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THE AMERICAN WEST

With Yellowstone & the Grand Tetons

July 11-20, 2018

10 days from \$3,995* total price - Land Only

The diverse heritage and natural splendor of the American West spring to life on this inspiring small group tour. From the monumental - Mount Rushmore and Crazy Horse - to the majestic - Yellowstone and the Grand Tetons, Bighorn Forest and the Great Plains - we see America at her most beautiful.



ITINERARY IN BRIEF

Day 1: July 11, 2018
Depart for Rapid City

Day 2: July 12, 2018
Rapid City

Days 3-4: July 13-14, 2018
Sheridan

Days 5-6: July 15-16, 2018
Cody

Days 7-10: July 17-20, 2018
Jackson Hole

TOUR HIGHLIGHTS

- Depart for Rapid City, South Dakota. The day is at leisure to explore the "Gateway to the Black Hills" as you wish.
- Visit South Dakota's famed Badlands National Park, America's largest prairie ecosystem. Learn about this wind-carved landscape's history as a home to endangered species and Native American tribes, along with its rich deposits of prehistoric fossils.
- Take a short drive to the Black Hills, stopping at world-famous Mount Rushmore National Memorial and the massive, unfinished Crazy Horse Memorial. Continue on to Wyoming, the "Cowboy State," and the classic Western town of Sheridan. Get an authentic taste of the Old West as you visit a local ranch, and enjoy a barbecue lunch before returning to Sheridan.
- Travel through Bighorn National Forest and across the Great Plains to Cody, "Rodeo Capital of the World." Here, visit the five-museum Buffalo Bill Center of the West and enjoy an evening visit to the Cody Nite Rodeo. Set off to enjoy two full days of exploring stunning Yellowstone National Park, including the 24-mile Grand Canyon and Mammoth Hot Springs. Return to Cody for Dan Miller's Cowboy Music Revue dinner show.
- Re-enter Yellowstone, stopping first at beautiful Yellowstone Lake. Continue on to storied Old Faithful before taking the scenic drive south on the John. D. Rockefeller, Jr. Memorial Parkway. Enter dramatic Grand Teton National Park and descend to Jackson Hole. Explore the park, keeping your eyes open for its many species of wildlife. Enjoy a tour highlight: a leisurely Snake River rafting trip. Toast your Western adventure at a farewell dinner. In the morning, transfer to the airport for your flight home.

The American West, Continued:

***PLEASE NOTE:** At this time, elements of the tour are still being finalized. Your deposit will be fully refundable until all details, including pricing, are complete. Our tour operator, Odysseys Unlimited, Inc., will be in touch with you in November 2017 when the final tour details and tour brochure are available. At that time, you will have two weeks to decide whether you would like to convert your preliminary registration to a confirmed booking, or to cancel and receive a full refund. Once your booking is confirmed, the cancellation penalties as outlined in the brochure will apply. You will then receive a complete confirmation packet.

***Probable Pricing:**

\$3,995* total price for land only – airport arrival and departures not included. Round trip air transportation from any U.S. city is available. Prices are per person based on double occupancy. Single travelers please add \$1,395*.

PLEASE NOTE: All dates, prices, and itinerary details for 2018 tours are subject to change. Finalized pricing will be made available approximately eight months prior to departure.

Your Tour Price Includes:

- 9 nights' accommodations in Superior First Class and First Class hotels
- 19 meals: 9 breakfasts, 4 lunches, 6 dinners
- Extensive sightseeing as described, including all entrance fees
- Services of an Odysseys Unlimited Tour Director
- Private motorcoach transportation throughout your trip
- Luggage handling for one bag per person
- Gratuities for dining room servers, hotel porters, rafting guides, and all drivers

PRE-REGISTRATION FORM

SEND TO: Rice Alumni Traveling Owls – MS 520
Rice University
P.O. Box 1892
Houston, TX 77251-1892
Phone: (713) 34-TRIPS FAX: (713) 348-5210 E-mail: travelingowls@rice.edu

Our Tour Operator for this program is:
Odysseys Unlimited, Inc.

Enclosed is my/our deposit for \$ _____ (\$500 per person) for _____ person/people. This secures our space on the following tour: **The American West: With Yellowstone & the Grand Tetons, July 11-20, 2018.** Make check payable to Odysseys Unlimited, Inc., or please charge my/our deposit to:

AMEX VISA MasterCard Discover

Card # _____ Expiration Date _____ Security Code _____

Signature _____

I/We understand that I/we will be contacted in November 2017, once the final brochure for the tour is available, and will be given the opportunity to cancel at that time, without penalty. I/We also understand that billing and a complete confirmation packet will follow once I/we convert this preliminary registration into a confirmed booking.

Passport Name _____ Date of Birth _____ Gender _____

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Street Address _____ City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Phone: Home () _____ Cell () _____ E-mail _____

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