



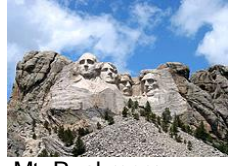

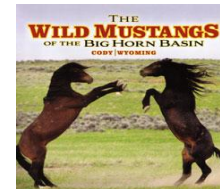


Wildlife & Wild West History Yellowstone Tour 2014 Denver, Colorado to Salt Lake City, Utah

<p>Day 1: Arrival in Denver The group is meeting in Denver, capitol of Colorado, at 5:30 PM in the hotel lobby. We walk to a nearby restaurant and get to know each other at dinner sharing important information about the tour and hand out tour documentation.</p>	  <p style="display: flex; justify-content: space-around;">Arrival in Denver Denver, downtown</p>
<p>Day 2: Wild Animal Sanctuary – Cheyenne - Register Cliff – Fort Laramie – Lusk Visit a Wild Animal Sanctuary near Denver and see North American wildlife including Grizzly bears, wolves, mountain lions, raccoons, foxes, coyotes and bobcats which have been rescued. Stop in Cheyenne, capitol city of Wyoming. See famous Fort Laramie, a landmark for western American history and stop at Register Cliff where hundreds of Oregon Trail immigrants have left their names. Stay for the night in Lusk.</p>	  <p style="display: flex; justify-content: space-around;">Grizzly bear Fort Laramie</p>
<p>Day 3: Fort Robinson, Nebraska - Oglala National Grassland – Hot Springs, Wyoming – Badlands National Park - Wall, South Dakota Drive through wildlife areas near Fort Robinson, famous for their bighorn sheep population. Learn about native history and local nature at Fort Robinson. At Hot Springs visit Mammoth Site, an excavation of 26,000 year old mammoth skeletons. Stay for two nights near Badlands National Park in log cabins in Wall, South Dakota.</p>	  <p style="display: flex; justify-content: space-around;">Mammoth Site Badlands NP</p>
<p>Day 4: Badlands National Park Explore Badlands National Park on walks and hikes, a fascinating landscape with eroded pinnacles and spires and the largest mixed grass prairie in the U.S. Discover diverse wildlife including bison, bighorn sheep, prairie dogs and rabbits.</p>	  <p style="display: flex; justify-content: space-around;">Badlands bison Bighorn Sheep</p>
<p>Day 5: Wall – Crazy Horse Memorial – Custer State Park – Mt. Rushmore - Deadwood Today's sights include two giant rock carvings, the first being Crazy Horse, still under construction, and Mt. Rushmore, a completed sculpting of 4 presidents' heads. Observe wildlife including wild burros and bison in gorgeous rocky landscape of Custer State Park. Hike around spectacular Sylvan Lake. Night in Deadwood, historic Wild West town and gambling center.</p>	  <p style="display: flex; justify-content: space-around;">Custer, Wild Burros Mt. Rushmore</p>
<p>Day 6: Lead Mining - Devil's Tower NM – Fort Phil Kearny - Sheridan See the largest Gold Mine in U.S. history, the Homestake Mine in Lead, stop at visitor center. Stop at Beulah Buffalo Jump and see an ancient hunting trap. Visit Devil's Tower. Hike around this impressive volcanic formation and discover prairie dog colonies nearby. Explore historic Fort Phil Kearny and learn about the Bozeman Trail and Indian wars. Night in Buffalo or Sheridan.</p>	  <p style="display: flex; justify-content: space-around;">Devil's Tower Prairie Dogs</p>
<p>Day 7: Sheridan – Bighorn Mountains – Cody or Pahaska Tepee Depending on weather, visit Medicine Wheel up on 3000 meters in the Bighorn Mountains, a native sanctuary. Watch for moose roaming in the alpine forests of the Bighorn Mountains. Drive through prairie lands to Cody, Wyoming, watching for wild mustangs along the road. Stay downtown Cody or in near Pahaska Tepee. Depending on season you can reserve an optional rodeo event.</p>	  <p style="display: flex; justify-content: space-around;">Wild Mustangs Moose</p>

Day 8: Cody – optional Mustang tour - Buffalo Bill Historical Center

Participate in an optional mustang jeep tour guided by a local naturalist. Visit the Buffalo Bill Historical Center featuring five museums under one roof and learn about the Wild West and nature. Visit galleries and western stores and enjoy good food in this original western town. Night in Cody.



optional Mustang tour Buffalo Bill Center

Day 9: Yellowstone Park – West Yellowstone or Gardiner, Montana

Depending on season, travel over All American Beartooth highway through Lamar Valley to Gardiner. Alternatively, drive through beautiful Shoshone Valley with a stop at Buffalo Bill's historic hunting lodge Pahaska Teepee. Optional horseback ride can be arranged. Enjoy a first view of deep blue Lake Yellowstone, then hike the scenic rim of Yellowstone Canyon at Lower Falls. In the evening, drive along Madison River where there is lots of wildlife including bison and elk. Two nights either in West Yellowstone or Gardiner, Montana.



Bison herd



Mammoth Hot Springs

Day 10: Yellowstone National Park highlights

Walk at Norris Geyser Basin, largest geothermal area of Yellowstone National Park and visit the steaming travertine terraces and historic Fort Mammoth at Mammoth Hot Springs. Picnic in the park. Drive through Lamar Valley and Hayden Valley where the densest population of wildlife can be seen including bison, elk, and with some luck discover coyotes, wolves and an occasional bear.



Elk/Wapiti



Norris Geyser Basin

Day 11: Yellowstone NP - Grand Teton NP – Jackson - Alpine

Drive through Yellowstone National Park exploring more famous wonders including Old Faithful. Onto Grand Teton National Park, picnic and hike. Look out for moose. Explore Jackson with its art galleries and gift shops. Night in a lodge on Snake River in the small community of Alpine.



Old Faithful Inn



Teton National Park

Day 12: Alpine – Blackfoot Reservoir/ Bear Lake Wildlife Refuge – Fossil Butte NM - Kemmerer

View wild birds at Blackfoot Reservoir habitat of American White Pelicans and Bear Lake National Wildlife Refuge with rare Sandhill Cranes and trumpeter swans. Explore Fossil Butte National Monument. See rare fossils of fish, leaves, turtles and more amid wildlife viewing. Night in Kemmerer.



Lava Hot Springs



Sandhill Cranes

Day 13: Kemmerer – Fossil Butte NM – 2002 Olympic Park – Salt Lake City

Optional fish fossil hunting tour, view Ulrich's Fish Fossil Gallery. Stop at Park's City famous Outlet Mall for some brand name shopping. Visit 2002 Winter Olympics Park, Alf Engen Ski Museum. Evening and 2 nights in Salt Lake City.



Fossil Butte N.M.



Pronghorn Antelope

Day 14: Salt Lake City – Capitol – Red Butte Gardens - Antelope Island

Visit Utah's grandiose capitol building, then explore Red Butte Botanical Gardens, where rare birds, rabbits, lizards and other animals reside. Afternoon hiking and picnicking at Antelope Island State Park, habitat for North American wildlife including Pronghorn Antelopes and bison. Optional swim in Salt Lake. Say good-bye at dinner in Salt Lake City.



Red Butte Gardens



Antelope Island

Day 15: Departure – or – Continue Independent Travel

Our tour comes to an end. Journey home or continue traveling.



Salt Lake Capitol

