NATIONAL PARKS & LODGES OF THE OLD WEST

10 Days of Spectacular Scenery & Lodges
Howdy, Ags!

Join former students and friends 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. 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 online at http://texas-am.orbridge.com, by calling (800) 633-7514 or by returning the enclosed reservation form.

Gig ‘em,

Jennifer Bohac ’87, Ph.D.
Director of Travel Programs
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.
**Your 10-Day Itinerary***

**Day 1:** Arrive in Rapid City, SD (R)  
Meet fellow travelers for a welcome drink  
Overnight: The Rushmore Hotel & Suites

**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: Custer State Game Lodge

**Day 4:** Custer State Park /  
Spearfish Canyon (B,D)  
Mount Rushmore, Tatanka Museum  
Overnight: Spearfish Canyon Lodge

**Day 5:** The 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, farewell dinner  
Overnight: Rustic Inn

**Day 10:** Depart Jackson (B)

**Optional Extension:** Days 10-12 in Jackson

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**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 after 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.
- **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 program itinerary; luggage porterage; all gratuities; and airport transfers for guests arriving and departing during the suggested times.

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*Subject to change.*

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**Activity Level:** Guests should be able to walk up a flight of stairs, and get in and out of a motor coach without assistance. Maximum altitude: 9,000 feet.
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)

THE RUSHMORE HOTEL & SUITES
Situated near Rapid City’s entertainment, shopping, and dining, this hotel features a café, award-winning restaurant, and lounge.

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: Lake Yellowstone Hotel, Old Faithful Inn, Old Faithful Snow Lodge, Mammoth Hot Springs Hotel (all pictured to right), or Canyon Lodge & Cabins, Grant Village, or Lake Lodge Cabins. Each offers comfortable lodging and modern amenities.

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

Extension Itinerary*

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
• Complimentary admission to the National Museum of Wildlife Art (transfers not included)
• Park entrance fees for guided wildlife excursion
• All gratuities
• Transfers for guests departing during the suggested times

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**JUNE 7-16, 2018**

Jackson Hole Extension: June 16-18, 2018

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**Jackson Hole Extension:** $795*  
Single Extension: $995

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### Deposit:

- (#) _______ guests joining program ($850/person) +  
  (#) _______ guests joining extension ($500/person) = Total deposit: $ ____________

### Deposit Payment:

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I/we have read, understand, and agree to the full Terms & Conditions at [http://terms.orbridge.com](http://terms.orbridge.com) and detailed in program documents; and that Orbridge LLC is authorized to charge my credit card above and/or take my/our deposit for this program.

**Signature:** __________________________  
**Date:** _______________

Mail or fax reservation form:
- **Traveling Aggies, The Association of Former Students**  
  **505 George Bush Drive, College Station, TX 77840**  
  **Fax: (979) 845-9263**

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### Registration, Deposits and Final Payment:

Registration, Deposits and Final Payment. To confirm and secure your reservation, a deposit of $1,700 per person for the Antarctica program and $850 per person for all other programs, a deposit for any extension(s), and any non-refundable advanced payments, payable by check, online check/ACH, money order, wire transfer of same day U.S. funds, or major credit card, is due at the time of registration. Final payment, including any extension(s) and optional(s), is payable by check, online check/ACH, money order, or wire transfer of same day U.S. funds and due no later than 120 days prior to the Antarctica program and 90 days prior to all other scheduled program departure dates. If your reservation is made between the final payment due date and the date the program starts, the entire cost of the program, including any extension(s) and optional(s), is due at the time of registration by check, money order, or wire transfer of same day U.S. funds. Final payments made by credit card are subject to a 2% transaction fee. If final payment is not received by Orbridge by the final payment due date, Orbridge may, at any time and with or without notice, cancel your reservation in its sole discretion with no right of refund. All payments we receive from you are herein defined as “Payments.”

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*Special group rate; limited offer. Rates are per person based on double occupancy except where noted as Single, in U.S. dollars. Airfare not included. Single availability limited. **A complement to the educational component of this journey, Expedition Libraries are curated collections of useful resources and background reading tailored to this program. Place your deposit on or before the specified date, and one Expedition Library per room will be sent upon receipt of final payment. Libraries may be purchased; please call for details.*
What Guests Are Saying...

We will forever cherish our amazing memory of trips taken with the Traveling Aggies, as well as wonderful new friendships we have made! Now, whenever we travel on ‘non-Aggie’ trips, we realize nothing can compare!
~Randy ’74 & Gail Parker

We have done several trips with the Traveling Aggies, and just can’t say enough about how wonderful it is to have our instant family traveling with us. And to have everything arranged so that we know we’re getting the best option is terrific! So much fun!
~Robert ’73 & Linda ’75 Flesher

I really enjoy traveling with other Aggies. It doesn’t matter what classes we are, we have a great thing in common, Texas A&M!
~Marta Hollowell ’82