

# YELLOWSTONE AND MT. RUSHMORE (TGT1015)

**AUGUST 9-17, 2025** 

TRIP HIGHLIGHTS: Mormon Tabernacle Choir; Logan Canyon; Bear Lake; Grand Teton National Park; Snake River float ride; Yellowstone National Park; Old Faithful; West Yellowstone; Mammoth Hot Springs; Grand Canyon of Yellowstone upper and lower falls; Buffalo Bill Historic Center; Cody Cattle Company dinner show; Cody Nite Rodeo; Heart Mountain Interpretive Center; Little Big Horn Battlefield Visitor Center; Devil's Tower National Monument; Western town of Deadwood; Mt. Rushmore National Park; Custer State Park; Wildlife jeep safari; Crazy Horse Monument

## **INCLUDES:**

- Roundtrip flights from Buffalo, Rochester, or Syracuse
- 8-nights accommodations
- 14 meals: 8 breakfasts, 1 lunch, 5 dinners
- Deluxe transportation on tour
- All admission and entrances fees as outlined in itinerary
- All restaurant gratuities for included meals
- All hotel charges and local taxes
- Baggage handling when available (1 piece per person)
- Services of a local tour guide and driver
- Services of a AAA Group Travel Tour Host

#### **ACTIVITY LEVEL: 4**

**CHALLENGING:** fast pace; frequent physically challenging activities; walking on varied terrain and/or up to two miles at a time; longer tour days. This Activity Level is not recommended for travelers with serious medical conditions.



## **PRICING:**

Double \$5,429
Single \$6,869
Optional Pre-Paid AAA Group Travel Tour Host Gratuity \$36

Rates and inclusions are per person based on occupancy and include AAA Member Discount. \$750 per person deposit due at time of booking. Final payment due by May 20, 2025.

**NOTE:** This tour is booked as the above inclusions state. It is possible due to unforeseen circumstances that some inclusions may change in future months. Should that happen, AAA Group Travel will take all necessary steps to find a suitable replacement for the tour.

## **PICK-UP LOCATIONS:**

Buffalo	Rochester	Syracuse
AAA Administrative Office	RIT Inn & Conference Center	AAA Travel & Insurance Center
100 International Dr.	5257 West Henrietta Rd.	7485 Henry Clay Blvd.
Williamsville	Henrietta	Liverpool

#### **CANCELLATION POLICY:**

AAA recommends the purchase of Allianz Global Assistance products to protect your trip investment. Day of Deposit to 3-25-2025 / \$150 Administrative Fee Per Person 3-26-2025 to 5-2-2025 / Loss of Deposit Per Person 5-21-2025 to Travel to Day of Departure / 100% Non-Refundable Per Person



#### **TERMS & CONDITIONS:**

HOW TO BOOK: Reservations may be made through any AAA Western and Central New York branch or by calling 1-800-937-1222.

SINGLE OCCUPANCY: If a single room must be assigned for any reason, even at the last moment or while on tour, the single room supplement, or prorate thereof, must be collected since hotels make no allowances.

PARKING: If you are picking up AAA transportation at the RIT Inn and Conference Center you will be required to turn in a liability form online prior to your trip for any vehicle left in the lot during the tour. You agree to these terms and conditions when you confirm your trip.

DOCUMENTATION: NEW!: Beginning May 7, 2025, if you plan to use your state-issued ID or license to fly within the U.S. or to enter a Federal facility, it must be REAL ID compliant or Enhanced. Proper identification and documentation required for cruising and for international travel can vary; please consult your Travel Advisor. Traveling into Canada: All U.S. citizens 16 years of age and older MUST present a valid U.S. Passport, Passport Card, or Enhanced Driver's License for travel into Canada. Photocopies are not acceptable. Children under 16 years of age will need to have a current passport, passport card, or original birth certificate with raised seal. If you are traveling with a child under 16 years of age and are not the legal parent, you are required by customs to carry a notarized statement granting permission from both the child's parents to enter Canada. If you are a single or married parent and are traveling as a single parent, you are required by customs to carry a notarized statement granting permission from the child's other parent to enter Canada. Note: Any passenger without proper proof at boarding may be refused boarding. Non-U.S. citizens should consult their AAA Travel Counselor for appropriate visa requirements.

PLEASE BE ADVISED: Proper documentation must be shown upon check-in prior to departure or boarding will be denied and no refunds given. Arrival and departure times are subject to change based on weather, traffic and border conditions. Pick up locations are subject to change based on parking availability. Pricing, inclusions, itinerary and availability are subject to change. AAA Western and Central New York is not responsible for typographical errors on this flyer. Should the minimum number of passengers required to operate the tour not be met, AAA Western and Central New York has the right to cancel the tour. In this case, any monies collected from passengers would be refunded. Should the minimum number of passengers required to include a Tour Host not be met, services of a Tour Host will not be included. RESPONSIBILITY & LIABILITY: AAA Western and Central New York acts only as sales agents for the airlines, cruise ships, bus lines, hotels, car rental companies, and tour and charter operators who will actually provide the travel services you will enjoy on your vacation or business trip. The names of each of the companies agreeing to provide travel services to you are listed in your individual itinerary, travel vouchers, and tickets. Because we act only as sales agents for these companies and maintain no control over their personnel or operations, only they can be responsible should any aspect of their travel arrangements not be to your satisfaction. Should you have any questions about the services provided to you by these travel service companies, please let us know as soon as possible so that we may assist you in adjusting the problem with them. Moreover, since AAA Western and Central New York obviously will have no control over unforeseen events that may occur during the course of travel, AAA Western and Central New York must disclaim all responsibility and liability for any monetary, physical, or psychological injuries of any nature whatsoever arising from or caused by acts of terrorism, civil strife, disturbance, war, or other upheaval or negligent or criminal act of whatever kind and nature that occurs during your travel. We regret that we are unable to accommodate all requests for special diets, itinerary variations, wheelchairs, or for individuals who require special assistance. When traveling with AAA your safety is of paramount importance to us. We have implemented various safety measures, processes and procedures on our tours to create a safe and hygienic environment based on guidelines and policies prescribed and published by the World Health Organization, United States Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, and New York State. By purchasing this tour, you agree to any terms and conditions regarding any pandemic related restrictions, limitations, itinerary changes, testing requirements, and vaccine and/or vaccine booster requirements as set by AAA, travel suppliers, and/or travel destinations. To enjoy your tour to the fullest, you should be in good physical and mental health. Any physical disabilities must be reported to AAA at the time of your reservation. Tour participants who require extraordinary assistance must be accompanied by a helper who is entirely capable and totally responsible for providing the required assistance. AAA has the right to amend the terms and conditions whenever deemed necessary.

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#### **ACTIVITY LEVELS:**

AAA Group Travel endeavors to accommodate special access needs but cannot guarantee we will be able to do so. Certain itineraries may be inaccessible or not suitable for travelers with limited mobility. AAA Group Travel Tour Hosts are responsible for all travelers and tour components of a group tour. AAA Group Travel Tour Hosts, AAA employees, motorcoach drivers, and vendor employees are unable to function as a companion for solo travelers needing assistance with mobility (including assisting with boarding/disembarking from a motorcoach). AAA Group Travel requests that travelers report any mobility needs in advance of booking in order for us to evaluate the feasibility of a particular tour. Travelers needing assistance are required to travel with a companion who is willing and able to provide services or assistance to the traveler for the entirety of the trip, at the traveler's own expense. The failure to report any needs in advance of a group tour or arrival at a departure without a companion if needed, may result in the inability to provide services and/or cancellation without refund, at AAA Group Travel's sole discretion. AAA Group Travel and its Travel Advisors are available to discuss other touring options if a certain Group Tour and its Activity Level do not suit your needs in the planning stages.

The AAA Group Travel Activity Levels are progressive in nature.

ACTIVITY LEVEL 1 / RELAXED: leisurely pace; shorter touring days; some physical activity required including independently boarding/disembarking motorcoach and managing one's own baggage.

ACTIVITY LEVEL 2 / COMFORTABLE: easy pace; some stairs and standing; short duration walks typically on level terrains. (including independently boarding/disembarking motorcoach).

ACTIVITY LEVEL 3 / ACTIVE: moderate pace; good mobility needed; stairs and prolonged standing for more than 2 hours at a time; some longer days involving early mornings and/or late evenings; some walking on varied terrain. This Activity Level is not recommended for travelers with mobility issues such as someone who uses a cane, walker, or wheelchair.

ACTIVITY LEVEL 4 / CHALLENGING: fast pace; frequent physically challenging activities; walking on varied terrain and/or up to two miles at a time; longer tour days. This Activity Level is not recommended for travelers with serious medical conditions.

ACTIVITY LEVEL 5 / STRENUOUS: vigorous pace; frequent strenuous activities; extensive walking; longer tour days; walking on varied terrain.



# **TENTATIVE ITINERARY**

Yellowstone & Mt. Rushmore Saturday, August 9 – Sunday, August 17, 2025

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#### Saturday, August 9, 2025

Take an included early morning flight from Buffalo, Rochester, or Syracuse.

Arrive at Salt Lake Airport, meet your Western Leisure Tour Director and transfer to the hotel on the shuttle.

Arrive for check-in for your **one-night stay** at the Holiday Inn Express in Salt Lake City, UT. Your Tour Director will assist with check-in and instructions for the tour.

Enjoy the group for a **welcome dinner** at a local restaurant.

#### Sunday, August 10, 2025

Enjoy an included hotel **breakfast** at your leisure before check-out. This morning you will begin your western adventure.

Arrive at Temple Square, where you will have a chance to hear the world-famous **Mormon Tabernacle Choir's** weekly broadcast performance (choir schedule permitting). Then depart Salt Lake City and travel north along the shores of the Great Salt Lake. Travel through Logan Canyon, to Garden City for a lunch stop. Continue past beautiful Bear Lake on the way to Wyoming.

In the late afternoon, arrive in the fun western town of Jackson with the evening free to explore the many shops, art galleries and restaurants on your own.

Check in to Elk Country in Jackson, WY for your one-night stay.

#### Monday, August 11, 2025

Enjoy an included hotel **breakfast** at your leisure before check out.

This morning you are in for a wonderful experience as you are introduced to **Grand Teton National Park** on a half-day **scenic float trip on the Snake River!** Enjoy amazing views of the Teton Mountains and wildlife viewing opportunities as your guide explains the geology and history of the area.

After the float trip, continue sightseeing of Grand Teton including Jenny Lake, Colter Bay, and Jackson Lake. Next, enter **Yellowstone**National Park for sightseeing including the heart of the park, Old Faithful. There will be plenty of time to witness an eruption and explore Old Faithful Village and the many thermal features in the area. In the late afternoon, travel to West Yellowstone.

Check into Kelly Inn in West Yellowstone, MT for a two-night stay. Dinner will be included at a local restaurant.

### Tuesday, August 12, 2025

Enjoy an included hotel **breakfast** at your leisure.

Today enjoy touring Yellowstone National Park including Mammoth Hot Springs, Grand Canyon of the Yellowstone with Upper and Lower Falls, Hayden Valley, and Yellowstone Lake. Time will be given for lunch on your own along the way and there will be opportunities to view wildlife and do some short hiking.

Return to West Yellowstone for dinner and evening on your own.

Wednesday, August 13, 2025



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Enjoy an included hotel breakfast at your leisure.

Depart West Yellowstone and make one more pass-through Yellowstone National Park through Hayden Valley and along the shores of Yellowstone Lake. Exit the park and arrive in the historic town of Cody with some free time for lunch on your own.

Enjoy touring the **Buffalo Bill Historic Center** which is five museums under one roof.

Check in for your one-night stay at the Comfort Inn in Cody, WY.

Tonight, join the group for a **night of western food and entertainment** at the Cody Cattle Company with a chuckwagon style dinner, traditional cowboy music and some laughs. End the evening with the **Cody Nite Rodeo** for some real cowboy fun.

#### Thursday, August 14, 2025

Enjoy an included hotel breakfast at your leisure before check-out.

Depart and enjoy the **Heart Mountain Interpretive Center**. The Center was one of ten concentration camps used for the internment of Japanese Americans evicted during World War II from their local communities. From here we travel to the **Little Big Horn Battlefield Visitor Center**. The Battle of the Little Bighorn, known to the Lakota and other Plains Indians as the Battle of the Greasy Grass, and commonly referred to as Custer's Last Stand, was an armed engagement between combined forces of the Lakota Sioux, Northern Cheyenne, and Arapaho tribes and the 7th Cavalry Regiment of the United States Army.

Check in for your **one-night stay** at the Best Western Sheridan Center in Sheridan, WY.

Enjoy an **included dinner** tonight in Sheridan, WY.

#### Friday, August 15, 2025

Enjoy an included hotel **breakfast** at your leisure before check-out.

Depart Sheridan and continue east with a rest stop in Downtown Gillette.

Arrive at **Devil's Tower National Monument** for sightseeing of the country's first National Monument. This afternoon, arrive in **Deadwood** for sightseeing of this rough and tumble western town famous for outlaws, gunslingers, and lawmen alike. There will be time to explore the town and have dinner on your own

Check in to Home 2 Suites in Rapid City, SD for your two-night stay.

#### Saturday, August 16, 2025

Enjoy an included hotel **breakfast** at your leisure.

Enjoy sightseeing in the **Black Hills**. Start your day with a beautiful drive to **Mt. Rushmore National Memorial** for a morning view of this magnificent monument.

Travel to **Custer State Park** and the historic **State Game Lodge**. Then get up close and personal with the residents of this park as you head out on a **Wildlife Jeep Safari** to view the buffalo hears and much more.

Make your way to **Crazy Horse Monument** for sightseeing of the yet unfinished mountain carving and insight into the Lakota culture with free time for lunch on your own. In the afternoon stop in Keystone with some free time for shopping and exploring on your own.

Join the group for a **farewell dinner** followed by a wonderfully patriotic and inspiring event as you attend the **Mt. Rushmore Evening Lighting Ceremony**.



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# Sunday, August 17, 2024

Enjoy an included hotel breakfast at your leisure before check-out.

Transfer to the Rapid City Airport for your included return flight to Buffalo, Rochester, or Syracuse.

\*Nation-wide staffing shortages continue to pose group travel challenges. Timing, itinerary, inclusions, and order of events are subject to change without notice.