

Wild West Yellowstone



Yellowstone National Park

14 Days / 13 Nights

From San Francisco, California
to Cody, Wyoming

Highlights:

- * San Francisco, model city
- * Yosemite National Park
- * Great Basin National Park
- * Tonopah, silver mining town
- * Nevada's rugged outback
- * Salt Lake City and 2002 Winter Olympics Park
- * Grand Teton National Park
- * Yellowstone National Park, with boiling hot springs, geysers, and incredible wildlife
- * Buffalo Bill Historical Center



Ely, Nevada

Yellowstone N.P., Natural Wonder

Yellowstone National Park is one of the most beloved and bewitching natural areas of the US, filled with geysers, steaming hot springs and fascinating mineral pools. On our numerous walks you will encounter some of America's most unusual landscapes. You may safely observe various violent volcanic phenomena from platforms, which offer amazing photographic opportunities. The starkly contrasting, yet equally famous Yosemite National Park is a granite wonderland. The hidden gem of Great Basin National Park, with its stalactite caves and over 4500-year-old bristlecone pines, enhances the variety.



Golden Gate Bridge –
San Francisco

World Class Wildlife Viewing

Our Wild West Yellowstone Tour offers a wide variety of wildlife sightings throughout the western states. You will find yourself in the midst of buffalo and elk herds; you have an excellent chance of spotting a moose, black bear, or even a grizzly bear. Small, furry animals like prairie dogs, chipmunks and rabbits abound, and the diverse ecosystems are perfect for other wild animals and rare birds. This tour offers an unforgettable experience for wildlife- and outdoor lovers.



Yellowstone wild buffalo herd

Wild West Towns, Culture & Museums, Comfortable Hotels

A visit to this heritage-rich part of the world isn't complete without discovering the history, art, and lifestyle of Native Americans, cowboys and gold miners. Our tour brings you face to face with the Wild West's lively past; how it was settled, fought over, and ultimately modernized. We visit silent ghost towns of Nevada's deserts, once teeming with thousands of gold and silver miners. We will overnight in Utah's capital, and in historical towns like Ely, Cody, and the clear-sky-city of Tonopah.



Salt Lake City, Capitol

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On this tour you will experience the singular and amazing natural wonders of Yellowstone N.P. An active volcanic caldera heats this bubbling, spitting, landscape of hot springs throughout the year.

Mammoth Hot Springs, pictured left, change in color and flow each year and build new terraces of white, yellow, orange, brown and black travertine limestone from their carbonate rich waters. Wood walkways bring us within a finger's reach of the hot water.

Day 1: San Francisco

Meet in San Francisco; drive over Golden Gate Bridge and walk at viewpoint; dine in Sausalito with introductions; receive travel documents. Night in San Francisco.

Day 2: Santa Cruz – Salinas – San Juan Bautista – Mariposa

Travel along the Pacific Ocean on scenic Highway 1. Explore the beach at a Marine Preserve; stop at historic Santa Cruz boardwalk; at Mission San Juan Bautista experience California Spanish colonial history. 2 nights in Mariposa.

Day 3: Yosemite National Park

Exploring magnificent Yosemite National Park is today's highlight. Hike among the biggest --and some of the oldest-- trees of the world, the giant Sequoias at Mariposa Grove.

Day 4: Tioga Pass – Mono Lake – Bridgeport Drive over scenic Tioga Pass (elevation: 9943 feet, 3031 meters) crossing the Sierra Nevada mountain range. Stop to walk and explore at alkaline Mono Lake, with its picturesque Tufa formations. Night in Bridgeport.

Day 5: Bodie Ghost Town – Lake Tahoe – Virginia City, NV

In the morning we discover the history of Bodie Ghost Town, then drive along the Sierra Nevada mountain range to Lake Tahoe-- the largest alpine lake in North America. Night in Virginia City, NV

Day 6: Fort Churchill - Pony Express Station - Tonopah

Following the loneliest road in America, Hwy 50, we reach Fort Churchill. Stop at Walker Lake for picnic. Night in Tonopah, NV

Day 7: Extra Terrestrial Highway - Cathedral State Park - Ely, Nevada

A drive on the Extra Terrestrial Highway might produce an occasional UFO -- hence the highway's name. Picnic at the ET Rest Area. In the evening we reach Ely. Night in Ely.

Day 8: Great Basin National Park - Salt Lake City

Today begins with a ride on the historical steam train, Nevada Northern Railway. We climb from low-lying desert to Great Basin National Park at 6,840 ft / 2,084 m. Hike to see the bristlecone pines--some of the oldest living trees in the world. 2 nights in Salt Lake City.

Day 9: Salt Lake City - Capital of Utah

Salt Lake City is a clean, pedestrian-friendly city with free public transportation. On foot we explore the state capitol and the Mormon Temple grounds.

Day 10: Olympic Park - Fossil Butte National Monument - Alpine, WY

Leaving Salt Lake City, stop at the 2002 Winter Olympics Park, featuring the Alf Engen Ski Museum, then cross into Wyoming to explore the unique landscape and fossil displays of Fossil Butte National Monument.

Night in Alpine, Wyoming

Day 11: Jackson Hole - Grand Teton National Park - West Yellowstone, Montana

Explore at your own pace the wild west town of Jackson. In the afternoon, hike in Grand Teton National Park, then continue to Yellowstone National Park.

2 nights in West Yellowstone, Montana.

Day 12: Yellowstone Canyon – Lower Falls, Old Faithful

Hike along the canyon rim at Grand Canyon of Yellowstone. In afternoon, experience Old Faithful Lodge and witness the famous geyser.

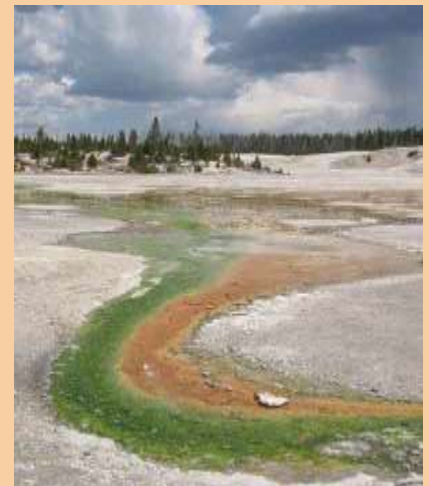
Day 13: Yellowstone N.P. - Norris Geyser Basin - Mammoth Hot Springs

Today explore one of Yellowstone's most active geothermal areas at Norris Geyser Basin. Later, visit magnificent Mammoth Hot Springs.

Day 14: Yellowstone National Park - Lamar Valley - Chief Joseph Highway – Cody

Drive through Yellowstone's animal-rich Lamar Valley. Discover wildlife including rare black and grizzly bears, elk, coyote, wolves, porcupines, marmots, and prairie dogs. Night in Cody.

Day 15: Continue travel on your own, or journey home.



Yellowstone Geyser Basin