

# AMERICAN PARKS TRAIL

8 DAYS - MAY 23 - 30, 2021  
ESCORTED BY NEELIE KRUSE, CTC

## DAY 1: 23 May 2021

### Arrive in Jackson and Grand Teton National Park.

Welcome to Jackson, a remote and rugged Western town and increasingly popular destination. Jackson's iconic four elk arches guarding the corners of Jackson Square are surrounded by an incredible array of galleries, boutiques, restaurants and bars. On arrival, you'll be taken to your incredibly scenic hotel. At 18:00, join your Travel Director for a Welcome Dinner with wine, where you will meet your fellow guests. *Meal(s): Dinner with Wine.*

*Hotel(s): The Lodge at Jackson Hole.*

## DAY 2: 24 May 2021

### Yellowstone National Park.

Wake up to a mountainous view like no other and witness the striking Grand Tetons thrust skyward 6,562 feet (2,000 metres) from the valley floor. This morning, you have the opportunity to partake in an optional scenic float trip(8) down the Snake River inside Grand Teton National Park. Continue to Yellowstone, the world's first National Park. Known for its unique geothermal activity, spectacular landscapes and abundant wildlife, you'll experience Wyoming in all its glory. Keep an eye out for black bears or wolves. Tonight you'll stay in the National Park Lodges, allowing you to experience the park after hours, in its natural glory. *Meal(s): Breakfast.*

*Hotel(s): Yellowstone National Park Lodges Old Faithful Inn*

## DAY 3: 25 May 2021

### Geysers and Colourful Mudpots at Yellowstone.

Savour the surreal surroundings of Yellowstone with a relaxed start. Walk among the rainbow tinted hot springs and watch the erupting geysers as you take in the history of the park on an informative stroll with your Travel Director. Catch the renowned colourful bubbling mud pots and observe Old Faithful geyser shooting water over 120 feet (37 metres) into the air. You'll behold the powerful roar of Lower Yellowstone Falls, before heading back to your Park Lodge rooms. The National Park is also famous for its wildlife, so keep an eye out for the Yellowstone ram, wolves, bears and elk.

*Meal(s): Breakfast.*

*Hotel(s): Yellowstone National Park Lodges Old Faithful Inn*

## DAY 4: 26 May 2021

### The Ranch at UCross.

Set off on your travels through the stark Shoshone Canyon and Absaroka Rocky Mountains to the Wild West Town of Cody. Learn more about America's great Western legends at the Buffalo Bill Centre, known for its Western art collection, firearms and natural history. End the day in Clearmont, Wyoming where you'll check in to your abode for the night. Here you'll enjoy an All-American ranch style Highlight Dinner with wine. *Meal(s): Breakfast, Dinner with Wine.*

*Hotel(s): Ranch at UCross, Clearmont.*

## DAY 5: 27 May 2021

### Devils Tower into the Black Hills.

Live the American frontier dream and begin your day with a scenic country horseback ride (8). If playing cowboy isn't your thing, perhaps go fishing or merely relax and take in your beautiful surroundings, the choice is yours. Make your way to Devils Tower, an astounding geological feature that protrudes out of the surrounding the Black Hills. This symbolic landmark is considered sacred to the Lakota and other tribes. Experience Spearfish Canyon, a favoured spot among wildlife enthusiasts and one famous for its elvish woodland beauty. The limestone palisades of this creek-carved gorge are more ancient than the Grand Canyon. *Meal(s): Breakfast.*

*Hotel(s): Spearfish Canyon Lodge.*

## DAY 6: 28 May 2021

### Custer and the Wild, Wild West.

A day for those looking to explore the Wild West, try to spot pronghorn antelope as you cross the great high plains to the Black Hills of South Dakota. You'll have the opportunity to join Kevin Costner's Original Deadwood Tour, while a Local Expert will talk about the days of Wild Bill Hickok and Calamity Jane, who made this once lawless town famous during the Gold Rush of the 1870s. Continue on to Custer State Park, renowned for its beautiful landscape and abundant wildlife.

*Meal(s): Breakfast.*

*Hotel(s): Hotel Alex Johnson Curio Collection by Hilton*

## DAY 7: 29 May 2021

### The Mountain Monuments of the Black Hills of South Dakota.

The heart of the Black Hills offers spectacular representations of the nation's past. Travel to iconic Mount Rushmore National Memorial. Here, carvings of Presidents Washington, Jefferson, Lincoln and Roosevelt overlook the landscape. There will be ample time to explore on your own. Afterwards, you'll head to Crazy Horse Memorial, which is dedicated to all Native Americans. An exclusive Insight Experience awaits as you are taken up to the 641 feet (195 metres) long and 563 feet (172 metres) tall sculpture to stand face to face with the world's largest mountain carving. Join your Travel Director and newfound friends for a Celebration Dinner, as you reflect on your adventure across the wide-open spaces of America's national parks.

*Meal(s): Breakfast, Dinner with Wine.*

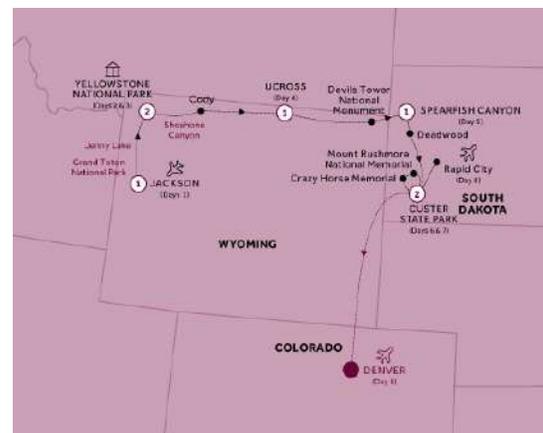
*Hotel(s): Hotel Alex Johnson Curio Collection by Hilton*

## DAY 8: 30 May 2021

### Depart Rapid City.

Guests ending in Rapid City will be taken to Rapid City Regional Airport.

*Meal(s): Breakfast.*



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Small Private Group Departure  
8 days : May 23 - 30, 2021

LAND ONLY

**\$3750.00 pp Twin Share**  
**\$1950.00 Single Supplement**

**\$154.00 Pre-Night based on Twin Share (subject to availability)**

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## HIGHLIGHTS

- Jackson: At 18:00, join your Travel Director for a Welcome Dinner with wine, where you will meet your fellow guests.
- Clearmont: Here you'll enjoy an All-American ranch style Highlight Dinner with wine.
- Custer: Join your Travel Director and newfound friends for a Celebration Dinner, as you reflect on your adventure across the wide-open spaces of America's national parks.
- Dining Summary: 7 Breakfasts (B) and 3 Dinners with wine (DW).
- Crazy Horse: You'll start by viewing Crazy Horse Memorial, which is dedicated to all Native Americans. An exclusive Insight Experience awaits as you are taken up to the 641 feet (195 metres) long and 563 feet (172 metres) tall sculpture to stand face to face with the world's largest mountain carving.
- Yellowstone NP: Continue to Yellowstone, the world's first National Park. Known for its unique geothermal activity, spectacular landscapes and abundant wildlife, you'll experience Wyoming in all its glory.
- Yellowstone: Catch the renowned colourful bubbling mud pots and observe Old Faithful geyser shooting water over 120 feet (37 metres) into the air. The Upper Geyser Basin boasts the highest concentration of spouting geysers, hot springs and steaming fumaroles in the world.
- Cody: Explore the award-winning Buffalo Bill Center of the West, known for its excellent Western art collection and natural history.
- UCross: Spend your morning with included horseback riding (8) in your beautiful surroundings.
- Black Hills: View the awe-inspiring Devils tower, a butte that protrudes from the landscape and is considered sacred by the Lakota and other tribes.
- Deadwood: Historical Wild West figures such as Wild Bill Hickok and Calamity Jane called Deadwood home. Learn about the Gold Rush and the town's notable residents aboard Kevin Costner's Original Deadwood Tour.
- Black Hills: View iconic Mount Rushmore National Memorial where carvings of Presidents Washington, Jefferson, Lincoln and Roosevelt overlook the landscape.



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