



THE GREAT AMERICAN WEST
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South Dakota



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The Great American West

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Idaho



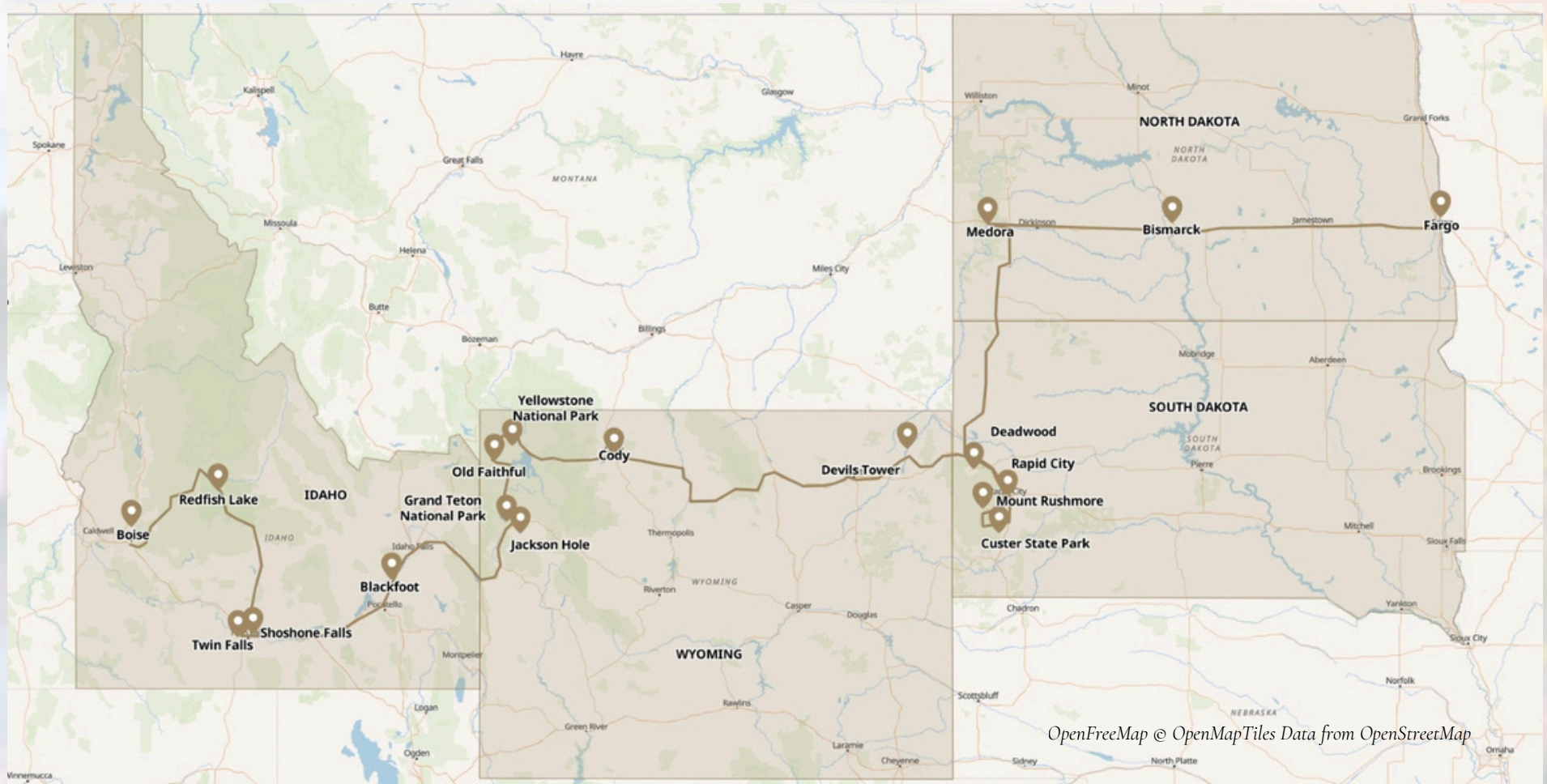
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The Great American West

Steam rises from Yellowstone's geysers. Jagged Tetons soar above valley floors. Alpine lakes reflect Idaho's rugged Sawtooth peaks while bison roam endless prairies. Historic western towns, stunning landscapes and Mount Rushmore make the American West come alive. This is the USA at its most iconic - all linked by some of America's most scenic highways. With Travel USA, it's your adventure - flexible, fully customisable and unforgettable. This self-drive journey takes you through the highlights of Idaho, Wyoming, South Dakota and North Dakota. Hike or paddle at Redfish Lake, explore the Grand Teton and Yellowstone National Parks, discover Cody, the Black Hills of South Dakota, the Badlands and Theodore Roosevelt National Parks. Travel at your own pace, linger where you love, and experience the mountains, wildlife, wide-open roads and enduring spirit of the Great American West.



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Boise / Redfish Lake / Sawtooth Mountains / Shoshone Falls / Jackson Hole / Grand Teton National Park / Yellowstone National Park / Cody / Cody Nite Rodeo (seasonal) / Deadwood / Black Hills of South Dakota / Crazy Horse Memorial / Mount Rushmore National Memorial / Rapid City / Medora / Theodore Roosevelt National Park / Fort Abraham Lincoln State Park / Fargo



Sawtooth Mountains

Idaho - Alpine Beauty & Open Wilderness

Idaho surprises people. This is a land of jagged peaks, mirror-like alpine lakes, and big, open skies. In the Sawtooth Mountains, Redfish Lake sits beneath towering summits where you can hike, paddle, or simply breathe in the mountain air. Scenic byways wind through forests, rivers, and hot springs, while small towns feel friendly and unhurried. Wildlife is part of everyday life here, and the landscapes feel vast and untouched. Idaho is where your journey begins gently - fresh air, open space, and nature setting the tone for the adventure ahead.

Day 1: Arrive in Boise, ID

After a long flight from Auckland via San Francisco on our Star Alliance partners, Air New Zealand or United Airlines, you'll touch down in **Boise, Idaho**. Collect your luggage, pick up a few essentials, and head to your downtown hotel to check in. Tonight is all about getting over jet lag and easing into the USA. Take it slow -maybe wander a few blocks around the hotel, grab a coffee or snack, and breathe in the small-town-meets-city vibe that Boise does so well. If you're up for it, enjoy dinner at a relaxed café or local pub, chatting with the friendly locals. No rush, no big sightseeing -just settle in, plan tomorrow's road trip north into the mountains, and enjoy a quiet first night. Boise is a nice, easy start, giving you a soft landing before the adventure begins.

Overnight: Boise - Inn at 500 Capitol or similar

Key Highlights:

Fly to the U.S.A. with our Star Alliance partners, Air New Zealand and United Airlines / Check in to downtown Boise hotel / Relaxed dinner in a local café or pub



Downtown Boise



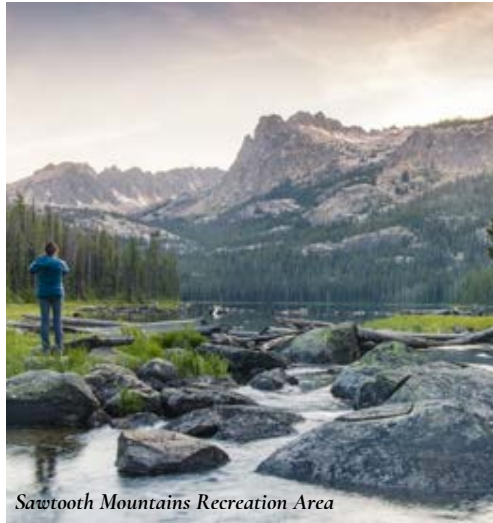
The Basque Market



Historical Hyde Park Boise



Boise



Sawtooth Mountains Recreation Area



Redfish Lake

Day 2: Boise, ID to Redfish Lake, ID (340 km)

Start your morning with a gentle walk along the **Boise River Greenbelt**, a riverside trail that winds through parks and green spaces - a calm way to wake up and stretch after your flight. Enjoy breakfast at a local café or bakery before collecting your rental car and heading north toward the **Sawtooth Mountains**. The scenic drive passes rolling hills, rivers, and small towns, with plenty of opportunities for photos and short stops. Arrive in Stanley and check into **Redfish Lake Lodge**, a historic lakeside retreat nestled between jagged peaks, or the nearby **Triangle C Cabins**, offering cozy, rustic accommodation with beautiful views of the surrounding mountains and easy access to outdoor activities. Spend the afternoon exploring alpine scenery: hike forested trails, paddle a canoe on the lake, or photograph the peaks reflected in the water. Evening brings dinner at the lodge or a nearby eatery, followed by a chance to enjoy Idaho's famously dark, star-filled skies. Two nights here let you fully unwind and immerse in the Sawtooth wilderness.

Overnight: Stanley - Redfish Lake Lodge, Triangle C Cabins or similar

Key Highlights:

Boise River Greenbelt / Scenic drive through small towns and mountains / Redfish Lake



Redfish Lake Lodge Waterfront



Sawtooth Mountains in Fall

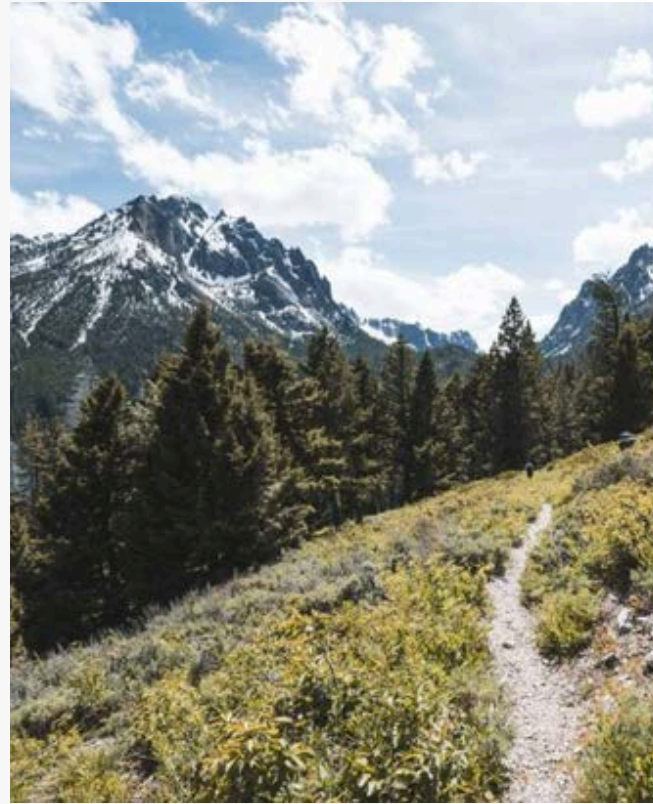


Stanley near Redfish Lakes

Day 3: Exploring the Sawtooth Mountains from Redfish Lake

Wake up to stunning views of Redfish Lake and the surrounding jagged peaks. After breakfast at Redfish Lake Lodge, spend a full day exploring the Sawtooth Mountains. Hike one of the area's well-marked trails - options range from gentle lakeside strolls to more challenging alpine treks that reward you with panoramic mountain vistas. Rent a canoe or kayak and glide across the lake, taking in the reflection of the towering peaks. Photography enthusiasts will find endless opportunities for sunrise or mid-day shots, with wildflowers, pine forests, and mountain streams adding variety. In the afternoon, visit nearby Stanley town for a coffee or browse its small shops, soaking in the quiet mountain-town atmosphere. Evening returns you to the lodge for dinner and a chance to relax by the water. Two nights here ensure you experience both adventure and calm in Idaho's alpine heart.

Overnight: Stanley - Redfish Lake Lodge, Triangle C Cabins or similar



Redfish Bench Lakes Trail



Boating on Redfish Lake

Key Highlights:

Sawtooth Mountains / Redfish Lake



Sawtooth Mountains



Redfish Lake



Shoshone Falls



Shoshone Falls & Snake River Canyon

Day 4: Redfish Lake, ID to Blackfoot, ID via Snake River Canyon (335 km)

After breakfast at Redfish Lake Lodge, leave Stanley and head south through Idaho's high desert and river valleys. Your first stop is Perrine Bridge, perched over the Snake River Canyon, offering sweeping views of the river below and dramatic canyon walls - a great photo opportunity. Continue a short distance into downtown Twin Falls for lunch at a local café or diner. After refuelling, drive a few kilometres south to Shoshone Falls, the 65-metre waterfall on the Snake River, often called the "Niagara of the West." Take time to explore the viewing platforms and short trails, soaking in the scale and power of the canyon and falls. In the afternoon, continue east across open farmland to Blackfoot, check into your hotel or inn, and enjoy a relaxed evening. This day blends Idaho's natural wonders with small-town charm and scenic driving.

Overnight: Blackfoot - Best Western Blackfoot Inn or similar

Key Highlights:

Perrine Bridge / Snake River Canyon / Twin Falls / Shoshone Falls



Snake River Canyon



IDAHO EXTENSION

If you'd like to extend your time in Idaho to include Coeur d'Alene's lake resort scenery, the alpine town of Sun Valley, or the otherworldly landscapes of Craters of the Moon, just let us know. As with all Travel USA itineraries, every journey can be tailored to suit your interests and travel style.



Perrine Bridge



Grand Teton National Park

Wyoming - Icons of the American West

Wyoming delivers the big-name scenery. The jagged Tetons rise straight from the valley floor, while Yellowstone bubbles, steams, and erupts with geysers, waterfalls, and wildlife at every turn. Bison graze roadside, elk wander meadows, and wide valleys stretch beneath endless skies. In Cody, rodeo culture and frontier history bring the Old West to life. Drives here are spectacular, distances feel grand, and nature is always close. Wyoming feels bold, raw, and unforgettable - a place where landscapes are larger than life and the spirit of the West still runs strong.

Day 5: Blackfoot, ID to Jackson Hole, WY (480 km)

Start your morning in Blackfoot with a visit to the Idaho Potato Museum, a quirky and fun stop celebrating the state's most famous crop. Discover Idaho's potato history, explore exhibits, and snap a few playful photos before setting off east toward Wyoming. The drive follows the scenic Snake River corridor, gradually giving way to the towering peaks of the Tetons - with plenty of scenic stops along the way. Arrive in Jackson Hole in the afternoon and check into an authentic Western lodge or hotel for a two-night stay. Spend the evening wandering the town square, browsing galleries, local boutiques, and wooden boardwalks. For a true Old West experience, enjoy dinner and drinks at the iconic Million Dollar Cowboy Bar, famous for its saddle bar stools and lively atmosphere. If your visit falls during the Town Square Rodeo season (late June-early August), make time to watch this classic Western event - Travel USA can advise on exact timings.

Overnight: Jackson Hole - The Rockwell Inn or similar

Key Highlights:

Idaho Potato Museum / Snake River corridor / Jackson Hole / Town Square Rodeo (seasonal – confirm with Travel USA) / Million Dollar Cowboy Bar



Town Square Rodeo



Outside Jackson Hole Cowboy Bar



Jackson Hole Cowboy Bar



Jackson Hole Stage Coach



Jackson Square in winter



Snake River Overlook Grand Teton National Park

Day 6: Explore Grand Teton National Park from Jackson Hole

Spend the day exploring **Grand Teton National Park**, using Jackson Hole as your base. The park's jagged peaks rise sharply from the valley floor, creating some of the most breathtaking mountain scenery in North America. Drive the scenic loops along Teton Park Road, stopping at iconic viewpoints such as **Oxbow Bend**, **Snake River Overlook**, and **Jenny Lake**, where reflections of the peaks shimmer in the water. Make time to visit **Mormon Row Historic District**, home to the famous **T.A. Moulton Barn** - one of the most photographed barns in America, offering a glimpse into early homesteader life with the Tetons towering behind it. Enjoy short hikes to **Hidden Falls** or **Taggart Lake** or rent a canoe for a gentle paddle on serene alpine waters. Wildlife spotting is excellent, with moose, elk, and bison often visible in the valleys. Return to Jackson Hole for dinner and another evening soaking up the town's authentic Old West atmosphere.

Overnight: Jackson Hole - The Rockwell Inn or similar

Key Highlights:

Grand Teton National Park / Mormon Row / T.A. Moulton Barn / Hidden Falls / Taggart Lake / Wildlife spotting: moose, elk, bison



Elk



Grand Teton National Park



Oxbow Bend Grand Teton National Park



T.A. Moulton Barn

Day 7: Explore Yellowstone South (120–150 km in-park driving)

Depart Jackson Hole in the morning and drive approximately 100 km to Yellowstone's South Entrance, where the scenery shifts from Teton foothills and rivers to steaming geothermal landscapes. Begin at Old Faithful and the Upper Geyser Basin, watching regular eruptions and wandering boardwalks past bubbling pools and colourful mineral formations. Continue to Black Sand Basin, home to Sapphire Pool, Emerald Pool, and Morning Glory Pool, all vivid hot springs offering excellent photography in a compact area. Next, visit the iconic Grand Prismatic Spring, famous for its brilliant rainbow colours and expansive terraces. Stop at West Thumb Geyser Basin, uniquely set beside the shoreline of Yellowstone Lake. In the afternoon, explore the Grand Canyon of the Yellowstone, viewing the dramatic Upper and Lower Falls and the classic panorama from Artist Point. Wildlife such as bison and elk are often seen along the roads. Check into Old Faithful Inn or nearby, enjoy dinner, and relax after a remarkable first Yellowstone day.

Overnight: Yellowstone National Park - Old Faithful Inn or similar

Key Highlights:

Old Faithful / Upper Geyser Basin / Black Sand Basin / Sapphire Pool / Morning Glory Pool / Grand Prismatic Spring / West Thumb Geyser Basin / Yellowstone Grand Canyon / Artist Point / Waterfalls of Yellowstone / Wildlife spotting: bison, elk



Grand Prismatic Spring



Old Faithful



Upper Falls of Yellowstone



Sapphire Pool



Lower Falls of Yellowstone



Artist Point & Grand Canyon of Yellowstone



East Entrance of Yellowstone

Day 8: Yellowstone Lake, WY to Cody, WY (188 km)

Start the morning at Yellowstone Lake, where calm shorelines, wide skies, and distant peaks create a tranquil contrast to the geyser basins. Enjoy a short lakeside stroll and keep an eye out for elk near meadows and forest edges. Depart the park via the East Entrance, a scenic drive climbing over Sylvan Pass and descending through rolling mountain and canyon landscapes. Continue through the Bighorn Basin, arriving in Cody by early to mid-afternoon. Visit Old Trail Town, a recreated frontier settlement with authentic 19th-century log buildings and cowboy memorabilia - a great introduction to the Old West before exploring the wooden boardwalks, local shops, and historic downtown. Visit the Buffalo Bill Centre of the West, a world-class complex of five museums covering Western art, Plains Indian culture, Yellowstone natural history, firearms, and Buffalo Bill's life. In the evening, enjoy a relaxed western-style dinner, soak up the cowboy character of a saloon, or attend the Cody Nite Rodeo (seasonal) under the stars.

Overnight: Cody - The Cody Hotel or similar

Key Highlights:

Yellowstone Lake / Bighorn Basin / Cody / Old Trail Town / Buffalo Bill Centre of the West / Cody Nite Rodeo (seasonal : nightly June - August)



Cody Nite Rodeo



Buffalo Bill Centre of the West

WYOMING EXTENSION

If you'd like to extend your time in Wyoming, you could explore North Yellowstone's highlights, including Mammoth Hot Springs and the wildlife-rich Lamar Valley or drive the spectacular Beartooth Highway. As with all Travel USA itineraries, every journey can be tailored to suit your interests and travel style.



Old Trail Town in Cody



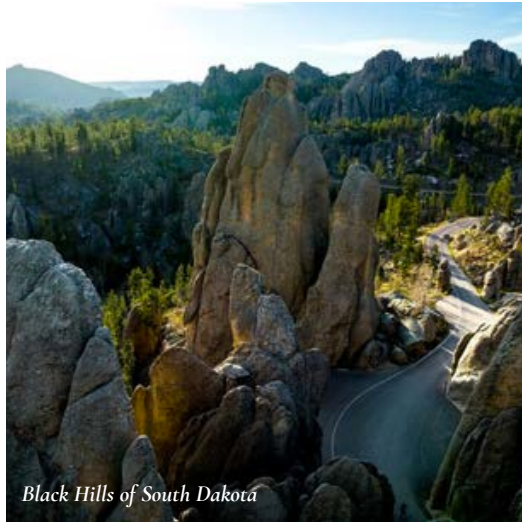
Yellowstone Lake



Mount Rushmore

South Dakota - Monuments, Mountains & Wild Landscapes

South Dakota blends natural beauty with American history. The Black Hills rise from the plains, hiding forests, granite peaks, and winding scenic roads. Stand before the iconic faces of Mount Rushmore and the monumental Crazy Horse Memorial. The Badlands National Park reveals dramatic rock formations, colourful layers, and roaming bison. Historic towns like Deadwood echo with frontier stories, while open prairies stretch to the horizon. South Dakota feels both rugged and welcoming - a place where national landmarks, wildlife, and western heritage all come together in one surprisingly diverse state.



Black Hills of South Dakota



Deadwood

Day 9: Cody, WY - Devils Tower - Spearfish Canyon - Deadwood, SD (550 km)

Today is your longest day of driving as you head to the Black Hills of South Dakota. Departing early your first stop is Devils Tower National Monument, an iconic dramatic rock formation that rises from the plains. Stretch your legs on the short base trail, take photos, and enjoy the unique landscape. Afterward, drive into the Black Hills, making a scenic stop through Spearfish Canyon, famous for limestone cliffs, waterfalls, and winding roads - perfect for photos or a brief leg stretch. Late afternoon, arrive in Deadwood, a historic gold rush town with charming old streets. Visit Mount Moriah Cemetery, where Wild Bill Hickok and Calamity Jane are buried. Stroll the shops, soak up the Old West atmosphere, and try your luck at one of the town's lively casinos/pokie venues. In the evening, enjoy a relaxed dinner at a classic saloon in readiness for your Black Hills adventure that starts tomorrow.

Overnight: Deadwood - Hampton Inn Deadwood at Tin Lizzie Gaming Resort

Key Highlights:

Devils Tower National Monument / Spearfish Canyon / Deadwood / Mount Moriah Cemetery



Devils Tower National Monument



Spearfish Canyon

Day 10: Deadwood, SD - Hill City - Crazy Horse - Sylvan Lake - Custer State Park, SD (150 km)

Depart Deadwood in the morning and drive south to the charming town of Hill City. Stop at the historic Hill City train station and enjoy a coffee or snack in a local café, soaking in the small-town Black Hills atmosphere. Continue on to the Crazy Horse Memorial, a tribute that honours Lakota leader Crazy Horse; the ongoing sculpture showcases Native heritage. Take the guided tour to see Crazy Horse face-to-face, experiencing this monumental carving up close and learning about its history and significance. After lunch, drive into Custer State Park and stop at Sylvan Lake for a short walk along the lakeshore, enjoying the reflection of the surrounding granite peaks. Explore part of Needles Highway, winding through granite spires, forested tunnels, and scenic viewpoints. Later in the afternoon, check into the State Game Lodge, enjoy a relaxed dinner, and if time allows; take a brief evening drive to spot wildlife such as bison or pronghorn in their natural habitat.

Overnight: Custer State Park - State Game Lodge or similar

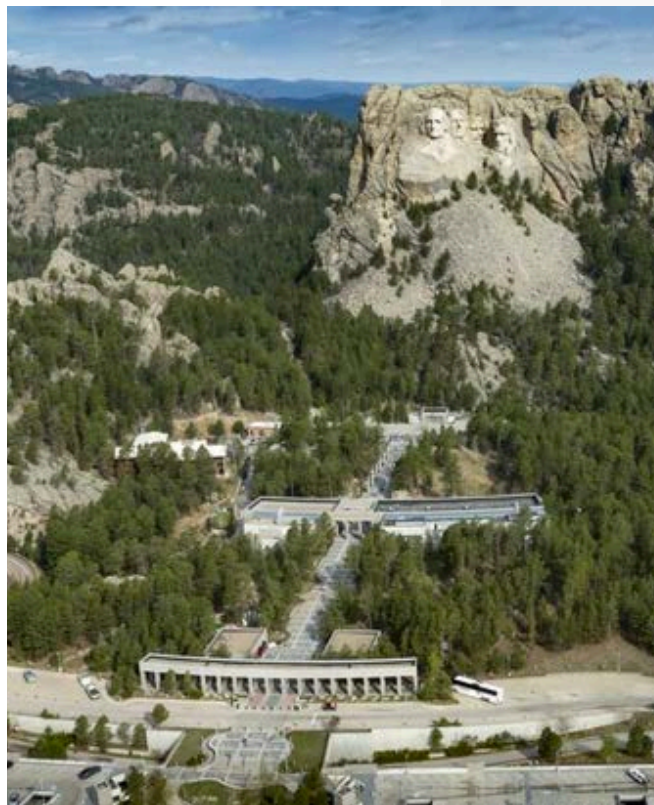
Key Highlights:

*Hill City historic train station / Crazy Horse Memorial / Sylvan Lake /
Needles Highway / Wildlife spotting: bison*





Rapid City of the Presidents



Mt Rushmore National Memorial

Day II: Custer State Park. SD - Keystone - Mount Rushmore - Rapid City, SD (130 km)

Start the morning with a 90-minute Buffalo Safari Jeep Tour in Custer State Park, getting up close to bison, pronghorn, and prairie dogs while learning more about the park's wildlife. After the tour, head north via Iron Mountain Road (Highway 16A), a scenic, winding drive featuring pigtail bridges, narrow tunnels, and forested granite vistas. Along the way, framed views of Mount Rushmore appear through trees and tunnel openings, offering excellent photo opportunities and a sense of anticipation for the monument itself. Stop in Keystone for lunch or a brief walk to stretch your legs before arriving at Mount Rushmore National Memorial. Spend the afternoon exploring the boardwalk trails, visiting multiple vantage points to photograph the presidential faces from different angles, and touring the museum to learn about its history and construction. After admiring this iconic global landmark continue the short drive to Rapid City, check into your hotel, and enjoy a relaxed dinner downtown.

Overnight: Rapid City - Hotel Alex Johnson or similar

Key Highlights:

Buffalo Safari Jeep Tour / Iron Mountain Road / Keystone / Mount Rushmore National Memorial



Iron Mountain Road



Rapid City

Day 12: Explore Badlands National Park and the City of Presidents (240 km)

Depart Rapid City in the morning for a journey through the otherworldly landscapes of Badlands National Park. Drive the scenic Badlands Loop Road, pausing at overlooks like Big Badlands, Panorama Point, and Conata Basin, and take short walks to marvel at the park's jagged pinnacles, sweeping canyons, and layered rock formations that look almost lunar in appearance. Continue east to Wall, SD, and stop at Wall Drug for coffee, a quick lunch, or to browse its quirky, kitschy shops. Return west to Rapid City for a free afternoon with plenty of unique options: Bear Country USA, a drive-through wildlife park where bison and bears roam; Reptile Gardens, home to fascinating snakes, lizards, and exotic creatures; or the National Presidential Wax Museum, showcasing lifelike figures of every U.S. president. Don't miss the City of Presidents downtown, with life-size bronze statues along the streets, or the Journey Museum & Learning Centre for a deeper dive into Black Hills history. Evening: enjoy dinner and relax at your hotel.

Overnight: Rapid City - Hotel Alex Johnson or similar

Key Highlights:

Badlands National Park / Wall Drug: quirky shops and lunch / Rapid City - City of Presidents / Bear Country USA / Reptile Gardens / National Presidential Wax Museum / Journey Museum

SOUTH DAKOTA EXTENSION

If you'd like to extend your time in South Dakota, you could explore Sioux Falls with its waterfalls and arts scene, visit the historic state capital Pierre, or see the quirky Corn Palace in Mitchell. Every Travel USA journey can be tailored to your interests and travel style.



Rapid City of Presidents



National Presidential Wax Museum



Bear Country USA



Badlands National Park



Theodore Roosevelt National Park

North Dakota - Wide Horizons & Frontier Spirit

North Dakota is peaceful, spacious, and full of quiet surprises. Theodore Roosevelt National Park showcases colourful badlands, wild horses, bison, and sweeping prairie views that feel almost endless. Small towns offer genuine hospitality, western history, and a slower pace of life. Scenic drives reveal rolling grasslands, big skies, and the landscapes that shaped America's conservation story. Medora brings a touch of cowboy culture, while rivers, trails, and open country invite exploration. North Dakota leaves a lasting impression - not loud, but deeply memorable, with space to breathe and room to roam.



Theodore Roosevelt National Park

Day 13: Rapid City, SD to Medora, ND (380 km)

Depart Rapid City in the morning for a scenic drive north to Medora, North Dakota, a charming frontier town and gateway to Theodore Roosevelt National Park. Travel through South Dakota's vast open prairies and into the rolling hills of the Little Missouri National Grasslands, keeping an eye out for wildlife including bison, pronghorn, and prairie dogs. Stop for lunch in the small town of Buffalo, where you can stretch your legs and enjoy a meal at a local café or diner. Continue north through expansive farmland and wide-open landscapes that gradually give way to the dramatic rock formations and rugged terrain of North Dakota's Badlands. Arrive in Medora in the late afternoon and check into the historic Rough Riders Hotel. Take time to stroll the historic streets, browse local shops, or simply enjoy sweeping views of the surrounding bluffs. In the evening, relax with dinner at a local restaurant and soak in the small-town charm and frontier spirit that define this unique region.

Overnight: Medora - Rough Riders Hotel or similar

Key Highlights:

Scenic drive through South Dakota prairies / Little Missouri National Grasslands / Wildlife spotting: bison, elk, pronghorn, prairie dogs / Medora



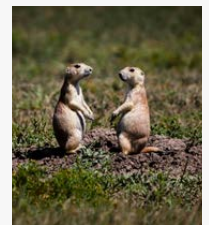
Elk



Little Missouri National Grasslands



Bison



Prairie Dogs



Driving through North Dakota

Day 14: Explore Theodore Roosevelt National Park (South Unit)

Spend a full day exploring the rugged landscapes of Theodore Roosevelt National Park's South Unit. Begin with a scenic drive along the South Unit Loop Road, stopping at iconic viewpoints such as Painted Canyon, the Palisades, and Wind Canyon for panoramic Badlands vistas. Watch for bison, elk, prairie dogs, and wild horses roaming the dramatic landscapes. Visit the brand-new Theodore Roosevelt Presidential Library, North Dakota's jewel in the crown, offering state-of-the-art exhibits on Roosevelt's life, leadership, and pioneering conservation work. Interactive displays, immersive multimedia, and historic artifacts bring his story vividly to life. Enjoy a picnic lunch amid the sweeping vistas or return to Medora for a casual meal. In the afternoon, take a short hike on accessible trails like Wind Canyon or Buck Hill. Tonight, experience the famed Medora Musical and relax in the town's charming frontier atmosphere. *Overnight: Medora - Rough Riders Hotel or similar*



Bison common site on the roads

Key Highlights:

Theodore Roosevelt National Park - South Unit / Painted Canyon / Palisades / Wind Canyon / Wildlife spotting: bison, elk, prairie dogs, wild horses / Theodore Roosevelt Presidential Library / Medora Musical (seasonal)



Painted Canyon South Unit



Medora Musical



Bismarck North Dakota Capitol

Day 15: Medora, ND via Enchanted Highway to Bismarck, ND (380 km)

Depart Medora in the morning and begin your journey east toward Bismarck, taking a memorable detour along the Enchanted Highway near Gladstone. This quirky roadside attraction features a series of enormous scrap-metal sculptures, from a towering grasshopper to a family of geese, offering fun and photo-worthy stops along the open prairie. Continue through North Dakota's rolling grasslands and wide skies, keeping an eye out for deer, prairie birds, and other wildlife. Stop for lunch at a local café or diner in one of the small towns along the route like New Salem. Arrive in Bismarck by late afternoon and visit Fort Abraham Lincoln State Park, exploring the reconstructed military fort and Mandan Native Village. Take a stroll along the Missouri River walking trails before checking into your hotel. In the evening, enjoy dinner at a local restaurant and soak in the city's welcoming small-town charm.

Overnight: Bismarck - Staybridge Suites Bismarck or similar

Key Highlights:

Enchanted Highway sculptures / Fort Abraham Lincoln State Park – historic fort and Mandan Native Village / Bismarck



Fort Abraham Lincoln State Park



Fort Abraham Lincoln State Park



Park, New York

Enchanted Highway



Mandan Native Village



Day 16: Bismarck, ND via Jamestown to Fargo, ND (365 km)

Start the morning in Bismarck with a visit to the North Dakota Heritage Centre & State Museum, which showcases Native American heritage, pioneer life, and the state's natural landscapes through engaging exhibits. Depart mid-morning and drive east across North Dakota's expansive prairies, enjoying wide-open vistas and small glimpses of prairie wildlife along the way. Stop in Jamestown to explore Frontier Village, a charming pioneer-era attraction featuring vintage buildings, memorabilia, and photo opportunities. Just a short drive away, pause at the World's Largest Buffalo Monument ("Dakota Thunder"), a striking 8-metre-tall tribute to the American bison and the state's prairie heritage - a fun and memorable stop. Continue east to Fargo, arriving in the late afternoon. Check into your hotel and explore downtown, taking in historic architecture, local cafés, and shops. Fun Fact: Fargo gained international fame through the Coen Brothers' 1996 film Fargo and the TV series. Tonight enjoy dinner at a local restaurant, soaking in the city's lively, artsy atmosphere.

Overnight: Fargo - Jasper Hotel or similar



World's Largest Buffalo

Key Highlights:

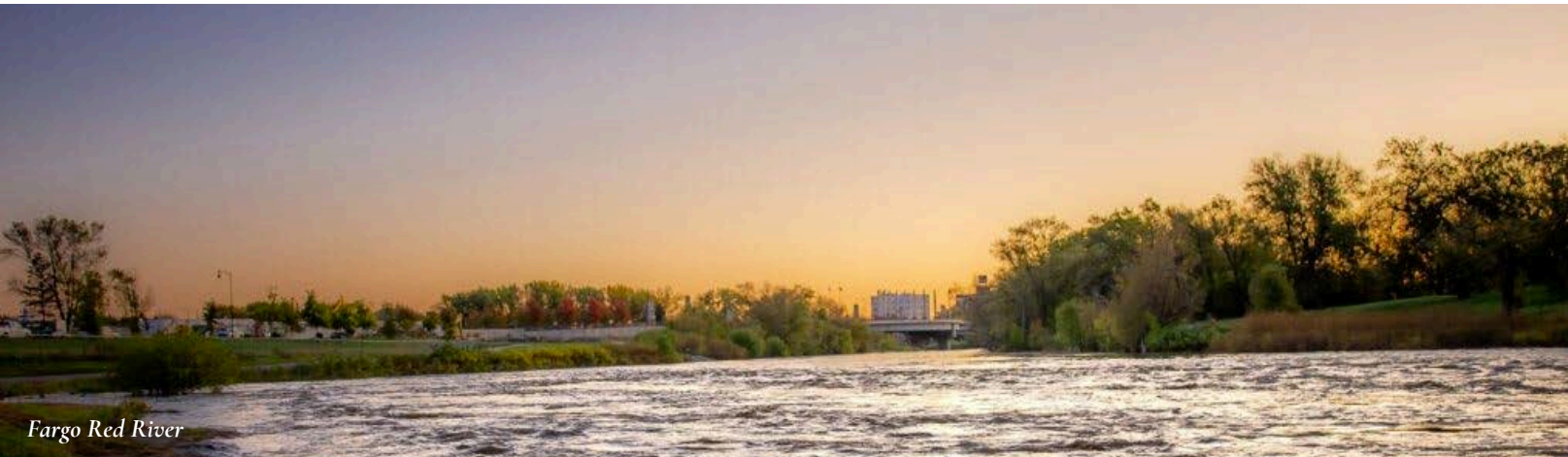
North Dakota Heritage Centre & State Museum / Frontier Village - Jamestown / Dakota Thunder - World's Largest Buffalo Monument / Fargo



North Dakota Heritage Centre & State Museum



Frontier Village Jamestown



Fargo Red River

Day 17: Fargo - Morning at Leisure and Departure

Enjoy a final morning in Fargo at your own pace. Take a stroll along the Red River, explore historic downtown streets, or revisit a favourite café. Browse local shops for last-minute souvenirs or simply soak in the city's small-town charm. After lunch, drive to Hector International Airport (FAR), drop off your rental car, and check in for your return flight with Air New Zealand or United Airlines, connecting via Denver and San Francisco. As you depart, reflect on your journey from Idaho's alpine lakes and sunlit valleys, through Wyoming's Grand Tetons and Yellowstone, South Dakota's Badlands and Black Hills, and North Dakota's prairies and Theodore Roosevelt National Park. The wide-open landscapes, wildlife, and vibrant towns leave lasting memories of the Great American West.

Key Highlights:

North Dakota Heritage Centre & State Museum / Frontier Village -
Jamestown / Dakota Thunder - World's Largest Buffalo Monument / Fargo

NORTH DAKOTA EXTENSION

If you'd like to extend your time in North Dakota, you could visit the historic Fort Union Trading Post, explore the rugged landscapes and wildlife of Theodore Roosevelt National Park's North Unit, or discover charming towns like Grand Forks and Devils Lake. Every Travel USA journey can be tailored to your interests and travel style.



Your Journey, Your Way



This itinerary is a suggested route through the Great American West, designed to showcase the best landscapes, towns, and experiences along the way. It is fully customisable to your personal style, interests, and pace - whether spending more time in national parks, exploring quirky towns, or adding extra adventures. Use it as a flexible guide to explore Idaho, Wyoming, South Dakota, and North Dakota, or incorporate it into a wider U.S.A. adventure. With Travel USA every journey can be adapted to create your own memorable and unique experience.

Best Time to Travel

This Great American West itinerary is designed for travel between **May and September**, when roads are clear, wildlife is active, and all attractions - from national parks to rodeos - are fully open. If you're interested in visiting outside these months, some experiences may be limited, but we can advise on alternative options to make the most of your trip. Contact Travel USA for tailored guidance for off-season travel.

Accommodation

Our Great American West itinerary combines a carefully curated mix of historic lodges, boutique hotels, and character-filled properties that reflect the spirit of the West. From Redfish Lake Lodge in Idaho to western-style lodges in Wyoming, iconic hotels in South Dakota, and charming frontier stays in North Dakota, each accommodation has been chosen for its location, character, and connection to local history. During the trip planning process, we'll review the accommodation options with you, giving you the flexibility to tailor them to your personal preferences.

What's Included?

- 16 day Alamo rental car in a Midsize SUV (Nissan Rogue or similar)
- 2 nights' accommodation at the Redfish Lake Lodge or Triangle C Cabins, Stanley, ID
- 2 nights' accommodation at the Rockwell Inn, Jackson Hole, WY
- 1 nights' accommodation at the Old Faithful Inn, Yellowstone National Park, WY
- 1 nights' accommodation at the State Game Lodge, Custer State Park, SD
- 2 nights' accommodation at the Hotel Alex Johnson, Rapid City, SD
- 2 nights' accommodation at the Rough Riders Hotel, Medora, ND
- 1 nights' accommodation in the following locations: Boise ID, Blackfoot ID, Cody WY, Deadwood SD, Bismarck ND and Fargo ND
- Buffalo Safari Jeep Tour in Custer State Park, SD
- America the Beautiful Pass - valid for one vehicle and up to four occupants at participating National Parks

This is a suggested itinerary based on our recommendations. There are no fixed departure dates or schedules so you can customise the itinerary to suit your personal preferences and needs. Contact us with your proposed dates and we will create a personalised travel package just for you.

Pricing:



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