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Monthly general membership meetings are on the third Wednesday of the month

NOVEMBER 2025 NEWSLETTER

(Any comments about the newsletter, you can email the editor at shepatfleming@gmail.com)

ELECTED OFFICERS

President: Marsha Hathcox

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Diane Beckmann

Dortha Backer, 539-4920

Pat Landen

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Trip Coordinator: Linda McCarty, 948-0545

Trip Coordinator: Linda Petersen, 551-1700

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Member Connections Coordinator: Claire Schneck

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OTHER

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Website Specialist: Larry Smith, 539-1142

Newsletter Editor: Pat Fleming, 539-5459

Trip Assistant: Jim McCarty

Trip Assistant: Pat Fleming

NOVEMBER BIRTHDAYS—*Happy Birthday to You!*

Judith Davis 1

Robert Evans 4

Kathy Gardner 5

Barbara Wendlandt 5

Carolyn Grace 6

Jay Reihls 6

Rodney Thorne 7

Richard Rockefeller 9

Gwen Porche 10

Kathleen McGuinness 11

Patty Wilson 14

Judy Brager 15

Sandra Coe 15

Mary Gutierrez 16

Linda Heckman 16

Donna Merry 19

Marion Shuck 20

Deborah Ylinen 20

Rosemary Nelson 21

Kathryn Schroeder 21

Dawn Rich 22

Pam Sandifer 22

Cindy Sital 22

Heidi Bader 23

Barb Freer 23

Jan Haan 23

Sharon Prior 23

Cyndi Kittson 24

Nancy Dodson 25

Dianne Greenwald 26

Bonnie Sams 26

Wendell Greenwald 30

Verna Bond says: Rovers did a great job on donations for October. Food totaled 157 lbs and Martha's Cupboard's total was 17 lbs. The yearly total is 1866 lbs. WOW! Rovers are great!!

ATTENTION THOSE WHO HAVE TRIED TO GET ON THE ROVERS PRIVATE FACEBOOK PAGE AND WERE NOT SUCCESSFUL, YET EDITOR HAS MADE A SETTINGS CHANGE THAT MAKES IT WORK NOW. IF YOU WANT ME TO SEND YOU A INVITE TO IT, EMAIL ME AT shepatfleming@gmail.com.



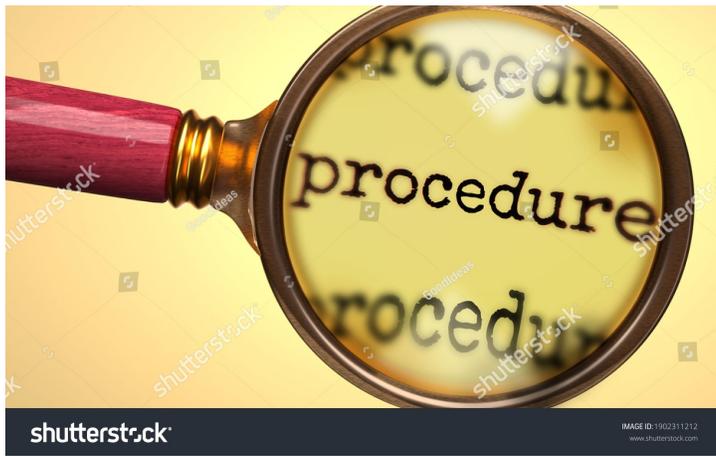
DUES FOR 2025—START DATE 11/1/25; DUE DATE 12/31/25

The deadline to pay dues for 2026 is 12/31/25. No leeway for dues received after that date in the mail (new Operating Procedure). The dues are **\$40/yr** and for those of you who get your newsletter mailed to you, the additional cost will be \$35/yr. You may now start sending in checks made payable to RAMBLING ROVERS (phone # please) or cash to the office at Rambling Rovers, 660 Suite R, George Washington Way, Richland, WA 99352 **OR** bring it to a meeting. At General Meetings, Karen Crawford, our Membership Specialist, sits closest to the door and will accept your dues payments every general meeting through 12/17/25. The last day we will accept dues during office hours will be Monday, 12/29. We will check the mail box on the 12/31 and also any envelopes slid under our office door by 2pm on 12/31.

If your dues are not received by these dates, you will be terminated as a member. If you pay late, you will have your check returned and you will have to reapply for membership.

We look forward to another great year of fun, friendships and traveling.

If you haven't traveled this year and received an email asking why and suggesting maybe you should reconsider renewing if you weren't going to travel, please know this, we DO want you to renew. We value you. That email was not Board sanctioned. We appreciate your being a member and know that one of these days we will have just the right trip for you.



The Board approved some changes to the Operating Procedures as follows:

Regarding dues, the deadline for paying them is now the last day of December.

Trip Coordinators will present the trip with cost or estimated cost to the Board for approval and provide said description to the newsletter editor.

If a trip does not fill, trip coordinator may recruit traveler(s) from list of people waiting to join the Association. Trips then may be offered to guests of members. [this was reversed in priority in last OP's] Trip coordinator can determine most efficient way to let travelers know number of openings available for guests.

The Health Advisement on page 2 has been deleted. Also deleted is the paragraph about the Member Connections Coordinator requesting the treasurer to send a \$20 donation to a charity specified by a deceased member's family.

A complete copy of the Operating Procedures is now on the Rover website (ramblingroverstravel.net) and at the Rover Office.



Our Rover member Bill Bell is getting married on Thanksgiving Day to Patti Lingle. They met at church. When you see them, wish them both many happy days together!



THE INSIDE SCOOP ON PLANNING A TRIP FOR THE ROVERS

Linda M. doesn't know I'm putting this in the newsletter but notice in the below itinerary for the recent Seattle trip, that every stop—whether it be for a rest stops or meals — has to be planned down to the minute because we are paying for the bus for a certain amount of time. I know our new trip coordinator, LP, appreciates Linda M's suggestions and guidance and has also received some great trip suggestions from members at the meetings, she's definitely on her way. So here is Linda M's email to those of us on this most recent trip to Seattle —do you think you can plan two of your own vacation days down to the minute like this?

[LINDA] I'll attach the itinerary here for your review. There will also be a printed copy in your treat bags along with other information about things to see and do while on the waterfront.

Bring a rain jacket or umbrella.... we're going to SEATTLE you know! Right now, the forecast looks pretty good, but we all know it can change on a dime!

Here is a link if you might be interested in a one-hour tour of Elliott Bay while you're there.

Seattle Harbor Cruise | Scenic Waterfront Tour with Argosy Cruises @ Pier 55.

DAY 1:

Kennewick=7:30 a.m.

Richland=8:00 a.m.

Pickup in Sunnyside at exit 69

Selah Rest stop=9:30 a.m.

2nd Rest Stop at Snoqualmie Summit

Seattle Waterfront=12:30 p.m. (PIER 57)

RELOAD BUS @ 3:30 p.m.

Arrive at Snoqualmie Casino-overnight=4:30 p.m.

DAY 2:

Luggage to Motorcoach @ 9:15 a.m.

LOAD BUS @ 9:30 a.m.

Arrive at Snoqualmie Falls=10:00 a.m.

RELOAD BUS =10:30 a.m.

Rest Stop enroute

MINER BURGER @ 2:00-3:00 p.m.

RELOAD BUS @ 3:00 p.m.

Richland=Approx 6:00 p.m.

As it turned out, the Rovers on this trip were so great at getting on the bus before the itinerary time, that we were ahead of schedule getting home. Maybe the lack of oohing and aahing at the Falls which were fogged in might have contributed some of the saved time.

It was a grand trip thanks to incredible planning. See next page for more.

Inside the snack bags were a list of fellow travelers on the bus (quite a few new members and kudos to the rest for making them feel welcome), a schematic of the hotel and where restaurants were located were located, the itinerary, 2 game sheets and a map of the Seattle waterfront.

After we got to our rooms and settled in, we hear from Jim & Linda who provided a happy hour in their suite which they personally paid extra for that had sofas and chairs and many member visitors.

Jim's trip trivia is always so interesting and he an extra few tidbits about their personal trip to the Great Lakes. Linda had an equally interesting story about working at Darigold. On the bus as we were passing that plant near Sunnyside, she commented that she worked there 20 years. She said, "I cut the cheese." [Bus laughter]. "I did!" She said they cut it into large pieces and it was wrapped and sent to Wisconsin — the cheese state! Wisconsin would cut it up and repackage with "distributed by Wisconsin" written on it and sent it out — even to our own area where it came from!

LAST MEETING TO SIGN UP IS THIS MONTH. LAST DAY FOR VEL TO RECEIVE YOUR CHECK IS 11/25.

CHRISTMAS LUNCHEON

PLEASE DO NOT MAIL OR TAKE
YOUR CHECK TO THE ROVER OFFICE



WHEN: Thursday, December 4th, 2025 at
11:30 a.m.

WHERE: Red Lion in Kennewick

COST: \$30 per person. Members only. Sorry, no guests

SIGNING UP:

Checks only (no cash please) **made payable to Rambling Rovers** and mailed or given personally to:

VEL WRIGHT
4410 W. METALINE AVE
KENNEWICK WA 99336

In the memo line of your check, please indicate each person's preference (chicken, pork or salmon): for **Chicken** Saltimbocca, sage rubbed chicken breast wrapped in Prosciutto, seared and topped with white wine sauce; Slow Roasted **Pork** loin topped with winter berry reduction; Fresh **Salmon** topped with savory miso glaze. (All meals are served with seasonal vegetables and Chef's choice of starch and include water, coffee service, house salad with Ranch & Vinaigrette on the side, dinner rolls and butter and dessert. Soda and bar drinks must be purchased and paid for by the member.)

You may begin mailing your checks to Vel now or you can also give Vel your check at a General Meeting. The deadline for Vel to receive your check is **November 25th**.

It will not be deposited until after the event. If you can't make it because you are sick, please telephone Vel as soon as you know. The cost of your dinner is much higher than we collect, therefore, the club is out money if we don't cancel the meals ahead of time.



OPEN FOR SIGN UPS AT THE ROVER
OFFICE OR BY MAIL AND AT THE
NOVEMBER GENERAL MEETING ON
11/19.



NEED A LITTLE CHRISTMAS

COEUR D'ALENE KROC CENTER

Saturday, December 6th @ 3:00 p.m.

"Need A Little Christmas" is a semi-professional, community theatre, Radio City Music Hall inspired show in Coeur d Alene, featuring a kick line, Santa's Workshop, a salute to the USO Show, a live Nativity scene, and much more. Join us for a night of holiday magic. "Need A Little Christmas" is an experience you won't want to miss!!



Kennewick Fred Meyer=10:30 a.m.

Richland Fred Meyer=11:00 a.m.

PRICE \$125.00

Fast food stops going up and on the way back

Arriving home 9:45 to 10:30

Led by: Linda Petersen and Pat Fleming, Asst.

Phone: 509-551-1700 and 509-539-5459

LET'S TALK TRAVEL 2026



Jim & Linda McCarty invite you to their home for

Christmas Cookies and Hot Cocoa

Thursday or Friday, December 18th and 19th

1:00-3:00 p.m.

634 S. Idaho Street, Kennewick

(Bring a snack to share)

Call the office @ 509-943-2277 and let them know which day you can attend. Office open Mon & Thurs; Noon-2:00



Room for 20 each day



BAD ASTRONOMY: MYTHS & MISCONCEPTIONS

December 27, 2025—CBC Planetarium at 3:15pm

Meet first for lunch at Magills at ____pm

Price: to be determined and Board Approval pending

LED BY: Linda Peterson and Pat Fleming

(509) 551-1700 (509) 539-5459



Spring Training

March 16 – 20, 2026

5 Days & 4 Nights

\$2,999.00 Per Person, Double Occupancy

\$3,999.00 Single Occupancy

Sightseeing Highlights:

- 3 Spring Training Games
 - 2 Seattle Mariners Games Included
- Sedona, AZ
- Pheonix, AZ
- Musical instrument Museum
- Heard Museum
- Westgate Entertainment District
- Tanger Outlets Phoenix

Itinerary

Day 1 – Fly to Sunny Phoenix, Arizona

Your spring getaway begins with a flight to Phoenix, Arizona, where desert sunshine and warm hospitality await. Upon arrival, you'll check in to the Hampton Inn & Suites Glendale/Westgate, perfectly situated next to **Tanger Outlets Phoenix** and the lively **Westgate Entertainment District**—a vibrant area filled with restaurants, shops, and nightlife. After settling into your comfortable accommodations, enjoy the evening at your leisure. Whether you choose to browse outlet deals, grab dinner nearby, or take a stroll through the bustling district, you'll be right in the heart of the action.



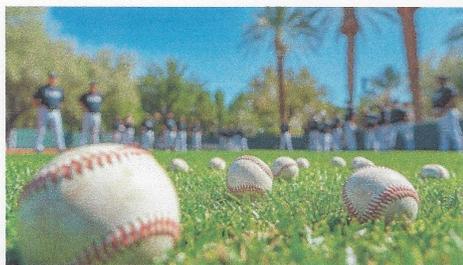
**Friendly
Excursions**

Tour Price Includes:



- Round Trip Airfare
- Transfers to from the Airport
- Deluxe Motorcoach
- Professional Tour Director
- 3 Spring Training Games
- 4 Nights: Hampton Inn & Suites here in Glendale/Westgate
- Meals—4 Breakfasts

Tour ID: T484



Day 2 – Native American Heritage & Major League Baseball This morning, immerse yourself in the rich history and artistry of the Southwest at the **Heard Museum**, one of the nation’s premier destinations for Native American art and culture. Admire beautifully crafted jewelry, textiles, pottery, and contemporary exhibits that bring indigenous stories to life. In the afternoon, feel the buzz of springtime baseball as we head to a **Seattle Mariners Spring Training game**. Sit back and enjoy the sunshine while watching your favorite players warm up for the season in a laid-back, intimate stadium atmosphere.

Day 3 – Red Rocks of Sedona & Another Day at the Ballpark Today, we journey north to the spectacular town of **Sedona, AZ** a place renowned for its dramatic red rock formations, artistic vibe, and spiritual energy. Marvel at towering sandstone cliffs, browse charming galleries and shops, or simply enjoy the peaceful desert views. After this scenic side trip, return to the valley for another **Seattle Mariners Spring Training game**, where you can cheer them on once more and maybe even catch a foul ball!

Day 4 – Musical Treasures & Return Home This morning, visit the exceptional **Musical Instrument Museum**, a world-class collection of instruments and music traditions from across the globe. Enjoy interactive exhibits, videos, and even performances as you explore how music connects cultures. In the afternoon, head to the stadium one last time for your **third Spring Training game**. Sit back, relax, and savor every inning of this exciting finale to your baseball-filled Arizona escape.

Day 5 – After this harmonious farewell to Arizona, we’ll transfer you to the airport for your flight home—bringing with you memories of sunshine, scenic beauty, rich culture, and exciting baseball action.

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INSURANCE PACKAGE is available for Trip Cancellation, Accident, Life, and Luggage coverage during the tour, and is strongly recommended. NTA Travel Protection Plan Coverage can be directly purchased by calling **(800) 388-1470**. You will be asked for the **Tour Operator Location Number: #058539** and your credit card for payment. If you need additional information please contact Friendly Excursions or your group leader.

DEPOSIT: \$200.00 per person due now to hold your place. Final payment is to be mailed to Friendly Excursions. **Final payment is due on December 10, 2025.**

CANCELLATION: Last day to cancel for a full refund is **December 10, 2025**

Tour ID: T484



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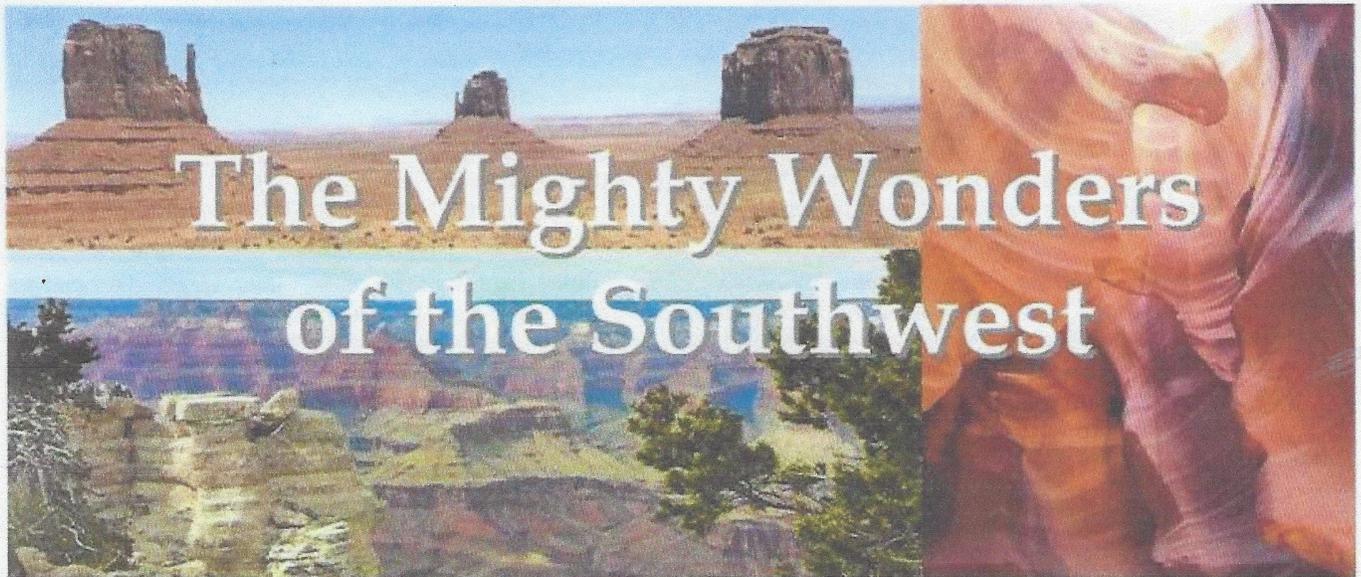
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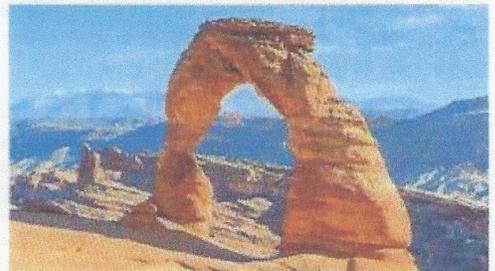


May 12 – 19 2026
8 Days & 7 Nights

\$3,699.00 Per Person, Double Occupancy
 \$4,599.00 Per Person Single Occupancy

Sightseeing Highlights

- Utah's Mighty 5
 - Arches National Park
 - Zion National Park
 - Bryce Canyon National Park
 - Canyonlands National Park
 - Capitol Reef National Park
- Moab Boat Dinner & Light Show
- Upper Antelope Canyon
- Grand Canyon National Park
- Sedona, AZ.



Tour Price Includes:

- Round trip Airfare
- Deluxe Motorcoach
- Tour Director
- Luggage Handling

Meals:

- 6 Breakfasts
- 2 Dinner

Hotel Accommodations:

- Flamingo Hotel Las Vegas Las Vegas (1 Night)
- LaQuinta Inns, Springdale UT (1 Night)
- Best Western Plus Ruby's Inn Bryce Canyon City, UT (1 Night)
- Homewood Inn & Suites, Moab, UT (2 Nights)
- Courtyard by Marriott, Page, AZ (1 Night)
- Holiday Inn Express, Sedona, AZ (1 Night)

*Or Similar

Itinerary

Day 1 Today our tour begins with a flight to the exciting city of **Las Vegas**. Your hotel located on the Strip, allowing you to explore the best Las Vegas has to offer with gambling, shopping, fine dining, shows and more.

Day 2 This morning, we travel to the awe inspiring **Zion National Park** in Utah to spend the day. Zion National Park features stunning scenery and sandstone cliffs, which are among the highest in the world. Springdale, AZ. overnight. D

Moderately Active: Moderate Pace, 3/4 mile walk through Antelope Canyon, and stair climbing onto motorcoach.

Tour ID: T481

Day 3 Begin the day driving through tunnels and along cliffs on the **Scenic Byway 9** from Zion National Park on your way to **Bryce National Park**. Once there, explore the grandeur of the hoodoos and vista views this park has to offer. Stop at some of the amazing overlooks of Sunrise Point, Sunset Point, Inspiration Point and Bryce Point. Enjoy a buffet dinner and overnight in Bryce Canyon City. B, D

Day 4 Enjoy a scenic drive on through **Capital Reef National Park** on our way to **Moab**. This evening experience a special slow moving **boat ride up the Colorado River** with a **light show**, projected on the side of the canyon walls that bring them to life. Stories about the formation, creation and history are illustrated with Wild West tales. Enjoy a Cowboy-style Dutch Oven Dinner. Overnight Moab, UT (2 nights). B, D.

Day 5 Begin the day with a visit to **Arches National Park**, famous for its 200 arches. After lunch we head to **Canyonlands National Park** which offers breathtaking views of canyons, spires, arches and unusual rock formations. Enjoy the stunning views on top of a mesa at **Dead Horse Point**. You can view deep into Canyonlands National Park and see the Colorado River 2,000 feet below. B

Day 6 Begin the day with a scenic drive through **Monument Valley Navajo Tribal Park** with its collection of crimson mesas and towering sandstone buttes. In the afternoon walk through the picturesque slot canyon known as **Upper Antelope Canyon**. Spend the night in Page. AZ. B

Day 7 After breakfast we get an early start to visit **Glen Canyon Dam**. Then off to see the spectacular **Horseshoe Bend** on the way to **Grand Canyon National Park**, one of the "7 Wonders of the World". This canyon with its colorful walls of igneous and metamorphic rock forms a chasm more than a mile deep for spectacular views. **Sedona, AZ.** overnight accommodations. B

Day 8 In the morning we will see the brilliant Red Rock formations, such as **Bell Rock**, the **Cathedral Rock**, **Snoopy Rock**, and the **vortexes of Sedona**. Enjoy an incredible day of Mother Nature's breathtaking iconic places before flying home from Phoenix, AZ. Lunch on your own in Uptown Sedona before we make our way to Phoenix Airport for our flight home. B

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DEPOSIT: \$200 due now to hold your place.

FINAL PAYMENT: is due on **March 15, 2026.**

CANCELLATION: No refund will be given after **March 15, 2026.**

Tour ID: **T481**



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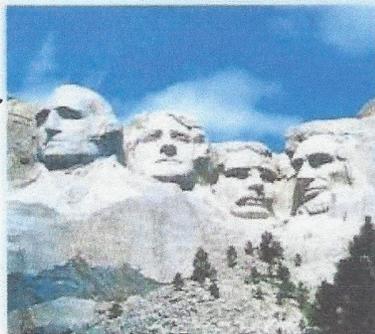


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Rambling Rovers

Yellowstone, Grand Tetons, and Mt. Rushmore

July 13 - 21, 2026



9 Days & 8 Nights

\$4,699.00 Per Person, Double Occupancy
\$5,899.00 Single Occupancy

Sightseeing Highlights

- Mt Rushmore Tour - Night and Day Visit
- Custer State Park
- Crazy Horse Memorial
- Deadwood, South Dakota
- Devils Tower
- Little Bighorn Battlefield National Monument
- Buffalo Bill Center of the West
- Yellowstone National Park:
Old Faithful Geyser, Lower Falls, Grand Canyon
of the Yellowstone and wildlife
- Grand Teton National Park
- Grand Teton Range, Float Trip
(Smooth River Float Ride-No Rapids)
- Jackson Town Square

Tour Price Includes

Round Trip Airfare
Airport Transfers
Deluxe Motorcoach
Professional Tour Director
National Park Entrance Fees
Meals:

8 Breakfasts
2 Dinners



Accommodations:

- 2 Nights Rapid City, South Dakota
The Rushmore Hotel
- 1 Night Deadwood, South Dakota
Holiday Inn Express
- 1 Night Sheridan, Wyoming
Hampton Inn Sheridan
- 1 Night Cody, Wyoming
Holiday Inn-Buffalo Resort
- 2 Nights West Yellowstone, Montana
Kelly Inn West Yellowstone
- 1 Night Jackson, Wyoming
49er Inn & Suites

Tour ID: T478

Itinerary

Day 1 We begin our journey as we fly into Rapid City, South Dakota at the base of the Black Hills. Where you will meet your Tour Director and be brought to your hotel in the heart of the downtown area.
2 Nights Rapid City, SD

Day 2 This morning we enter **Custer State Park** in a rugged area of South Dakota's Black Hills known for having the largest free roaming bison herds. Continuing on, we visit **Crazy Horse Memorial** where you can watch history in the making as drilling and blasting continue on the largest sculpture undertaking ever. This memorial is a tribute for all Native American tribes, it is breathtaking and inspiring. We visit **Mt. Rushmore National Memorial** during day where you can view these majestic sculpture portraits of four American Presidents: George Washington, Thomas Jefferson, Theodore Roosevelt and Abraham Lincoln. We visit **Keystone** a charming and historic town surrounded by the breathtaking beauty of the Black Hills. This evening we will return to **Mt. Rushmore National Memorial Illuminated** in the night sky with accompanying Patriotic music.

Day 3 After breakfast we travel to **Deadwood, SD**. Here you will follow in the footsteps of historic Old West Legends such as Wild Bill Hickok, Calamity Jane and Seth Bullock in Deadwood. This 1870's gold rush town, named for the dead trees in its gulch, became a National Historic Landmark in 1961. Bring your lucky charm for the games at tonight's hotel. B
Overnight, Deadwood, SD



Day 4 Today we visit the iconic **Devils Tower**. A monolithic tower of igneous rock formation of hexagonal columns that rises dramatically from the surrounding landscape. Highlighted in many movies and television shows. B,D
Overnight Sheridan WY

Day 5 Today we travel through the Buffalo Bill Country around the Bighorn Mountains on our way to Cody. Visit the site of the **Little Bighorn Battlefield National Monument** where Lt. Col. George Armstrong Custer Had his last stand. We arrive in Cody, a famous town is known as the small western town with the big city attitude. Explore the **Buffalo Bill Center of the West**, a complex of five museums Buffalo Bill Museum, the Plains Indians Museum, the Whitney Western Art Museum, the Draper Natural History Museum, and the Cody Firearms Museum. Then enjoy dinner at Buffalo Bill's Irma hotel. In the evening you may enjoy the Cody Nite Rodeo, one of the longest running successful professional rodeos and making Cody the "Rodeo Capitol of the World." B, D
Overnight, Cody, WY

Day 6 We make our way through Wyoming to a wonderful location where Montana and Wyoming meet, **Yellowstone National Park!** With herds of bison, elk and other wildlife, and stunning geo-thermal wonders found nowhere else and of course the notable **Old Faithful Geyser**. Our lodging is at the west entrance of the park. B
2 Nights, West Yellowstone

Day 7 Today we have a local step on guide as a special treat to give us a wonderful day in **Yellowstone National Park**. You will see the **Lower Falls** and the **Grand Canyon of Yellowstone**, and more sights and wildlife to capture your attention. B

Day 8 This morning we travel to **Grand Teton National Park**. Few sights are as breathtaking as the 40-mile-long **Teton Range** and the lush valley located at the foot of the range, famously known as **Jackson Hole**. From the abundance of wildlife to the winding **Snake River** to the striking views wherever you turn, these mountains rise gloriously into the sky and demand your attention. Enjoy this incredible beauty with a leisurely **Float Trip** soaking in the sights (Smooth River, no rapids). In the **Town Square** see the famous arches made of antlers. B
Overnight, Jackson, WY

Day 9 This morning we travel to Salt Lake City, UT and board our flight home. While on our motorcoach, we can say goodbye to new friends as you travel home reminiscing about the wonders, both natural and manmade, we have experienced on our journey. B

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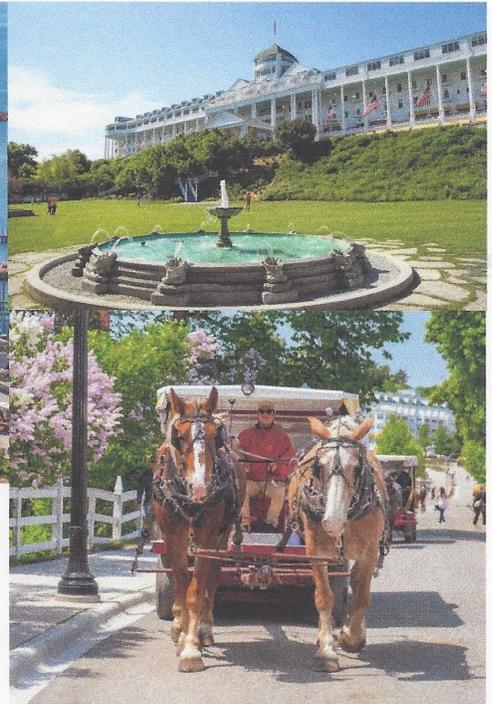
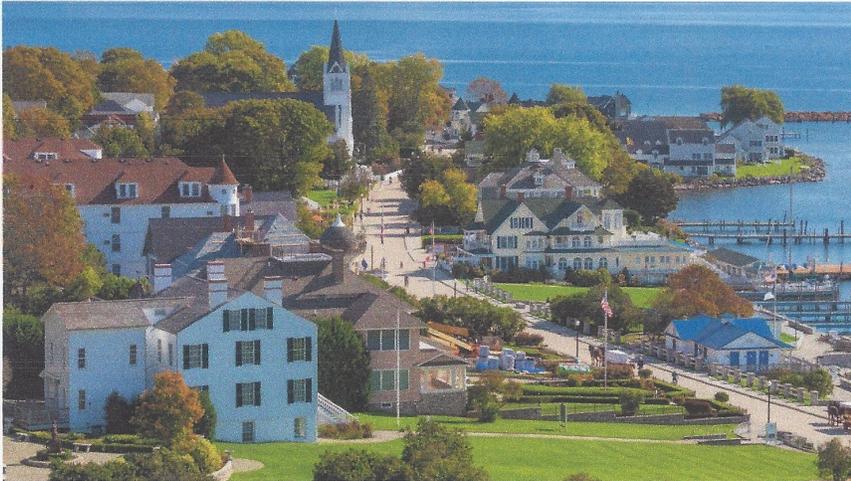
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Mackinac Island & Chicago



September 6 – 14, 2026
9 Days & 8 Nights

Sightseeing Highlights

- Mackinac Island
 - Grand Hotel 3 Nights
 - Horse-Drawn Carriage Tour
- Chicago
 - Architecture River Cruise
 - Navy Pier
 - Willis Tower
- Detroit, Michigan
 - Henry Ford Museum
 - Greenfield Village
 - Rouge Factory Tour
 - Ford Garage
- Grand Rapids
 - Frederik Meijer Gardens & Sculpture Park

Itinerary

Day 1: Welcome to Detroit – The Motor City Awaits!

Your adventure begins as you arrive in **Detroit, Michigan**, a city known for its deep-rooted history in the automotive industry, soulful music scene, and cultural revival. Once you land, you'll be transported to your hotel for a two-night stay, allowing you to settle in and relax before the exciting days ahead.

Day 2: Step into the Past – Henry Ford, Greenfield Village & Rouge Factory: Today is all about innovation, history, and American ingenuity as you explore some of the nation's most celebrated sites. Start at the **Henry Ford Museum**, where you'll see presidential limousines, historic aircraft, and the bus where Rosa Parks made her stand. Next, stroll through **Greenfield Village**, a charming, open-air museum that brings history to life with historic homes, working farms, and skilled artisans practicing traditional crafts. Finally, witness the magic of modern manufacturing at the **Rouge Factory Tour**, where Ford trucks are assembled before your eyes. This immersive day showcases the past, present, and future of American industry. Enjoy Dinner at the **Ford Garage**, a 1920's themes Burger restaurant with vintage cars. B,D



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\$4,999.00 Per Person, Double Occupancy
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Tour Price Includes:

Round Trip Airfare 
Deluxe Motorcoach Transportation
Professional Tour Director
Admissions
Hotel Luggage Handling
Meals: 8 Breakfasts
5 Dinners

Accommodations:

- Detroit: Double Tree Detroit Airport (2 Nights)
- Mackinac Island: Grand Hotel (3 Nights)
- Grand Rapids: Drury Inn & Suites Grand Rapids (1 Night)
- Chicago: Fairfield Inn Downtown/Magnificent Mile (2 Nights)

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Day 3: Journey to Timeless Mackinac Island: Leave the hustle of the city behind as you travel north through Michigan’s picturesque landscapes. The journey includes a **scenic ferry ride** across the Straits of Mackinac, offering breathtaking views of the iconic Mackinac Bridge. Arrive at **Mackinac Island**, a place where time slows down, and the charm of a bygone era still thrives. You’ll check in at the legendary **Grand Hotel**, known for its world-famous porch, elegant Victorian décor, and stunning lake views. Enjoy a welcome evening at leisure—take a peaceful stroll, indulge in the hotel’s renowned cuisine, or simply relax in the grandeur of your surroundings. B,D

Day 4: Carriage Tour & Island Magic: Experience Mackinac Island as it was meant to be—by **horse-drawn carriage!** Enjoy a guided tour through the island’s historic streets, past charming cottages, lush gardens, and scenic overlooks. You’ll visit sites like Arch Rock, a stunning natural limestone formation, and learn about the island’s storied past. The afternoon is yours to explore—wander through local shops, sample famous Mackinac fudge, visit Fort Mackinac, or sip tea on the Grand Hotel’s iconic porch as you take in panoramic views of Lake Huron. B,D

Day 5: A Day to Savor Mackinac’s Beauty: Today is yours to explore, relax, and immerse yourself in the tranquil beauty of Mackinac Island. Visit the Butterfly House & Insect World, or step inside historic churches and cottages that tell the story of this unique destination. If relaxation is calling, spend the day unwinding at the Grand Hotel’s elegant pool and gardens. However you choose to spend your time, every moment on Mackinac Island is like stepping into a storybook. B,D

Day 6: From Island Charm to Garden Splendor: Bid farewell to Mackinac Island as you take the ferry back to the mainland, where your journey continues south to **Grand Rapids**. Upon arrival, visit the breathtaking **Frederik Meijer Gardens & Sculpture Park**, home to world-class botanical displays, contemporary sculptures, and serene Japanese gardens. Marvel at awe-inspiring outdoor exhibits or explore the impressive indoor tropical conservatory. Afterward, settle in for an overnight stay in Grand Rapids, a city known for its craft breweries, vibrant arts scene, and warm hospitality. B

Day 7: Chicago’s Skyline, & Magnificent Mile: This morning, travel to **Chicago**, one of America’s most dynamic cities. Begin exploring the city high up in the skies at the **Willis Tower Skydeck**. Visit the 103rd floor, one of the tallest building in the Western Hemisphere. For those brave souls, “The Ledge” awaits you for an unforgettable experience! Next check into your hotel near the **Magnificent Mile**, a bustling hub of shopping, dining, and entertainment. B

Day 8: History, & Scenic River Cruise: Today you will be treated to the “not-to-be-missed” **Architectural Boat Tour** along the Chicago River which gives you an up close view of more than 50 famous buildings in this vibrant city. Capturing historic, art deco and modern styles, these tall towers each have a story and personality behind their façade. Enjoy lunch at the iconic **Navy Pier** with its many shops, restaurants and attractions. Enjoy a free afternoon to explore the city at your own pace. After an enriching day, gather in the evening for a special farewell dinner at one of Chicago’s iconic Deep Dish pizzerias, where you’ll toast to the unforgettable experiences, breathtaking destinations, and new friendships made along the way. B,D

Day 9: Farewell, Until Next Time! After an incredible journey through Michigan and Chicago, it’s time to say goodbye. Enjoy a final breakfast before departing to the airport for your flight home, carrying with you cherished memories of historic cities, scenic landscapes, and unforgettable experiences. Until we meet again on the next adventure! B

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