EXPLORE THE NATIONAL PARKS, UNITED STATES 12 NIGHTS/ 13 DAYS

DAY 1 - Arrive in Rapid City

Arrive in Rapid City, gateway to iconic Mount Rushmore. Transfer to the hotel. **Overnight:** Rapid City

DAY 2 - Mount Rushmore, Crazy Horse Memorial

This morning, head to Mount Rushmore National Memorial. The faces of four American presidents are carved into the granite mountainside high above the treetops of the Black Hills. Later, visit the Crazy Horse Memorial honouring the heritage, tradition, and culture of North American Indians. Return to Rapid City.

Overnight: Rapid City

DAY 3 - Drive to Cody

Depart for Sheridan, Wyoming, set halfway between Yellowstone and Mount Rushmore, with its dramatic vistas of the Big Horn Mountains. Continue to Cody for an evening at leisure **Overnight:** Cody

DAY 4 - Arrive in Yellowstone, Hayden Valley

Travel to Yellowstone National Park, home to countless hot springs and geysers, highlighted by the famed geyser, "Old Faithful." Upon arrival, cross over the Yellowstone River into the Lower Loop. Continue towards Hayden Valley to see its thermal features and Mud Volcano. All the while, be on the lookout for bison, bears, elk, and eagles in this glacial valley **Overnight:** West Yellowstone

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DAY 5 - Explore Yellowstone, Old Faithful

Begin with a visit to the Grand Canyon of Yellowstone. Then on to Mammoth Hot Springs, a large complex of hot springs on a hill of travertine, created thousands of years ago. Continue to the Lower Geyser Basin to Fountain Paint Pots along the Firehole River. View the legendary "Old Faithful" before returning to your hotel

Overnight: West Yellowstone

DAY 6 - Grand Teton National Park

Depart Yellowstone for Grand Teton National Park in northwest Wyoming, with multiple photo stops along the way to Colter Bay, where you'll stop at the visitor center. Later, visit the Chapel of the Transfiguration at the south entrance of the park before arriving in Jackson. In the afternoon, spend time at leisure before checking into the hotel, or join the *optional* Snake River Scenic Float. Enjoy a scenic float down the beautiful Snake River. With the majestic Tetons as your backdrop, sit back and relax while your guide does all the work

Optional: Snake River Scenic Float (PM)

Overnight: Jackson

DAY 7 - Salt Lake City

Today, leave rugged Wyoming for Salt Lake City, Utah. Upon arrival, view the Capital Building. **Overnight:** Salt Lake City

DAY 8 - Travel to Springdale

After breakfast, depart Salt Lake City and travel to Springdale, a town located just outside of Zion National Park. Arrive in Springdale and check into the hotel. Spend the rest of the evening at leisure **Overnight:** Springdale

DAY 9 - Zion National Park

Today, discover the wonderland of Zion National Park with its colourful sandstone canyons, dramatic peaks and cliffs. Zion is home to golden eagles, falcons and the endangered California condor. Highlights also include the famous trio of peaks known as the Three Patriarchs. **Overnight:** Springdale

DAY 10 - Bryce Canyon National Park, Travel to Page

Morning drive to Bryce Canyon, a land of pines, pinnacles, and oddly sculpted formations known as hoodoos, resembling the towers of fairy-tale castles, created by the wind and water erosion over time. Travel to Page. Arrive and check into the hotel.

Overnight: Page

DAY 11 - Travel to Grand Canyon

This morning, depart Page and travel through beautiful scenery to Grand Canyon National Park. Almost 280 miles long, the canyon varies in width from one to eighteen miles, with the Colorado River winding below. Upon arrival, check into your hotel. Spend the balance of the day at leisure **Overnight:** Grand Canyon

DAY 12 - Grand Canyon

Explore the South Rim of the Grand Canyon with its unrivalled scenery. The Grand Canyon is a chasm carved over millennia through the rocks of the Colorado Plateau. Stop at the Desert Viewpoint for panoramic views.

Overnight: Grand Canyon

DAY 13 – Grand Canyon, Las Vegas Departure

Early morning group transfer to the Harry Reid International Airport for your return flight home. Passengers returning to Las Vegas from Grand Canyon South Rim should select flights that depart no earlier than 4 PM. Grand Canyon South Rim is approximately a four-hour drive from Harry Reid International Airport. Group drop off at the Harry Reid International Airport will be at 1 PM

* Return Home with the beautiful memories of your tour *