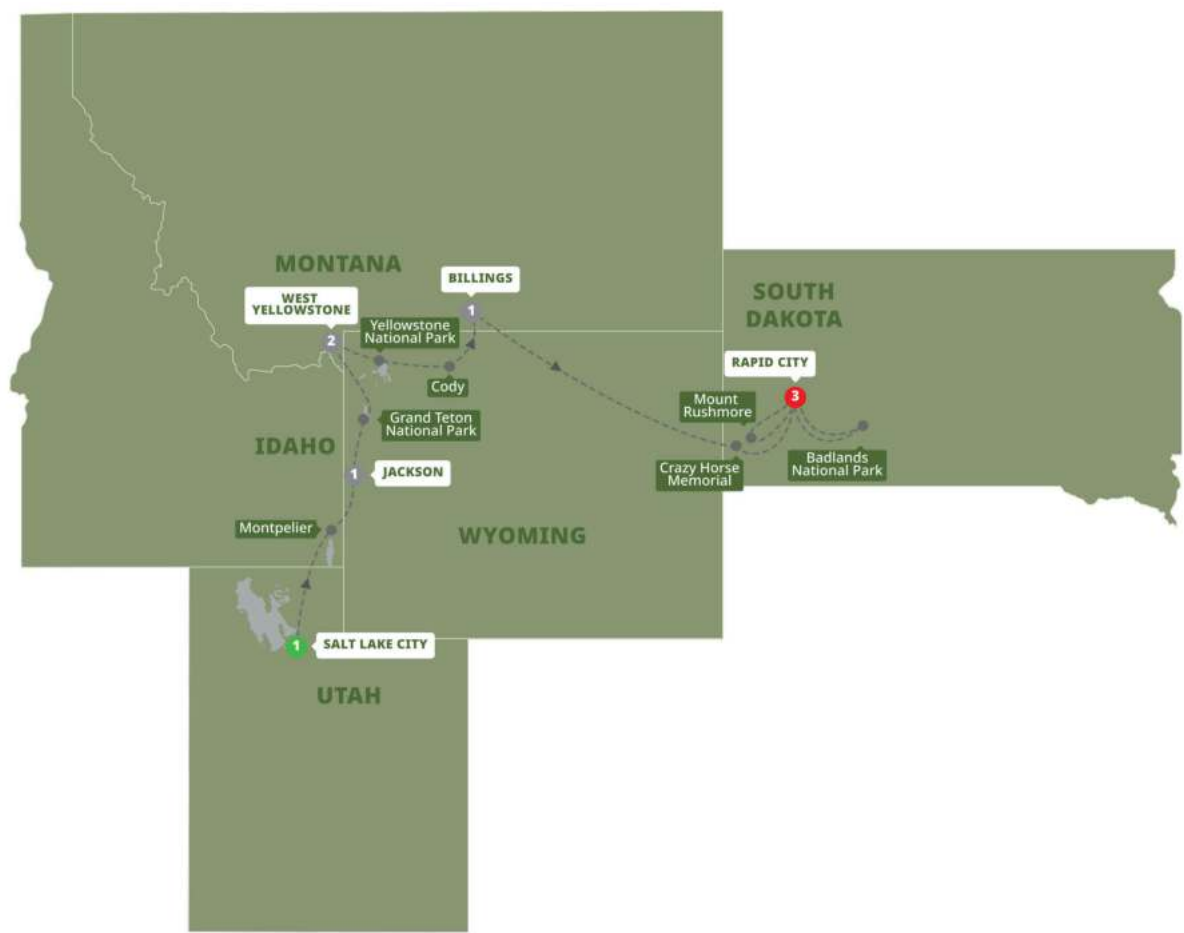


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 Start Location

 Plane

 Cruise

 Over night

 Visited Location

 End Location

 Train

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## Day 1 | Start Your Travels In Salt Lake City



Saddle up for a Wild West family adventure starting with a relaxing afternoon together in Salt Lake City before meeting your travel companions for a rootin' tootin' evening Kick-off Party with your Travel Director.

**Meals:** Dinner

**Hotel:** Little America

## Day 2 | Journey to Jackson



Relive the adventures of an 1850s westbound wagon train with a visit to the National Oregon/California Trail Center in Montpelier, Idaho. Accompanied by actors playing wagon masters and pioneers, you'll journey back in time, exploring historically accurate attractions, including a gun shop, mercantile, and a ride in a covered wagon. After a picnic-style lunch at the Center, you're off to Jackson Hole, Wyoming, where you can walk through the town's famous landmark arch of tangled elk antlers. Step back in time as you explore the Town Square with its Western boardwalks, craft boutiques and ice cream shops, all surrounded by the majestic Teton Range.

**Meals:** Breakfast, Lunch

**Hotel:** Modern Mountain Motel

## OPTIONAL EXPERIENCES:

**Bar T 5 Chuckwagon Cookout** - Arriving at the Bar T-5, travel by horse-drawn covered wagons as you are swept away from the town of Jackson into beautiful Cache Creek Canyon. Keep your eyes open as you never know who you may encounter on the trail. As you pull into camp you can smell the sweet aroma of a Dutch oven dinner to welcome your arrival. The dinner bell ringing only means one thing, dinner is ready! Enjoy this savory home-cooked meal as much as you want until we reach the bottom of the pots. After dinner, the Bar T-5 Band takes the stage to entertain you with laughter and great hand-clapping music. Complete your evening with a peaceful wagon ride out of the Canyon, following the setting sun back into Jackson just as the old time cowboys did.

Adult: 83.00 USD

*\*Please Note: this optional experience is seasonal.*



## Day 3 | Visit Grand Teton National Park



Family fun awaits every day of this trip and today is no exception. If the season is right, today is your chance to get out on the water for some adventures. Rise early to float down the Snake River on an optional, scenic wilderness float trip. It's the most relaxing way to experience the river as you learn about its history, geology, and wildlife from an expert guide. Travel onward to your hotel for the night.

**Meals:** Breakfast, Dinner

**Hotel:** ClubHouse Inn West Yellowstone

### OPTIONAL EXPERIENCES:

***Snake River Scenic Float Trip*** - Cruise along the beautiful Snake River in a dry, comfortable ride. The views of the Teton and Snake River mountains along the way are magnificent, so be sure to bring your camera.

Adult: 115.00 USD

## Day 4 | Yellowstone Sightseeing



Today you'll enjoy a full day's exploration of the geothermal wonderland of Yellowstone. You'll join your Travel Director, marveling at Old Faithful, the thousand-year old geyser which has been shooting up water every 90 minutes for centuries. See the wonders of the Grand Canyon of Yellowstone whose colors and shapes are a sight to behold. The rest of the evening is yours to enjoy on your own terms.

**Meals:** Breakfast

**Hotel:** ClubHouse Inn West Yellowstone

## Day 5 | Immerse Into The Culture Of The Old West



You'll get a glimpse into "Spirit of the West" at the Buffalo Bill Center for the West museum complex. As you wander through this huge set of exhibits, you'll feel like you've been transported back to a time of cowboys and cowgirls, lawmen and brave Native American warriors. The complex gives you the opportunity to explore the Buffalo Bill Museum, Plains Indians Museum, Whitney Western Art Museum, or the Draper Natural History Museum. Round out the day with a Be My Guest experience at Billings Depot where you'll meet the owners 406 Native Roots, an Indigenous arts and education center, before dining in a historic train terminal. You'll have the opportunity to learn about tipis and engage in a sweetgrass braiding activity led by a local Indigenous artist.

**Meals:** Breakfast, Dinner

**Hotel:** DoubleTree by Hilton Billings

## Day 6 | Venture Into Rapid City



Continue your discovery of the Wild West heading through the "Energy Capital of the US," Gillette, WY. Then, travel to South Dakota to spend the afternoon getting familiar with a famed Lakota warrior at Crazy Horse Memorial. You'll gaze in awe of this colossal carved tribute to Crazy Horse, which you'll learn is the largest mountain carving in the world.

**Meals:** Breakfast

**Hotel:** Alex Johnson Rapid City

## Day 7 | Explore Badlands National Park



Today, participate in a MAKE TRAVEL MATTER® Experience with a visit to the Oglala Lakota Living History Village, introducing you to the beautiful landscape of the past and present Lakota culture, and of indigenous knowledge of Pine Ridge Reservation. Your visit contributes to the sustainability and resiliency of the Lakota community. Walk with a local guide on the trails through displays of living quarters used through the 19th and 20th centuries. Meet local artists who, through crafts and storytelling, provide insight into their cultures and traditions. Later, visit the Ben Reifel Visitor Center, the perfect place to prepare for your visit of Badlands National Park. Learn about the local earth science, wildlife and history as you explore museum exhibits, visit a working Fossil Preparation Lab or learn about Indigenous communities who once inhabited the land.

**Meals:** Breakfast

**Hotel:** Alex Johnson Rapid City

### OPTIONAL EXPERIENCES:

**Mount Rushmore Evening Lighting Ceremony** - Mount Rushmore springs to life as you join a Park Ranger in an outdoor amphitheater for a moving patriotic program and sculpture lighting ceremony. You'll start with listening to a short inspirational talk, focusing on the presidents, patriotism and the nation's history, followed by a 20-minute film, "Freedom: America's Lasting Legacy." Watch in wonder as the evening culminates in the slow exposure of light, gradually illuminating the four presidents' faces against the backdrop of the Black Hills dark sky (seasonal).

Adult: 33.00 USD

*\*This optional experience operates seasonally from late May to September.*

## Day 8 | Encounter The Traditions Of Black Hills



Today, head for the famous Black Hills of South Dakota to view the giant faces of former American presidents etched in the stone cliffs of Mount Rushmore. This evening, join your fellow adventurers at a MAKE TRAVEL MATTER® Experience and Farewell Dinner featuring your Lakota Sioux Tribe Member Stephen Yellowhawk (or another tribe member).

**Meals:** Breakfast, Dinner

**Hotel:** Alex Johnson Rapid City

### OPTIONAL EXPERIENCES:

**Embark on a Buffalo Safari** - 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.  
Adult: 79.00 USD

*\*Please Note: this optional experience is seasonal.*

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

## Day 9 | Farewell Rapid City



Your Wild West adventure comes to an end after breakfast. Say so long to your newfound friends this morning. Depart from Rapid City at your leisure.

**Meals:** Breakfast