

Big Sky Country

Featuring Montana & Wyoming

July 12 - 25, 2010

(14 days - 13 nights)



Mon, July 12
Albuquerque, NM

Today will be an exciting day with everyone getting acquainted with fellow travelers as we

begin our tour to include New Mexico, Colorado, Utah, Idaho, Montana and Wyoming with many exciting attractions along the way. This will be a vacation to be remembered forever.

Tue, July 13 **Moab, UT**

Our route takes us through Gallup, NM then north to Cortez, CO. Crossing into Utah we arrive in Moab and tonight enjoy Canyonlands by Night, a boating excursion on the Colorado River.

Wed, July 14 **Salt Lake City, UT**

By noon we will be arriving in beautiful Salt Lake City located at the foot of the Wasatch Mountains. With a guide we will tour Utah's most popular tourist attraction, Temple Square, home of the six-spired Mormon Temple.

Thu, July 15 **Butte, MT**

Continuing to the north our route will take us through Pocatello, Idaho, named for a Chief of the Shoshone-Bannock Tribes who donated the land the city now occupies. This afternoon we enter Montana, taking its name from the Spanish word for mountainous.

Fri, July 16 **Kalispell, MT**

The Smokejumper Visitor Center located near Missoula is the largest active smokejumper base in the nation and our visit will educate us about the men and women who risk their lives in fighting forest fires. Our next 2 nights will be in the small town of Kalispell and is just a short drive to Glacier National Park.

Highlights Include:

- Glacier National Park
- Lake McDonald, MT
- "Going to the Sun" Highway
- Yellowstone National Park
- Mammoth Hot Springs
- Old Faithful
- Grand Teton National Park
- Colter Bay Visitor's Center
- Chapel of Transfiguration
- Tour of Temple Square-Salt Lake City
- Lewis and Clark Interpretative Center
- C.M. Russell Western Art Museum
- Canyonlands by Night
- Smoke Jumpers Visitors Center
- National Historic Trails Visitor Center

Sat, July 17 **Kalispell, MT**

Upon entering Glacier National Park we board "scenic red buses" which take us on the "Going-to-the-Sun" Highway into the park and to the Continental Divide. With a local guide to narrate and many photo stops along the way, this may be the most magnificent drive in the world. Declared a park in 1910, Glacier National Park is nature's unspoiled domain and contains a million acres of the finest mountain scenery in America.



Sun, July 18 **Great Falls, MT**

Departing eastward around the park, our route takes us to the town of Great Falls, located on the Missouri River. We will tour the Lewis and Clark Interpretive Center which details the famous 1804-1806 trek, focusing on the Montana portion of the journey. The C. M. Russell Museum is comprised of one of the

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nation's finest collections of Western Art.

Mon, July 19 **Yellowstone National Park**

Today we head south to Helena, the capital of Montana, and continue to Bozeman, home to Montana State University. This evening we will be entering the north entrance of Yellowstone National Park and overnight at Mammoth Hot Springs Hotel.

Tue, July 20 **Flagg Ranch, WY**

With a local guide aboard our motorcoach, we will be ready for a day of sightseeing in Yellowstone National Park. Established in 1872, it is the world's oldest national park. Included in our tour will be Mammoth Hot Springs, Old Faithful, Upper and Lower Falls and Fountain Paint Pot. Our destination for 2 nights is Flagg Ranch, located on the banks of the Snake River between Yellowstone and Grand Teton National Parks.

Wed, July 21 **Flagg Ranch, WY**

This morning we take one of the most scenic drives of this trip as we enter Grand Teton National Park. We will be stopping for photo opportunities along with visits at Colter Bay Visitor Center and the Chapel of Transfiguration. You will have free time for browsing in Jackson, the supply point and activity center for ranchers in the area.



Thu, July 22 **Casper, WY**

Continuing across the Cowboy State of Wyoming our route will take us eastward through ranching country to Casper. Located on the North Platte River the town was the convergence for the Oregon Trail, Mormon Trail, Bridger Trail, Bozeman Trail and Pony Express Trail.

Fri, July 23 **Pueblo, CO**

We start our day with a visit to the National Historic Trails Interpretive Center which brings to life the excitement, hardships and triumphs of the people who etched their stories in American history. Today's journey will take us into Colorado and to Pueblo, situated on the Arkansas River in the southern part of the state.

Sat, July 24 **Amarillo, TX**

Following the Arkansas River eastward to Lamar, we then turn in a southerly direction across the panhandle of Oklahoma and into "The Lone Star State", with an overnight destination of Amarillo.

Sun, July 25 **Home**

As our tour of the Big Sky Country comes to a close, we will long remember the fun shared with our friends and the beauty of the Great Outdoors!

Thank you for traveling with Bilbrey Tours!

Price Includes:

- Roundtrip transportation from:
- **Abilene, Big Spring, Lubbock and San Angelo**
- 13-nights hotel accommodations
- Baggage handling for one piece of luggage
- Admissions to included attractions per itinerary
- Meals: 9 continental breakfasts, 4 breakfasts, 10 lunches or dinners
- Gratuities for motorcoach driver and local guides
- Services of a tour escort

Cost:

\$2449 per person (2 people per room)

\$2999 per person (1 person per room)

**\$50 deposit + \$175 insurance (optional)
due upon booking**

Final due May 6, 2010

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