**Babler Tours**

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**Yellowstone, Glacier & the Grand Teton Tour**

**August 21st thru September 1st, 2022**

**Day 1, Sunday, August 21**

**Departures;**

**6:00am, Babler Bus Service- S1666 State Hwy 42, Maplewood WI**

**6:20am, Dykesville Park and Ride, Hwy 57 and Cty P**

**6:45 am, Green Bay, GV/172 Park and Ride on Hoffman Rd.**

**7:30am, Manitowoc Park and Ride, Calumet Ave & South Frontage Rd.**

Travel Day – Juice and muffins served on coach.

Lunch stop on your own in route

**Best Western Plus, Fargo, ND**

Dinner on your own near the hotel

**Day 2, Monday, August 22**

## **Theodore Roosevelt NP, Miles City, MT (MON)**

This morning, depart Fargo, ND for your journey across North Dakota. Enroute you will enjoy stories of the American Frontier, learn about the unique geological formations found in these areas including dinosaurs and other prehistoric animals, and learn about the unique Native American cultures that inhabited the region for thousands of years. (4.5 hours drive plus rest stop) After lunch in Medora, ND you will have the opportunity to explore **Theodore Roosevelt National Park.** You will focus on the South Unit of the park and enjoy scenic vistas and views of this area. You will also see the Maltese Cross Cabin, Roosevelt’s first ranch home in the area from the late 1800s. This rugged and beautiful landscape was home for many people throughout the years and you can learn about their struggles to live in this harsh environment. Once finished with this visit you will continue west from North Dakota into Montana and the vast plains. You will finish your day in **Billings**, MT (4 hours from Roosevelt NP). Dinner will be on your own. There are multiple options within walking distance of the hotel.

### Hampton Inn or similar, Billings, MT (L)

**Day 3, Tuesday, August 23**

## **Great Falls and the Missouri River (TUE)**

This morning, enjoy sightseeing as you travel across the vast planes of Montana to Holter Lake. Enroute learn about the Crow and Cheynne Indian Tribes, their culture, and history. (4 Hours plus stops). Enjoy a picnic lunch on Holter Lake before embarking on **Gates of the Mountain scenic boat cruise.** You will get to enjoy great towering walls of limestone standing guard over the river and glimpse bighorn sheep and mountain moats as they scamper in the rocks high above the water, along with over 120 different species of birds. You will learn and get to spot some of them during the cruise in this timeless landscape. After the cruise you will stop in Great Falls along the waterfront along the Missouri River and visit the **Lewis and Clark Interpretive Center** for more information about the adventurers’s path. Their impact on the American West is still being felt even today. Once the group has finished exploring this area you will travel on to Browning, MT (2 Hours) where you will end your day on the Blackfeet Indian Reservation. You will learn about this unique tribe and their history enroute. If interested the group can enjoy a visit to the **Museum of the Plains Indians** located in Browning, MT. This museum displays richly varied arts of Northern Plains Tribal peoples including the Blackfeet, Crow, Northern Cheyenne, Sioux, Assiniboine, Arapaho, Shoshone, Nez Perce, Flathead, Chippewa, and Cree. Their historic clothing, horse gear, weapons, household implements, baby carriers, and toys highlight the exhibits. Enjoy your evening at the Glacier Peaks Casino.

### Glacier Peaks Casino, Browning, MT (B,L)

**Day 4, Wednesday, August 24**

## **Glacier National Park, St Marys, Many Glacier, Going to the Sun Road (WED)**

Begin your day with views of the Crown of the Continent as you enter into the St Mary’s Area . Enjoy the views and vistas and explore the area before boarding the **Red Bus Tour at 10:00 am**. From there you will explore Glacier National Park as you travel up over Logan Pass and the Continental Divide to Apgar and Lake McDonald Lodge. Learn about the geology and human history of this beautiful timeless landscape and enjoy the views throughout on this one of a kind tour. Once the group is finished with lunch at **Lake McDonald**, you will have time to explore around the area before traveling into Kalispell for the evening. Enjoy free time on your own.

### Hampton Inn or similar, Kalispell, MT (B.L)

**Day 5, Thursday, August 25**

## **Glacier NP Boat Cruise, Big Fork, Flathead Lake (THU)**

This morning, return to **Glacier National Park for a boat cruise** on one of its many pristine lake. Lake McDonald, 2 Medicine, or St Mary’s. Afterwards enjoy exploring the area around Big Fork on your own as you get lunch at one of the many unique restaurants in the area. Once finished for the afternoon enjoy a scenic drive around Flathead Lake as you return to Kalispell. You will get a wonderful dinner as a group this evening.

### Hampton Inn or similar, Kalispell, MT (B.D)

**Day 6, Friday, August 26**

## **National Bison Ranch, Grant Hohrs Ranch, Virginia City, and West Yellowstone, MT**

This morning, **meet your Southwest Adventure Tours tour director**, depart Kalispell, MT and travel south to the National Bison Range. This has been a refuge for a bison heard from the 1800’s when plains bison were nearly extinct. Since 1908 this land has been an area of protection and refuge for these magnificent animals in the heart of the Flathead Indian Reservation. After exploring the area and enjoying learning about the bison and the Flathead Tribes, you will continue south to the **Grant Kohrs Historic Ranch National Historic Site.** Once there you can enjoy this ranch and learn about its part of history since the mid 1860s. Explore the historical grounds and learn about the many stories associated with the ranch.

After a hearty lunch, in Butte, MT, you will continue south into Big Sky Country and enjoy the scenic drive into the historic town of Virginia City. Virginia City and Nevada City lie along Alder Gulch about one mile apart, and is the site of the richest placer gold strike in the Rocky Mountains, with an estimated total value of 100 million dollars throughout the 18th and 19th century! The area represents the true and original Old West. You will have an hour to walk around and explore this historic town before continuing to West Yellowstone. Enjoy the **Grizzly & Wolf Discovery Center** and dinner on your own this evening.

### Kelly Inn or similar, West Yellowstone, MT (B,L)

**Day 7, Saturday, August 27**

Begin your day with views of the Madison River inside the park. You will begin learning about the unique geological features of the park today at Norris Gesyser Basin. Once finished, continue on to Canyon Junction and the Grand Canyon of the Yellowstone River. You will view the falls from multiple viewpoints before stopping for lunch at Canyon Lodge and enjoy time at the Visitors center in the area. From here continue over Dunraven Pass to Roosevelt Junction then on to Mammoth Hot Springs before returning to West Yellowstone for the evening. Throughout the tour, your guide will discuss the unique geological and ecological features found throughout the park. You will also have ample opportunities to see eagles, dear, elk, and bison inside the park.

**Kelly Inn or similar, West Yellowstone, MT (B)**

**Day 8, Sunday, August 28**

Begin your day exploring the main geyser areas of the park. Visit the Fountain Paint Pots, Grand Prismatic Spring, and Old Faithful Geyser Basin. Enjoy lunch at Old Faithful and walks to the various host springs and visitors centers in the area. Once finished travel south to Isa Lake which flows on both sides of the Continental Divide to both the Pacific and Atlantic Oceans. You will also visit West Thumb Geyser Basin and enjoy some views of Lake Yellowstone. Travel south from Lake Yellowstone along the Lewis River to Grand Teton National Park. You will get to enjoy views of the Tetons from Coulter Bay and various Snake River Overlooks. Once in Jackson you will be able to enjoy your evening exploring this historic town one your own.

Elk Country Inn or similar, Jackson, WY (B, L)

**Day 9, Monday, August 29**

## **Grand Teton - Jackson (MON)**

Enjoy the original **Jackson Hole scenic float trip** experience entirely within Grand Teton National Park, on the most scenic stretch of the Snake River. Relax and enjoy Grand Teton National Park’s natural beauty while discovering the magic of the Snake River. Your knowledgeable river guide will lead you into a protected sanctuary of pristine wildlife, beautiful wildflowers, sagebrush plateaus, cottonwood and spruce forests, and spectacular panoramic views of the entire Teton Range. Plan for an informative and most enjoyable experience.

Once finished continue to explore Grand Teton with visits to Jenny Lake enjoy lunch with views of the Tetons. Visit the National Wildlife Museum overlooking the Elk Refuge before beginning your evening adventure! Experience Jackson Hole’s Original Chuck Wagon Dinner! If you want a taste of the Old West the **Bar T 5** is for you! Traveling by horse-drawn covered wagon, this three hour evening dinner and show will take you away into beautiful Cache Creek Canyon. Enjoy a full evening of great entertainment, western hospitality, and a dinner that will tantalize your taste buds. **Say Farewell to your Southwest Adventure Tours guide this evening!**

**Elk Country Inn or similar, Jackson, WY (B,D)**

**Day 10, Tuesday, August 30**

Travel from Jackson, WY over Togwotee Pass and along the Wind River Range into **Casper**, WY. Spend the evening in Deadwood South Dakota

**Day 11, Wednesday, August 31**

**Wall Drug with** **Lunch** **on your own at Wall**

**Depart Wall** for **Holiday Inn Express, Sioux Falls, South Dakota**

Mid Afternoon rest stop @Dignity of Earth and Sky Statue (Chamberlain)

**Overnight at Holiday Inn Express, Sioux Falls**

Dinner on your own in Sioux Falls

**Day 12, Thursday, September**

Stop at Falls Park, Sioux Falls

**Depart for home**

**Mid Morning break**

**Lunch on your own**

**Mid Afternoon break**

**Arrive back in Green Bay approx 6:00 pm.**

**Tour Includes:**

Services of a Southwest Adventure Tours tour director from Kalispell, MT to Jackson, WY (4 Days)

11 nights hotel accommodations

12 breakfasts, 5 Lunch, 2 dinners

Park Entrance Fees

Gates of the Falls Boat Tour

Going to the Sun Red Bus Tour

Glacier NP Boat Tour

Snake River Float Trip

Grizzly & Wolf Discovery Center

Bar T 5 Western Dinner Cookout and Show

Entrance fees to attractions & National Parks

(1 Suitcase per person)

Gratuities for included meals

**Cost per person: Dbl: $3,545; Tpl: $3,265; Single; $4,895; Quad (not Avail)**