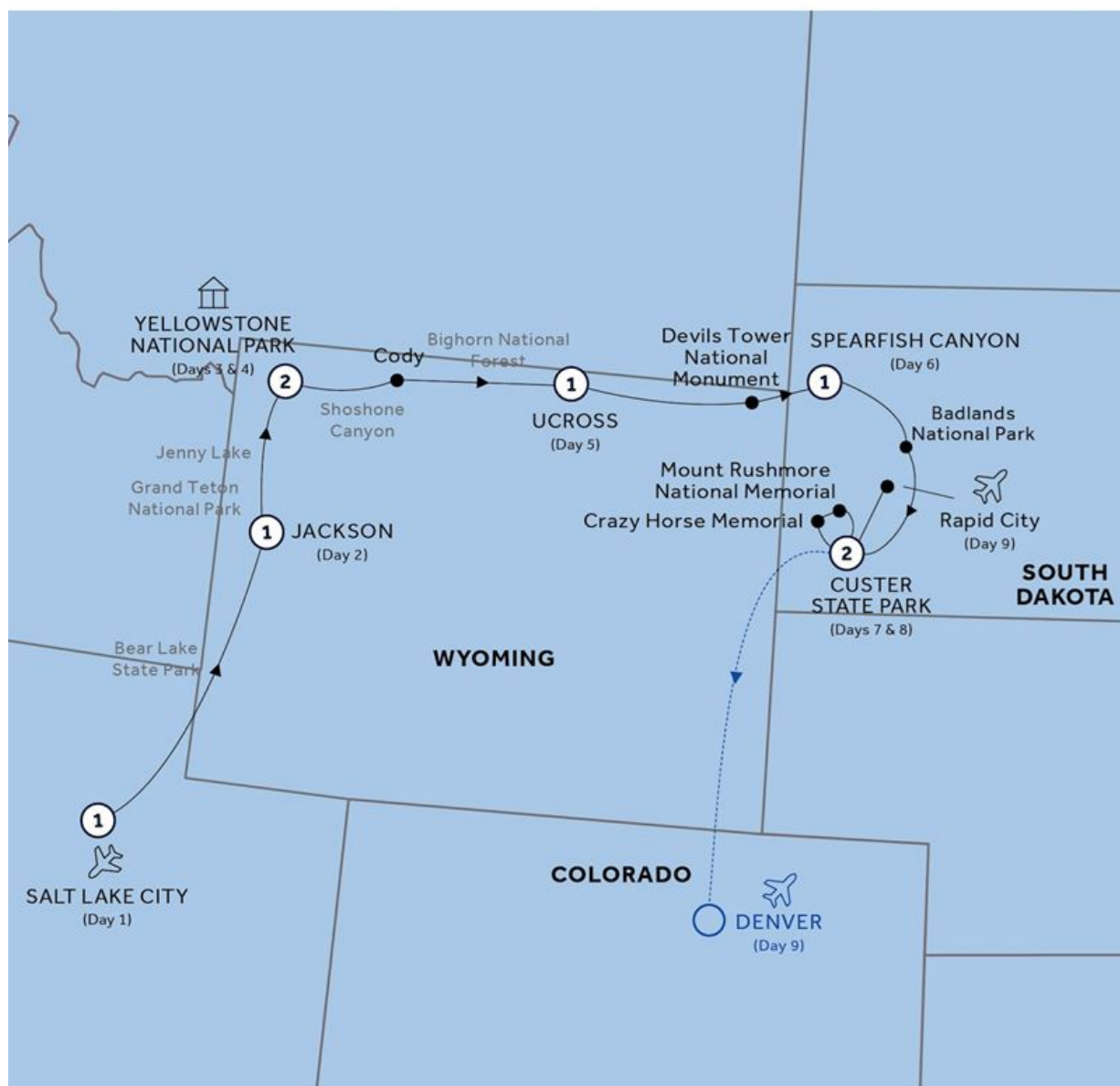


**INSIGHT VACATIONS**

*The Art of Travelling in Style*

## **AMERICAN PARKS TRAIL END DENVER**





## KEY

**1** Central  
Hotels + Nights

**1** Scenic  
Hotels + Nights

● Place Visited

○ Optional Place  
Visited

||||| Trip Option

 Cruise

 Train

 Join/Leave Options

 Included Flights

 UNESCO  
Heritage Site



## Day 1 | Arrive Salt Lake City



Welcome to Salt Lake City, the capital of Utah. Situated between Wasatch Range and the Great Salt Lake, this mountainous city is perfect for outdoorsy types, with a strong focus on skiing and fishing. At 18:00, join your Travel Director for a Welcome Dinner with wine, where you will meet your fellow guests.

**Meals:** Dinner with Wine

**Hotel:** Sheraton Salt Lake City Hotel, Salt Lake City

## Day 2 | Jackson and the Tetons



Before leaving Salt Lake City, take in the State Capitol building. Drive along the scenic Logan Canyon, over the Wasatch Mountain Range, and up to the Bear Lake Summit. Stop for lunch near Bear Lake offering views of beautiful turquoise waters. You will then head north across the Oregon Trail to historic Jackson. Have your cameras ready for the famous elk antlers at central square, while eager shoppers will find a number of charming traditional boutique galleries to browse. Enjoy the rest of the evening at leisure, with your hotel located only a short walk away from Jackson's Town Square.

**Meals:** Breakfast

**Hotel:** Elk Country Inn, Jackson Hole

## Day 3 | Yellowstone National Park



Wake up to a mountainous view like no other and witness the striking Grand Tetons thrust skyward 13,775 Ft (4,199 m) from the valley floor. This morning, you have the opportunity to partake in an optional scenic float down the Snake River inside Grand Teton National Park. In keeping with today's rustic country charm, you'll enter Yellowstone, the world's first National Park. Known for its unique geothermal activity, spectacular landscapes and abundant wildlife, you'll experience Wyoming in all its glory. Keep an eye out for black bears or wolves. Tonight you'll stay in the National Park Lodges, allowing you to experience the park after hours, in its natural habitat.

**Meals:** Breakfast

**Hotel:** Yellowstone National Park Lodge

## OPTIONAL EXPERIENCES:

**Snake River Float Trip Through Grand Teton National Park** - Ready for relaxation? This gentle 10-mile float trip inside Grand Teton National Park covers the most scenic stretch of the Snake River in the Jackson Hole Valley. As you kick back on the gentle waters, learn how the Snake River is a lifeline to the park's bison, elk, moose, beaver, pronghorn, deer, bear and 300 different species of birds, including osprey and eagles. Your experienced guide offers in-depth information on the geology of the Grand Tetons and the habitats of the local animals.

*\* Please Note: this optional experience is weather permitting.*

*\*\* Please Note: this optional experience operates late May – mid September.*

*\*\*\* Please Note: This optional experience requires a signed liability waiver.*

## Day 4 | Geysers and Colourful Mudpots



Savour the surreal surroundings of Yellowstone with a relaxed start. Walk among the rainbow tinted hot springs and watch the erupting geysers as you take in the history of the park on an informative stroll with your Travel Director. Catch the renowned colourful bubbling mud pots and observe Old Faithful geyser shooting water over 120 feet (37 metres) into the air. In the afternoon, enjoy the Grand Canyon of Yellowstone as you take in stunning natural wonders. While driving through Hayden Valley, famous for its wildlife, keep an eye out for wolves, bears, elk and hundreds of bison. The rest of the evening is at leisure for you to relax.

**Meals:** Breakfast

**Hotel:** Yellowstone National Park Lodge

## Day 5 | The Ranch at UCross



Set off on your travels through the stark Shoshone Canyon and Absaroka Rocky Mountains, leading you to the Wild West Town of Cody. Channel your inner showman and learn more about America's great Western legends at the Buffalo Bill Centre, known for its Western art collection, firearms, and natural history. Travel through the Bighorn National Forest to the Ranch at UCross. Take in the rustic charm as you're hosted at a traditional Wyoming Family ranch. Start off the evening with a cocktail hour in the historic Ranch House bar. After a home-cooked dinner, enjoy a fire pit with live entertainment, including country, folk and bluegrass music.

**Meals:** Breakfast, Dinner with Wine

**Hotel:** Ranch at UCross, Clearmont

## Day 6 | Devils Tower into the Black Hills



Live the American frontier dream and begin your day with a scenic country horseback ride accompanied by a Ranch Hand. If playing cowboy isn't your thing, perhaps go fishing or merely relax and take in your beautiful surroundings, the choice is yours. Make your way to Devils Tower, an astounding geological feature that protrudes out of the surrounding Black Hills. This symbolic landmark is considered sacred to the Lakota and other tribes. Experience Spearfish Canyon, a favoured spot among wildlife enthusiasts and one famous for its elvish woodland beauty. The limestone palisades of this creek-carved gorge are more ancient than the Grand Canyon itself.

**Meals:** Breakfast

**Hotel:** Spearfish Canyon Lodge, Spearfish Canyon



## Day 7 | Custer and the Wild, Wild West



A day for those looking to explore the Wild West, try to spot the fastest mammal in North America, the pronghorn antelope as you cross the great high plains to the Black Hills of South Dakota. Our first stop this morning is the Oglala Lakota Living History Museum for a one-of-a-kind Make Travel Matter experience. We visit Badlands National Park in South Dakota, 244,000 acres of sharply eroded buttes, pinnacles and spires blended with the largest protected mixed grass prairie in America. Without a doubt, a hidden gem in the national park system, the unique beauty of the Badlands landscape is like no other.

**Meals:** Breakfast

**Hotel:** State Game Lodge, Custer State Park

## OPTIONAL EXPERIENCES:

**Buffalo Safari & Chuckwagon Cookout -** Custer State Park is known for its beauty and serenity, but it is also a wildlife reserve that is home to a famous herd of 1,500 free roaming bison plus elk, mule deer, white tailed deer, mountain goats, bighorn sheep, pronghorn antelope, mountain lions and feral burros. On this 90-minute scenic tour of the back country, you'll get up close and personal with herds of buffalo and other species as your jeep driver and guide offer historical and educational information about the park and wildlife. Start with a guided off-road buffalo safari jeep tour through the park in search of pronghorns, elk, and the noble buffalo. Along the way, guides will share historical and educational facts about the park and wildlife—and help you spot the animals. Then head to the Chuck Wagon Cookout in the mountain canyon for a chuck wagon feast and live entertainment with some Western flair. You'll also get your own souvenir cowboy hat and bandanna to play the part. Vegetarian option is also available.

**Adult: 106.00 USD**

*\*Please Note: This optional experience requires a signed liability waiver.*

## Day 8 | Mountain Monuments of the Black Hills



Join an Insight Experience at Crazy Horse Memorial, the world's largest mountain carving created in honour of the Lakota warrior. Curated with a view to help protect and continue the living heritage of the Native Americans, this experience details how the memorial was carved from land sacred to the tribes. With exclusive access not available to the general public, guests ascend 563 feet (172 metres) and have the opportunity to face the monument up close. Then, travel to the iconic Mount Rushmore National Memorial. Here, carvings of Presidents Washington, Jefferson, Lincoln, and Roosevelt overlook the landscape. Join your Travel Director and newfound friends for a Celebration Dinner with wine, as you reflect on your adventure across the wide-open spaces of America's national parks.

**Meals:** Breakfast, Dinner with Wine

**Hotel:** State Game Lodge, Custer State Park

## Day 9 | Depart Denver



Your journey comes to an end today. A transfer is available to Denver International Airport, arrival at the airport will be at approximately 16:30.

**Meals:** Breakfast