

# 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 Friends,

Please join fellow alumni 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.

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.

This is a peak-season sailing for university and college alumni association travelers. With significant savings of more than \$600 per couple, we anticipate this program will fill quickly. Be certain to reserve

your spot today.

Reserve today online at [ncsu.orbridge.com](https://ncsu.orbridge.com), by calling (800) 627-2586 or (919) 515-0508, or by emailing [hart@ncsu.edu](mailto:hart@ncsu.edu).

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Kathy Hart". The signature is written in black ink and is positioned below the word "Sincerely,".

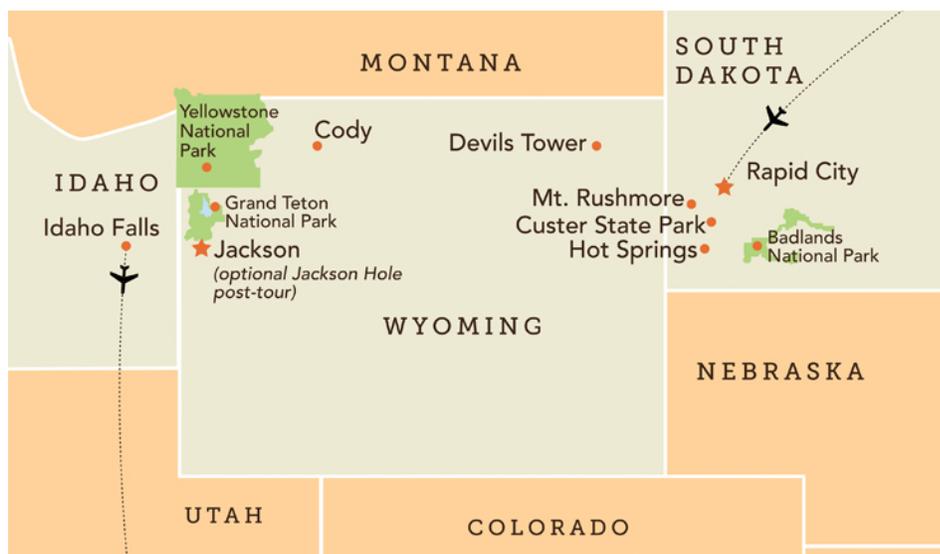
Kathy Hart  
WolfTreks Travel Director  
NC State Alumni Association

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*Please note: The information contained in this document is current as of 5/18/2021*

## 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 and 7 dinners, including special welcome and farewell dinners; full guiding services of an Orbridge Expedition Leader; all activities as described in the 9-day itinerary; admission and park fees; 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; and airport transfers for guests arriving and departing during the suggested times.



## Itinerary:

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

Thursday, May 26, 2022

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 to kick off the exciting week ahead.

*Overnight: Hotel Alex Johnson (D)*

### **Day 2: Rapid City / Badlands National Park / Spearfish Canyon**

Friday, May 27, 2022

This morning after breakfast, 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. Lunch is at leisure.

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 3: Spearfish Canyon / Mount Rushmore / Custer State Park**

Saturday, May 28, 2022

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 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.

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

For the following two evenings, retire to Custer State Game Lodge, which offers a tranquil, nature-filled experience combined with stunning views and outstanding service. Built in 1921, this impressive stone and wood lodge surrounded by stately trees is listed on the National Register of Historic Places. The charming lodge served as the "Summer White House" in 1927 for President Calvin Coolidge, who saw it as a quiet retreat from the heat, bugs, and crowds of Washington, DC. President Dwight D. Eisenhower also visited the lodge in 1953, while on a visit to the Black Hills area.

*Overnight: Custer State Game Lodge (B,D)*

#### **Day 4: Custer / Hot Springs / Custer**

Sunday, May 29, 2022

After breakfast, venture 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.

Following lunch on your own, travel into the heart of the Black Hills to witness 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 artist Korczak Ziolkowski and his sculptures that illustrate 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: Custer State Game Lodge (B,D)*

### **Day 5: Custer / Devils Tower, WY / Cody**

Monday, May 30, 2022

The day's adventures begin with a brief morning stop at Devils Tower. This astounding geologic feature protruding out of the prairie surrounding the Black Hills is considered sacred by Northern Plains Indians and indigenous people.

Afterward, board the motor coach, sit back, relax, and admire the vistas en route to Cody.

American scout, bison hunter, and showman William Frederick "Buffalo Bill" Cody founded Cody in 1896. He was drawn to the area's rich soil, abundant fish and game, grand scenery, and proximity to Yellowstone National Park. The town 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)*

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

Tuesday, May 31, 2022

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 paintings, 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**

Wednesday, June 1, 2022

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 / Jackson**

Thursday, June 2, 2022

With the 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: Rustic Inn at Jackson Hole Creekside Resort and Spa (B,D)*

### **Day 9: Jackson / Idaho Falls / Depart**

Friday, June 3, 2022

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

B = Breakfast, L = Lunch, D = Dinner

(Itinerary 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's Included:

- 8 nights in unique accommodations and inspiring landmark lodges
  - 8 breakfasts and 7 dinners, including special welcome and farewell dinners
  - Full guiding services of an Orbridge Expedition Leader as well as expert local guides
  - All activities as described in the 9-day itinerary
  - Admission and park fees
  - 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
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## Your Guide(s):

### Orbridge Expedition Leader

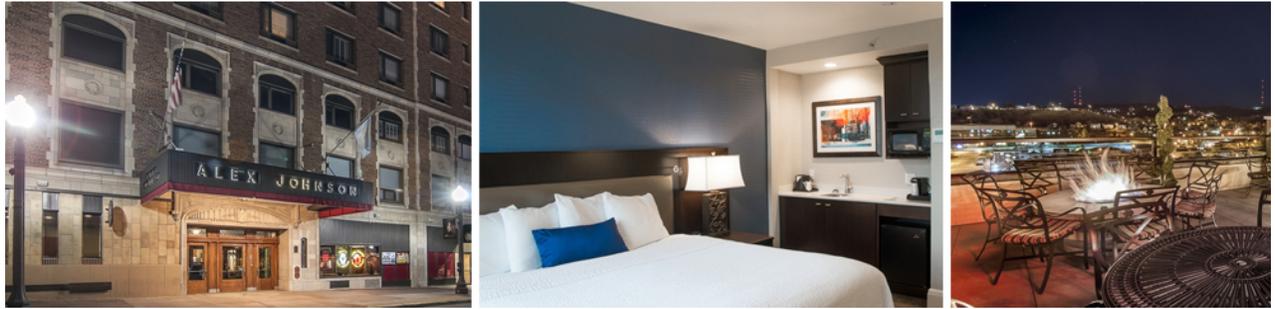


On this program, you will have the benefit of an expert Expedition Leader with extensive local knowledge and experience as a cultural, historic, and naturalist interpreter. With their contribution of exceptional know-how and enthusiasm adding depth to your experience, enjoy the cultures and locations you explore with added confidence, understanding, and appreciation.

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## Program Accommodations:

### Hotel Alex Johnson



May 26

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: Individual 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



May 27

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. Experience the sights and sounds of nature firsthand by hiking trails that meander through the forest to a Black Hills waterfall or lead to the rim of the canyon.

*Room Amenities: Individual 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.*

## Custer State Game Lodge



May 28 - May 29

Set in a beautiful mountain valley and surrounded by a ponderosa pine forest, this gracious stone and wood lodge served as the "Summer White House" for President Calvin Coolidge in 1927 and was visited by President Dwight D. Eisenhower for several days in 1953. Built in 1920, the lodge is listed on the National Register of Historic Places. Inside, you'll discover a blend of the past and the present, the elegant and the outdoors. Enjoy South Dakota specialties such as buffalo, pheasant, and trout in the historic lodge dining room.

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

Note: The lodge does not have an elevator.

## Holiday Inn Cody-At Buffalo Bill Village



May 30

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. During leisure time, relax and recharge at the outdoor pool, by the bar/restaurant, or at the lounge. Laundry facilities are available for an additional fee.

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

## Yellowstone National Park Lodging

May 31 - June 1

Confirmed by the National Park Service, you'll stay at one of the following Yellowstone properties: Old Faithful Inn, Old Faithful Snow Lodge, Canyon Lodge & Cabins or Mammoth Hot Springs Hotel. Each offers comfortable lodging and modern amenities.

## Rustic Inn at Jackson Hole Creekside Resort and Spa



June 2

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

After an exciting day of activities, relax in the inn's indoor 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 wine and exquisite cuisine in the lounge, or pamper yourself in the revitalizing spa (additional fees apply).

*Room Amenities: Individual climate control, TV, complimentary Wi-Fi, 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 Guests Are Saying:

“Our Tour Director was excellent. Making sure hotel accommodations were available, checking that food service was safe, alerting us to travel times, sharing information about the sites, being available when needed, he did it all. It was a pleasure to travel with him.

Our Expedition Leader exceeded all expectations. He was knowledgeable about the area and all locations were great. He was always thinking about what extra we could do in the areas we visited. His experience as a National Park Ranger and his advanced study made him an expert on the trip. We were so fortunate to have him.

Orbridge provides a good product. This is our second trip. The biggest asset is the quality of the Travel Director and the Expedition Leader they provide. Attention to the traveler is high on their list of what matters. We will travel with Orbridge again.”

–Marie & Geoff O., Valley Stream, NY

“What a wonderful experience. This was our first time to the Old West area and felt as if it could not have been better. Not only did we travel to the big sites and parks, but also, places we would not have experienced had it not been for our guides.

It was A++ — the lodging, the meals, the accommodations, the tour guides, the sights were magnificent.

This is a trip we will never forget. Orbridge is a class act!!”

–Candace T., Clinton, NC

“This was our first tour by motorcoach – just to see if we liked it. We absolutely will do this again. The tour guides were fun, knowledgeable, and well prepared. The bus driver was very good and fun to talk to. I cannot praise this whole experience enough!

Well thought out itinerary, good fit with our guides. We loved the information our guides shared with us—we had a great time.”

–Becky H., Fairfax, VA

"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

"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

"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

"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

"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

"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."  
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–John and Toni H., Madisonville, TX

"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

"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

"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

"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

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.

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## Itinerary:

### Day 9: Jackson

Friday, June 3, 2022

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 more than 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 U.S.

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

### Day 10: Jackson

Saturday, June 4, 2022

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.

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: Jackson / Idaho Falls / Depart**

Sunday, June 5, 2022

After breakfast, guests departing during the suggested times take a complimentary transfer to Idaho Falls Regional 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.)

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## **Activity Level:**

### **Moderate**

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. In addition, guests should have the ability to embark and disembark a scenic raft, have proper fit into a type V life jacket, and be able to remain seated and balanced in the craft.

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## Accommodations:

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



June 3 - June 4

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

After an exciting day of activities, relax in the inn's indoor 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 wine and exquisite cuisine in the lounge, or pamper yourself in the revitalizing spa (additional fees apply).

*Room Amenities: Individual climate control, TV, complimentary Wi-Fi, 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 breakfast each morning
- Admission to the National Museum of Wildlife Art, including a docent-led tour, and transfers to and from the hotel
- A half-day scenic Snake River float trip, including transportation to and from the hotel
- Luggage portorage
- Airport transfers for guests departing during the suggested times



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PROGRAM RATES*
Double: \$4,995
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POST-TOUR RATE***
Double: \$995
Single: \$1,495

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### Reserve by Check:

Made payable to **Orbridge, LLC**  
Mail to: NC State Alumni Association  
Box 7503, NC State University  
Raleigh, NC 27695-7503

### 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](https://terms.orbridge.com) and the COVID-19 Acknowledgement at [orbridge.com/wellness](https://orbridge.com/wellness); and I/we agree 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.

## Terms and Conditions

THE FOLLOWING TERMS AND CONDITIONS ARE EFFECTIVE JANUARY 1, 2021, AND APPLY TO NEW RESERVATIONS RECEIVED BY ORBRIDGE ON OR AFTER JANUARY 1, 2021.

**Note: Travel credits and transfers are subject to the Terms and Conditions agreed upon at the time of the original reservation.**

**ORBRIDGE® TERMS AND CONDITIONS, RELEASE AND BINDING ARBITRATION AGREEMENT**

This Agreement includes contractual terms and conditions and releases Orbridge, LLC from liability. Any payment to Orbridge, including but not limited to deposits or full payments, constitutes your acknowledgement of, and agreement to, this Terms and Conditions, Release and Binding Arbitration Agreement Orbridge set forth below and in subsequent tour documents.

**Limitation of Responsibility.** Orbridge LLC, its shareholders, directors, officers, employees and affiliates (collectively, "Orbridge"), does not own or operate any entity that provides 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 LLC" or "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 (collectively, "losses") 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, pandemics or the threat thereof or for any other cause beyond the direct control of Orbridge. In addition, I release Orbridge from its own negligence and assume all risk thereof.

**Rates.** Program rates are based on minimum participation levels, current fares and costs (air, water, land, rail), 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.

**Reservations, Deposits and Final Payment.** To secure your reservation, deposits are due upon placing a reservation as follows: (1) \$850 per person per program and \$500 per person per pre-tour and/or post-tour except for programs noted in (2) and (3); (2) \$2,500 per person for Antarctica Discovery and Trans-Siberian Railway and \$500 per person per pre-tour and/or post-tour; (3) a non-refundable \$1,500 per person is due for Tanzania Wildlife Safari's Rwanda pre-tour. Deposits are payable by check, automated clearing house ("ACH"), wire transfer or major credit card.

Final payment, including any pre-tour and/or post-tour, optional excursion(s) fees and optional electives, is payable by check, ACH or wire transfer, and is due for: (1) all programs except Antarctica Discovery and Trans-Siberian Railway—no later than 90 days prior to the program's scheduled departure date; (2) Antarctica Discovery and Trans-Siberian Railway—no later than 150 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, optional excursion(s) fees and optional electives, is due at the time of registration, payable by check, ACH or wire transfer.

Final payments made by credit card for departures in 2021 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 Cancellations and Refunds.** All cancellations must be submitted to Orbridge in writing and will be processed as follows:

(a) For all programs except those noted in (b) and (c), if the cancellation notice is received by Orbridge more than 90 calendar days prior to the program's scheduled departure date, all monies paid to Orbridge for the main program and for any pre-tour and/or post-tour will be refunded in full. If the cancellation notice is received by Orbridge between 90 and 60 days prior to the scheduled departure date, a 25% cancellation fee will be applied to the full cost of the program, including any pre-tour and/or post-tour, and the balance will be refunded. If the cancellation notice is received by Orbridge between 59 and 30 days prior to the scheduled departure date, a 50% cancellation fee will be applied to the full cost of the program, including any pre-tour and/or post-tour, and the balance will be refunded. If the cancellation notice is received by Orbridge within 29 days prior to the scheduled departure date, a 100% cancellation fee will be applied to the full cost of the program, including any pre-tour and/or post-tour.

(b) For Antarctica Discovery and Trans-Siberian Railway, if the cancellation notice is received by Orbridge more than 180 calendar days prior to the scheduled departure date, all monies paid to Orbridge for the main program and for any pre-tour and/or post-tour will be refunded in full. If the cancellation notice is received by Orbridge between 180 and 150 days prior to the scheduled departure date, a 25% cancellation fee will be applied to the full cost of the program, including any pre-tour and/or post-tour, and the balance will be refunded. If the cancellation notice is received by Orbridge between 149 and 120 days prior to the scheduled departure date, a 50% cancellation fee will be applied to the full cost of the program, including any pre-tour and/or post-tour, and the balance will be refunded. If the cancellation notice is received by Orbridge within 119 days prior to the scheduled departure date, a 100% cancellation fee will be applied to the full cost of the program, including any pre-tour and/or post-tour.

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

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, will 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 emergency medical evacuation insurance and cancel for any reason insurance. Travel and cancellation insurance policies and dates by which policies must be purchased vary by provider/insurer, maximum coverage (including cancel for any reason) is generally only available for purchase within 14 days of your reservation being confirmed. It is advised to determine your insurance needs and make necessary arrangements soon after reserving on tour. If you do not have, but are interested in purchasing, travel and cancellation insurance please contact us.

**Program Cancellations or Postponements.** All programs are subject to cancellation or postponement by Orbridge prior to the scheduled departure date for reasons such 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 or postponement by Orbridge, Orbridge may offer you alternative arrangements such as the option to join the same tour on a different date or a different tour. If the price of your alternative booking is lower than your original booking price, Orbridge will refund the difference within 30 days of the alternative program's departure date. If it is higher than your original booking price, Orbridge will invoice you the difference and you will be responsible therefor. Transferred guests are subject to the terms of the original tour. Except for force majeure, if a program is cancelled or postponed by Orbridge, Orbridge will refund all payments made within 30 calendar days of notice of program cancellation or postponement if an alternative arrangement is not offered.

**Itineraries.** Accommodations, the itinerary, travel directors or expedition leaders, lecturers, hosts, faculty or organization representative, 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, however 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 except as indicated in program inclusions; 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 other taxes added to program costs by applicable governmental authorities; 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); ship, air, or transportation fuel surcharges, if applicable; any items not on the "included" list of the tour documents

**Health and Fitness to Travel.** Through your participation in your tour, you assume responsibility for your own health, safety, and welfare and acknowledge that Orbridge cannot absolutely guarantee your safety or health. Your physician can provide guidance on your personal health risk and precautions to take while traveling. Some programs include physically active elements. To enjoy these programs as intended, a minimum level of fitness is required and Orbridge will require all guests to follow local, state, national and/or World Health Organization health and safety mandates. 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 the guest 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 situation if possible.

**Accessibility.** Orbridge cannot guarantee that the transportation, lodging, and entertainment/sightseeing accommodations will be accessible to all persons regardless of their physical and mental condition. In addition, many of the activities involved in each program include walking or the like for some distance on uneven ground or pavement or moving water as well as the ability to walk up and down stairs without assistance. Should any individuals seeking to participate in a travel opportunity need special accommodations to ensure their enjoyment of the trip, kindly provide notice at the time the reservation is submitted, and we will see if your participation is feasible. Please understand that the Americans with Disabilities Act is inapplicable outside the United States.

At the time of reservation, Orbridge needs to be notified to determine if the special needs of an individual traveler can be met through special arrangements. It is possible that minor modifications to the services can be provided, but only if Orbridge is made specifically aware of anticipated needs. This notification should be made in writing no less than two weeks prior to the planned travel. Neither Orbridge nor any of the providers of transportation, lodging, or other services can provide special accommodations without this advance notice.

Where an individual with certain specific needs will be traveling with a group, it is necessary for other members of that person's group to be available to assist as necessary. Neither employees of Orbridge nor any suppliers of services can allow any of their employees to provide physical assistance to any guests.

**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>. Orbridge highly recommends 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 pre-tour and/or post-tour. Should you have any questions whether a particular program or inclusion is possible or suitable for your Dependent(s), please contact us.

**Baggage.** Program rates include the price of one piece of policy-compliant baggage per person during the land, cruise or rail 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.** All guests are responsible for possessing and maintaining necessary travel documents. These documents shall be valid under state and federal law and as required by foreign countries being visited. Orbridge is not responsible for invalid travel documents and repercussions thereof.

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 to 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. If travel documents fail to meet these requirements, boarding of aircraft or ship to any international destination may be denied and entry into such countries may be denied.

**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.

**Data Rights, Permissions.** Data collected and/or derived by Orbridge resulting from your use of the Website is the sole and exclusive property of Orbridge and may be used in any manner consistent with its Privacy Policy located on Orbridge's website. By submitting to Orbridge a digital or hard copy form that includes your personal contact information, including without limitation, your email address and telephone number(s), you give Orbridge and any other entity identified on the form permission to use that information to contact you and as otherwise may be described on the form and/or in the Privacy Policy.

**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. It is prohibited by federal law and Orbridge policy to bring illegal drugs, firearms, or other contraband (including marijuana

for medical or recreational purposes) on any program.

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. By agreeing to these terms and conditions, both parties are waiving their right to a trial by jury. Any arbitration commenced against Orbridge must be on behalf of only the individual(s) to this Agreement and his or her immediate family members travelling with them, such as a spouse or child. Under no circumstances can participant be part of a class or other joint action.

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

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