

#### JULY 11-19, 2025

with optional Jackson Hole Post-Tour

## NATIONAL PARKS & LODGES OF THE OLD WEST

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Dear Alumni and Friends,

Join us on an immersive adventure through the heart of America's most captivating landscapes, traversing wildlife-rich terrain, picturesque canyons and stunning mountain passes. Each engaging day is its own journey, highlighted by leisurely hikes, educational discussions and authentic Old West charm.

Stand in awe before the rugged majesty of Badlands National Park, safari amidst herds of bison and elk in Custer State Park, and delve into the cultural tapestry of the Black Hills with visits to the awe-inspiring Crazy Horse Memorial and the iconic faces of Mount Rushmore. Witness the geothermal wonders of Yellowstone, the grandeur of Grand Teton National Park and the genuine hospitality of Jackson Hole.

After fulfilling days, retreat to well-appointed properties and various landmark lodges that are national treasures themselves.

Space is limited. With significant savings of more than \$1,000 per couple, we anticipate this tour will fill quickly. To reserve, visit usna.orbridge.com, call (866) 639-0079 or by returning the attached reservation form.

Sincerely,

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Amy Garwood Director, Alumni Travel U.S. Naval Academy Alumni Association & Foundation (410) 295-4015

Welcome to all alumni, friends, and family.

#### National Parks & Lodges | Itinerary and Highlights (subject to change)

- Day 1: ARRIVE IN RAPID CITY, SD Upon arrival an Orbridge Expedition Leader will be waiting to assist with your transfer to the hotel. Later join the group for a welcome dinner and tour briefing. Overnight: Hotel Alex Johnson (D)
- Day 2: RAPID CITY I BADLANDS NATIONAL PARK I CUSTER STATE PARK Set out for Badlands National Park. Rich in fossil beds, the park provides a fascinating glimpse into the area's history. Continue to Wall for lunch on your own. At Custer State Park, board a safari Jeep for a thrilling wildlife tour. Overnight: Custer State Game Lodge (B,D)
- Day 3: MAMMOTH SITE I CRAZY HORSE I CUSTER Visit the mammoth paleontological site, research center and museum. Walk the sinkhole and see the dig site and paleontology laboratory. Next visit the base and museum of Crazy Horse Memorial followed by an audio-visual program featuring artist Korczak Ziolkowski.

Overnight: Custer State Game Lodge (B,D)

- Day 4: CUSTER I MOUNT RUSHMORE I SPEARFISH CANYON Spend the morning at Mount Rushmore with time to explore the Visitor's Center and Sculptor's Studio or hike the Presidential Trail. Continue to Spearfish for the evening. Overnight: Spearfish Canyon Lodge (B,D)
- Day 5: SPEARFISH CANYON I CODY, WY Today is a scenic travel day to Cody, stopping at The Ranch at UCross for lunch. Overnight: Holiday Inn Cody-At Buffalo Bill Village (B,L)
- Day 6: CODY I YELLOWSTONE NATIONAL PARK Visit the Buffalo Bill Center of the West that features five museums, a research library and special exhibitions. Continue to Yellowstone to see Old Faithful erupt and explore the Upper and Lower Falls. Overnight: Yellowstone Lodging (B,L,D)
- Day 7: YELLOWSTONE NATIONAL PARK Enjoy a full day for independent park touring. Perhaps stroll Fountain Paint Pot Trail, see Mammoth Hot Springs, or visit the Albright Visitor Center and Museum. Overnight: Yellowstone Lodging (B,D)
- Day 8: YELLOWSTONE NATIONAL PARK I GRAND TETON NATIONAL PARK I JACKSON Head south to Grand Teton National Park. Lunch is planned at Pioneer Grill at Jackson Lake Lodge. Tonight gather with fellow travel companions to celebrate the adventures of the past week at a farewell dinner. Overnight: Rustic Inn at Jackson Hole Creekside Resort and Spa (B,D)
- Day 9: DEPART JACKSON After breakfast transfer to the airport for flights home. (B)





(B = Breakfast, L = Lunch, D = Dinner)



#### What's Included

- 8 nights in unique accommodations and inspiring landmark lodges
- 8 breakfasts, 2 lunches and 7 dinners including special welcome and farewell meals
- Full guiding services of an Orbridge Expedition Leader as well as expert local guides
- All activities as described in the 9-day itinerary
- Admission and park fees
- Private deluxe motor coach with air conditioning and comfortable seating
- Luggage porterage (where available)
- Gratuities to Orbridge Expedition Leader, local guides, drivers, porters and wait staff for included meals
- Airport transfers for guests arriving and departing during the suggested times

#### Your Expedition Leader:

Enriched from the wealth of expertise provided by your Orbridge Expedition Leader, you'll Orbridge

bring home a deeper understanding of the flora, fauna, natural history and cultural narrative of the diverse parks of the American West.





Activity Level: The majority of the program's activities will take place outdoors and a fair amount of walking on varying terrain is to be expected. Many of the parks have dirt trails, but they are usually fairly smooth for walking. Some have paved pathways and boardwalks. It's our expectation that guests are able to walk a mile at a moderate pace, get in and out of a motor coach, and walk up a flight of stairs without assistance. Keep in mind that you will experience varying altitudes, rising up to 9,000 feet, to which you may not be accustomed.

#### Accommodations (subject to change)

#### HOTEL ALEX JOHNSON

This historic hotel features a casual Irish pub, fitness center, café and rooftop bar overlooking town.



#### CUSTER STATE GAME LODGE

Set in a beautiful mountain valley, the lodge is listed on the National Register of Historic Places.







#### SPEARFISH CANYON LODGE

Nestled alongside spectacular limestone cliffs, the lodge features log walls and a 40-foot stone fireplace.







#### HOLIDAY INN CODY-AT BUFFALO BILL VILLAGE

This hotel offers well-appointed rooms with all the comforts of home.



#### YELLOWSTONE NATIONAL PARK LODGING

Confirmed by the National Park Service, you'll stay at one or two of the following Yellowstone properties: Old Faithful Inn, Old Faithful Snow Lodge, Canyon Lodge & Cabins, Grant Village or Mammoth Hot Springs Hotel. Each offers comfortable lodging and amenities.

#### RUSTIC INN AT JACKSON HOLE CREEKSIDE RESORT AND SPA

This resort offers the finest Western accommodations amidst 12 lush acres and an outdoor pool.







### Optional Post-Tour Jackson Hole

Extend your adventures in the Old West with additional days in Jackson Hole. This charming town offers a sophisticated yet rustic atmosphere with upscale dining, art galleries and a variety of outdoor activities.

- Day 9: JACKSON Gather for a private docent-guided tour of the National Museum of Wildlife Art. Situated on a cliff overlooking the National Elk Refuge, the museum's collection features 5,000 pieces from more than 550 artists. Dating from 2500 B.C. to the present, the exhibits chronicle the history of wildlife in art, focusing primarily on European and American painting and sculpture. The collection of American art from the 19th and 20th centuries is particularly strong, recording European exploration of the American West. Many of these works predate photography, making them vital representations of the frontier era in the history of the U.S. Overnight: Rustic Inn at Jackson Hole Creekside Resort and Spa
- Day 10: JACKSON After breakfast set out on a threehour adventure, beginning at Pritchard Creek, floating past nesting areas of bald eagles and ospreys. Early morning is watering time—and the best viewing time—for native fauna along the river, such as waterfowl, moose, deer and river otters. Have your camera handy to capture the beautiful scenery and active wildlife. The remainder of the day is at leisure to explore downtown Jackson's boutiques and restaurants. Or take advantage of the various amenities at the Rustic Inn's resort and spa. Overnight: Rustic Inn at Jackson Hole Creekside Resort and Spa (B)
- Day 11: DEPART FOR JACKSON After breakfast guests departing during the suggested times take a complimentary transfer to the airport for flights home. (B)

#### What's Included

- 2 nights at Rustic Inn at Jackson Hole Creekside Resort & Spa (or similar) including breakfast each morning
- Admission to the National Museum of Wildlife Art including a docent-led tour
- A half-day scenic Snake River float trip
- Transportation for included activities
- Luggage porterage
- Airport transfers for guests departing during the suggested times



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> about the area and all locations were great. He was always thinking about what extra we could do in the areas we visited. His experience as a National Park Ranger and his advanced study made him an expert on the trip. Orbridge provides a good product. This is our second trip. The biggest asset is the quality of the Travel Director and the Expedition Leader they provide. Attention to the traveler is high on their list of what matters. We will travel with Orbridge again. -Marie & Geoff O., Valley Stream, NY

see out there with Orbridge leading the way!

~Sue & Lee G., Glastonbury, CT

expectations. He was knowledgeable

**Dur Expedition Leader exceeded all** 

such a great job and impressing him to that

extent! There's so much more we'd like to

for another excursion. Thank you for doing

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but he is absolutely SOLD on signing up

travel opportunity with Orbridge. Honestly,

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