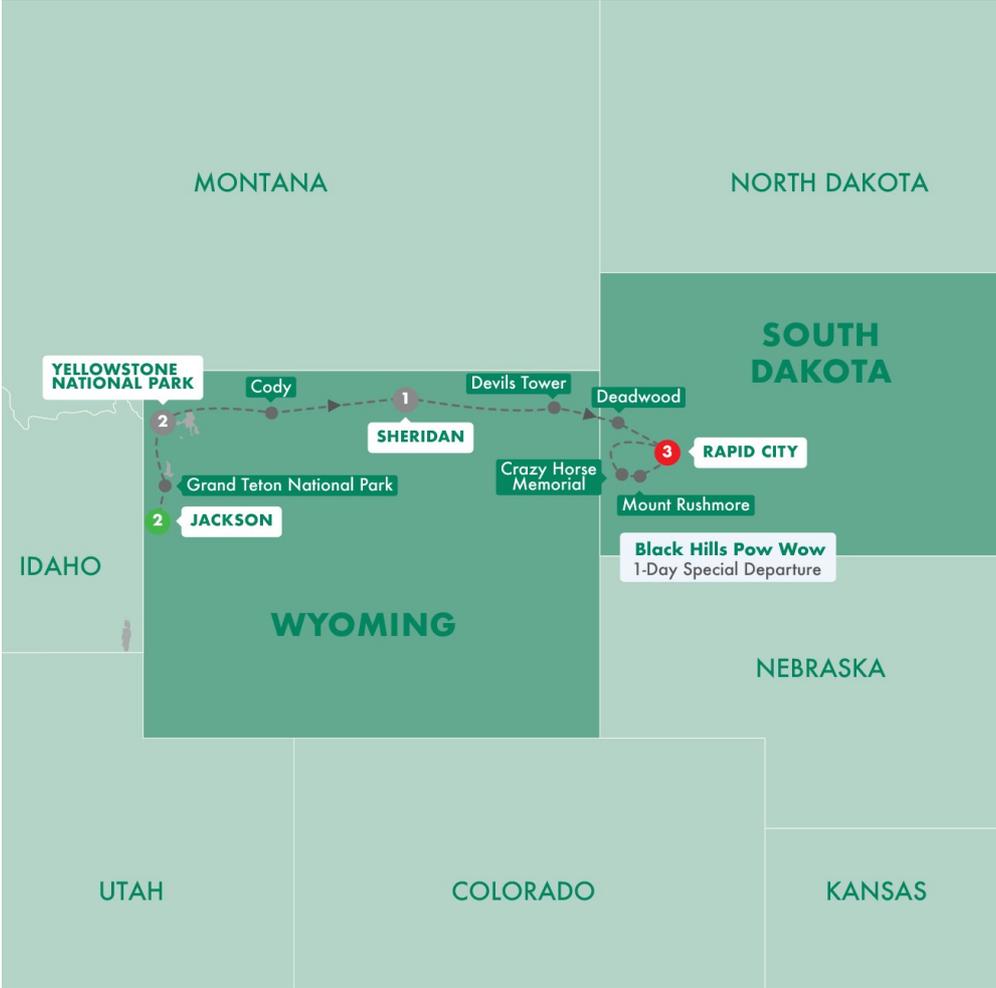


# National Parks Wonders with Black Hills Pow Wow

## Your itinerary



Start Location

Visited Location

Plane

End Location

Cruise

Train

Over night

Ferry

## Day 1

### Welcome To Jackson

Welcome to Jackson! Home to an array of wildlife and the center of outdoor adventures, explore Jackson on your own before meeting your Travel Director and fellow travelers for a Welcome Reception. Excitement builds as your Travel Director outlines the sites to come in your exploration of national parks.

**Hotel** - The Lodge at Jackson Hole

**Included Meals** - Welcome Reception

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## Day 2

### An Adventure In Grand Teton National Park

Spend a full day at leisure connecting with the dazzling natural scenery of Grand Teton National Park. If you like, take an optional float trip down Snake River<sup>^</sup>. Sit back and relax as your expert guide points out the sites and wildlife which may include beaver, cutthroat trout, cliff swallows, pelicans, osprey, and bald eagles. No matter what critters come into view, you'll surely enjoy the mountain views. This afternoon, we'll sail into the sky on an aerial tram ride to the peak of Rendezvous Mountain. The Jackson Hole Aerial Tram in Teton Village is the gateway to your national park experience. Soar from the valley to the summit of Rendezvous Mountain rising 4,139 vertical feet as you take in 360-degree views of the Tetons, Jackson Hole, the Snake River Valley, and Grand Teton National Park. Or, seasonally dependent, we'll ride the Bridger Gondola taking us 2,700 feet above the valley floor.

**Included Meals** - Breakfast

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## Day 3

### Delve Into Yellowstone National Park

We continue our exploration of the Tetons this morning before heading to the UNESCO-listed Yellowstone National Park. Your encounter with its geothermal wonders will leave you in awe. Witness Old Faithful's waters arc high into the air as it has done approximately every 90 minutes since the Washburn Expedition discovered it. We stay amidst the colorful pools of hot springs, mudpots and geysers tonight at one of the park's signature lodges.

**Hotel** - National Park Lodges

**Included Meals** - Breakfast, Dinner

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## Day 4

### Journey Through Yellowstone National Park

Keep a keen eye out for bison, grizzlies and elk as you journey through Hayden Valley en route to the rusting walls of Yellowstone's Grand Canyon. Drive along Dunraven Pass and past Montana's Lamar Valley, home to herds of elk, bison and grizzlies. Admire the gentle cascade of water running down the multi-colored mineral terraces of Mammoth Hot Springs as they descend into the valley.

**Included Meals** - Breakfast

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## Day 5

### Get A Taste Of The Wild West

Head to the infamous town of Cody, named for its most famous native son, Buffalo Bill. Gain insights into the history of the American West at the Buffalo Bill Center of the West and delve into the history of the cowboy, the role of the firearm in the early days, and the culture of the Plains Indians. This evening we Connect with Locals and enjoy a traditional Western-style Be My Guest dinner at a historic café, complete with an old-time tobacco shop.

**Hotel** - Ramada Plaza by Wyndham Sheridan

**Included Meals** - Breakfast, Be My Guest

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## Day 6

### Uncover The Secrets Of Deadwood

Head through the windswept prairies of the American Frontier and into the Black Hills of South Dakota, admiring the looming fortress of Devils Tower en route. Arriving in the infamous Gold Rush town of Deadwood, we join Kevin Costner's Original Deadwood Tour. Meet a Local Specialist to hear about the days of Wild Bill Hickok, Calamity Jane and Potato Creek Johnny. Journey to Rapid City, where you have the seasonal option of visiting Mount Rushmore this evening to see the evening illumination ceremony.

**Hotel** - The Rushmore Hotel & Suites

**Included Meals** - Breakfast

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## Day 7

### Attend The Black Hills Pow Wow

This morning, we pay tribute to Crazy Horse, peering at the immortalized face of the famed war chief of the Lakota people etched from the granite rock of the Black Hills. We continue to Mount Rushmore featuring the enormous carvings of George Washington, Thomas Jefferson, Theodore Roosevelt and Abraham Lincoln. Journey on to Rapid City, where you will be welcomed by your MAKE TRAVEL MATTER® Experience guide Stephen Yellowhawk (or another tribe member) at the Black Hills Pow Wow. Watch the Grand Entrance Dance Performance before exploring the fine art expo at your leisure. (Day 7 of National Park Wonders will be replaced by this special departure.)

**Included Meals** - Breakfast

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## Day 8

### Attend The Black Hills Pow Wow

Take an optional trip to Badlands National Park this morning or enjoy free time to explore downtown Rapid City today. This evening, share your adventures over a festive Farewell Dinner.

**Included Meals** - Breakfast, Farewell Dinner

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## Day 9

### Farewell Rapid City

Bid farewell to your traveling companions and take a transfer to Rapid City Airport or extend your stay in Rapid City at The Rushmore Hotel.

**Included Meals** - Breakfast

## All optional experiences for this trip

Book with your travel director when you travel

### AVAILABLE ON DAY 3

#### **\*Snake River Float Trip Through Grand Teton National Park**

This gentle 10-mile float trip runs entirely within Grand Teton National Park, and covers the most scenic stretch of the Snake River in the Jackson Hole Valley. The Snake River is a lifeline to the park's bison, elk, moose, beaver, pronghorn, deer, bear and 300 different species of birds, including osprey and eagles. Your experienced guide offers in-depth information on the geology of the Grand Tetons and the habitats of the animals you may see. Although we can't guarantee multiple animal sightings, your chances of spotting wildlife on the Snake River – with its lush willows to feed on and deep-water pools for animals to swim in – are greater here than anywhere else in the park. Operates late May – mid September. Subject to weather conditions. Approx. duration: 3 hours

Adult Price: **\$87.00\***

**\* The Optionals and pricing listed here are a guideline only and subject to change.**

### AVAILABLE ON DAY 6

#### **Mount Rushmore Evening Lighting Ceremony**

Join a park ranger at Mount Rushmore's outdoor amphitheater for this moving patriotic program and sculpture lighting ceremony. The program begins with a short inspirational talk, focusing on the presidents, patriotism and the nation's history, and is followed by a 20 minute film, "Freedom: America's Lasting Legacy." Watch in wonder as the evening culminates in the slow exposure of light to the monument until it is fully illuminated. Be sure to bundle up as the evenings can be cool. Operates seasonally, starting at 9 p.m. " Approx. duration: 4 hours

Adult Price: **\$25.00\***

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