NATIONAL PARKS & LODGES OF THE OLD WEST

AUGUST 14-23, 2019

Featuring Professor Scott Stephens

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

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.

Space is limited, so reserve today!

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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—an awe-inspiring expanse 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 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
CREEK SIDE 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
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Accompanied by Professor Scott Stephens

Scott Stephens is a professor specializing in fire ecology and forestry in UC Berkeley's Department of Environmental Science, Policy, and Management. He has provided testimony to the US House of Representatives and the White House. Stephens' research includes fire management, fire behavior, forest management, ecosystem conservation, environmental biology/ecology, and forest policy. Stephens is interested in forest and fire policy and how it can be improved to meet the challenges of the next decades. He directs the university's Fire Science Laboratory as well as the California Fire Science Consortium. Stephens has a BS in Electrical Engineering from Sacramento State University and a PhD in Wildland Resources Management from UC Berkeley.

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