

U.S. National Parks

+ MISSOULA & GLACIER NATIONAL PARK EXTENSION



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DAYS

15 DAYS WITH EXTENSION

Nature & Wildlife Tour

Discover North America's greatest natural treasures.

Follow in the footsteps of the explorers on this tour of North America's national parks. Each day displays a new destination, and with it new landscapes and adventures. Explore the mysterious cliff dwellings of Mesa Verde, gaze into the depths of the Grand Canyon and stand in the shadow of the Grand Tetons. And, within the borders of the parks, discover the amazing cultural and geographic diversity of the American West.

Go Ahead

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Overview

Your tour includes

- 11 nights in handpicked hotels
- Breakfast daily, 4 three-course dinner with beer or wine
- Expert Tour Director
- Private deluxe motor coach
- Guided sightseeing and select entrance fees

Your tour highlights

- America's most iconic landmarks
- Creative, multicultural Santa Fe
- Grand Teton and Grand Canyon
- Zion's dramatic all-natural "skyscrapers"
- The legendary Old Faithful in Yellowstone
- The endurance and richness of the pueblo cultures

Where you'll go



OVERNIGHT STAYS

- 2 nights • Santa Fe, New Mexico
- 1 night • Mesa Verde, Colorado
- 1 night • Kayenta, Arizona
- 2 nights • Grand Canyon, Arizona
- 1 night • Zion, Utah
- 1 night • Salt Lake City, Utah
- 3 nights • Jackson, Wyoming

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MAXIMUM GROUP SIZE FOR THIS TOUR

With our Right Size Advantage, your group will never get in the way of your experience. Learn more at goaheadtours.com/rightsize



ABOUT YOUR HOTELS

Our 3- and 4-diamond accommodations are handpicked to ensure quality and comfort. See sample hotels for this tour at goaheadtours.com/npt

Santa Fe, New Mexico | 2 nights

Day 1: Arrival in Albuquerque & transfer to Santa Fe

Included meals: welcome dinner

Welcome to New Mexico! Arrive in Albuquerque and transfer to your hotel in Santa Fe. Then, meet your fellow travelers at an included welcome dinner.

Day 2: Sightseeing tour of Santa Fe

Included meals: breakfast

Enjoy a guided sightseeing tour of New Mexico's capital city, settled by a Spanish conquistador nearly 400 years ago.

- See the Cross of the Martyrs, Loretto Chapel and Saint Francis Cathedral
- Pass through the Plaza in the heart of the city to view the State Capitol Building and Palace of the Governors
- Enter the Wheelwright Gallery

Explore the rest of the city on your own with free time in the afternoon.

Mesa Verde, Colorado | 1 night

Day 3: Transfer to Mesa Verde National Park via Durango

Included meals: breakfast, dinner

Cross the Colorado border, stopping in the Old West mining town of Durango, Colorado en route to Mesa Verde.

- Pass by Chimney Rock and Abiquiu Reservoir
- Take in the stunning landscapes that inspired the work of Georgia O'Keeffe
- Explore Durango to feel its frozen-in-time charm

Kayenta, Arizona | 1 night

Day 4: Mesa Verde National Park & transfer to Kayenta

Included meals: breakfast, dinner

Take a guided tour of Mesa Verde National Park before transferring to Kayenta, Arizona through Monument Valley.

- View fascinating 800-year-old cliff dwellings that honeycomb the walls of the canyon
- Enjoy free time to visit either the gift shop or Spruce Tree House and Museum
- Pass by Monument Valley's iconic "Mexican Hat," a sombrero-shaped rock formation

Grand Canyon, Arizona | 2 nights

Day 5: Transfer to Grand Canyon via Cameron Trading Post

Included meals: breakfast

Stop at the Cameron Trading Post, then arrive at the Grand Canyon where you'll take a scenic walk along the South Rim with your Tour Director.

- Marvel at the rocky formations that reflect millions of years of geologic evolution
- View the Colorado River running one mile below

Day 6: The Grand Canyon

Included meals: breakfast

Enjoy a full free day at the Grand Canyon exploring the rims and plateaus on your own or add an excursion.

+ Grand Canyon Helicopter Ride

+ Grand Canyon Helicopter Ride (Extended Version)

Zion, Utah | 1 night

Day 7: Transfer to Zion National Park

Included meals: breakfast

Pass by the Vermilion Cliffs National Monument before arriving in Zion National Park.

- Discover why 19th-century Mormon settlers named Zion after their heavenly city
- View the yellow and orange-hued dramatically eroded sedimentary rocks

- Take in magnificent vistas on an open-air tram ride with commentary

Salt Lake City, Utah | 1 night

Day 8: Transfer to Salt Lake City via Bryce Canyon National Park

Included meals: breakfast

En route to Utah's capital city, stop for a visit to Bryce Canyon National Park.

- Tour the park by bus and on foot
- Take in up-close views of its distinctive pink sandstone formations, including awe-inspiring arches, spires and bridges
- View colorful rock pinnacles known as "hoodoos"

Jackson, Wyoming | 3 nights

Day 9: Transfer to Jackson

Included meals: breakfast

Cross into Wyoming on a scenic drive en route to the resort town of Jackson. Then, set out to explore Grand Teton National Park, home to the youngest mountain range in the Rockies.

- Drive through stunning Logan Canyon and past turquoise Bear Lake
- Tour Grand Teton National Park by bus and on foot
- Try to spot elk, coyotes, black bears, wolves and the elusive mountain lion

Day 10: Yellowstone National Park

Included meals: breakfast

Venture out into Yellowstone National Park, designated the world's first national park in 1872, for a full day of sightseeing.

- Drive through the park with stops for photos
- See cascading waterfalls, bubbling mud pots and the famous geyser, Old Faithful
- Keep an eye out for the bison, mountain goats, moose and grey wolves that call the park home

Day 11: Free day in Jackson

Included meals: breakfast, farewell dinner

Enjoy a free day in Jackson or add an excursion before gathering with your group for a farewell dinner.

- + *The Grand Tetons by Horseback (seasonal, mid-May through August)*
- + *Snake River Float (seasonal, mid-May through mid-September)*

Day 12: Departure

Included meals: breakfast

Transfer to the airport for your flight home.

Post-tour extension

Missoula, Montana | 1 night

Day 12: Transfer to Missoula

Included meals: breakfast

Say goodbye to Jackson and drive to Missoula, Montana's second most populous city.

Glacier National Park Region, Montana | 2 nights

Day 13: Transfer to Glacier National Park Region

Included meals: breakfast

On the way to Glacier National Park region, make a stop at the National Bison Range. Then, enjoy free time at your destination or add an excursion.

+ *Lake Flathead Cruise & Dinner (seasonal, end of June through September)*

Day 14: Glacier National Park

Included meals: breakfast

Today, hop into an iconic "Red jammer" and venture into Glacier National Park for a full-day guided tour.

- Discover incredible mountain ranges, glaciers, waterfalls and wildflowers
- Look out for bighorn sheep, grizzly bears, moose, river otters and the elusive mountain lion

Day 15: Departure

Included meals: breakfast (excluding early morning departures)

Transfer to the airport in Kalispell for your flight home.

Extension is available on select departure dates. Space is limited. Minimum of 10 travelers is required.

Customize your experience

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Create a more personal journey by adding optional excursions that speak to your interests. Excursions offered on the same day will occur at different times, so there's no need to choose—you're free to do as much or as little as you'd like. Save \$10* when you book your excursion up to 3 days before your tour departs. Please note: Excursions that require advance reservation will only have this discounted price listed. Call or go online to start customizing your tour: **1.800.206.9871** | goaheadtours.com/npt

Day 6: Grand Canyon Helicopter Ride | \$199/\$209* (25 minutes, departs in the morning)
Enjoy a bird's-eye view of the Grand Canyon aboard a thrilling 25 minute helicopter ride. Soar over the massive canyon in sight of the Tower of Ra as you fly through the Dragon Corridor and experience epic views of the North Rim. From high above the canyon rim, you can begin to fully appreciate the immense scale of this natural wonder. *Please note: This excursion is weather dependent.*

Day 6: Grand Canyon Helicopter Ride (Extended Version) | \$289/\$299* (45 minutes, departs in the morning)
Allow yourself more time to admire this natural wonder on an extended ride which takes you flying over the eastern gorge of the Grand Canyon, the North Rim, the Dragon Corridor and the Little Colorado River's confluence with the Colorado. *Please note: This excursion is weather dependent.*

Day 11: The Grand Tetons by Horseback | \$79/\$89* (3 hours, departs in the morning)
Jackson is home to fewer than 9,000 people, but it'll feel like the big city after today's horseback riding excursion through the Grand Tetons. Suitable for riders of every skill level, this trip into Wyoming's back country will highlight the scenic beauty of the Snake River Valley. As you trot down mountain paths, keep your eyes peeled for the incredible array of wildlife that calls this area home. *Please note: This excursion is weather-dependent and runs seasonally from mid-May through August.*

Day 11: Snake River Float | \$69/\$79* (3 hours, departs in the afternoon)
One of the best ways to see the Grand Tetons—the glorious peaks that surround Jackson—is from the Snake River. On a raft ride, you'll have a great chance of glimpsing some of Wyoming's wildlife, including soaring eagles and graceful mountain lions. You'll also get a firsthand view of the site of Ansel Adams' famous photo. *Please note: This excursion is weather-dependent and runs seasonally from mid-May through mid-September. Layered clothing and waterproof shoes are recommended for this excursion.*

Day 13: Lake Flathead Cruise & Dinner | \$79/\$89* (evening with dinner)
Begin your evening with a delicious dinner at a local restaurant near Kalispell. Then, set out on a sunset cruise of Flathead Lake, the largest fresh-water lake west of the Great Lakes. Take in breathtaking mountain scenery and marvel at its crystal clear water as you make your way along the banks. *Please note: This excursion is seasonal from the end of June through September.*

*Optional excursions may be purchased up to 3 days prior to departure or while on tour. Some select optional excursions require advance booking. Pre-purchased optional excursions cannot be canceled within 3 days prior to departure or while on tour. Go Ahead accepts payment by cash, Visa or MasterCard for optional excursions purchased on tour. Excursions require a minimum number of participants to operate. Details and prices are subject to change. Due to seasonal hours of operation and availability, some excursions may not operate. If this occurs, you will be refunded any payments made for that excursion post-tour. Please note: If you have received an optional excursion as a promotional offer and it was canceled during your tour, you will not be eligible for a refund, as promotional offers are not redeemable for cash.