

# 7 Days Yellowstone National Park, Mt. Rushmore Bus Tour



**Departure: Saturday (May – October)**



## **Itinerary:**

### **1. Bay Area - Elko**

Visit the California State Capital - Sacramento. Founded in 1849, Sacramento was at the heart of the gold rush, Pony Express and first continental railroad. In the afternoon head through the famous Donner Pass and enter Nevada - nicknamed the Silver State. Overnight stay in Elko.

Hotel: Red Lion Elko

### **2. Elko – Casper**

Through the Great Salt Desert in the morning, the saline lake covers an area of around 1,700 square miles, but is subject to substantial fluctuations. Along the Emigration Canyon into Echo Canyon, visit the once traveled Oregon Trail. The trail represents the only corridor to the West. 1843 was known as "The great migration" and over the next 25 years more than a half million people went west on the Trail. The highlights of the trail also includes: the historical landmarks of Independence Rock, Devil's Gate. Overnight stay in Casper.

Hotel: La Quinta Inn Casper

### **3. Casper – Mount Rushmore - Gillette**

Mount Rushmore National Memorial, in South Dakota, is a monumental granite sculpture by Gutzon Borglum, located within the United States Presidential Memorial that represents the first 150 years of the history of the United States of America with 60-foot (18 m) sculptures of the heads of former United States presidents : George Washington , Thomas Jefferson, Theodore Roosevelt and Abraham Lincoln. Continue to Devil's Tower National Monument. 'Bear Lodge' was the Native American name for the Tower. This 865 foot column- a remnant of a volcanic eruption was renamed in 1875 by a scientific team escorted by Col. Richard I. Dodge. Overnight stay in Gillette.

Hotel: Clarion Inn Gillette

### **4. Gillette – Yellowstone National Park**

Visit Yellowstone National Park, the first and oldest National Park in the United States. Highlights include: Yellowstone Canyon, Yellowstone Falls, Mud Volcano, Mammoth Hot Springs. There are also various wildlife that inhabits the Park from bison, elk, moose, and bear. Over night stay in West Yellowstone.

Hotel: Yellowstone Lodge

### 5. Yellowstone National Park – Grand Teton National Park - Salt Lake City

Continue visit Yellowstone National Park: the Old Faithful Geyser, Rainbow Pool. Continue to Grand Teton National Park. The tallest peak rises to 13,770 feet. Twelve of the peaks in Teton reach above 12,000 feet and support a dozen mountain glaciers. In the afternoon visit the state of Wyoming and visit the western town of Jackson Hole. Arches made of elk antlers decorate the central plaza in this town with plenty of shops and restaurants around the area. Over night stay in Salt Lake City.

Hotel: Comfort Inn

### 6. Salt Lake City – Reno

Visit Utah State Capitol Building and Temple Square. Arrive in Reno, Nevada in the afternoon, the city known as "The Biggest Little City in the World", is the birthplace of the gaming corporation Harrah's Entertainment.

Overnight stay in Reno.

Hotel: Ramada Hotel

### 7. Reno - Lake Tahoe - Bay Area

Depart Reno in the morning and visit Lake Tahoe. As one of the deepest lakes in the United States, this freshwater lake is located between Nevada and California with two-thirds of its border in California. Perhaps join an optional cruise to visit this extraordinary lake. Head back to the Bay Area in the afternoon.

#### **Notes:**

1. Includes: National Parks admissions and hotels.
2. Excludes: Meals and optional tours.
3. 3rd person, 4th person and child, must share the same room with 1st and 2nd. Hotel rooms are based on double occupancy with two double beds in each room, an extra bed is not provided.



#### **Bus Pickup Schedule and Locations:**

Milpitas	7:00 AM	Ulferts Center (668 Barber Ln, Milpitas, CA 95035)
San Jose	7:10 AM	Liang's Kitchen (1701 Lundy Ave. San Jose, CA 95131)
Fremont	7:20 AM	Aberdeen Cafe (46881 Warm Springs Blvd. Fremont, CA 94539)
Cupertino	7:20 AM	Marina Food Supermarket (10122 Bandlely Dr. Cupertino, CA 95014)
Newark	7:30 AM	Little Sichuan Restaurant (35233 Newark Blvd. Newark, CA 94560)
San Mateo	7:50 AM	Marina Food Supermarket (2992 S. Norfolk St. San Mateo, CA 94403)
San Francisco	8:30 AM	Starbucks Coffee (391 Sutter St. San Francisco, CA 94108)
Oakland	9:00 AM	New Saigon Supermarket (441 9th St. Oakland, CA 94607)
El Cerrito	9:20 AM	Ranch 99 Supermarket (3288 Pierce Street, Richmond, CA 94804)
Sacramento	10:30 AM	State Capitol (1301 10th St, Sacramento, CA 95814)

