



# ANGEL Adventures

MEREDITH COLLEGE ALUMNAE TRAVEL PROGRAM

## **PARKS AND LODGES OF THE WEST**

**July 9-18, 2025**

### **Day 1 – 09 JUL (WED) – ARRIVE IN RAPID CITY, SOUTH DAKOTA**

- This evening meet your traveling companions for a welcome drink
- Your Tour Director will prepare you for your upcoming adventure

### **Day 2 – 10 JUL (THU) – RAPID CITY – BADLANDS NATIONAL PARK – CUSTER STATE PARK**

- After breakfast, enjoy an orientation tour of Rapid City
- Visit Badlands National Park to see some of the most spectacular scenery in the region
- Afterward, there's time to explore Wall Drug, known for its quirky roadside signs
- Continue to Custer State Park for a backcountry adventure; a Buffalo Safari with a local expert and Chuckwagon Cookout

*Breakfast and Dinner included*

### **Day 3 – 11 JUL (FRI) – CUSTER STATE PARK. EXCURSION TO HOT SPRINGS & CRAZY HORSE MEMORIAL**

- Travel to Hot Springs to visit the world's largest Mammoth Site
- Next, Crazy Horse Memorial, built in honor of the fearless Sioux Chief whose renown is derived from the Battle of Little Bighorn

*Breakfast and Dinner included*

### **Day 4 – 12 JUL (SAT) – CUSTER STATE PARK – MOUNT RUSHMORE – DEADWOOD – SPEARFISH CANYON**

- Visit Mount Rushmore National Memorial
- Continue to the historic Old West town of Deadwood for a tour with a Local Guide
- Afterwards, drive the scenic Spearfish Canyon for an overnight at the exclusive Spearfish Canyon Lodge

*Breakfast and Dinner included*

### **Day 5 – 13 JUL (SUN) – SPEARFISH CANYON – UCROSS RANCH, WYOMING – CODY**

- Continue across the grassy plains of Wyoming and soak in the expansive blue skies
- Enjoy lunch at the historic Ranch at UCross with free time to enjoy a variety of activities
- Next, cross the Bighorn Mountains via Shell Creek Canyon to Buffalo Bill's Wild West

town of Cody, Wyoming

*Breakfast and Lunch included*

**Day 6 – 14 JUL (MON) – CODY – YELLOWSTONE**

- Visit Buffalo Bill Center of the West, a fascinating tribute to frontier America
- Depart for Yellowstone National Park, America's first national park, where wild animals roam freely in vast meadows and forest

*Breakfast included*

**Day 7 – 15 JUL (TUE) – YELLOWSTONE NATIONAL PARK**

- A full day's adventure in this vast national park!
- See the Grand Canyon of Yellowstone with its Upper and Lower Falls
- Watch for herds of bison in Hayden Valley, and view many of Yellowstone's geothermal sites, including Old Faithful Geyser

*Breakfast and Dinner included*

**Day 8 – 16 JUL (WED) – YELLOWSTONE NATIONAL PARK – GRAND TETON NATIONAL PARK – JACKSON**

- This morning, tour Grand Teton National Park on your way to Jackson for a 2-night stay at the Rustic Inn at Jackson Hole

*Breakfast included*

**Day 9 – 17 JUL (THU) – JACKSON. SNAKE RIVER EXCURSION**

- Grab your camera and experience the beauty and unique geology of Wyoming on this fun and scenic float between Grand Teton National Park and Bridger Teton National Forest
- Led by an expert guide, your raft will follow the gentle bends and undulations of the Snake River for 13 glorious miles, where you may catch glimpses of bald eagles, osprey, pelicans, moose, deer, elk, and other wildlife!
- The Tetons and Snake River views along the way are magnificent, so bring your camera and enjoy the beauty of the journey
- The balance of your day at leisure
- This evening celebrate the success of your tour at a farewell dinner

*Breakfast and Dinner included*

**Day 10 – 18 JUL (FRI) – DEPART JACKSON, WYOMING**

- Your custom tour comes to an end after breakfast

*Breakfast included*