

EXPERIENCE A JOURNEY THROUGH TIME

WYOMING'S BIGHORN BASIN

Hub & Spoke itinerary based in Cody, WY

Day 1- Welcome to Cody

After arriving in Cody, we check into our local accommodations. We get a great introduction to Cody as we take the Cody Trolley Tour and learn about this great town and its history. Dinner tonight will be a Chuckwagon experience with 2 Mules Chuckwagon. After dinner we call it a night as we have an early start in the morning.

Day 2- Lower loop of Yellowstone National Park

We get an early start to the day today as we set out with our step-on guides to discover the lower loop of **Yellowstone National Park**. Enjoy the scenic drive to the east entrance and keep your eyes out for wildlife. Our first stop in Yellowstone will be at the Historic Lake Hotel, then we will head over to West Thumb Geyser Basin, Old Faithful and the historic Old Faithful Inn and finally the Midway Geyser Basin (Grand Prismatic Springs). We will make our way back to Cody, with a stop at Canyon Village visitors center and drive through Hayden Valley. Dinner tonight in Cody.

Day 3- Upper loop of Yellowstone National Park.

This morning we once again have our step-on guides join us as we head to the north east entrance of Yellowstone National Park along the scenic Chief Joseph Highway and the Beartooth Highway, a All American Highway. The views will leave you speechless! Next we enjoy the drive through the Lamar Valley, while keeping our eyes out for the abundance of wildlife that call this area home, and were in 1995 the wolves were reintroduced to Yellowstone. We will then drive over to Mammoth Hot Springs and hopefully see some elk that call that area home. Next we head to the Norris Geyser Basin before heading over to Canyon Village again, and stopping at Artist Point and the Upper Falls of the Yellowstone River overlook. We exit through the east entrance once again and return to Cody for the evening.

Day 4- Cody Area

After two full days in Yellowstone, today we will experience the history of the area and the west. Our first visit will be to the **Heart Mountain Relocation Center**. Here you will experience life at Heart Mountain through the eyes of those Japanese and Japanese Americans who were confined here during WWII. We then return to Cody and spend the rest of the day exploring the **Buffalo Bill Center of the West** and the town of Cody, including the Cody Firearm experience or a whitewater rafting trip. Tonight we get experience Western Hospitality at it's finest as we enjoy dinner and a



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great country-western show at the **Cody Cattle Company** followed by an evening at the **Cody Nite Rodeo**.

Day 5- Powell and Lovell

This morning we head to Powell, WY where we will do a local food tour and visit the **Homesteader Museum**, followed by a tour of the agriculture industry in the region. Next we will head over to the **Bighorn Canyon National Recreation Area** where we will enjoy lunch before not only experiencing the incredible scenery, but also learning about its history on a eco-tour with **Horseshoe Bend Marina**. We will enjoy dinner at the **Bull Pub** in Cowley then return to Cody for the night.



Day 6- Greybull, Worland and Thermopolis.

Today we really dig into the pass and we set out on a paleontology adventure! Our first stop will be a quick detour up to Shell Falls before we meet up with volunteers at the **Bighorn Basin Geoscience Center** to see the unique the dinosaur tracks discovered in the area. Next we head to the **Washakie Museum and Cultural Center** located in Worland, which brings the past to life using fascinating exhibits to portray the relationship between the historical people of the Big Horn Basin and their environment. Next we will make our way to Thermopolis to tour the home of **Hot Springs State Park**. Then we will take a **Dino De-Tour** at the Wyoming Dinosaur Center where along with visiting the museum, we will visit their most famous and scientifically significant dig site, the most aptly named Something Interesting (SI) quarry. Our final stop will be in the town of Meeteetse to learn about the discovery of the once thought extinct black-footed ferret and enjoy some treats at the Meeteetse Chocolatier. Return to Cody for dinner.



Day 7- Kirwin

We finish our Wyoming trip with a trip where it truly is about the journey, not the destination! We will head back down to Meeteetse this morning and meet **Kirwin Ghost Town Adventures** along with our side-by-sides which we will be driving in to the Ghost Town of Kirwin. This all day adventure will take us down dirt roads, through streams, and a chance to just enjoy the great mountain air. Those who choose can hike the 1-mile trail back into the site where Amelia Earhart was building her cabin when she disappeared. Dinner in Cody



Day 8 - Depart WY



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