

Golden Partners

Yellowstone

July 8 – 21, 2017

Day 1- Saturday, July 8

Included Meal: on own

Coach arrives for loading in **Owensboro, KY**.
Coach departs for **Janesville, WI** with rest stops and lunch break en route.
Check into the hotel. The evening and dinner will be at your leisure.

Janesville, WI

Day 2- Sunday, July 9

Included Meal: Breakfast

Breakfast at the hotel.
Depart for **Minneapolis, MN** with rest stop and lunch break en route.
Arrive at the **Mall of America**. Put your walking shoes on! This mall is large enough to place seven Yankee Stadium's inside! Get your smart phone ready google maps will show you where each store is and how to get there. Don't want to shop? Take in a game of mini-golf, catch a comedy show or show your bowling talents.
Check into hotel

Minneapolis, MN

Day 3- Monday, July 10

Included Meals: Breakfast & Dinner

Breakfast at the hotel.
Free time this morning for shopping
Depart for **Valley City, ND**
After checking into your hotel the evening is at your leisure. Stretch your legs and explore the **Medicine Wheel Park**.
Medicine Wheel Park was constructed, beginning in 1992, by a university professor and his students. The park is named after the Medicine Wheel they built, which a calendar is made out of rocks, similar to those made by Native Americans years ago.
Some options for a group dinner: Sabris Dining & Lounge and Woodland Steakhouse.

Valley City, ND

Day 4- Tuesday, July 11

Included Meals: Breakfast and Dinner

Breakfast at the hotel.
Depart for a one hour guided tour of the City of Bridges **Valley City, ND**. You will drive by the 8 bridges in **Valley City**. Two of which are walking bridges. Time and weather permitting stops may be made at some of the bridges.
Depart for downtown **Valley City, ND** take some time and walk the city and indulge in the unique shops downtown.
Depart for **Medora, ND**
Check into the hotel to freshen up for tonight's entertainment.
Dinner at **Pitchford Steak Fondue**.
Enjoy the show tonight at **Medora Musical Burning Hills Amphitheatre**.
Return to the hotel for the night

Medora, ND

Day 5- Wednesday, July 12

Included Meal: Breakfast & Dinner

Breakfast at the hotel.
Depart for **Bozeman, MT**.

Stop enroute at **Pompeys Pillar National Monument**. This is the Americas smallest **National Monument**. The Pillar is 25 miles east of Billings along I-94, and overlooks the **Yellowstone River**. In 1806, Captain William Clark visited here and carved his name into the rock. It stands 200 hundred feet high and is quite noticeable from a distance.

There is a boardwalk and several sets of stairs that lead up to the engraving and then to the top of the pillar. Stairs are the only way up for those that want to see his signature. The view is quite lovely and at certain times of day animals can be seen. There is a Visitor's Center with rangers, and restrooms.

Check into your hotel.

Planned Group Dinner

Bozeman, MT

Day 6- Thursday, July 13

Included Meal: Breakfast and Dinner

Breakfast at the hotel

Depart for **Jackson Hole** including a picture stop at **Old Faithful**.

After exploring on your own your group will enjoy a **Bar T5 Western Dinner Show**. This evening dinner show will take you away into beautiful **Cache Creek Canyon** as we fill your evening with great entertainment, western hospitality, and a dinner that will tantalize your taste buds.

Check in to hotel and freshen up for your adventurous evening

Jackson Hole, WY

Day 7- Friday, July 14

Included Meal: Breakfast

Breakfast at hotel.

Coach departs for **Yellowstone National Park** with a scenic drive through **Grand Teton National Park** with rest stops and meal breaks en route.

Depart for **Cody, WY** with rest stops and meal break en route.

Check into hotel and freshen up for tonight's entertainment the **Cody Stampede Rodeo**.

Cody, WY

Day 8- Saturday, July 15

Included Meal: Breakfast & Dinner

Breakfast at the hotel.

This morning is at your leisure.

Dan Miller Cowboy Music Revue Show, a Branson style music variety show.

Enjoy priority seating at the **Wild West Shootout** in front of the Irma Hotel

Dinner at the historic **Irma Hotel**.

Cody, WY

Day 9- Sunday, July 16

Included Meal: Breakfast

Bags out and breakfast at the hotel.

Depart for **Rapid City, SD**.

Arrive **Rapid City, SD**.

Meet your guide at **The Rushmore Hotel**.

Stavkirke Norwegian Chapel was built in **Rapid City** in 1969. The unique "**Stavkirke**" is an exact copy of the famous 830 year-old **Borgund Church** in **Norway**. The intricate wood carvings, strange dragon heads and ingenious pegged construction make it a place of unusual interest.

Depart for downtown **Rapid City**.

Viewing of the statues of the **Presidents**.

Guide will advise of options for dinner on your own downtown.

Check in to your hotel (3 nights)

Rapid City, SD

Day 10- Monday, July 17

Included Meals: Breakfast & Lunch

Breakfast at your hotel

Coach available for boarding.

Depart hotel with your guide.

Arrive at **Deadwood**. The entire city of **Historic Deadwood** is a national historic landmark. The famous and infamous have left their marks here. Follow their footsteps as you explore the beauty and history of this one-of-a-kind Wild West town.

A buffet lunch is planned at the **Silverado**.

Depart for **Crazy Horse**.

Crazy Horse Memorial was begun in 1948 and includes the **Indian Museum of North America**, the **Native American Cultural Center**, the sculptor's studio, as well as a new 40,000 square foot Orientation Center and theaters.

Depart for the **State Game Lodge**.

Arrive at the **State Game Lodge**. Restroom break before boarding Jeeps for the **Buffalo Safari**.

Jeep Tour to the buffalo herds in **Custer Park**. *Guide departs after boarding Jeeps.*

Cookout in **Parker Canyon**. You are served a chuck wagon feast and live entertainment with Western Flair.

Group will return to the **Game Lodge**.

Depart for **Rapid City, SD**.

Arrive at your hotel.

Rapid City, SD

Day 11- Tuesday, July 18

Included Meals: Breakfast & Dinner

Breakfast at your hotel.

Coach available for boarding.

Depart hotel with your guide, travel to **Wall**.

Sightseeing own at **Wall Drug**. In 1936 the owners of this block long drug store began advertising free ice water to hot, weary travelers. Tourists have been stopping there ever since. Today, the store is the principle industry in Wall, employing almost a third of the town population. **Lunch will be on your own.**

Depart for the **Badlands**. Guided tour of the Badlands National Park (12:45pm-2:15pm)

Badlands Visitors Center – comfort stop, view exhibits and book store.

Travel to **Rapid City** with your guide.

Return to your hotel.

Travel to **Mount Rushmore**.

Arrive at **Mount Rushmore**. The American Indians have considered these hills sacred for centuries and today **Mount Rushmore** is considered a sacred place to people from many different cultures and countries.

To some it reflects patriotism; to others it reflects the natural beauty of our nation, to some it represents a great work of art and still to others it presents a challenge for them to begin to share their own cultures. You will depart after seeing the evening view of **Mount Rushmore** as it is lit up at dusk. **Dinner will be on your own.** *Guide will orient the group to facilities before departing.*

Evening lighting program of **Mt. Rushmore** begins. (Ending at 9:30 pm)

Depart for **Rapid City** to return to hotel.

Arrive at your hotel.

Rapid City, SD

Day 12- Wednesday, July 19

Included Meal: Breakfast

Bags out and breakfast at the hotel.

Depart for the **Black Hills Gold Factory**. *(No guide today – Guide will have shown the driver where to go, they will be watching for the coach. A staff member will board the coach to explain the tour to the group.)*

Guided Tour from 8:15am-9:30am.

Depart for **Murdo, SD**.

Arrive in **Murdo, SD**. Lunch will be on your own.

Arrive at the **World Famous Pioneer Auto Show**. Whether you choose to visit **Pioneer Town**, check out the vintage car exhibit including more than 250 classic cars, trucks and motorcycles or browse their one-of-a-kind selection of unique collectables, souvenirs and gifts. There is plenty to for you to see here.

Depart for **Mitchell, SD**.

Check into hotel before dinner on your own.

Mitchell, SD

Day 13- Thursday, July 20

Included Meal: Breakfast and Dinner

Breakfast at hotel

Visit the **Corn Palace** with **Cornelius** to greet you. The original **Corn Palace**, called "**The Corn Belt Exposition**" was established in 1892. You will enjoy the murals on the building exterior made with fruits of the harvest and designed by local artist.

Coach departs for **Kansas City, MO** with rest stops and lunch break en route.

Check into the hotel and freshen up before dinner.

Group Dinner at **The Corner Café**. Well known by the locals for their pies.

Kansas City, MO

Day 14- Friday, July 21

Included Meal: Breakfast and lunch

Bags out and breakfast at hotel

Depart for **St. Charles, MO**.

Arrive in **St. Charles, MO**.

Group lunch in **Historic St. Charles** at **Mother-In-Law House**.

Free time in **Historic St. Charles**.

Depart for home.

Approximate arrival in **Owensboro, KY**.

PRELIMINARY