

ETV ENDOWMENT

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Out West with

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JULY 7-14, 2019

8 Days / 7 Nights

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Day One: Sunday, July 7, 2019. Arrival in Kalispell, Montana for group transfer to Whitefish, Montana.

Arrive in Kalispell, Montana, gateway to western Montana and Glacier National Park. Your guide will meet the group at the baggage claim area of the Kalispell airport and will assist with luggage and hotel transfer. We look forward to our festive **Reception and Welcome Dinner** at **7:00 pm** at our hotel, Grouse Mountain Lodge in Whitefish, Montana. **Meals Included: Reception and Dinner**

Day Two: Monday, July 8, 2019: Glacier National Park Free Time and Red Jammer Tour.

After breakfast we head to the west side of Glacier National Park and the Lake McDonald area. This morning is free to take a boat tour on Lake McDonald or ride horseback from the hotel into the rainforest of the west side (advanced reservations needed for both activities.) Or you can hop the free shuttle to the Trail of the Cedars and see the beauty of this farthest portion of the Pacific rainforest. This easy, one-mile RT loop hike is on a boardwalk that will take you into the cool rainforest and to a scenic waterfall. At 1:15 pm back at Lake McDonald Lodge we will meet our **red jammer cars for a tour from Lake McDonald up to beautiful Logan's Pass and into St. Mary's on the east side of Glacier National Park.** We arrive at our hotel, East Glacier Park Lodge, for a two-night stay. **Meals Included: B**



Day Three: Tuesday, July 9, 2019: Many Glacier Boat Trip and Free Time for Walks.

We depart early this morning for the Many Glacier area and enjoy a **boat trip across Swiftcurrent Lake to a short trail that takes us to Lake Josephine for another short boat ride to view the mountains and trails around Grinnell Glacier.** We return to the Many Glacier Hotel for a delicious lunch. Your afternoon is free to walk the trails around Swiftcurrent Lake; loop is 2.6 miles. You may catch a glimpse of moose, bighorn sheep or one of the many bird species that inhabit this area. We leave Many Glacier at 5:00 pm to East Glacier Lodge for dinner on your own and our second night in the area. **Meals Included: B,L**



Day Four: Wednesday, July 10, 2019: Lewis & Clark Interpretive Center, Great Falls and Gates of the Mountains, Helena.



We leave our Glacier hotel this morning and head south to Great Falls, Montana, for a visit to the **Lewis & Clark Interpretive Center**. Located above the Missouri River, the center features excellent exhibits about the Corps of Discovery and their time in the Great Falls area. We will walk along the Missouri River to Giant Springs State Park for lunch. At Giant Springs you will see the 201-foot long Roe River, once named the shortest river in the United States. Giant Springs was discovered by Lewis and Clark in 1805 and flows with a rate of 156 million gallons

of water a day. There is also a fish hatchery at the park, and you can look for the neon blue trout. Don't forget to look up into the trees that surround this area, you may see nesting owls. We will enjoy lunch and a park program before we depart south and head to Helena, Montana, where we will spend the night. We will check into our hotel, the Holiday Inn Express, for a chance to rest and freshen up before heading to the Missouri River again for dinner and then a cruise to the **Gates of the Mountains**. Lewis and Clark described this phenomenon in 1805 as they were traveling to find the headwaters of the Missouri. The cliffs seemed to them to close around them as if a gate were closing shut. **Meals Included: B,L,D**



Day Five: Thursday, July 11, 2019: Three Forks State Park, Earthquake Lake and West Yellowstone, Montana.



We depart Helena after breakfast and follow the Missouri River to its **headwaters at Three Forks, Montana**. In 1805 Lewis and Clark came here, found three branches of the Missouri and had to decide which fork was the river. They decided that at the point that all three met was the headwaters of the mighty Missouri. They named the three branches the Madison, the Gallatin and the Jefferson. We will enjoy lunch at Wheat Montana and then we continue traveling down the scenic Madison River Valley with a stop at **Earthquake Lake**. On August 17, 1959, a 7.5 magnitude earthquake caused two giant blocks

of rock to fall, blocking the Madison River. You can watch the movie and see the 50 million cubic yards of debris that came from the top of the mountain to settle on the other side of the river. After our visit, we head into West Yellowstone where we will spend the next two nights. Our hotel is the Gray Wolf Inn. Your evening is free to enjoy West Yellowstone. **Meals Included: B**

Day Six: Friday, July 12, 2019: Yellowstone National Park Touring.

We enter **Yellowstone National Park** via the Madison River corridor looking for elk, eagles and bison along the way. We travel north to Mammoth Hot Springs for lunch and a chance to explore the lower level of the terraces. Look for elk grazing on the Kentucky Blue Grass. We then head south along Dunraven Pass and into the Lamar Valley on the lookout for the northern bison herd. We stop outside of Canyon to see Artist's Point and make a stop at the Brink of the Falls. We then head into Hayden Valley



looking for the rest of the bison herd before heading back to the Gray Wolf Inn in West Yellowstone. **Meals Included: B**

Day Seven: Saturday, July 13, 2019: Yellowstone, Grand Teton National Park, Jackson Hole and Farewell Dinner.

We enjoy our final day with an early morning stop at the Fountain Paint Pots where you can see all the thermal features of Yellowstone in one easy boardwalk walk. You will see a hot spring, mud pot, fumarole and geyser all in one easy walk. We then stop at the famous Old Faithful area to see the Old Faithful geyser. Enjoy lunch at one of the many venues in the area before we head south into **Grand Teton National Park** with photo stops and a walk at String Lake before checking into our Jackson Hole hotel, The Lodge. We will meet for a festive **Farewell Reception and Dinner** and for our final goodbyes before we depart Jackson Hole tomorrow morning. **Meals**



Included: B,D

Day Eight: Sunday, July 14, 2019: Individual Airport Departures Home.

Individual airport transfers to Jackson Hole Airport this morning. Have a safe trip home and we hope to see you again on another ETV Endowment trip! **Meals Included: B**



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PRICE PER PERSON	Double Room	\$4,589
	Single Supplement	\$830

- PRICE INCLUDES**
- *\$750 Contribution to the ETV Endowment of South Carolina
 - * Deluxe coach transportation
 - * Professional tour guide/step-on guides
 - * Seven nights hotel accommodations
 - * Seven breakfasts
 - * Two lunches
 - * Three dinners
 - * Welcome and Farewell Reception & Dinner
 - * All trip activities listed in red in the itinerary
 - * Baggage handling for one piece of luggage per person
 - * Bottled water and snacks on coach
 - * All applicable taxes
 - * Guide and driver gratuities/step-on guide gratuities
 - * Group Airport Transfer Kalispell/Individual Transfers Jackson Hole

NOT INCLUDED:

- *Airfare to Montana and return from Wyoming
- *Items of a personal nature
- *Alcoholic beverages
- *Activities not offered as part of the tour
- *Tips for hotel maids
- *Personal and Travel Insurance

Please do not make flight arrangements until the ETV Endowment notifies you to do so.

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HOTELS

July 7, 2019: 1 Night

Grouse Mountain Lodge

2 Fairway Drive
Whitefish, Montana 59937
Ph: (406) 862-3000

July 8-9, 2019: 2 Nights

East Glacier Park Lodge

499 Mt-49
East Glacier Park, Montana 59434
Ph: (406) 892-2525

July 10, 2019: 1 Night

Holiday Inn Express Helena

3170 N Sanders
Helena, Montana 59602
Ph: (406) 442-7500
Fax: (406) 442-4547

July 11-12, 2019: 2 Nights

Gray Wolf Inn West Yellowstone

250 S. Canyon St
West Yellowstone, Montana 59758
Ph: 877-600-4308
Fax:

July 13, 2019: 1 Night

The Lodge at Jackson Hole

80 Scott Lane
Jackson, Wyoming 83002
Ph: (307) 739-9703
Fax: (307) 739-9168