NATIONAL PARKS & LODGES OF THE OLD WEST

JULY 2-11, 2018
Special Rate
SAVE MORE THAN $600
per couple

10 Days of Spectacular Scenery & Lodges
Dear Fellow Columbian,

Travel with alumni, family, and friends from July 2-11, 2018, and celebrate the 4th of July on a journey to the American West’s magnificent National Parks, tracing legends and visiting storied monuments along the way. From Old Faithful to Mount Rushmore and from Spearfish Canyon to the Snake River, see the best of the Old West and traverse its beautiful vistas in comfort. Explore some of our greatest national treasures on this 10-day adventure including Badlands, Yellowstone, and Grand Teton National Parks. Accommodations are among the special highlights of this program. Stay in historic hotels and lodges, including landmark lodging within the parks themselves.

The Columbia Alumni Association (CAA) is a global network connecting Columbians of all schools to one another and to the intellectual and social fabric of Columbia University, even after graduation. It links over 330,000 alumni through more than 100 Regional Clubs and Shared Interest Groups, online resources, and over 200 thought-provoking programs around the world. The CAA Travel Study Program is one of the benefits offered to Columbia alumni and is an opportunity to continue one’s Columbia education through new intellectual, cultural, and geographical horizons.

Space is limited, and will be shared with participants from cosponsoring alumni associations. Please contact the Alumni Travel Study Program office at (866) 325-8664, or at travelstudy@columbia.edu for more details and to reserve your place today.

Kind Regards,

Donna H. MacPhee ’89CC, P: ’17CC
Vice President for Alumni Relations
President, Columbia Alumni Association

Free Expedition Library
AN EARLY RESERVATION BONUS

Reserve your space by December 29, 2017, to receive the FREE Orbridge Expedition Library we’ve assembled for this program.

This exclusive gift is to thank you for joining us early. Guests who reserve after the specified date may purchase libraries. Call for details.
Trace the legends and natural splendors of the American West.

The country our ancestors dreamed about—and that still resides in our nation’s great parks—is filled with beautiful scenery, abundant wildlife, hiking, storytelling, and incredible historic lodges you will write home about.
NEBRASKA

WY O MIN G

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COLORADO

Rapid City

UTAH

Yellowstone

Grand Teton National Park

Jackson

U-Cross Ranch

Mt. Rushmore

Custer State Park

Hot Springs

Badlands National Park

Cody

Your 10-Day Itinerary*

Day 1: Arrive in Rapid City, SD (R)
Meet fellow travelers for a welcome drink
Overnight: The Rushmore Hotel & Suites

Day 2: Badlands National Park / Custer State Park (B,D)
Buffalo safari, canyon cookout
Overnight: Custer State Game Lodge

Day 3: Custer State Park / Hot Springs (B,D)
Mammoth dig site, Crazy Horse Memorial
Overnight: Custer State Game Lodge

Day 4: Custer State Park / Spearfish Canyon (B,D)
Mount Rushmore, Tatanka Museum
Overnight: Spearfish Canyon Lodge

Day 5: The Ranch at Ucross / Cody, WY (B,L)
Ranch life, Bighorn Mountains
Overnight: Holiday Inn Cody

Day 6: Cody / Yellowstone National Park (B,D)
Buffalo Bill, Old West, Old Faithful
Overnight: Yellowstone Lodging

Day 7: Yellowstone National Park (B,D)
Geothermal highlights, park sightseeing
Overnight: Yellowstone Lodging

Day 8: Grand Teton National Park / Jackson (B)
Scenic drive: western plains and mountains
Overnight: Rustic Inn

Day 9: Jackson (B,D)
Leisure activities, farewell dinner
Overnight: Rustic Inn

Day 10: Depart Jackson (B)

Optional Extension: Days 10-12 in Jackson

Program Highlights

• Experience the diverse wonders of our National Parks accompanied by an Orbridge Expedition Leader.

• Overnight in landmark lodges that are national treasures themselves.

• Enjoy a chuck wagon cookout after a visit to Custer State Park, a wildlife reserve with scenic lakes, dramatic granite spires, and lush grasslands where bison herds roam.

• Visit the world’s largest mammoth site, where scientists are excavating remains of Columbian and woolly mammoths from 26,000 years ago.

• Marvel at the grandeur of Mount Rushmore and Crazy Horse Memorial.

• See the dramatic effects of Yellowstone’s volcanically active caldera with visits to otherworldly geothermal sites including Fountain Paint Pot and Old Faithful Geyser.

• What’s included: 9 nights hotel and lodge accommodations; 9 breakfasts, 1 lunch, and 6 dinners; full guiding services of an Orbridge Expedition Leader; admission to national parks and all activities as described in program itinerary; luggage porterage; all gratuities; and airport transfers for guests arriving and departing during the suggested times.

Activity Level: Guests should be able to walk up a flight of stairs, and get in and out of a motor coach without assistance. Maximum altitude: 9,000 feet.

*Subject to change.
**Your Expedition Leader:**

From identifying a wildflower to recalling details about Mt. Rushmore’s making, the company and keen eyes of an expert Orbridge Expedition Leader will make all the difference in your educational experience. Enriched by their wealth of expertise, you’ll bring home a deeper understanding of the flora, fauna, natural history, and cultural narrative of the Old West.

**Accommodations (subject to change)**

**THE RUSHMORE HOTEL & SUITES**
Situated near Rapid City’s entertainment, shopping, and dining, this hotel features a café, award-winning restaurant, and lounge.

**CUSTER STATE GAME LODGE**
Set in a beautiful mountain valley in Custer State Park, it served as the “Summer White House” for President Calvin Coolidge and was visited by President Dwight D. Eisenhower.

**SPEARFISH CANYON LODGE**
Nestled alongside lofty pines and spectacular limestone cliffs, this property features heavy log walls and a 40-foot stone fireplace. Follow the hiking trails that meander through the forest to a Black Hills waterfall or the canyon rim.

**HOLIDAY INN CODY**
Near the Buffalo Bill Center of the West, Old Trail Town, and other local attractions, this hotel offers well-appointed rooms with all the comforts of home, as well as an outdoor pool, bar/restaurant, and lounge.

**YELLOWSTONE LODGING**
Confirmed by the National Park Service, you’ll stay at one of the following Yellowstone facilities: Lake Yellowstone Hotel, Old Faithful Inn, Old Faithful Snow Lodge, Mammoth Hot Springs Hotel (all pictured to right), or Canyon Lodge & Cabins, Grant Village, or Lake Lodge Cabins. Each offers comfortable lodging and modern amenities.

**RUSTIC INN AT JACKSON HOLE**
Rustic Inn offers the finest Western accommodations, 12 lush acres adjacent to the National Elk Refuge, and nearby access to Jackson’s downtown scene.
Optional Extension

Jackson Hole

With two added days in Jackson Hole, enjoy the area’s vibrant cultural offerings, jaw-dropping scenery, abundant wildlife, and outdoor activities.

Extension Itinerary*

Day 10: Jackson / Grand Teton
Wildlife Excursion (B)
Wildlife experts will guide you to the park’s viewing hotspots while also providing details about the area’s history, landmarks, and geography.

Day 11: Jackson / Leisure (B)
National Museum of Wildlife Art, wildlife viewing, various outdoor activities, or relax at the resort and spa at Rustic Inn.

Day 12: Depart Jackson (B)
After breakfast, guests departing during the suggested times take a complimentary transfer to the airport for flights home.

What’s Included

• Two nights accommodations at Rustic Inn at Jackson Hole Creekside Resort & Spa (shown below) or similar, with breakfast each morning
• A half-day guided wildlife excursion through Grand Teton National Park
• Complimentary admission to the National Museum of Wildlife Art (transfers not included)
• Park entrance fees for guided wildlife excursion
• All gratuities
• Transfers for guests departing during the suggested times

Early Reservation Bonus: See reverse for details.
Secure your reservation with a deposit charged to the credit card below, or with an enclosed check payable to: Orbridge LLC.

**Guest Information:**

Guest #1 Name: _____________________________ Class Year _______________________

Guest #2 Name: _____________________________ Class Year _______________________

Address: ___________________________________________ State: __________ Zip: __________

City: _____________________________ State: __________ Zip: __________

Email: __________________________________ PHONE: ________________________ Alt. Phone: __________

Category Preference (if applicable): 1st choice __________________________ 2nd choice __________________

**Deposit:**

(#) _______ guests joining program ($850/person) +

(#) _______ guests joining extension ($500/person) = Total deposit: $ __________

**Deposit Payment:**

- Check enclosed
- Online Check/ACH
- MasterCard/Visa
- American Express
- Discover

Card #: _____________________________ Exp. date: __________ CVV: __________

Billing address (if different from above): __________________________________________

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I/we have read, understand, and agree to the full Terms & Conditions at http://terms.orbridge.com and detailed in program documents; and that Orbridge LLC is authorized to charge my credit card above and/or take my deposit for this program.

Signature: _____________________________ Date: __________

Mail, fax or scan/email reservation form and deposit to: Columbia Alumni Travel Study Program

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What Guests Are Saying...

We have just completed this tour and can’t say enough POSITIVE things about it. Your organization is amazing. We’re giving Orbridge and “family” 5 stars! We’ve traveled the globe, been in charge of various trips and have had many tour operators. You rank at the TOP!

~Judith & Peter W., Los Altos Hills, CA

The trip was much better than we expected. We saw more and learned more than we even imagined. Our tour director and guide were the best ever. It will be a trip we will remember for the rest of our lives! Thank you for the opportunity.

~Donnajean & William D., Columbus, OH

We were very satisfied with the service provided by Orbridge. We came home with renewed appreciation of our National Parks.

~Rod and Betty S., San Francisco, CA

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