

# YELLOWSTONE & CANYONLANDS

October 7, 2018 - 17 Days



a world to experience



## Fares Per Person:

**\$4450** double/twin

**\$5870** single

**\$4080** triple



- > Tour is exempt from GST.
- > **Early Bookers:** \$200 discount on first 15 seats; \$100 on next 10
- > **Experience Points:** Earn 101 points from this tour.  
Redeem **101 points** if you book by **August 2**.

## Includes

- Coach transportation for 17 days
- 16 nights of accommodation and hotel taxes
- Cataldo Mission
- Grizzly Discovery Center
- Yellowstone Imax Theatre
- Yellowstone National Park fee
- Tour of Yellowstone National Park
- Grand Tetons National Park fee
- Dinosaur National Monument fee
- Museum of the West
- Colorado National Monument fee
- Arches National Park fee
- Canyonlands by Night boat excursion
- Jetboat tour of Colorado River canyons
- Canyonlands National Park fee
- Bryce Canyon National Park fee
- Ebenezer's Dinner Theatre at Bryce Canyon
- Zion National Park fee
- Fees for Zion Tunnel and Zion Canyon shuttle
- Locally-guided tour of Salt Lake City
- Mormon Tabernacle Choir
- Oregon Trail Interpretive Center
- Gratuities for local guides and boat crew
- Knowledgeable tour director
- Luggage handling at hotels
- **30 meals:** 15 breakfasts, 10 lunches, 5 dinners

## A Kaleidoscope of Colour

From the erupting geysers of Yellowstone to the soaring peaks of the Grand Tetons, from the colourful spires of Bryce Canyon to the extraordinary natural bridges of Arches Park, this tour has an amazing variety of natural wonders. The fall foliage, the brilliant red and orange rocks of southern Utah, and the multitude of hues around the geyser basins all combine to create this kaleidoscope of colour. We visit eight famous national parks: Yellowstone, Grand Tetons, Dinosaur, Colorado, Arches, Canyonlands, Bryce Canyon, and Zion. Later in the tour, a contrast from the natural attractions is found in Salt Lake City with the museums of Temple Square and the splendid music of the Mormon Tabernacle Choir.

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**Activity Level:** To fully enjoy all the sights on this itinerary, you must be capable of moderate activity including walking up to 1 km on paved or gravel trails and boardwalks with some steps. The rim of Bryce Canyon is at an elevation of about 2,400 metres and some stops in Yellowstone and Grand Tetons are about 1,800 metres. There is no white water during the two boat trips. There are many stops during this tour and you must be able to get on and off the coach by yourself without delaying your fellow travellers. The coach cannot carry a scooter. If you are not able to participate in Activity Level 2, Wells Gray Tours recommends that you bring a companion to assist you. The tour director and driver have many responsibilities, so please do not expect them, or your fellow travellers, to provide ongoing assistance. If you are not capable of keeping up with the group or require ongoing assistance, the tour director may stop you from participating in some activities or some days of the tour. In extreme situations, you may be required to leave the tour and travel home at your own expense. Travel insurance will probably not cover you.

## Itinerary

### Sunday, October 7:

*Meals: L,D*

We have lunch in Grand Forks, then cross the border and drive into **Spokane**. We stay overnight at the renowned Davenport Hotel in the splendid historic building. A Thanksgiving "get acquainted" dinner is arranged at the Steam Plant Grill.

### Monday, October 8:

*Meals: L*

During the short drive across the panhandle of Idaho, we see its extensive gold and silver mines, the quaint town of Wallace, and **Cataldo Mission**, Idaho's oldest building. After entering Montana, we follow the Clark Fork River through Missoula and stay overnight in **Butte** at the Best Western Butte Plaza Inn. Watch the film about Our Lady of the Rockies statue on a nearby mountaintop.

### Tuesday, October 9:

*Meals: B*

Butte is nicknamed "richest hill on earth" for its vast mine workings. We drive through the historic district and see the abandoned Berkley Open Pit. Then we continue over the **Continental Divide** and follow the Madison River to **West Yellowstone**. We stay two nights at the Gray Wolf Hotel.

### Wednesday, October 10:

*Meals: B,L*

Our sightseeing drive around **Yellowstone Park**, the United States' oldest national park, stops first at famous **Old Faithful Geyser** which erupts about every hour. This afternoon, we visit Norris Geyser Basin, **Mammoth Hot Springs**, mighty Yellowstone Falls, and Grand Canyon of the Yellowstone.

### Thursday, October 11:

*Meals: B,L*

We stop at West Thumb Geyser Basin and walk the shore of huge Yellowstone Lake. Soon we enter **Grand Teton National Park** and drive along the base of the towering Grand Teton Range where peaks soar to 4,200 metres. Numerous films have been shot in the valley called Jackson Hole and one of the popular locations is the Oxbow Bend of the Snake River. In **Jackson**, there is free time during the afternoon to explore the quaint shops and galleries around the Town Square. Our overnight accommodation is at the Lexington Inn.

### Friday, October 12:

*Meals: B*

The morning is free time. We head south across Wyoming, winding through the "Grand Canyon" of the Snake River. Tonight, we stay at Little America Hotel in the town of Little America.

### Saturday, October 13:

*Meals: B,L*

After visiting 150-metre high Flaming Gorge Dam on the Green River, we enter Utah. Our next park is **Dinosaur National Monument** where the fossil bones of 14 species of dinosaurs have been unearthed. We stay overnight in **Grand Junction**, Colorado, at the Grand Vista Hotel.

### Sunday, October 14:

*Meals: B,L,D*

The morning is devoted to Grand Junction's Museum of the West and a wonderful downtown art display called Art on the Corner. Then we admire the red rocks of **Colorado National Monument** with a picnic lunch at a viewpoint. Entering Utah, we follow a country road along the Colorado River with red cliffs towering above. Our accommodation for two nights is near **Moab** at the Fairfield Inn beside the Colorado River. Tonight is a unique experience — a spectacular multi-media show called **Canyonlands by Night**. The audience is seated in a large boat cruising slowly up the Colorado, the stage is the night sky above illuminated 150-metre high canyon walls, and the script includes Indian legends, Moab pioneers, and geological wonders.

### Monday, October 15:

*Meals: B,D*

During the morning, in **Arches National Park**, we marvel at the world's finest collection of natural rock arches. Stops include fantastic monoliths such as Double Arch, "Parade of Elephants", Balancing Rock, and Park Avenue. In the afternoon, we board jetboats to explore the labyrinth of canyons and mesas in **Canyonlands National Park**. The three-hour cruise downstream from the hotel visits some of the Colorado River's awe-inspiring gorges with rock walls that rise 700 metres from the river (there is no white water). The trip includes a short walk into a petrified forest, a fossilized sea bed, and views of petroglyphs.

**Tuesday, October 16:***Meals: B*

We follow one of the West's most spectacular drives, the **Escalante Highway** through Grand Staircase National Monument. We admire the spires and arches of Kodachrome Basin and the petrified trees of Escalante Park. The road wiggles through narrow canyons hemmed by vivid red rocks, then climbs to the lofty Hogsback, a ridge no wider than the highway with sheer drops on either side. We stay two nights at Best Western Rubys Inn next to **Bryce Canyon National Park**.

**Wednesday, October 17:***Meals: B,D*

During the drive along the rim of Bryce Canyon, we explore a fairyland of colourful pinnacles, spires, and natural bridges with fanciful names such as Temple of Osiris, Thor's Hammer, and Queen's Garden. Tonight, we attend Ebenezer's Dinner Theatre at Rubys Inn.

**Thursday, October 18:***Meals: B,L*

Leaving Bryce, we travel through rugged canyons and colourful rocks with a dramatic entrance to **Zion National Park** via the Zion-Mount Carmel Tunnel. This afternoon, we board the Zion Shuttle for the drive along the floor of 1,000-metre deep Zion Canyon. There is scarcely space for both river and road which are hemmed by soaring buttes such as Three Patriarchs, Angels Landing, and the Great White Throne. We stay overnight at Majestic View Lodge in Springdale, just outside Zion Park.

**Friday, October 19:***Meals: B,L*

We travel north along I-15 through the fertile Provo Valley and arrive in **Salt Lake City**. We stay two nights at the Crystal Inn, located a few blocks from historic Temple Square.

**Saturday, October 20:***Meals: B*

A morning tour with a local guide goes to Salt Lake's most noted sights such as Beehive House, the State Capitol, and This is the Place Monument. The afternoon is free time to visit the museums in **Temple Square**, browse the shops in City Creek Center, or research your roots in the world's largest family history library.

**Sunday, October 21:***Meals: B,L*

First, we attend the weekly radio broadcast of the world-famous **Mormon Tabernacle Choir** in the ornate Tabernacle on Temple Square. The choir has 360 members and is accompanied by an organ with 11,600 pipes. Leaving Salt Lake, we head northwest on I-84 into Idaho. There is an impressive view of the **Snake River Canyon** from lofty Perrine Bridge at Twin Falls. We stay overnight in **Boise**, the capital of Idaho, at the Red Lion Hotel.

**Monday, October 22:***Meals: B,L,D*

At Baker City in eastern Oregon, we visit the inspiring **Oregon Trail Interpretive Center** which commemorates the migration of thousands of settlers to the American west during the 19<sup>th</sup> century. Our last night is at the Red Lion Hotel in **Pasco**. A farewell dinner is a chance to reminisce with fellow travellers about all the natural wonders we have experienced in Yellowstone Park and Utah's Canyonlands.

**Tuesday, October 23:***Meals: B*

On our last day, we drive north through the Columbia Basin. After shopping at the Duty Free Store, we cross the border at Osoyoos and head home through the Okanagan.

**Tour Policies**

**Payments:** A deposit of \$400 per person is requested at the time of booking and the balance is due August 2, 2018. By paying the deposit, you agree to the Terms & Conditions, Activity Level and Cancellation Policy outlined.

**Discounts:** Early bookers receive \$200 discount on first 15 seats and \$100 on next 10 seats for booking early with deposit. The discount is not offered after August 2.

**Cancellation Policy:** Up to July 2, your tour payments will be refunded less an administrative charge of \$50 per person. From July 3 to August 2, the cancellation charge is \$300 per person. From August 3 to August 16, the cancellation charge is 50% of the tour fare. From August 17 to September 5, the cancellation charge is 80% of the tour fare. After September 5, there is no refund.

**Fare Changes:** Changes to taxes and currency exchange rates, and surcharges from tour suppliers can occur at any time and are beyond the control of Wells Gray Tours, therefore Wells Gray Tours reserves the right to increase fares due to such changes up until departure.

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