PEORIA CHARTER TRAVEL

Yellowstone & Glacier National Parks

June 11 – 28, 2028

18 Days / 17 Nights

Day #1 – Sunday, June 11th:

5:00 AM Depart Urbana from Peoria Charter, 1910 N Federal Drive
6:00 AM Depart Normal from Schnuck's off Raab Road, 1750 Bradford Lane
6:35 AM Depart Morton from Wal Mart, 155 E Courtland Street, behind Culvers
7:15 AM Depart Peoria from Peoria Charter Travel, 2600 NE Adams Street after making a driver switch out and allowing folks to use the facilities. Today we'll travel to our overnight stay in Sioux Falls, South Dakota. We'll make rest & meal stops along the way as needed. ***Note: Don't forget to set your watches back an hour as we're entering the Mountain Time Zone.***
8:00 PM Approximate arrival time at our hotel for the night.

Day #2 – Monday, June 12th:

Breakfast* is served at the hotel.

8:00 AM We check out and depart for **Badlands National Park*.** This park is a testament to time's patient artistry. In the heart of the Midwest, rugged canyons and striped spires compliment the Badland's painted sky. Rays of light dance across the barren landscape as intricate patterns etched by wind & rain show off in the distance. Despite its harsh façade, the Badlands welcome playful jackrabbits and watchful prairie dogs into its warm embrace. We'll enjoy a **Step-on Guided Tour*.** We continue on to our home for the next 2 nights in Rapid City, SD.

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Day #3 – Tuesday, June 13th:

Breakfast* is served at the hotel this morning. Our day begins with a **Buffalo Jeep Tour in Custer State Park*.** Trek through the park in an open-air jeep in search of pronghorns, elk and the noble buffalo. Along the way, our **guides*** will share historical and educational facts about the park and wildlife. After the tour enjoy an **included lunch*** at the State Game Lodge. Next, we're off to see the **Crazy Horse Memorial*.** Born in 1840 along Rapid Creek, Crazy Horse rose to become one of the most powerful and most recognized Native American figures of the Lakota Indian Tribe, second only to Sitting Bull. His is an intriguing and vibrant legacy, inspiring the world's largest mountain carving, beginning in 1948 and is currently still in progress. At the base of the memorial, you'll view a film and see the exhibits in the Visitor's Center. Our final stop today will be at **Mt. Rushmore National Memorial*.** Here you'll have a chance to walk up close to the monument and see the majestic figures of George Washington, Thomas Jefferson, Theodore Roosevelt and Abraham Lincoln. Surrounded by the beauty of the Black Hills of South Dakota, the memorial tells the story of the birth, growth, development and preservation of this country. Dinner is on your own tonight here.

Day # 4 – Wednesday, June 14th:

Breakfast* is included at the hotel. Today we travel through Wyoming and into Montana today. Billings, situated in south-central Montana, is the largest metropolitan area in the state. Since taking root on the dusty alkali flats of Clark's Fork Bottom, Billings has been the market hub of eastern Montana and northern Wyoming.

Day #5 – Thursday, June 15th:

Breakfast* is included at the hotel this morning. Today we make our way to Kalispell, Montana. Upon arrival we'll spend the next 3 nights here. Kalispell is primarily known as the commercial hub of the Flathead Valley, the main gateway to Glacier National Park, and a scenic base for outdoor recreation.

Day #6 – Friday, June 16th:

Breakfast* is served at the hotel this morning. This morning we're going to enjoy the **Red Bus Tour of Glacier National Park*.** The journey of Glacier National Park starts in the cedar and hemlock forests of Lake McDonald Valley. This 6-hour tour will make a roundtrip on the Going-to-the-Sn Road onboard a "Red" with a "Jammer" at the wheel and will climb along a glacially formed mountain ridge over the Continental Divide at Logan Pass. Then head down through the St.

Mary Valley and out to the prairies of Big Sky Country. Enjoy views of the valley where you can enjoy lunch on your own at St. Mary Lodge.

Day #7 – Saturday, June 17th:

Breakfast* is served. Today we'll enjoy a **Lake McDonald Boat Cruise*.** The majesty of the Continental Divide and the tranquility of the emerald-hued lake are a must-see as you cruise along Lake McDonald, the largest lake in the park. Climb aboard the historic vessel, DeSmet, the flagship vessel in a wooden boat fleet room the shore below Lake McDonald Lodge. The rest of the afternoon and evening are free to enjoy this beautiful area.

Day #8 – Sunday, June 18th:

Breakfast* is included today. After breakfast, we travel to the mining town of Wallace, ID. You'll personally experience the actual methods of hard rock mining in the richest silver district on earth! A retired miner is our **guide*** through a real siler mine. On the short trip to and from the mine aboard your classic trolley, you'll be treated to a **narrated tour of Historic Wallace*.** After our mine tour we continue on to Spokane for your overnight accommodations. Spokane is a major city located in eastern Washington state, near the Idaho border, serving as the cultural and economic hub of the Inland Northwest region. It is the most populous city in Eastern Washington and the second most populous city in all of Washington with a population of 228,989. **Dinner*** is included tonight at a local restaurant.

Day #9 – Monday, June 19th:

Breakfast* is included. This morning we drive across Washington from the rolling, golden wheat fields of eastern Washington, across the wide Columbia River, and gradually transforming into towering evergeens, misty mountain passes like Snoqualmie, and finally the vibrant, waterfront energy of Seattle on the Puget Sound. Upon arrival, we find ourselves at the **Chihuly Garden & Glass for a tour*.** Chihuly Garden & Glass brings together all the elements of artist Dale Chihuly's work, including drawings, iconic glass creations, large architectural installations, and personal collections. This long-term Exhibition features indoor galleries, the Glasshouse, and an ever-changing Garden. Enjoy lunch on your own while here. Next, we'll visit the **Space Needle*.** One of the most photographed & recognized structures in the world, the Space Needle was built as a cultural centerpiece for the 1962 World's Fair, whose theme was "The Age of Space". At 605 feet tall, the landmark was constructed to symbolize humanity's Space Age aspirations, and since its grand opening on April 21, 1962,

continues to represent the innovative and forward-thinking spirit of Seattle. After the Space Needle, we'll drive by the Seattle Waterfront & stop where you can have dinner on your own at Pike Place Market. We'll overnight for 3 nights in this area.

Day #10 – Tuesday, June 20th:

Breakfast* is included this morning at the hotel. Today we'll head to **Olympic National Park*** on the peninsula for a tour. Your first stop will be at Hurricane Ridge. It is the most easily accessed mountain area within Olympic National Park. In clear weather, fantastic views can be enjoyed throughout the year. Keep an eye out for animals in the park. We then continue on to Port Angeles where you can have lunch on your own. Then it's on to Crescent Lake whose pristine waters of this deep, glacially carved lake make it an ideal destination for those in search of natural beauty.

Day #11 – Wednesday, June 21st:

Breakfast* is served at the hotel. Today, we head to **Mt. Rainier National Park*.** Mt. Rainier, a 369-square mile Washington state reserve surrounds glacier capped, 14,410-foot Mt. Rainier. The park's 5,400 ft high Paradise overlook offers mountain views, summertime wildflower meadows and hiking trailheads. It features the Henry Jackson Visitor Center, the historic Paradise Inn, and epic mountain views. You'll stop for lunch on your own while here. Inspiration Point is just past Paradise, and this large pullout offers spectacular views of Mt. Rainier and the Tatoosh Range. Another short drive brings you to the Reflection Lakes for a possible glimpse of Mt. Rainier's reflection in these subalpine lakes. Continue around the Sunrise area with more glorious views of Mt. Rainier. Dinner is on your own tonight.

Day #12 – Thursday, June 22nd:

Breakfast* is included at the hotel. Today we check out and make our way east across Washington and into Idaho for our overnight stop. Coeur d'Alene is a scenic city in northwest Idaho renowned for its stunning alpine lake, outdoor recreation, and resort atmosphere. It is the most populous city in North Idaho with a population of 58,555. The words Coeur d'Alene are from the French speaking Iroquois Indians meaning "Heart of an awl". **Dinner*** is included tonight at a local restaurant.

Day #13 – Friday, June 23rd:

Breakfast* is served. We make our way across Montana on our way to Bozeman and our overnight accommodations. Founded in 1864 as a supply point for Montana's gold mining boom, Bozeman is the heart of the fertile Gallatin Valley. It is called "the most livable place" for good reason. Enjoy the world-renowned fly fishing, dramatic mountains for hiking, mountain biking, rock climbing, skiing, hunting, and backcountry exploring, Yellowstone National Park, and impressive wildlife. Gallatin County and Bozeman have seen rapid growth, making it one of the fastest growing micropolitan areas in the U.S. over the recent years.

Day #14 – Saturday, June 24th:

Breakfast* is served at the hotel. Today, we'll enjoy a **Guided Tour of Yellowstone National Park*.** Home to incomparable combination of natural beauty, rugged wilderness, majestic peaks, abundant wildlife, and the world's largest concentration of geysers and thermal features, it's no wonder Yellowstone was named America's first National Park. Meet our **Guide*** and head to our first stop – Mammoth Hot Springs – which is an extensive mass of travertine terraces that have been forming over thousands of years. The hot water encounters limestone, which dissolves readily allowing it to become saturated with calcium carbonate. As the heated water rises to the surface, it experiences a drop in pressure and temperature allowing carbon dioxide gas to escape precipitating deposits of calcium carbonate in the hot water. Our next stop will be Lamar Valley which is known as one of the best places to spot Yellowstone's famous wildlife. This valley is habitat for bears, elk, pronghorn antelope, eagles, wolves, bison, bighorn sheep and more. Your tour will then continue on to Artist Point, an iconic overlook on the south rim of the Grand Canyon of the Yellowstone, offering one of the most famous and photographed views of the 308-foot Lower Falls and the vividly colored canyon walls. Continue through the park to our overnight accommodations in West Yellowstone, MT. **Dinner*** is included this evening at a local restaurant.

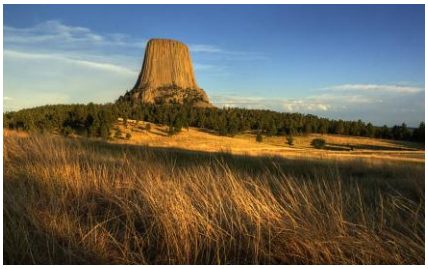
Day #15 – Sunday, June 25th:

Breakfast* is included this morning. We return to Yellowstone National Park this morning with our **Guide*** and visit the Fountain Pain Pots, Grand Prismatic Spring and Old Faithful. Next, enter scenic Hayden Valley that sits right in the middle of Yellowstone National Park and home to large herds of wild bison that graze and rest near the river. Then we travel south along Yellowstone Lake, where you'll see an abundance of wildflowers & wildlife, elk, moose, deer and maybe even a bear! **A Boxed Lunch*** is included today in your

tour. Afternoon finds us heading to Cody, Wyoming where we'll overnight. Tonight, enjoy **Dinner & Show*** at the Cody Cattle Company.

Day #16 – Monday, June 26th:

Breakfast* is served. Our first stop today will be at **Devil's Tower*.** The place we know as Devils Tower was not always called by this name. An expedition led by Colonel Richard Irving Dodge sent a small contingent, including geologist and mapmaker Henry Newton, to study the Tower. After Newton's group returned, Dodge wrote that "the Indians call this place "bad god's tower", a name adopted with proper modification….and so the label Devil's Tower was created. After our visit to Devil's Tower, we depart for Deadwood, South Dakota where we'll overnight. Deadwood was established in 1876 by a gold rush in the Black Hills of Dakota Territory. Although a small town, it is rich in history. In 1989, Deadwood became the third place in the U.S. (after Atlantic City & Nevada) to legalize gambling. Once again people rushed to the sweet ponderosa-touched alpine air of Deadwood Gulch and once again the beautiful Victorian buildings of Main Street, restored to their former glory, were willed with an air of elegance & grace. Dinner is on your own tonight.



Day #17 – Tuesday, June 27th:

Breakfast* is served. Today, our travels take us east across South Dakota and into Iowa for our overnight accommodations. Sioux City, Iowa is known as the Siouxland" and is the 4th-largest city in Iowa located along the Missouri River. Sioux City has deep roots tied to the westward expansion and the Lewis & Clark expedition, which traversed the area in 1804. **Dinner*** is included this evening at a local restaurant. ***Note: Don't forget to set your watches ahead an hour as we re-enter the Central Time Zone.***

Day #18 – Wednesday, June 28th:

Breakfast* is served at the hotel.

8:00 AM	It's time to check out and complete our journey towards home. We'll make rest & meal stops along the way as needed.
6:00 PM	Approximate arrival time back in Peoria.
6:30 PM	Approximate arrival time back in Morton.
7:15 PM	Approximate arrival time back in Normal.
8:15 PM	Approximate arrival time back in Urbana.

Cost Per Person:

Single: $9290.00 Double: $7070.00 Triple: $6380.00 Quad: $5920.00

Tour Includes: Deluxe Motorcoach Transportation, Professional Driver & Tour Hosts, Hotel Accommodations, All Attractions & Meals in bold print and marked with an asterisk*.

If you feel the Driver & Tour Hosts have done a good job, it is appropriate & appreciated if you tip them. We suggest $4 per customer per day for the Driver and $4 per customer per day for the Tour Hosts on this trip.

Hotels:

To be determined