NATIONAL PARKS & LODGES OF THE OLD WEST

AUG. 28 - SEPT. 6, 2019

Featuring Calvin Miller,
William R. Kenan Professor Emeritus of Earth & Environmental Sciences

10 Days of Spectacular Scenery & Lodges
Dear Alumni and Friends,

I’m pleased to invite you to join us on a journey that celebrates the American West’s magnificent National Parks, tracing legends and storied monuments along the way. From Old Faithful to Mount Rushmore 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.

Experience ranch life in the Big Horn Mountains. 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.

Space is limited. With significant savings of more than $600 per couple, we anticipate this tour will fill quickly, so be certain to reserve your spot today and share this brochure with family and friends who may be interested in traveling with you.

Please reserve by contacting the Vanderbilt Travel Office by calling 615.322.3673.

With best wishes,

Cary DeWitt Allyn
Director, Vanderbilt Travel Program

The Vanderbilt Travel Program strives to engage Vanderbilt alumni, parents and friends of all ages, keeping them connected with each other and Vanderbilt. Each carefully designed trip offers unparalleled learning opportunities for an exclusive “beyond the classroom experience.”

Free Expedition Library
AN EARLY RESERVATION BONUS

Reserve your space by **TBD, 2018** to receive the FREE Orbridge Expedition Library we’ve assembled for this program.

This exclusive gift is to thank you for joining us early. Guests who reserve after the specified date may purchase libraries. Call for details.
Trace the legends and natural splendors of the American West.

The country our ancestors dreamed about—and that still resides in our nation’s great parks—is filled with beautiful scenery, abundant wildlife, hiking, storytelling, and incredible historic lodges you will write home about.
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 chuck wagon cookout during a visit to 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 with visits to otherworldly geothermal sites including Fountain Paint Pot and Old Faithful Geyser.
- Explore Grand Teton National Park—host to flora and fauna that date back to prehistoric times.

- What’s included: 9 nights hotel and lodge accommodations; 9 breakfasts, 1 lunch, and 6 dinners; full guiding services of an Orbridge Expedition Leader; admission to national parks and all activities as described in the program itinerary; private deluxe motor coach with air-conditioning and comfortable seating; luggage porterage; all gratuities; and airport transfers for guests arriving and departing during the suggested times.

Activity Level: 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.

Your 10-Day Itinerary (subject to change)

Day 1: Arrive in Rapid City, SD (R)
Meet fellow travelers for a welcome drink
Overnight: Hotel Alex Johnson

Day 2: Badlands National Park / Custer State Park (B,D)
Buffalo safari, canyon cookout
Overnight: Custer State Game Lodge

Day 3: Custer State Park / Hot Springs (B,D)
Mammoth dig site, Crazy Horse Memorial
Overnight: Spearfish Canyon Lodge

Day 4: Mount Rushmore (B,D)
Monument exploration
Overnight: Spearfish Canyon Lodge

Day 5: Ranch at Ucross / Cody, WY (B,L)
Ranch life, Bighorn Mountains
Overnight: Holiday Inn Cody

Day 6: Cody / Yellowstone National Park (B,D)
Buffalo Bill, Old West, Old Faithful
Overnight: Yellowstone Lodging

Day 7: Yellowstone National Park (B,D)
Geothermal highlights, park sightseeing
Overnight: Yellowstone Lodging

Day 8: Grand Teton National Park / Jackson (B)
Scenic drive: western plains and mountains
Overnight: Rustic Inn

Day 9: Jackson (B,D)
Leisure activities, optional float trip, farewell dinner
Overnight: Rustic Inn

Day 10: Depart Jackson (B)
Your Expedition Leader:
From identifying a wildflower to recalling details about Mt. Rushmore’s making, the company and keen eyes of an expert Orbridge Expedition Leader will make all the difference in your educational experience. Enriched by their wealth of expertise, you’ll bring home a deeper understanding of the flora, fauna, natural history, and cultural narrative of the Old West.

Accommodations (subject to change)

HOTEL ALEX JOHNSON
Located in downtown Rapid City, this historic hotel features a casual Irish pub, fitness center, and rooftop bar overlooking town.

CUSTER STATE GAME LODGE
Set in a beautiful mountain valley in Custer State Park, it served as the "Summer White House" for President Calvin Coolidge and was visited by President Dwight D. Eisenhower.

SPEARFISH CANYON LODGE
Nestled alongside lofty pines and spectacular limestone cliffs, this property features heavy log walls and a 40-foot stone fireplace. Follow the hiking trails that meander through the forest to a Black Hills waterfall or the canyon rim.

HOLIDAY INN CODY
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, as well as an outdoor pool, bar/restaurant, and lounge.

YELLOWSTONE LODGING
Confirmed by the National Park Service, you’ll stay at one of the following Yellowstone facilities: Old Faithful Inn, Old Faithful Snow Lodge, or Canyon Lodge & Cabins. Each offers comfortable lodging and modern amenities.

RUSTIC INN AT JACKSON HOLE CREEKSIDE RESORT & SPA
Rustic Inn offers the finest Western accommodations, 12 lush acres adjacent to the National Elk Refuge, and nearby access to Jackson’s downtown scene.
With two additional days in Jackson Hole, enjoy the area’s vibrant cultural offerings, jaw-dropping scenery, abundant wildlife, and outdoor activities.

**Post-Tour Itinerary (subject to change)**

**Day 10: Jackson / Grand Teton**

Wildlife Excursion (B)

Wildlife experts will guide you to the park’s viewing hotspots while also providing details about the area’s history, landmarks, and geography.

**Day 11: Jackson / Leisure (B)**

National Museum of Wildlife Art, wildlife viewing, various outdoor activities, or relax at the resort and spa at Rustic Inn.

**Day 12: Depart Jackson (B)**

After breakfast, guests departing during the suggested times take a complimentary transfer to the airport for flights home.

**What’s Included**

- Two nights accommodations at Rustic Inn at Jackson Hole Creekside Resort & Spa (shown below) or similar, with breakfast each morning
- A half-day guided wildlife excursion through Grand Teton National Park including transportation to and from the hotel, national park entrance fee, naturalist guide, and use of binoculars and spotting scopes
- Admission to and docent-led tour of the National Museum of Wildlife Art including transfers to and from the hotel
- Luggage porterage
- Airport transfers for guests departing during the suggested times
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Jackson Hole Post-Tour: September 6–8, 2019

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DEPOSIT:

# _________ guests joining program ($850/person) +
# _________ guests joining post-tour ($500/person) = TOTAL DEPOSIT: $ ___________

OPTIONAL SNAKE RIVER FLOAT TRIP EXCURSION (added to your final invoice):

# _________ guests joining optional excursion ($75/person)

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Special Faculty Host: Professor Calvin Miller

Calvin Miller, William R. Kenan Professor Emeritus of Earth & Environmental Sciences, was inspired to become a geologist by childhood experiences in national parks of the American West. Between graduation from college and beginning his PhD, he spent two summers as a ranger-naturalist, at Mount Rainier and Bryce Canyon National Parks, and entertained the possibility of a career with the National Park Service. That didn’t come to pass, but during his 40 year career at Vanderbilt he has continued his infatuation with national parks, in the USA and in many other countries and other continents, and both for his geological research and for personal and family enjoyment.

Calvin’s research has focused on magmas and how they build Earth’s crust (think the granites of Yosemite – and Mount Rushmore!) and erupt to form volcanoes, including super volcanoes (e.g. Yellowstone!). His major projects, working with Vanderbilt students, have been in the deserts of the southwestern USA, the Appalachians, Mount St. Helens, and Iceland. In 2018, Calvin received the Distinguished Career Award of the Volcanology, Mineralogy, Geochemistry, and Petrology Division of the Geological Society of America.

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