

# NATIONAL PARKS & LODGES OF THE OLD WEST





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Awaken your pioneering spirit by tracing the legends and natural splendors of the American West—an awe-inspiring expanse filled with beautiful scenery, abundant wildlife, hiking, storytelling, and incredible historic lodges you'll write home about.



Dear Carolina Alumni and Friends,

Join fellow Tar Heels and friends on a journey that celebrates the American West's magnificent National Parks, tracing legends and storied monuments along the way.

From Mount Rushmore to Old Faithful and from Spearfish Canyon to the Snake River, you will see the best of the Old West, and traverse its beautiful vistas in style and comfort. Wonderfully historic hotels and lodges are a highlight of this program, including landmark lodging within the parks themselves.

Experience ranch life in the Big Horn Mountains. Indulge in the geological phenomena of hot springs in South Dakota, and journey through Badlands National Park, known as nature's surreal masterpiece, where impressive herds of bison roam and dazzling, dramatic pinnacles rise over the largest undisturbed mixed grass prairie in the United States.

Space is limited. With significant savings of more than \$600 per couple, we anticipate this tour will fill quickly, so be certain to reserve your spot today. Share this brochure with family and friends who may be interested in traveling with you.

Book this experience today by calling (877) 962-3980 or by returning the enclosed reservation form.

Yours at Carolina,

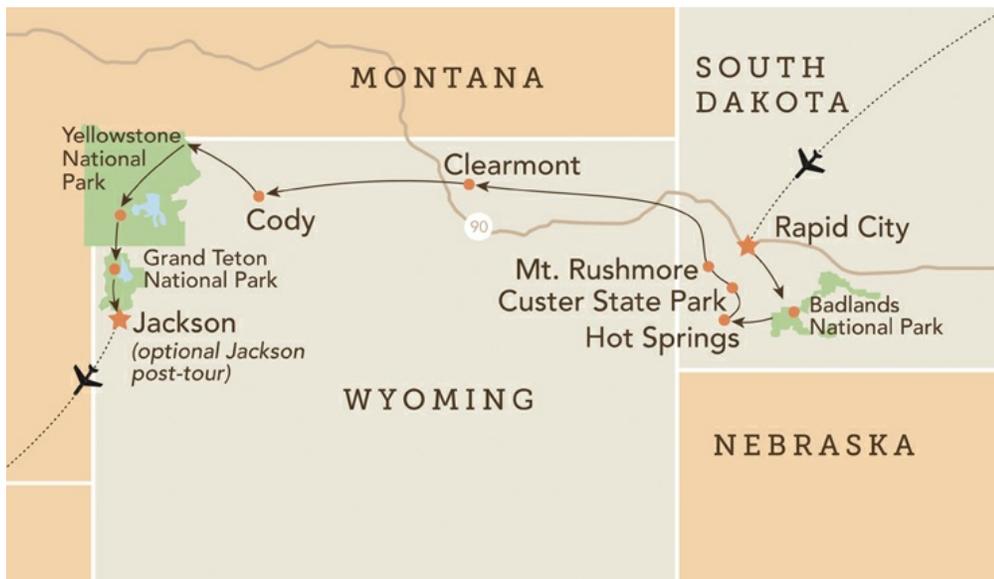
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Douglas S. Dibbert '70  
President, UNC General Alumni Association

*Please note: The information contained in this document is current as of 10/1/2019*

## Program Highlights:

- Experience the diverse wonders of our national parks accompanied by an Orbridge Expedition Leader.
- Overnight in landmark lodges that are national treasures themselves.
- Enjoy a Jeep safari tour at Custer State Park—a wildlife reserve with scenic lakes, dramatic granite spires, and lush grasslands where bison herds roam.
- Visit the world’s largest mammoth site, where scientists are excavating remains of Columbian and woolly mammoths from 26,000 years ago.
- Marvel at the grandeur of Mount Rushmore and Crazy Horse Memorial.
- See the dramatic effects of Yellowstone’s volcanically active caldera and visit otherworldly geothermal sites, including Old Faithful Geyser.
- Explore Grand Teton National Park—host to flora and fauna that date back to prehistoric times.
- **What's included:** 8 nights accommodations; 8 breakfasts, 2 lunches, and 6 dinners; full guiding services of an Orbridge Expedition Leader; all activities as described in the program itinerary; admission and park fees; private deluxe motor coach with air conditioning and comfortable seating; luggage portorage; all gratuities; and airport transfers for guests arriving and departing during the suggested times.



## Day-by-Day Itinerary:

### **Day 1: Arrive in Rapid City, SD**

Welcome to Rapid City—nicknamed The City of Presidents for the series of life-sized bronze statues situated throughout downtown of our nation's past leaders. Transfer to the hotel to meet your fellow travel companions and Orbridge Expedition Leader for a welcome dinner and briefing.

Rapid City's location at the eastern slope of the Black Hills Mountain Range gives visitors easy access to all the surrounding attractions—from the beautiful state and national parks, to the man-made wonders like Mount Rushmore and Crazy Horse Memorial. Take a stroll around beautiful, patriotic downtown to spot some of the 43 presidential figures residing on nearly every street corner.

*Overnight: Hotel Alex Johnson (D)*

### **Day 2: Rapid City / Custer State Park / Badlands National Park / Rapid City**

Following breakfast, set out on a Jeep safari tour through Custer State Park. Embrace the magnificent vistas and spot for herds of bison, elk, bighorn sheep, and other wildlife that be observed along the scenic roads. Beware of the "begging burros" who approach visitors looking for a handout!

Later, head to Badlands National Park, with more than 244,000 acres of mixed-grass prairie featuring some of the most spectacular scenery and diverse wildlife in the region. Gaze in awe at the layered rock cliffs, towering spires, and narrow canyons that create this amazing landscape.

Return to Rapid City this evening for a relaxing dinner at the hotel.

*Overnight: Hotel Alex Johnson (B,L,D)*

### **Day 3: Rapid City / Hot Springs / Rapid City**

This morning, travel to Hot Springs to visit The Mammoth Site, where history of the late Ice Age comes to life. This paleontological site, research center, and museum contains the largest concentration of mammoth remains in the world, and earns recognition worldwide for its interpretation and exhibits. Walk the edges of a sinkhole where Columbian and woolly mammoths, camels, wolves, and giant short-faced bears became trapped more than 26,000 years ago, leaving a treasure of fossils. For centuries the bones lay buried until discovered in 1974 during excavation for a housing development. After a short tour, stroll the boardwalk over the dig area and see the paleontology laboratory.

Continue into the heart of the Black Hills to see the world's largest monument carving in progress—the Crazy Horse Memorial. Under construction since 1948, crews are drilling, sculpting, and removing rock more than 70 years later. The work honors Crazy Horse, a member of the Oglala Lakota, and the values of Native Americans. Crazy Horse led his warriors to victory against Custer's battalion at the Battle of the Little Bighorn in 1876. If completed as designed, the sculpture will be 563 feet high and 641 feet long.

Experience an audio-visual program featuring sculptor Korczak Ziolkowski's life and work and the culture, tradition, and living heritage of Native Americans. Visit the base of Crazy Horse Memorial and enjoy free time to explore on your own.

*Overnight: Hotel Alex Johnson (B)*

### **Day 4: Rapid City / Mount Rushmore**

Today visit one of the world's largest iconic stone monuments—Mount Rushmore. Begun in 1927, this remarkable granite sculpture was originally designed to portray the four Presidents—George Washington, Thomas Jefferson, Abraham Lincoln, and Theodore Roosevelt, from the waist up, but construction ended in 1941 due to budgetary constraints. The stone visages that remain, however, are inspiring in both their beauty and the enormous feat of engineering it took to create them. Carved under the direction of sculptor Gutzon Borglum, Mount Rushmore was a massive undertaking requiring 800 million pounds of stone to be removed by dynamite from the mountain face.

Pass through the Avenue of Flags walkway and peer up to capture sight of four influential presidential faces, each about 60 feet tall with eyes and mouths 11 feet and 18 feet wide, respectively.

During free time, perhaps explore the Visitor's Center or Sculptor's Studio, or hike the 422-stair Presidential Trail that loops around the base of the monument. Wandering through gorgeous scenery, experience an up-close perspective of the sculpture and a chance to spot local wildlife.

Later today, retreat to your accommodations, deep in the heart of one of the most breathtakingly beautiful canyons in the world, nestled alongside lofty pines and spectacular cliffs. This property was built and decorated in the style of the old lodges of the West. Enjoy leisure time at the lodge for a walk or hike before rejoining the group for dinner.

*Overnight: Spearfish Canyon Lodge (B,D)*

### **Day 5: Clearmont, WY / Cody**

Journey through impressive Spearfish Canyon and across the grassy plains of Wyoming to Clearmont where you'll delight in leisure time and lunch at Ranch at Ucross—an authentic Western ranch. Here, choose from an array of self-directed activities, among the beautiful scenery and big fish.

Afterward, board the motor coach, sit back, relax, and admire the vistas of the Bighorn Mountains and Shell Creek Canyon en route to Cody. Drawn to the area's rich soil, abundant fish and game, grand scenery, and proximity to Yellowstone National Park, American scout, bison hunter, and showman William Frederick "Buffalo Bill" Cody founded the town in 1896. Cody now boasts a population of more than 10,000 residents who live and work in the surrounding area.

*Overnight: Holiday Inn Cody-At Buffalo Bill Village (B,L)*

### **Day 6: Cody / Yellowstone National Park**

Visit the Buffalo Bill Center of the West for a journey into the region's rich past with five museums, a research library, and special exhibitions. Learn about Western and Native American history, the life of "Buffalo Bill" Cody, Yellowstone, old firearms, and more. Experience the spirit of the American West through art by surveying the Whitney Museum's collection of painting, prints, and sculpture.

Continuing on, pass through Shoshone National Forest to Yellowstone National Park. The Shoshone National Forest was set aside in 1891 as part of the Yellowstone Timberland Reserve, making it the first national forest in the United States. It consists of some 2.4 million acres of varied terrain ranging from sagebrush flats to rugged mountains. With Yellowstone National Park on its western border, the Shoshone encompasses the area from the Montana state line south to Lander, Wyoming, and includes portions of the Absaroka, Wind River, and Beartooth Mountains.

As the world's first national park, Yellowstone has delighted visitors since 1872. Few places on the planet

offer such scenic and scientific wonder in one area as this. Staggeringly beautiful and home to dramatic canyons, alpine rivers, lush forests, hot springs, gushing geysers, and hundreds of animal species, experiencing Yellowstone in person is a humbling, enthralling adventure.

Sitting atop a slumbering super volcano, Yellowstone has half of the world's known geysers, including iconic Old Faithful. Watch with excited anticipation to witness the power of 3,700 gallons to 8,400 gallons of hot water (depending on the duration of the eruption) shooting high into the air at extreme force.

Additional geological spectacles include the Park's Upper and Lower Falls. Hear the roar of the Yellowstone River dumping as many as 60,000 gallons of water per second over the Lower Falls. Magnificent to behold, the Lower Falls towers over 300 feet, making it nearly twice as tall as Niagara Falls.

Take time to spot for wildlife in Hayden Valley. In many ways—geographically, historically, and biologically—it is the heart of Yellowstone. Grizzly bears, bison, wolves, coyotes, elk, moose, and dozens of bird species live here.

*Overnight: Yellowstone Lodging (B,D)*

### **Day 7: Yellowstone National Park**

Enjoy a full day exploring Yellowstone, including its active caldera.

Along Fountain Paint Pot Trail, see various hydrothermal features that are expressions of Yellowstone's still active volcano. Within this geologic system, each type of thermal feature is represented. They can be grouped into two general categories—those with a great deal of water (hot springs and geysers) and those with limited water (mudpots and fumaroles). Despite their structural similarities, no two features are exactly alike. Learn interesting facts such as the "recipe" for mudpots—a perfect mix of heat, gases, water, volcanic rock, minerals, acid, and even living microorganisms. Walk the half mile boardwalk nature trail to see it all.

At Mammoth Hot Springs admire how the steamy terraces and hot springs overlook the visitor facilities. Limestone, a naturally white rock, underlies this area. Hot water dissolves the mineral calcium carbonate from the limestone, which is deposited at the surface to form travertine. Colors in the hot springs come from thermophiles, organisms adapted to live at high temperatures. This unique thermal feature of beautiful formations has been described as looking like a cave turned inside out, creating a surreal landscape. Perhaps visit the Albright Visitor Center and Museum, with its interactive displays, great animal wildlife exhibits, orientation area, and educational ranger talks. Elk are often spotted close by.

*Overnight: Yellowstone Lodging (B,D)*

### **Day 8: Yellowstone National Park / Grand Teton National Park**

With any remaining space on your camera's memory cards, capture the "grand" of Grand Teton National Park. Head south through vast unspoiled wilderness to the park and take in its jagged mountain peaks that form postcard perfect backdrops behind lakes such as Jenny and Jackson. The Tetons—the highest at more than 13,700 feet—are the youngest of the Rocky Mountains, but still inspire visitors from all over the world with their regal and imposing beauty. Standing nearly 7,000 feet above the valley floor, they make a bold and beautiful geological presence and are arguably North America's most spectacular mountains. Savor this natural world as the wind blows through some 700 species of trees and higher plants, including cottonwoods, aspens, spruces, firs, and lodgepole pines. Here is a place

where truly the buffalo roam and the deer play, along with bighorn sheep, black and grizzly bears, red-tailed hawks, moose, elk, pronghorn, bald eagles, wolves, mountain lions and other animals.

This evening, join a farewell dinner hosted by your Orbridge Expedition Leader to celebrate the grand adventures from the past week.

*Overnight: Jackson Lake Lodge (B,D)*

### **Day 9: Grand Teton National Park / Jackson / Depart Jackson**

After breakfast, guests departing during the suggested times take a complimentary transfer to the airport for flights home. (B)

B = Breakfast, L = Lunch, D = Dinner

(Itinerary subject to change.)



#### **Early Reservation Bonus<sup>†</sup>**

Reserve your space early and receive a valuable collection of items such as maps, videos, books and field guides for your journey, selected by Orbridge's discriminating experts in the field, absolutely free.

## **What's Included:**

- 8 nights in unique accommodations and inspiring landmark lodges
- 8 breakfasts, 2 lunches, and 6 dinners
- Full guiding services of an Orbridge Expedition Leader as well as expert local guides
- All activities as described in the program itinerary
- Admission to national parks
- Private deluxe motor coach with air conditioning and comfortable seating
- Luggage portage
- Gratuities to Orbridge Expedition Leader, local guides, drivers, porters, and wait staff for included meals
- Airport transfers for guests arriving and departing during the suggested times

## Your Guide(s):

### **Cris Hartman – Expedition Leader**



Cris Rohn Hartman (nicknamed “the Rohn Ranger”) began her 31-year career as a ranger with the National Park Service in 1975. In addition, she has worked for the California State Parks, the Bureau of Land Management and the U.S. Forest Service. She has also worked as a private consultant in range management and wilderness issues, managed the animal husbandry program for and taught range management classes at Humboldt State University, and completed field work in botany and on grizzly bears and their habitat.

Cris graduated with a B.S. in natural resources from Humboldt State University. As an advocate for public lands, Cris brings to your expedition a lifetime of knowledge about wildlife and resources throughout America’s parks, national forests, and public lands. Her hobbies include photography, kayaking, fly fishing, and quilting.

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## Your Guide(s):

### Joseph Everett Cromwell, Jr. – Travel Director



Joseph has been leading tours since 1996. He started his career conducting *Behind the Magic* tours at Walt Disney World and was then recruited in 2001 to lead group tours around the world. Over the past 18 years, he has guided travelers through 50+ countries and 500+ cities including his favorites of Britain, Ireland, Canada, Cuba, Italy, and Australia.

Joseph has also enjoyed touring his own country with groups he has led through journeys of America's National Parks. Some of his favorite parks and places are Glacier, Acadia, and Yellowstone, as well as the stunning scenery that exists in the American Southwest—Zion, Bryce Canyon, Monument Valley and the Grand Canyon.

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## Program Accommodations:

### Hotel Alex Johnson



Ideally located in downtown Rapid City—steps away from entertainment, shopping, and dining—this historic hotel features a casual Irish pub, fitness center, café, and rooftop bar overlooking town. Built in 1927 when Rapid City was a railroad town, many presidents and celebrities have stayed at the property over the years.

*Room Amenities: Climate control, LCD flat-screen TV, complimentary Wi-Fi, phone, clock radio, coffee and tea maker, mini-fridge, microwave, iron and ironing board, and en suite bathroom with sundries and hair dryer.*

### Spearfish Canyon Lodge



Nestled alongside lofty pines and spectacular limestone cliffs, Spearfish Canyon Lodge was built and decorated in the style of the old lodges of the West with heavy log walls and a 40-foot stone fireplace. Several hiking trails outside the lodge door allow visitors to experience the sights and sounds of nature firsthand, as they meander through the forest to a Black Hills waterfall. Or follow a trail leading to the rim of the canyon.

*Room Amenities: Climate control, TV, complimentary Wi-Fi, phone, mini-fridge, microwave, and en suite bathroom with sundries and hair dryer.*

*Note: The lodge does not have an elevator.*

## Holiday Inn Cody-At Buffalo Bill Village



Located near the Buffalo Bill Center of the West, Old Trail Town, and other local attractions, this hotel offers well-appointed rooms with all the comforts of home as well as an outdoor pool, bar/restaurant, and lounge where you can relax and recharge, plus laundry facilities.

*Room Amenities: Climate control, TV, complimentary Wi-Fi, phone, mini-fridge, coffee and tea maker, and en suite bathroom with sundries and hair dryer.*

## Canyon Lodge & Cabins



Located on the east side of the park near the Grand Canyon of the Yellowstone River, Canyon Lodge & Cabins recently underwent extensive renovations, featuring new LEED Certified lodges plus a main public building that houses the restaurants and gift shop.

*Room Amenities: Two queen beds, activity table and chairs, phone, mini fridge, coffee maker, and en suite bathroom with shower and sundries.*

## Jackson Lake Lodge



Embrace breathtaking views from the comfort of Jackson Lake Lodge's lobby featuring 60-foot floor-to-ceiling windows that frame pristine Jackson Lake and the majestic Teton Range. The lodge also includes a variety of dining options, retail shops, an outdoor swimming pool, and an exhibit featuring Native American artifacts and Western art.

*Room Amenities: Complimentary Wi-Fi, phone, and en suite bathroom with sundries and hair dryer.*

(Accommodations subject to change.)

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## Activity Level:

### **Moderate**

The majority of the program's activities will take place outdoors and a fair amount of walking on varying terrain is to be expected. Many of the parks have dirt trails, but they are usually fairly smooth for walking, some do have paved pathways and boardwalks. It is our expectation that guests on this program are able to walk a mile at a moderate pace, get in and out of a motor coach, and walk up a flight of stairs without assistance. Also keep in mind that you will experience varying altitudes, rising up to 9,000 feet, to which you may not be accustomed.

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## What Guests Are Saying:

"This was a wonderful tour! It was so well-organized and ran so smoothly that it allowed us to relax and enjoy all of the things we were seeing and experiencing. A very positive experience from beginning to end!"

—Ginny C., Ocean Isle Beach, NC

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"We had never seen this part of the country before and were amazed at the scenery and wildlife. The tour leaders were excellent, the lectures were great and we found our traveling companions congenial and interesting."

—Michael F., Portsmouth, RI

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"It was a generous, informative as well as well-organized. The leader and bus driver worked together well and were excellent."

—Mary A., Lexington, KY – U Kentucky

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"I am very glad I took this trip. Saw things I've always wanted to see. Our tour director was so well informed, I learned a lot."

—Vonnie F., Wilmington, NC

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"This was a fantastic trip that was better than expected. Very well planned. We had a wonderful group of people on the tour. Our Expedition Leader was an excellent guide—extremely informative and great fun."

—Diane B., Richardson, TX

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"Our first tour—can't even imagine a better trip! Group was great. Our Expedition Leaders were exceptional! Very well organized and good plans for our age travelers."

–John and Toni H., Madisonville, TX

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“I didn't know what to expect from my first guided group tour. I'm used to doing my own thing, so I was afraid of it being too regimented. But now I would do it again in a heartbeat! We packed so many wonderful things into this trip that I never would've been able to orchestrate on my own. First class execution. It was a perfect itinerary. Great mix of stops, tours and activities. Superb packing. Flawless logistics. Fantastic "color commentary" from the guide. Such high quality and value overall. I was thrilled and impressed.”

–Ellen R., Glen Allen, VA

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“This was my first time on an organized tour and I wasn't sure what to expect. Everything ran so smoothly and comfortably... it will not be my last tour! Our guides were so warm, enthusiastic and knowledgeable. I can only imagine how different this trip would have been without them.”

–Natalie K., Millenia, Singapore

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“This was a wonderful tour. Excellent leadership. Beautiful weather. Awesome sights. Knowledgeable guides and delightful companions. We couldn't be happier!”

–Richard & Carol S., Garden City, NY

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“This was our first experience with group travel. Now we are firm believers! It was wonderful—a great value. Our guides were exceptional in so many ways.”

–Lynn S., Marietta, GA

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“Well done, well organized, great locations and nice mix of activities. Great way to sample a broad range of locations and related activities. All venues were excellent in their own way. Lots of spectacular scenery and unique natural sites.”

–Bob F., Alpine, CA

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Optional Post-Tour:

# JACKSON HOLE



Take advantage of Jackson Hole's world-class wildlife viewing, outdoor activities and the region's jaw-dropping scenery. With scenic mountain vistas as its stunning backdrop, you can find much of the area's Old West heritage in Jackson. On an early morning wildlife sightseeing excursion in Grand Teton National Park, naturalist experts will guide you to the park's viewing hotspots while also providing details about the area's history, landmarks, and geography. Keep an eye out for grizzly and black bears, eagles, elk, bison, wolves, pronghorn and moose.

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## Itinerary:

### Day 9: Jackson

Set out on a three-hour adventure, beginning at Pritchard Creek, floating past nesting areas of bald eagles and ospreys. Early morning is watering time—and the best viewing time—for native fauna along the river such as waterfowl, moose, deer, and river otters. Make sure to bring your camera to capture the beautiful scenery and active wildlife.

*Overnight: Rustic Inn at Jackson Hole Creekside Resort and Spa*

### Day 10: Jackson

Spot for wildlife outside before taking a private, docent-guided tour of the National Museum of Wildlife Art. It's situated on a distinct cliff overlooking the National Elk Refuge. Enter the museum to view selections of the 5,000-piece collection from over 550 artists. Dating from 2500 B.C. to the present, the collection chronicles much of the history of wildlife in art, focusing primarily on European and American painting and sculpture. The collection of American art from the 19th and 20th centuries is particularly strong, recording European exploration of the American West. Many of these works predate

photography, making them vital representations of the frontier era in the history of the United States.

During leisure time, explore downtown Jackson's shops and restaurants or relax and enjoy the various amenities at the Rustic Inn's resort and spa.

*Overnight: Rustic Inn at Jackson Hole Creekside Resort and Spa (B)*

### **Day 11: Depart Jackson**

After breakfast, guests departing during the suggested times take a complimentary transfer to the airport for flights home. *(B)*

B = Breakfast

*This post-tour is not escorted by an Orbridge Expedition Leader. Included sightseeing is accompanied by a local guide. Space is limited, so it's recommended to reserve early for best availability.*

(Itinerary subject to change.)

## Accommodations:

### Rustic Inn at Jackson Hole Creekside Resort and Spa



This resort and spa offers the finest Western accommodations amidst 12 lush acres adjacent to the National Elk Refuge and is in close proximity to Jackson's downtown scene.

After a long day of activities, relax in the Inn's outdoor heated pool and hot tub, or take a walk down beautifully landscaped trails along the aspen-laden Flat Creek where you can enjoy the enchanting surroundings. When you make your way back, enjoy a glass of fine wine and exquisite cuisine in the Inn's lounge or pamper yourself in its revitalizing spa.

Property amenities include a casual bar and lounge plus a wine cellar with comfortable seating; a creek view cantina with specialty drinks, beer, and wine; a sauna; fitness equipment; spa services; and complimentary Wi-Fi.

*Room Amenities: Climate control, TV, phone, mini-fridge, coffee and tea maker, and en suite bathroom with sundries and hair dryer.*

(Accommodations subject to change.)

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## What's Included:

- 2 nights accommodations at Rustic Inn at Jackson Hole Creekside Resort & Spa (or similar), including a gourmet breakfast buffet each morning
- A half-day scenic Snake River float trip, including transportation to and from the hotel
- Admission to and a docent-led tour of the National Museum of Wildlife Art, including transfers to and from the hotel
- Luggage portage
- Airport transfers for guests departing during the suggested times





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### EARLY RESERVATION BONUS†

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Double: \$4,495

Single: \$5,995

#### POST-TOUR RATE\*\*\*

Double: \$995

Single: \$1,495

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Mail to: UNC GAA, P.O. Box 660

Chapel Hill, NC 27514-0660

Tour participants who are not members of the General Alumni Association must join the Association (\$50 for single; \$60 for couples) to participate. Please pay by separate check made payable to the General Alumni Association and mail with this reservation form.

### GUEST INFORMATION:

Guest #1 Name (Title/Salutation): \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_ Class Year: \_\_\_\_\_

Home Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Alt. Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Guest #2 Name (Title/Salutation): \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_ Class Year: \_\_\_\_\_

Home Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Alt. Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

### DEPOSIT PAYMENT:

Check    ACH (Automated Clearing House)    MasterCard/Visa    American Express    Discover

Card #: \_\_\_\_\_ Exp. Date: \_\_\_\_\_ CVV: \_\_\_\_\_

Name (as printed on card): \_\_\_\_\_

Billing Address (if different from above): \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

### DEPOSIT:

# \_\_\_\_\_ guests joining program (\$850/person) +

# \_\_\_\_\_ guests joining post-tour (\$500/person) = **TOTAL DEPOSIT: \$** \_\_\_\_\_

I/we have read, understand, and agree to the full Terms & Conditions at [terms.orbridge.com](http://terms.orbridge.com) and detailed in program documents; and that Orbridge, LLC is authorized to charge my credit card above and/or take my/our deposit for this program.

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

\*Special group rate; limited offer. Rate is per person based on double occupancy except where noted as Single, in U.S. dollars. Single availability limited. Airfare not included.

\*\*\*Post-tour rate is per person based on double occupancy except where noted as Single, in U.S. dollars. Single availability limited. Airfare not included.

†Place your deposit on or before the specified date (see above), and one Expedition Library per room reserved will be sent within three to four weeks after receipt of final payment.

## Terms and Conditions

### ORBRIDGE® TERMS AND CONDITIONS AND BINDING ARBITRATION AGREEMENT

This Agreement is important. It includes contractual terms and conditions and releases Orbridge, LLC from liability. It must be signed by all participants.

**Responsibility.** Orbridge LLC, its shareholders, directors, officers, employees and affiliates (collectively, "Orbridge"), does not own or operate any entity which is to or does provide goods or services for your trip including, for example, ownership or control over hotels or other lodging facilities, airline, vessel, bus, van or other transportation companies, local ground operators, providers or organizers of optional excursions or equipment used thereon, food service or entertainment providers, etc., even if they use the "Orbridge" name. All such persons and entities are independent contractors. As a result, Orbridge is not liable for any negligent or willful act or failure to act of any such person or entity, or of any other third party. Without limitation, Orbridge is not responsible for any injury, loss, or damage to person or property, death, delay or inconvenience in connection with the provision of any goods or services occasioned by or resulting from, but not limited to, acts of God, acts of government, force majeure, acts of war or civil unrest, insurrection or revolt, strikes or other labor activities, criminal or terrorist activities of any kind, or the threat thereof, overbooking or downgrading of accommodations, structural or other defective conditions in hotels or other lodging or vessel facilities, mechanical or other failure of airplanes or other means of transportation or for any failure of any transportation mechanism to arrive or depart timely or safely, dangers associated with or bites from animals, pests or insects, marine life or vegetation of any sort, dangers incident to recreational activities such as scuba diving, snorkeling, paddle boarding, surfing, swimming, kayaking, sailing, canoeing, rafting, hiking, bicycling, rock climbing, etc., sanitation problems, food poisoning, lack of access to or quality of medical care, difficulty in evacuation in case of a medical or other emergency, illness, epidemics or the threat thereof or for any other cause beyond the direct control of Orbridge. In addition, I release Orbridge from its own simple negligence and assume all risk thereof.

**Rates.** Program rates are based on minimum participation levels, current fares (air, water, land), tariffs and currency values. While Orbridge does everything possible to maintain the listed program rates, they are subject to change effective immediately upon posting unless otherwise specified by Orbridge. In the case of invoicing errors, we reserve the right to re-invoice with the correct pricing.

**Registration, Deposits and Final Payment.** To secure your reservation: (1) a deposit of \$2,500 per person is due for Astounding Antarctica and Trans-Siberian Railway plus \$500 per person per pre-tour and/or post-tour; (2) a non-refundable deposit of \$1,500 per person is due for Tanzania Migration Safari's Rwanda post-tour; (3) a deposit of \$850 per person and \$500 per person per pre-tour and/or post-tour is due for all other programs at the time of registration and are payable by check, automated clearing house (ACH), money order, wire transfer of same day U.S. funds, or major credit card.

Final payment, including any pre-tour and/or post-tour and optional excursion(s) fee(s), is payable by check, ACH, money order, or wire transfer of same day U.S. funds, and is due for: (1) Astounding Antarctica and Trans-Siberian Railway—no later than 150 days prior to the program's scheduled departure date; (2) all other programs—90 days prior to the program's scheduled departure date.

If your reservation is made between the final payment due date and the program's scheduled departure date, the full cost of the program, plus any pre-tour and/or post-tour and optional excursion(s) fee(s), is due at the time of registration, payable by check, money order, ACH or wire transfer of same day U.S. funds.

Final payments made by credit card are subject to a 2% transaction fee.

If final payment is not received by Orbridge by the final payment due date, Orbridge may, at any time and with or without notice, cancel your reservation in its sole discretion with no right of refund.

**Reservation Grace Period.** Reservations made no sooner than 158 calendar days prior to Astounding Antarctica and Trans-Siberian Railway's scheduled departure date, and no sooner than 98 calendar days prior to all other programs' departure dates may be canceled within seven (7) calendar days immediately following the reservation date ("Grace Period") for a full refund of all Payments received by Orbridge to effectively terminate the reservation.

(All payments made for Tanzania Wildlife Safari's Rwanda post-tour are non-refundable.)

Notice of termination must be in writing, must be received by Orbridge during the Grace Period, and is effective only on timely receipt of such written notice by Orbridge.

For all other reservations and cancellations, the terms of the Cancellations and Refunds section below apply.

**Cancellations and Refunds.** All cancellations must be submitted to Orbridge in writing and will be subject to a Cancellation Fee as follows:

(a) All payments made for Tanzania Wildlife Safari's Rwanda post-tour are non-refundable at all times.

(b) For Astounding Antarctica and Trans-Siberian Railway, if the cancellation notice is received by Orbridge 305 or more calendar days prior to the scheduled departure date, all deposits will be fully refunded. If the cancellation notice is received by Orbridge between 304 and 245 days prior to the scheduled departure date, the Cancellation Fee will be \$500 per person per program and \$300 per person per program for any pre-tour and/or post-tour. If the cancellation notice is received by Orbridge between 244 days prior to the scheduled departure date and the day before the final payment due date, the Cancellation Fee will be the full deposit per person per program including any pre-tour and/or post-tour. If the cancellation notice is received by Orbridge on the final payment due date or closer to the scheduled departure date, the Cancellation Fee will be the full program price.

(c) For all other programs, if the cancellation notice is received by Orbridge 275 or more calendar days prior to the program's scheduled departure date, all deposits will be fully refunded. If the cancellation notice is received by Orbridge between 274 and 151 days prior to the scheduled departure date, the Cancellation Fee will be \$500 per person per program and \$300 per person per program for any pre-tour and/or post-tour. If the cancellation notice is received by Orbridge between 150 days prior to the scheduled departure date and the day before the final payment due date, the Cancellation Fee will be the full deposit per person per program including any pre-tour and/or post-tour. If the cancellation notice is received by Orbridge on the final payment due date or closer to the scheduled departure date, the Cancellation Fee will be the full program price.

In addition to and not in lieu of the foregoing, a Cancellation Fee equal to 100% of the carrier charge applies to all non-refundable airfares due to your cancellation made at any time prior to the scheduled program departure date, as applicable. Refunds, if any, of any Payments in excess of the aggregate Cancellation Fee shall be processed within 30 calendar days of our receipt of your written notice.

**Travel Insurance.** Orbridge strongly recommends that you purchase travel and cancellation insurance to protect your investment in the event of unexpected or unforeseen circumstances. In addition, we recommend that you consider obtaining a policy(ies) that will cover some or all of your losses associated with damage or loss of luggage or personal effects. If you do not have, but are interested in purchasing, travel and cancellation insurance please contact us immediately.

**Cancelled Programs.** All programs are subject to cancellation by Orbridge prior to the scheduled departure date for such reasons as, but not limited to, insufficient participation, or logistical

problems that, in Orbridge's sole judgment, may impede program operations or represent conditions or events that may expose program guests and/or Orbridge to undue risk of harm, injury, damage or inconvenience. In the event of program cancellation by Orbridge, Orbridge may offer you alternative arrangements such as the option to join another tour on a different date or to a different location. If the price of your alternative booking is lower than your original booking price, Orbridge will refund the difference; or Orbridge shall refund all payments made to Orbridge at the time of cancellation should the alternative arrangement not be offered or selected.

**Itineraries.** Accommodations, the itinerary, travel directors or expedition leaders, and arranged excursions are subject to change or substitution at any time due to unforeseen circumstances or circumstances beyond Orbridge's control. Reasonable efforts will be made to operate programs as planned, but adjustments, substitutions and changes may occur after the final itinerary has been issued. Orbridge may, in its sole discretion, withdraw a program or any part of it, make such alterations or substitutions to the itinerary or program inclusions as it deems necessary or desirable, and pass on to program participants any expenditures or additional costs caused by any such adjustments, or by delays or events beyond its reasonable control.

**Not Included.** Unless otherwise specifically noted in the itinerary, program prices do not include the following expenses, which if applicable are your sole responsibility to pay and satisfy: trip cancellation insurance and passenger travel protection plan; domestic, international, and internal airfares; transfers and luggage handling fees except in connection with scheduled group flights; costs associated with obtaining passports or entry visas; airport departure taxes; airline ticketing fees; airport transfers when arriving/departing on other than scheduled group dates; excess baggage charges; any new value added taxes or GST taxes added to program costs by applicable governmental authority; gratuities to drivers, guides, or ship's crew not specified; meals and beverages other than those specified as being included in the itinerary; sightseeing not included in the itinerary; personal expenses such as laundry, communication charges and optional activities (which are subject to availability); and ship, air, or transportation fuel surcharges, if applicable.

**Health and Fitness to Travel.** Some programs include physically active elements. To enjoy these programs as intended, a minimum level of fitness is required. Accordingly, you must be in good physical and mental condition to participate. You represent that you have no physical, mental or other condition, impairment or disability that may or will cause or create a risk of injury or other hazard to yourself or others in respect to any aspect of the program you have selected. Orbridge may, in its sole discretion, limit, restrict or prohibit from participation in any aspect of any program any individual that it considers in its sole discretion to be impaired or unsuitable due to fitness level. In addition, Orbridge may, in its sole discretion and at the participant's sole expense, remove from the program, or restrict the program-related activities of any individual whose physical or mental condition may or is likely to cause a hazard to himself/herself or others, or otherwise impair the enjoyment of other program participants. Any physical condition requiring special attention, diet, or treatment must be reported in writing to Orbridge at the time a program reservation is made. Should you have any questions or need any clarification about a specific program, please ask for details at the time of registration. Orbridge will try to accommodate your interests if possible.

**Travel Advisories.** The State Department and the Centers for Disease Control periodically issue statements and advisories about risks to travelers. These statements are country specific and contain important information. The State Department information can be found at [www.travel.state.gov](http://www.travel.state.gov), and the CDC statements can be found at <http://www.cdc.gov>. We urge everyone to review these sites.

**Children.** Orbridge welcomes the participation of children in most of its programs. However, in the event you do include your children or other minors for whom you serve as legal guardian ("Dependents") in your travel plans, you hereby agree that you are and shall be at all times solely responsible for their care, actions, safety and protection during the program and any extension(s). Should you have any questions whether a particular program or inclusion is suitable for your Dependent(s), please contact us.

**Baggage.** Program rates include the price of two (2) pieces of policy-compliant baggage per person during the land or cruise portion of the program only unless specified in the itinerary. Air carriers, and motor coaches often impose significant other restrictions or limitations on the number of pieces, size and weight of luggage and may reject or impose additional fees on luggage exceeding such limitations or restrictions. All such fees are your sole cost and responsibility. In addition and regardless of location or transportation method, your baggage and personal effects are and shall at all times be at your sole risk throughout the entire program. Please check with your air carrier for other applicable baggage restrictions and limitations.

**Travel Documents.** For U.S. citizens, valid passports are required for travel to foreign destinations and some countries require specific visas prior to entry. Please direct any questions in respect to visa requirements to Orbridge, which shall use commercially reasonable efforts to provide answers as a courtesy, provided that it shall remain your sole responsibility and obligation to obtain and verify that you have all required travel documents, including visas, necessary and appropriate for the program location(s) and sufficient blank pages in your passport for visas and immigration stamps. In addition, some countries require your passport have an expiry date of not less than six months after your anticipated return to the United States. Orbridge disclaims all liability for any expenses or costs you may incur due to your prohibition or restriction from entering a country on the program itinerary or reentering the United States at the conclusion of the program.

**Photos and Videos.** Orbridge may take photographs and/or video of its trips and participant grants Orbridge permission to do so and for it to use such for promotional or commercial use without payment of any compensation to participant. In addition, Orbridge may use, without compensation, any photographs or video taken by tour participants and submitted to Orbridge or to Smugmug without payment of any compensation. In submitting any such photographs or videos to Orbridge or Smugmug, participant warrants that he or she took the image and that the dissemination of same does not violate the copyright rights of any person.

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**Other.** Dates, program details and costs are based on tariffs, exchange rates and other information current at the time of printing, but are subject to change at any time. While we do not anticipate material revisions of the itinerary or its included features, we do reserve the right to substitute accommodations or modes of transportation and to make any changes in the itinerary Orbridge, in its sole discretion, deems necessary and in that case any additional expense or cost will be paid by the individual guest. Your baggage and personal effects are your sole responsibility at all times.

Orbridge may at any time and without notice modify these terms and conditions, and any modification so made will be effective for all reservations made from and after the posted Effective Date.

In the event any term in these terms and conditions is deemed unenforceable the unenforceable clause shall be interpreted to give effect to the parties' intentions to the greatest enforceable extent, and all other provisions hereof shall remain fully enforceable according to their terms.

**Binding Arbitration.** I agree that any dispute concerning, relating, or referring to this contract, the brochure, or any other literature concerning my trip, or the trip itself shall be resolved exclusively by binding arbitration in Seattle, Washington, either according to the then existing commercial rules of the American Arbitration Association or pursuant to the Comprehensive Arbitration Rules & Procedures of the Judicial Arbitration and Mediation Services, Inc. (JAMS). Such proceedings will be governed by substantive (but not procedural) Washington law. The arbitrator and not any federal, state, or local court or agency shall have exclusive authority to resolve any dispute relating to the interpretation, applicability, enforceability, conscionability, or formation of this contract, including but not limited to any claim that all or any part of this contract is void or voidable.

**Acceptance of Contract.** ANY PAYMENT TO ORBRIDGE, INCLUDING BUT NOT LIMITED TO DEPOSITS, CONSTITUTES YOUR ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF AND AGREEMENT TO THE TERMS AND CONDITIONS SET FORTH ABOVE AND IN MORE SPECIFIC TOUR DOCUMENTS.

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Please sign, date and print guest name(s).

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Guest #1 Signature                      Date

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Print Name

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Guest #2 Signature                      Date

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For a Minor

I, as an authorized parent or guardian of the below named minor, hereby give my permission for my child or ward to participate in the trip and further agree, individually and on behalf of my child or ward, to the terms of the above. In the event the minor is not accompanied by all legal guardians on this trip, I agree to carry with me a notarized document from each legal guardian, not on the trip, granting his or her approval for the minor to travel on this trip and to present said document(s) to any authority requesting such. In the event I am the sole guardian of the minor, I agree to carry documentation evidencing such and present to any authority when requested.

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Name of Minor

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Signature of Parent or Guardian      Date

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Print Name