Lodge, through a mesmerising land of glaciers, high alpine lakes and glacier carved cirques, to its final destination of iconic Yellowstone National Park. It's not surprising that Montana is nicknamed *America's Best Last Place*.



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North Dakota

Create your own legend in **North Dakota** and follow in the footsteps of U.S. President Theodore Roosevelt. The rugged, untamed landscape of Theodore Roosevelt National Park unfolds across almost 110 square miles. Share his passion for the love of the American West, a place in which he says transformed him from a wealthy and sheltered New Yorker, into a tough and independent adventurer. The gateway to Theodore Roosevelt National Park and North Dakota's Badlands is the historic town of Medora – visit a local saloon to whet your whistle or a pitchfork grill for a bite to eat, then settle down to watch the nightly Medora Musical, a rootin-tootin, boot-scootin show of the West! For the adventurous traveller why not conquer the 144-mile Maah Daah Hey trail on foot or by mountain bike.

This state is renowned for its history and heritage. At Custer House in Fort Abraham Lincoln State Park, just outside Bismarck catch a glimpse of military life, dig for dinosaurs at one of the many paleontological sites or fly away to the Vintage Air Museum in Fargo. Travel back 600 million years at the North Dakota Heritage Center and State Museum in Bismarck, with four galleries spanning the state's earliest formation to contemporary times. If cultural history is more to your taste then visit On-A-Slant Mandan Indian Village to learn about life as a Native American. If visiting in September, be sure not to miss authentic tribal dancing at the United Tribes International Powwow. There really is something to discover around every corner!



South Dakota is the land of 'Great Faces, Great Places,' with a welcoming smile and plenty to discover! The state offers infinite variety, reflected in the rolling prairies and glittering lakes, granite peaks and towering pines. This welcoming region gives you the best of the West, combining authentic parlours and gaming tables in historic Deadwood, where miners rubbed shoulders with gamblers and gunslingers, to over 77,000 square miles of scenic vistas ideal for outdoor activities such as hiking, cycling, canoeing, fishing, or galloping through the Black Hills on horseback.

No trip through South Dakota would be complete without visiting the spectacular mountain carving of Mount Rushmore National Memorial, the nation's Shrine to Democracy. The 60-foot tall faces of four great American Presidents are a tribute to the creation, preservation and development of the country. See history in the making at nearby Crazy Horse Memorial, honouring all North American

Indians and the largest mountain carving in progress in the world. Take a scenic drive or safari tour through Custer State Park to view more than 1,300 free-roaming bison.

Visit Rapid City for a fine selection of Native American arts, crafts and jewellery, quaint shops and quality restaurants. Keep an eye out for the bronze sculptures of the nation's Presidents on nearly every downtown street corner. Spend time on one of South Dakota's nine reservations to celebrate the Native American culture that still permeates the state today. Badlands National Park is not to be missed for jaw dropping, out-of-this-world scenery. Search for wildlife and fossils by day and star-gaze by night. Be sure to stop by Jewel Cave National Monument and Wind Cave National Park to discover the underground oasis of some of the longest natural caves in the world. What is not to love about South Dakota?



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Wyoming

Wyoming is America at its best - 100,000 square miles of mountains, prairies, crystal-blue rivers and alpine lakes; the place to witness geysers bursting skyward, bald eagles soaring overhead and herds of bison roaming the plains. A natural heaven waiting for you to explore, whether it be on foot hiking the hills, riding the Rockies, boating across lakes or down rivers, photographing the state's wildlife, spotting bison, elk, wolves and many more. Grand Teton National Park is a 'must' on your Wyoming bucket list. The dramatic and jagged Teton range of the Rocky Mountains form the backdrop to shimmering lakes and a thriving ecosystem bursting with wildlife waiting to be discovered.

This is the place to experience cowboy life untethered! Grab your Stetson and head over to Cody - home to the Cody Nite Rodeo and the Buffalo Bill Center of the West. If you visit Wyoming during July then nothing will beat the experience

of Cheyenne Frontier Days, boasting the largest outdoor rodeo in the world with 10 days of roping and competitions. For the film-fanatics, stop by Devils Tower, America's first National Monument made famous by Steven Spielberg's classic movie *Close Encounters of the Third Kind*.

The pièce de résistance for this wonderful state is the iconic Yellowstone National Park, offering more than 3,000 square miles of natural splendour to explore, animals to spot, and geysers, bubbling mud pots and hot springs to marvel at! With the world's largest concentration of geysers and thermal features, it's no wonder this was also the world's first national park.

There's never a shortage of things to do in the state of 'Forever West'!



21 days of adventure through The Great American West

Start: Rapid City, SD – Finish: Jackson, WY

Day 1 Fly to Rapid City, South Dakota

Arrive Rapid City and collect your rental car

Overnight: Alex Johnson Hotel, Rapid City, South Dakota

Day 2 The Black Hills of South Dakota

Spend the day exploring the Black Hills of South Dakota including: **Mount Rushmore National Memorial** - 60-foot-high mountain carving of U.S. Presidents George Washington, Thomas Jefferson, Theodore Roosevelt and Abraham Lincoln. **Crazy Horse Memorial** – the massive granite carving honouring the Native American warrior will stand 563 feet high and 641 feet long when complete. **Custer State Park**, the second largest state park in the nation and home to 1,500 bison and granite outcroppings. Drive the 18 mile Wildlife Loop Road.

Overnight: Alex Johnson Hotel, Rapid City, South Dakota

Day 3 The Black Hills of South Dakota

Turn your focus to the western Black Hills, taking the time to drive the incredible **Spearfish Canyon Scenic Byway**. If you are feeling adventurous, take the one hour drive from Spearfish into Wyoming to admire **Devils Tower National Monument**, America's first national monument reaching 1,194 feet into the western sky. Then head to the Old West town of **Deadwood** where the legends of Wild Bill Hickock and Calamity Jane live on. Visit the **Days of '76 Museum** or try your luck at one of the town's numerous gaming parlours.

Overnight: Alex Johnson Hotel, Rapid City, South Dakota

Day 4 Rapid City and Badlands National Park, South Dakota

This morning explore downtown Rapid City and spend some time at the **Journey Museum** to learn about the history of the Black Hills and Native American culture. Then take the short drive east to **Badlands National Park** - a maze of buttes, canyons and gullies formed by millions of years of erosion. Stop for lunch in the small gateway town of Wall to visit Wall Drug. Spend a night in the Badlands area to view constellations, stars and planets in the incredibly clear night sky.

Overnight: Cedar Pass Lodge, Badlands National Park, South Dakota

Day 5 Badlands to Bismarck, North Dakota

Depart for the twin cities of **Bismarck-Mandan, North Dakota** in the morning. Bismarck is the capital city of North Dakota and lies on the banks of the Missouri River that divides the city into Bismarck-Mandan. Step back in time at the newly renovated **North Dakota Heritage Center**, visit the **Native American Earth Lodges** in Mandan and walk in General George Armstrong Custer's footsteps at **Fort Abraham Lincoln**.

Overnight: Radisson Hotel, Bismarck, North Dakota



Day 6 Bismarck to Medora, North Dakota

Head west to Medora, diverting slightly south to admire the **Enchanted Highway**, a 32-mile stretch of paved county highway that features spectacular giant concrete and metal sculptures. In **Medora** visit the **North Dakota Cowboy Hall of Fame** and then take in the nightly outdoor **Medora Musical** and **Pitchfork Fondue** dinner in the summer with the dynamic landscape of the North Dakotan Badlands as your backdrop.

Overnight: Rough Riders Hotel, Medora, North Dakota

Day 7 Theodore Roosevelt National Park, North Dakota

Spend the day exploring **Theodore Roosevelt National Park**, the only national park named after a person, and North Dakota's Badlands which have been shaped by millions of years of wind, rain, erosion, fire and the meandering Little Missouri River. **Head to Painted Canyon Overlook** for spectacular views of the Badlands and keep your eye out for wildlife along the way – bison, wild horses, elk, deer, pronghorn sheep and prairie dogs all call the park their home.

Overnight: Rough Riders Hotel, Medora, North Dakota

Day 8 Medora to Billings, Montana

Make your way west into Montana and **Little Bighorn Battlefield National Monument** which serves as a symbol for both sides – the U.S. Cavalry and Native American Indians, who fought on the banks of the Little Bighorn River. In Billings, Montana's largest city, visit the **Western Heritage Centre**, which features over 17,000 Native American objects and artefacts. Shop 'til you drop at the **Rimrock Mall** and enjoy a meal in one of the many downtown restaurants.

Overnight: Northern Hotel, Billings, Montana

Day 9 Billings to Helena, Montana

Take a stroll around historic downtown Billings before heading west toward **Livingston and Bozeman**. Visit the **Museum of the Rockies**, home to one of the largest collections of dinosaur fossils, as you pass through. On arrival in **Helena**, wander around the pleasant blocks of **Last Chance Gulch**, pop into the impressive State Capitol Building or view the fine collection in the **Holter Museum of Art**.

Overnight: Delta Hotels by Marriott Helena Colonial, Helena, Montana

Day 10 Helena to Glacier National Park, Montana

Take a boat tour through the **Gates of the Mountains**, a dramatic stretch of the Missouri River, with 1,200ft cliffs on either side. Then make your way to spectacular **Glacier National Park** to discover glacial-scoured valleys, towering peaks, tumbling waterfalls, verdant forests and wildflower-strewn meadows. Keep an eye out for grizzly bears, elk, mountain goats and bighorn sheep.

Overnight: The Firebrand, Whitefish, Montana

Day 11 Glacier National Park, Montana

Continue your exploration of **Glacier National Park**. Drive the magnificent 53 mile **Going-To-The-Sun-Road** and hike some of the 700 miles of trails. In the evening enjoy the unique restaurants, shops and art galleries of the pretty mountain town of **Whitefish**.

Overnight: The Firebrand, Whitefish, Montana



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Day 12 Whitefish to Coeur d'Alene, Idaho

As you head south, admire the crystal clear waters of **Flathead Lake**, the largest freshwater lake in the west, and the picturesque small town of **Bigfork** which has been honoured as one of the 50 Great Towns in the West and brims with art galleries, fine restaurants and high-end boutiques. Continue into Idaho and on to **Coeur d'Alene**, surrounded by dozens of lakes left behind by the glaciers from the ice age. Take a leisurely bike ride along the **Trail of the Coeur d'Alenes** bike path and watch the sun set and moon rise over Lake Coeur d'Alene.

Overnight: Comfort Inn & Suites, Coeur d'Alene, Idaho

Day 13 Coeur d'Alene to McCall, Idaho

Continue your travels south following in the footsteps of Lewis & Clark on the Northwest Passage Scenic Byway to the **Nez Perce National Historic Park**, one of Idaho's most important Native American attractions. The park's 38 sites tell the story of the Nez Perce (Nimiipuu) people – the Lewis & Clark Expedition considered them the most hospitable tribe they met. Make a stop in the pretty town of **Riggins** nestled deep in the canyon where the Salmon River and Little Salmon River come together. Spend the night in **McCall**, a laid back mountain town on the shores of Payette Lake.

Overnight: Shore Lodge, McCall, Idaho

Day 14 McCall to Sun Valley, Idaho

Make a day of the drive between McCall and Sun Valley to take in the incredible mountain scenery as you travel along not one, but four scenic byways - Payette River, Wildlife Canyon, Ponderosa Pine and Sawtooth. Along the way stop at **Kirkham Hot Springs** for a relaxing dip in the natural geothermal pools and waterfalls, and **Sawtooth National Recreation Area** for epic views of mountain peaks and ice blue lakes. Reflect on a day of beautiful scenery with a night at **Sun Valley** resort, the birthplace of the chairlift and home to old Hollywood Glamour, or nearby Ketchum.

Overnight: Limelight Hotel, Sun Valley/Ketchum, Idaho

Day 15 Sun Valley to West Yellowstone, Montana

This morning visit **Craters of the Moon National Monument**, formed during eight major eruptive periods between 15,000 and 2,000 years ago. It contains three major lava fields which are some of the best examples of rift cracks in the world. Just outside the town of Rexburg you'll find **Yellowstone Bear World**, a drive through wildlife park of free-roaming Rocky Mountain goats, bison, moose, white tail deer and even grizzly bears. Travel through the forests of eastern Idaho to thundering **Upper and Lower Mesa Falls** before crossing into Montana to overnight in West Yellowstone.

Overnight: Explorer Cabins at Yellowstone, West Yellowstone, Montana



Day 16 Yellowstone National Park

Get an early start for the nation's first national park, **Yellowstone** - best known for the geysers, hot springs and mud pots that make it one of the most active geothermal areas on the planet. The awe-inspiring landscape covers 3,000 square miles with over 10,000 thermal features and hundreds of animal species. Popular sites include **Mammoth Hot Springs, Yellowstone Lake, Old Faithful, Midway Geyser Basin, Norris Geyser Basin, Lamar and Hayden Valleys** and the **Grand Canyon of the Yellowstone** with its inspirational view of **Lower Falls**.

Overnight: Old Faithful Inn, Yellowstone National Park, Wyoming

Day 17 Yellowstone National Park to Cody, Wyoming

Continue your exploration of **Yellowstone National Park**. At the end of the day exit via the East Entrance to journey along the Buffalo Bill Cody Scenic Byway to the western town of **Cody**. If you are in town early enough, find your inner Cowboy or Cowgirl at the **Cody Nite Rodeo**, held daily during the summer.

Overnight: Chamberlin Inn, Cody, Wyoming

Day 18 Cody to Riverton, Wyoming

In the morning lose yourself in the expansive **Buffalo Bill Center of the West**, a fascinating complex of five thematic museums. Then head south to **Thermopolis**. Greek for 'Hot City', Thermopolis has two large natural hot spring complexes as well as a free public bathhouse. Temperatures range from cool to 41°C (106°F), and visitors have the choice of a soak or fun on the water slides. Then make your way to **Riverton** through stunning **Wind River Canyon** to admire geology dating back to the Triassic (208-245 million years old) and Precambrian (570-2,900 million years old) periods.

Overnight: Holiday Inn, Riverton, Wyoming

Day 19 Riverton to Jackson, Wyoming

Travelling west you'll come to the town of **Dubois** (pronounced Dew-boyz) where rustic log buildings line the main street looking much as they did when the town was first settled in the late 1800's. In the distance, you'll soon begin to see the Tetons, a jagged 40-mile stretch of the famed **Rocky Mountains**. Spend the afternoon exploring **Grand Teton National Park** - drive the 42-mile Scenic Loop and visit the Visitors Center, before heading to the gateway town of **Jackson**.

Overnight: Rustic Inn at Jackson Hole, Jackson, Wyoming

Day 20 Grand Teton National Park and Jackson, Wyoming

Continue your exploration of **Grand Teton National Park** on a wildlife safari, scenic float trip or take the **Aerial Tram** to the top of the mountains. Spend time in **Jackson** which features wooden sidewalks, elk antler arches and shops that range from the chic to the traditional. Toast the end of an epic adventure in true western style by saddling up at the **Million Dollar Cowboy Bar** or enjoying live music at the world-famous **Silver Dollar Bar**.

Overnight: Rustic Inn at Jackson Hole, Jackson, Wyoming

Day 21

Join your return flight from Jackson Hole to the UK.

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4 Must-See National Parks in The Great American West

Glacier National Park, Montana

Glacier National Park is undoubtedly Montana's star attraction. Here 2,000 lakes, 1,000 miles of rivers and glacier-packed peaks combine to form a monumental 1,583 square miles wilderness and wildlife haven.

Glacier's many highlights include Lake McDonald, Avalanche Lake and Hidden Lake where walking trails meander through breathtaking scenery. In the southeastern corner, Aster Park leads to some of the region's most astounding scenery including Two Medicine Lake, which is framed by ever-receding massifs and offers sublime views of the Sinopah and Rising Wolf mountains.

Wildlife abounds and grizzly bears, elk and bighorn sheep are found here in abundance. The park's highlight however, has to be the incredible Going to the Sun Road, which, traversed from west to east, creates the illusion of an endless climb.

Badlands National Park, South Dakota

The rugged beauty of Badlands National Park, located in southwestern South Dakota, makes this park a must see when visiting the United States. Not only are the sharp buttes and gradient rocks stunning to look at, they're also quite a treasure trove of fossils.

Today, Badlands is home to incredible wildlife, including bison, bighorn sheep, prairie dogs and black-footed ferrets. Keep your eyes peeled for them as you traverse the striated buttes and follow one of the many hiking trails. For excellent views of the landscape, follow the Door Trail or Window Trail - both of which are great for hikers of all skills. The inhospitable scenery of Badlands National Park is strangely beautiful and one of South Dakota's most visited destinations.

Grand Teton National Park, Wyoming

It's time to meet one of Wyoming's most stunning destinations - Grand Teton National Park. Located south of



Yellowstone National Park and north of the town of Jackson, Grand Teton's 480 square miles includes lush valley floors, mountain meadows, alpine lakes and the rising peaks of the Teton Range. While iconic locations like Mormon Row and the Moulton Barn may be the most photographed destinations in the park, Grand Teton's celestial peaks also provide the perfect setting for nature lovers, outdoor adventurers and road trippers who are looking to explore the park's incredible landscapes.

Yellowstone National Park

No Great American West adventure is complete without a visit to the world's first national park. **Yellowstone National Park** boasts the most extensive area of geothermal activity in the world, harbouring more than 10,000 geysers, hot springs and mud pots; the most famous being Old Faithful. The Grand Canyon of the Yellowstone, Lower Falls and Yellowstone Lake may be familiar from photos, however nothing beats seeing them with your own eyes! A mountain wildland, home to grizzly bears, wolves, and herds of bison

and elk, the park is the core of one of the last, nearly intact, natural ecosystems in the Earth's temperate zone.

The best way to experience Yellowstone is on a guided tour. From a comprehensive full day touring the main sights to an in-depth tour of the 'Fire Hole' area, or a gentle stroll on horseback to a wildlife excursion to spot wolves, bears, moose, bison elk and much more.

Winter in Yellowstone is a particularly magical time to visit, a true winter wonderland and the best time of year for a more intimate experience, fascinating snowy landscapes and frost-laden animals. Hop on a snow-coach to visit Old Faithful, grab a set of snow shoes to head out on explore the gysers and forests on foot or join a tour in search of wildlife in their winter habitat.

It's no wonder that visitors travel from all over the world to visit Yellowstone National Park, it's one of the world's most special places!



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Grand Teton and Yellowstone Photography Workshop (5 Days)

Join a professional photographer and experienced safari guide on this small group (max 7 people) 5-day photography workshop into Grand Teton and Yellowstone National Parks. This intensive field-based photography workshop will focus on finding, and safely photographing, Greater Yellowstone's abundant wildlife.

Includes: Hotel pick-up in Jackson Hole, all transportation throughout the workshop, an experienced professional wildlife photography guide, 4 nights lodging during the workshop, 5 lunches, 5 breakfasts, 1 farewell dinner, snacks, souvenir water bottle and use of spotting scopes and binoculars throughout the trip. (*park entrance fee and guide gratuity not included)

Pricing & tour dates: Call for current tour schedule, availability and pricing.

Itinerary:

Day 1

The first morning will include a field orientation of the best camera settings, framing, and tricks to creating great wildlife and landscape images. In the afternoon, you will explore Elk Ranch before heading further north into prime grizzly habitat. *(Breakfast, Lunch included)*

Day 2

Wake early to photograph the sunrise on the Tetons and early morning wildlife. You will then explore lesser-travelled roads in northern Jackson Hole in search of wildlife before returning to the lodge. You will then return to the field for more great photography opportunities in the softer light of late afternoon and evening. *(Breakfast, Lunch included)*

Day 3

The early morning will be spent tracking bears, photographing classic landscapes and looking for other wildlife in Grand Teton National Park. You will then travel north into Yellowstone National Park and make your way to the Lamar Valley, often called the Serengeti of North America. This is the single best wildlife photography area in Yellowstone and known for its abundance of grizzlies and wolves. *(Breakfast, Lunch included)*

Day 4

The early morning will be spent tracking wolves with plenty of time to photograph the magnificent landscape and vistas of this dramatic part of Yellowstone. The rest of the day will be spent exploring the northern Yellowstone region before you return to Lamar Valley for an evening of bear, wolf and wildlife photography in Lamar and Slough Creek. *(Breakfast, Lunch included)*

Day 5

Another early morning will give you one last chance to photograph the wolves of the Lamar Valley before beginning the journey back to Jackson Hole via the interior of Yellowstone. This will give you time to explore and photograph more classic Yellowstone places including the Upper, Middle and Lower Geyser Basins and view an eruption of Old Faithful. The tour will finish with a group dinner in Jackson Hole where you can relive your tour memories. *(Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner included)*



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Main Salmon River Rafting in Idaho

Rafting on Idaho's Main Salmon River is all about maximising fun time on the river. Beautiful summer days combine with fantastic Class III whitewater rapids and stretches of meandering swimming holes beckoning visitors to take a dip.

Includes: Transportation, all meals & beverages, rafts, guides & river equipment (personal floatation devices (PFDs), helmets, paddles), group gear, kitchen equipment, tents, sleeping pads, camp chairs & dry bags for your clothes.

Not included: Lodging before and after your trip.

Trip length: 5 or 6 days.

Ages: 7 years old and up.

Pricing & tour dates: Call for current tour schedule, availability and pricing.

General itinerary:

Arrival Day in Salmon

Arrive in Salmon, Idaho the day before your scheduled launch date and check in to your hotel. You will have a pre-trip meeting at 7:30pm at the Stagecoach Inn the evening before your scheduled start date.

Launch Day: Your Journey Begins

Take a scenic drive to Corn Creek, your launch point on the Main Salmon River. From here, you'll begin your journey into Idaho's canyon landscape. On the first afternoon you'll run exciting rapids including Rainier Rapid and Alder Creek Rapid.

River Days

Each day will bring new sights and adventures. After a hot breakfast, your guides will pack the rafts and prepare to launch for another day's explorations. You'll navigate through classic whitewater rapids, float and swim in serene stretches of meandering river, and even stop at hot springs. Days could include hikes through mountain meadows to see historic cabins from early settlers and rock drawings from ancient cultures.

Last Day: River and Take-out Day

After a final tasty breakfast, you'll push off for one more day of floating through the Salmon River wilderness. The final day brings the famous Chittam and Vinegar rapids – your last chance to demonstrate your new paddling skills or take that front seat in the raft for a wet and wild ride. At the Carey Creek take-out, you'll transfer back to McCall, Idaho in the late afternoon.



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Recommended Activities in The Great American West

Whitewater Rafting with Mad River Boat Trips, Jackson Hole, Wyoming

Come in early spring and experience an adrenaline rush in the peak flows of the river, come in midsummer and enjoy the refreshingly cool waters on a hot summer day or come in the fall and see the Snake River canyon come alive in the reds, oranges and yellows of season.

Badlands National Park and Wall Drug Tour with ABS Travel Group, South Dakota

On this half day tour to Badlands National Park you will see some of the most spectacular and breath-taking scenery in South Dakota. Vast canyons give way to some of the most

beautiful views of flat-topped tables and towering spires. At Wall Drug shop for handcrafted regional items including Black Hills Gold jewellery, Western apparel such as hats, boots and belts and Native American artefacts.

Medora Musical, North Dakota

Known as 'The Greatest Show in the West', the Medora Musical is a professional musical variety show performed outdoors in the beautiful North Dakota Badlands. This fast-paced, western show includes singing, dancing, comedy, national variety acts and a star-spangled patriotic finale – all dedicated to the legacy of America's 26th President, Theodore Roosevelt.



Glacier National Park Red Bus Tours, Montana

The famous Red Buses serve as an ideal way to see and learn more about Glacier National Park. In fact, the vintage 1930s buses are part of the human history and heritage of the park. As much of the park's scenery is vertically oriented, the roll-back tops are perfect for providing full views of the stunning mountains, and the area's signature Big Sky. The guides are seasoned park veterans, who are there because they love the park and enjoy sharing the park with visitors.

The Battle of the Little Bighorn with Indian Battle Tours, Montana

The Battle of the Little Bighorn, also called Custer's Last Stand, marked the most decisive Native American victory and the worst U.S. Army defeat in the long Plains Indian War. Take a 1 hour tour around the Little Bighorn Battlefield National Monument and learn about the events leading up to the battle. Hear firsthand accounts from both the soldier and warrior side including soldier movements during the battle from your informative guide. The tour will conclude on Last Stand Hill.



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Ranching in The Great American West

Few things are more quintessentially American than the cowboy, and staying at a ranch in The Great American West is the perfect way to indulge any Wild West fantasies. Our featured properties are: -

Goosewing Ranch

Dude and Guest Ranch near Jackson Hole, Wyoming

At Goosewing Ranch, they combine the lifestyle of ranching in the Wyoming wilderness with many of the modern refinements that make your visit with them especially enjoyable.

At 7,400 feet, the valley is the host to some of North America's most spectacular game: elk, moose, mountain sheep, antelope, bear, eagles, geese, cranes, and much more, not to mention fantastic scenery. The Gros Ventre River, home to native cutthroat trout, runs through the meadows of the historic ranch.

The Ranch invites you to come share this corner of North America's wildest country just as it has been for over a hundred years – a working ranch reborn as an isolated retreat deep in the Gros Ventre River Valley.

Lone Mountain Ranch

This is Real Montana

For over 100 years, Lone Mountain Ranch has given travellers the true experience of Yellowstone Country. Just 18 miles beyond the northwest border of the park, tucked between the Montana Rockies, rivers and grasslands, and only 40 minutes from Bozeman Airport, this is where to find and enjoy the good things in life.

Go for horseback riding; year-round fly fishing and all-access tours of Yellowstone National Park with lodge naturalists. Ski over 80 miles of world class Nordic trails or take a chance on the downhill slopes next door. Stay in a historic private cabin with all the elevated comforts of home in the West. The ranch hands, expert guides and chefs will curate the best of what Montana has to offer.

For more Ranching options in the Great American West, speak with the knowledgeable Discover North America team today on 0800 246 1241 and get ready for one of the most memorable of all American experiences.



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Recommended Properties in The Great American West

Rough Riders - Medora, North Dakota

Luxury meets western charm and presidential history at the Historic Rough Riders Hotel, located in the heart of downtown Medora. Named for the volunteer cavalry unit led by America's 26th President, Theodore Roosevelt, you'll fall in love the moment you arrive and see the immense hearth reaching to the tin-tiled ceiling, with walls housing one of the largest private (yet available for you to read) library of books on, and by, Theodore Roosevelt.

Cedar Pass Lodge - Badlands National Park, South Dakota

Set amidst the prairie at the base of the pinnacles of Badlands National Park, stay in one of the cabins of Cedar Pass Lodge. The eco-friendly cabins were designed to resemble the original cabins built in 1928 and are furnished with custom-made, regionally handcrafted lodgepole pine furniture. Enjoy the spectacular views of the Badlands from the large, handcrafted pine deck chairs on the decks as the sun sets and stars emerge. Then rise early for a picture-perfect Badlands sun rise.

The Firebrand - Whitefish, Montana

The Firebrand Hotel brings urban sophistication and service combined with the atmosphere and adventurous style of Northwest Montana's rugged landscapes. The Firebrand's

premier location in downtown Whitefish positions you steps away from world-class dining and nightlife options and within easy access to golfing, Whitefish Lake, trails and skiing at Whitefish Mountain Resort. Hop in a car, and you'll shortly arrive at the gateway to Glacier National Park.

Rustic Inn Creekside Resort - Jackson Hole, Wyoming

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