



U.S. National Parks: The Rockies to Yellowstone

9 days | 13 days with the Badlands & Mount Rushmore extension

Stand in awe of extraordinary landscapes and embrace your pioneering spirit on this breathtaking adventure. From the soaring peaks of the Rocky Mountains and the mesmerizing sandstone cliffs of Moab to the wildlife of Yellowstone, this is America at its most majestic.



Your tour package includes

- 8 nights in handpicked hotels
- 8 breakfasts
- 3 dinners with beer or wine
- 1 beer tasting
- 6 sightseeing tours
- Expert Tour Director & local guides
- Private deluxe motor coach

Included highlights

- Downtown Denver
- Rocky Mountain National Park
- Vail
- Arches National Park
- Park City's historic Main Street
- The Grand Tetons
- Yellowstone National Park
- Old Faithful

Tour pace

On this guided tour, you'll walk for at least 1 hour daily across moderately uneven terrain, including paved roads and unpaved trails, with few hills.

Group size

15-35

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Denver, Colorado → 2 nights

Day 1: Arrival in Denver

Included meals: welcome dinner

Welcome to Colorado! Meet your Tour Director and fellow travelers at a welcome dinner this evening.

Day 2: Sightseeing tour of Denver

Included meals: breakfast

Explore Colorado's capital city on a tour led by a local guide.

- See the Colorado State Capitol Building and the Denver Public Library
- Pass through the city's vibrant art and museum districts

Enjoy a free afternoon in Denver or add an excursion.

+ Garden of the Gods & Cave of the Winds

Rocky Mountain National Park Region, Colorado → 1 night

Day 3: Rocky Mountain National Park

Included meals: breakfast, dinner, beer tasting

Set out to explore the wonders of Rocky Mountain National Park.

- Drive along the Trail Ridge Road, which soars to 12,000 feet in elevation (*weather-dependent*)
- Take several short trail walks
- Look out for wildlife including elk, bighorn sheep, moose, and bears

Sample local brews during an included beer tasting and dinner this evening.

Moab, Utah → 2 nights

Day 4: Moab via Vail

Included meals: breakfast

Make several stops as you travel through the Rockies and Glenwood Canyon en route to Moab, Utah.

- Stop in Vail, a famous resort town
- Visit the charming mountain town of Glenwood Springs

Then, continue along the continental divide to Moab.

Day 5: Arches National Park

Included meals: breakfast

This morning, gaze at the red rock sculptures carved by nature as you explore Arches National Park, home to more than 2,000 arches, spires, domes, pinnacles, and fins.

Please note: The order of activities may vary based on season.

Enjoy a free afternoon in Moab or add an excursion.

+ Colorado River Raft Trip

Park City, Utah → 1 night

Day 6: Transfer to Park City & sightseeing tour

Included meals: breakfast

Enjoy the open spaces and fantastic scenery as you travel north to Park City, a popular ski resort that's also known for hosting the Sundance Film Festival. With your Tour Director leading the way, get to know the city on a guided tour.

- Explore the historic Main Street, listed on the National Register of Historic Places in 1979
 - Pass the Park City Museum, where you can discover the city's rich past
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Jackson, Wyoming → 2 nights

Day 7: Transfer to Jackson & Grand Teton National Park

Included meals: breakfast

Make your way to Jackson, Wyoming this morning. Then, spend the afternoon exploring Grand Teton National Park with your Tour Director.

- Admire the Grand Tetons, the youngest mountain range in the Rockies
- Take short walks to view the park's unique wildlife

Day 8: Yellowstone National Park

Included meals: breakfast, farewell dinner

Travel to Yellowstone, which was designated the world's first national park in 1872.

- Marvel at natural wonders as you explore Yellowstone National Park
- Spot hot springs and geysers, including the iconic Old Faithful

- View wildlife including bison, grizzly bears, elk, and wolves

Enjoy a farewell dinner with your fellow travelers this evening.

Flight Home

Day 9: Departure

Included meals: breakfast (excluding early morning departures)

Transfer to the airport for your flight home or extend your stay to visit the Badlands and Mount Rushmore.

+ the Badlands & Mount Rushmore extension

Continue your trip in the American West to visit more national monuments, including the Little Bighorn Battlefield and Crazy Horse. Then, spend a full day exploring Badlands National Park and getting face-to-face(s) with Mount Rushmore.

Cody, Wyoming → 1 night

Day 9: Transfer to Cody & Buffalo Bill Museum Center of the West

Included meals: breakfast

Travel to Cody and visit the Buffalo Bill Center of the West, which was founded in 1921 by Buffalo Bill's foster son Johnny Baker.

- Learn about the life, times, and legend of William "Buffalo Bill" Cody
 - View Buffalo Bill's show outfits
 - See Frederick Remington's Portrait of a Ranch Hand as well as Sitting Bull's bow and arrows
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Sheridan, Wyoming → 1 night

Day 10: Sheridan via Little Bighorn Battlefield National Monument

Included meals: breakfast

Head north into Montana to pay a visit to the Little Bighorn Battlefield National Monument.

Then, head south into Big Horn County, Wyoming and soak in the views of the mountains and wildlife as you travel to Sheridan.

Rapid City, South Dakota → 2 nights

Day 11: Rapid City via Devils Tower National Monument & Crazy Horse Monument

Included meals: breakfast

Cross into South Dakota, making several stops before continuing on to Rapid City for the evening.

- Visit the soaring Devils Tower National Monument, a sacred site for Native Americans
- View the Crazy Horse Monument, the world's largest mountain sculpture and memorial for the legendary Lakota Chief

Day 12: The Badlands & Mount Rushmore

Included meals: breakfast

Set out to admire some of the country's most famous attractions.

- Visit Badlands National Park, a desolate landscape of sharply eroded buttes, pinnacles, and spires
- Stop at Wall Drug, South Dakota's favorite general store
- Stand in awe of Mount Rushmore
- Enter the Lincoln Borglum Visitor Center

Raise a glass and toast to your trip with a farewell drink this evening.

Flight Home

Day 13: Departure

Included meals: breakfast (excluding early morning departures)

Transfer to the airport for your flight home.

Customize your experience

Customize your tour by adding excursion options. Excursions offered on the same day will occur at different times, so there's no need to choose. Save \$10 when you book your excursion up to three days before your tour departs.* Excursions requiring advance reservation only list this discounted price. Call or go online to customize your tour: goaheadtours.com/AAB | 1-800-597-0350

Day 2: Garden of the Gods & Cave of the Winds

\$69/\$79* (6 hours, departs in the afternoon)

Head south to visit the Garden of the Gods. This public park is a National Natural Landmark and features unique sandstone rock formations. You'll see some of the towering red, pink, and white rocks that sit against the backdrop of snow-capped Pikes Peak. After, continue on to the Cave of the Winds. Walk up stairs and stroll along the cave's illuminated, paved walkways during an hour-long guided tour to see a variety of stalagmites and stalactites. You'll learn how John and George Pickett's curiosity led them to discover the underground caverns and how the name of the cave pays homage to a local Native American legend.

Day 5: Colorado River Raft Trip

\$119/\$129* (4 hours, departure time varies)

Take a leisurely rafting trip down a tranquil stretch of the Colorado River, where you'll admire some of the most majestic sights of the American West. You'll float through Castle Valley and past the Fisher Towers during your time on the river. Though your raft will ride a current, you'll travel through the river's mildest stretch. Please note: This excursion is seasonal and runs March through October.

*Optional excursions may be purchased up to three days prior to departure or while on tour. Pre-purchased optional excursions cannot be canceled within three days prior to departure or while on tour. Select optional excursions require advance booking and cannot be purchased or canceled after the advanced reservation deadline. GAT accepts payment by cash, Visa or MasterCard for optional excursions purchased on tour. Additional fees may apply for optional excursions purchased on tour. Excursions require a minimum number of participants to operate. Details and prices are subject to change. Due to seasonal hours of operation and availability, some excursions may not operate. If this occurs, you will be refunded any payments made for that excursion post-tour. Learn more at goaheadtours.com/terms