

THE CROSSROADS OF THE WEST

Featuring Salt Lake City and Bryce Canyon National Park

August 27 - September 5, 2025



Day 1: Journey Begins to Rapid City, SD

As you begin your journey West to Salt Lake City, or as the city is commonly referred to as “The Crossroads,” you will stop at *Wall Drug*, one of the most well-known tourist attractions. Wall Drug started with the promise of free ice water to travelers and has turned that idea into a multi-million dollar business.

Day 2: Rapid City, SD to Rock Springs, WY

The day begins with a self-guided tour of the *Mammoth Site*. This National Natural Landmark is an internationally renowned indoor working paleontological site/museum. More than 60 mammoths have been unearthed, making it one of the top fossil interpretive sites in North America.

Day 3: Rock Springs, WY to Salt Lake City, UT

This morning includes a guided tour of *Park City Museum* in Park City, UT. Here, you can discover the area’s history at the Park City Museum on Historic Main Street. Prospectors discovered silver in 1868 in the area, making mine owners wealthy and leaving miners to get by. After silver declined, Park City reinvented itself as a ski resort town for families. Later, a step-on guide will join you for a tour of the *Olympic Parkway*. Built for the Salt Lake 2002 Olympic Winter Games, it houses one of only four sliding tracks in North America, six Nordic ski jumps, a 2002 Winter Games museum, and a variety of adventure activities. You’ll also get a ride to the highest Nordic ski jump and one of the fastest sliding tracks in the world. Later visit the *Land Cruiser Heritage Museum*, where the world’s greatest vehicle, the Toyota Land Cruiser, is celebrated with over 90 models from around the world.

Day 4: Salt Lake City, UT

You’ll explore the *Red Butte Garden* today at your own pace. This is the largest botanical garden in the Intermountain West and, together with the University of Utah, covers over 21 acres. Lunch will be at *Salt Lake City Farmer’s Market and Art & Craft Market Pioneer Park*, with enough time to shop and explore. Enjoy the *Natural History Museum of Utah*, the state’s official natural history museum. Located in the foothills above Salt Lake City in the *Rio Tinto Center*, it is an architectural wonder that houses 163,000 square feet of breathtaking exhibitions exploring billions of years of natural history. The remainder of the day is yours to explore *Ogden’s Union Station and Historic 25th Street*.

Day 5: Salt Lake City, UT

Today, a step-on guide will join you on a *City Sightseeing Tour*. Hear the myths and mysteries of Great Salt Lake from a local expert. In addition to the entertaining stories and fascinating facts on this 50-mile adventure, you'll be marveled with a *Tabernacle Choir* performance! Then discover the saltiest lake in the Western Hemisphere: *America's Dead Sea*. As an option, take a swim and see how you can "float like a cork" in this salty water! Later, you'll enjoy a *Snowbird Tram Ride*. This aerial tram will whisk you along a 1.6-mile cable and up 2,900 vertical feet during the 10-minute trip to the top of Hidden Peak. Here, you can enjoy 360 degrees of breathtaking views.

Day 6: Salt Lake City, UT to Ely, NV

This morning, you'll visit the *Bonneville Salt Flats*, one of the most unique natural features in Utah, stretching over 30,000 acres. The famous Bonneville Speedway is located near Wendover in the western portion of the flats. It is perfectly flat and has a thick crust of salty soil. After lunch, there will be a guided tour of *Wendover Historic Airfield* and a visit to the *Museum*. This historic airfield is the most original and authentically preserved WWII Army Air Force base in the U.S. Any other airport in the country does not surpass the importance of this site to our national history.

Day 7: Ely, NV to Richfield, UT

This afternoon, you will be at *Bryce Canyon National Park*. You will stop at the Visitor Center, have time to talk with a ranger, explore the museum, watch the park film, and then take the Park Shuttle. The shuttle will take you through the park, stopping at key locations for pictures and viewing. This will give you an opportunity to see the Hoodoos (irregular columns of rocks) that Bryce has the largest concentration of anywhere on Earth!

Day 8: Richfield, UT to Denver, CO

Today is a travel day as you begin making your way home.

Day 9: Denver, CO to Kearney, NE

In North Platte, NE, you'll visit the *Buffalo Bill Ranch State Historical Park Museum* today as the home of famed showman scout William F. "Buffalo Bill" Cody. This home recaptures the life and career of the famed Pony Express rider, Army scout, and buffalo hunter-turned-showman.

Day 10: Kearney, NE to Home

In Ashland, NE, you'll have a guided tour of the *Strategic Air Command and Aerospace Museum*, a Smithsonian affiliate home to the largest collection of Cold War aircraft and artifacts in the United States. The tour ends as you return home.



Activity Level: Active

8 Breakfasts 1 Lunch
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Occupancy	Price PP Cash	Price PP Credit Card
Double	\$ 2,525	\$ 2,626
Triple	\$ 2,235	\$ 2,324
Quad	\$ 2,095	\$ 2,179
Single	\$ 3,365	\$ 3,500

