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EXPLORING AMERICA'S WEST

Small Group Tour

June 16 - 27, 2025



Day 1: Journey Begins to Bismark, ND

Today is a travel day as your Exploring America's West journey begins.

Day 2: Bismark, ND to Glendive, MT

Upon arriving in Mandan, ND, you'll enjoy a guided tour of *Fort Abraham Lincoln State Park* and *On-A-Slant Indian Village*. Travel through time and gain insight into the lives of the Mandan Native Americans who once lived here. Discover life as a frontier soldier and participate in a living history tour of the commanding officer's quarters. In Medora this afternoon, you'll have a guided tour of the *Chateau de Mores State Historic Site* and the *Rails, Ranch, and Riches Exhibit*. In 1883, Antoine de Vallombrosa began numerous enterprises, from a stagecoach line to refrigerated rail cars, and started a new town named after his wife, Medora.

Day 3: Glendive, MT to Billings, MT

Today, explore the *Range Riders Museum* at your own pace. You'll find everything from a Native American village to pieces from the Revolutionary War and everything in between. Your next stop is *Pompeys Pillar*, one of America's most famous sandstone buttes, with the only remaining physical evidence of the Lewis and Clark Expedition. If you can't hike any of the trails by the Pillar, you'll enjoy the impressive Interpretive Center. The afternoon concludes with a visit to the *Little Bighorn Battlefield National Monument*. The site preserves the June 25 and 26, 1876, Battle of the Little Bighorn, near Crow Agency, Montana, in the US. It also serves as a memorial to those who fought in the battle.

Day 4: Billings, MT to Bozeman, MT

Your day begins with a guided tour of *Moss Mansion Museum*. The mansion is listed on the National Register of Historic Places and has been in motion pictures, such as *Return to Lonesome Dove*. This afternoon, a *Step-On Guide* will join you for a *guided tour of Billings*. See all the historic places and listen to all the great stories that accompany these amazing sites.

Day 5: Bozeman, MT

Embark today on a Montana adventure at *Alpaca & Lama Farm* for a guided experience. Discover a vibrant array of alpacas, each with its unique personality and color; the differences between alpacas and llamas, and why Montana is a great place to raise these magnificent animals. Following lunch, explore the renowned *Museum of the Rockies*. Its remarkable collection of dinosaur fossils, including the fully-mounted Montana's T.Rex skeleton, the captivating planetarium, cultural artifacts, and more, make it a worldwide recognized museum. This evening, you are going to the *Bozeman Hot Springs*. These world-famous natural hot springs have had visitors coming to relax and rejuvenate for over 100 years.

Day 6: Bozeman, MT to West Yellowstone, MT

Step back in time today with a visit to *Nevada City, MT*, and *Virginia City, MT*. First, in Nevada City, you'll find over 100 buildings and living history interpreters, allowing you to discover what living in a frontier mining town was like. Later, in Virginia City, a city that quickly sprung up over a hundred years ago when gold was discovered in Alder Gulch, you'll again find out what a gold-rush city was like. Alder Gulch mined, in today's equivalent, 40 billion dollars! Each city features original buildings with authentic artifacts but also features restaurants and shops for your convenience and enjoyment.

Day 7: West Yellowstone, MT

This morning, visit the *Grizzly and Wolf Discovery Center*. All animals at the center were rescued, and their habitats are designed to mimic their natural environment in the wild. Be sure to note the feeding times of the Grizzly Bears; they are the main attraction! After the visit, you have the rest of the day to explore independently. Tickets are available for the *IMAX Theatre*, or you can visit the Museum of the Yellowstone, explore the shops, or dine at one of the many restaurants.

Day 8: West Yellowstone, MT to Cody, WY

You will enter *Yellowstone National Park* today with stops for viewing and pictures at *Brink of the Upper Falls*, also known as a portion of the *Grand Canyon of Yellowstone*, *Artist Point*, *Lake Yellowstone*, and driving through *Hayden's Valley*, a 'hot spot' for viewing wildlife such as bison, wolves bear elk, and more. You will then stop at *Buffalo Bill Dam and Visitor Center*, the first concrete arch dam built in the US.

Day 9: Cody, WY

Today starts at *Old Trail Town*, where the lifestyle and history of the frontier have been brought together through a rare collection of authentic structures and furnishings. From original cabins used by old west outlaws Butch Cassidy and the Sundance Kid to the log cabin home of "Curley," a Crow Indian Army Scout. Lunch will be at the historic *Buffalo Bill's Irma Hotel*, built in 1902 and named after Buffalo Bill's daughter. You will enjoy two *exclusive guided tours* this afternoon at the *Buffalo Bill Center of the West*. The first will be in the *Buffalo Bill Museum*, and the second will be in the *Plains Indian Museum*. Following that, you will be given a *'hands-on' experience* with authentic artifacts! After free time at the hotel, a delicious *Chuckwagon Dinner* will be served at the *Cody Cattle Company*, complete with a western show from *Ryan Martin and the Triple C Cowboys*. The evening rounds out with the famous *Cody Stampede Rodeo*.

Day 10: Cody, WY to Buffalo, WY

While driving through the *Bighorn National Forest*, you will stop at *Shell Canyon* to view Shell Falls. It's common to spot Elk, Deer, and Moose in this area. Later in Sheridan, WY, you can enjoy a guided *Trail End State Historic Site* tour. The Kendrick family built this 14,000 sq. ft. home during a significant change in the West, the Era of Jazz and Prohibition.

Day 11: Buffalo, WY to Deadwood, SD

You'll visit the infamous *Devil's Tower* today. Considered sacred by Northern Plains Indians, featured in films, and believed to be a geological phenomenon, it is one of the most visited sites in the US. Arriving in Deadwood, SD, this afternoon, you'll visit *Tatanka Story of Bison*, the museum created by Kevin Costner. There will be a presentation by a Native American Interpreter, followed by time to explore on your own. Be sure to step outside and see the breathtaking 17-piece bronze sculptures of 14 bison being pursued by three Lakota riders on bareback.

Day 12: Deadwood, SD to Home

Your Exploring the West tour concludes today.

Activity Level: Moderate

11 Breakfasts 2 Lunches 2 Dinners

Occupancy	Price Per Person
Double	\$3,295
Triple	\$2,845
Quad	\$2,595
Single	\$4,865

Note: There will be a fee on all credit card transactions.

