

Glacier National Park & The Upper Northwest

\$2990 Per Person

12 Days / 11 Nights

Day 1 – Arbor Lodge State Historical Park

This morning we start our trek north and west. We'll have lunch on the road before our stop at **Arbor Lodge State Historical Park**. Inside the park you'll find the summer home of Joy Morton, the founder of Morton Salt. Our final destination is **Lincoln, NE** where we'll visit the historic **Haymarket District**.

Day 2 – Great Union Pacific Golden Spike Tower

Have you ever wondered what the world's largest rail yard looks like? Imagine as many trains as you can all in one place. You'll get to see just this at **Union Pacific's Golden Spike Tower**. We'll travel on to **Valentine, NE** to spend tonight.



Day 3 – Minuteman Missile Nat'l Historic Site

Today we will get the chance to learn about the history of the Cold War, the arms race and intercontinental ballistic missile development when we visit the **Minuteman Missile National Historic Site**. This afternoon we'll visit the **City of Presidents**, Rapid City, SD. Located downtown, we will find over forty life size, bronze statues of former US Presidents. After our visit we'll head to our hotel near **Spearfish, SD**.

Day 4 – Little Bighorn Nat'l Monument

This morning we'll continue our journey westward with a visit at **Kings Saddlery and Museum**. You'll see a significant collection of artifacts from the Old West and tools of the modern cowboy. After lunch, we'll visit the site of a famous 1876 battle at the **Little Bighorn Battlefield National Monument**. The area memorializes the US Army's 7th Cavalry and is an effort to preserve the way of life of the Lakota and Cheyenne Indians. We'll travel a bit further to our hotel in **Billings, MT**.

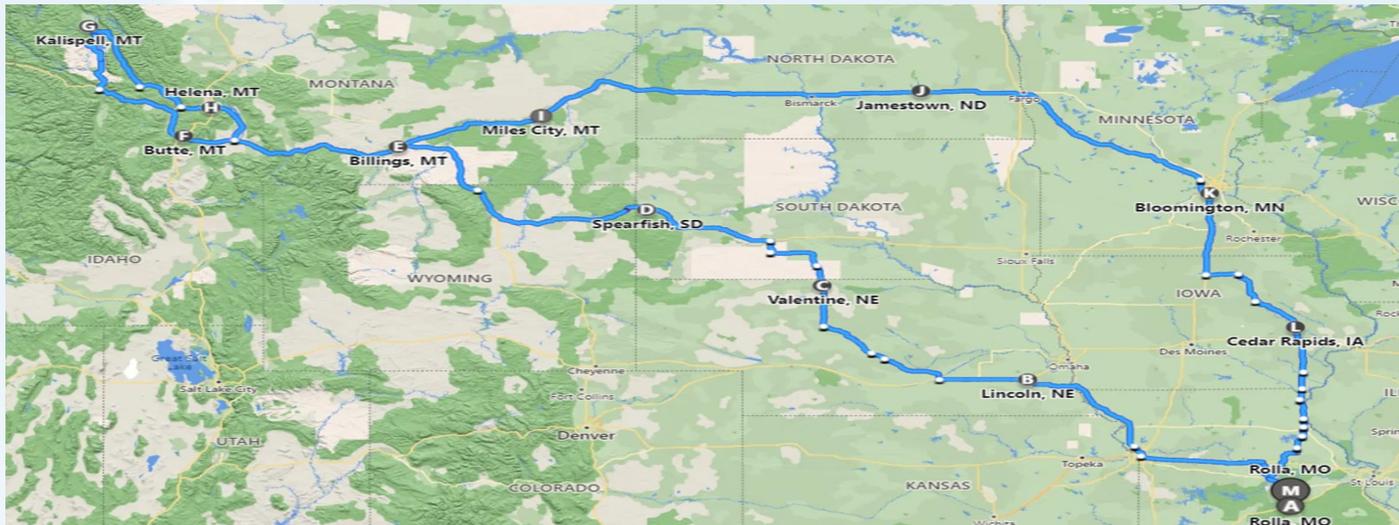
Day 5 – Missouri Headwaters State Park

This morning we'll discover the high limestone cliff located at **Madison Buffalo Jump State Park**. As recent as 200 years ago this was used by Native Americans to stampede herds of bison which they used for food, clothing, shelter and other provisions. We'll then travel to **Missouri Headwaters State Park**, weather permitting we'll have a picnic here overlooking the start of the Missouri River. Our last visit for today will be **Our Lady of the Rockies**. This 90 ft. statue sits atop the Continental Divide. We'll have dinner and check into our hotel in **Butte, MT**.

Day 6 – Butte Trolley Tour

This morning we'll ride the **Butte Chamber of Commerce Trolley Tour**. You will have an onboard guide to tell you about the rich mining and cultural history of the town. Now flooded with water, we will also learn about the former copper mine now known as **Berkeley Pit**. On our way to **Kalispell, MT** we'll see the **Anaconda Smelter Stack** which is the tallest surviving masonry structure.

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Day 7 – Glacier National Park

We'll arrive and spend the day at the beautiful **Glacier National Park**. We'll travel the famous **Going to the Sun Road** and see glacier-carved peaks and valleys in the Rocky Mountains. After spending the day here, we'll head to our hotel in **Helena, MT**.



Day 8 – Museum of the Rockies

Today will be a travel day continuing east across Montana. We'll enjoy the unobstructed skyline that seems to overwhelm the landscape, usually described as Big Sky Country. This afternoon we'll visit the **Museum of the Rockies**, where we'll see an extensive collection of dinosaur fossils including a fully mounted T-Rex. Our final destination is near **Miles City, MT**.

Day 9 – Theodore Roosevelt Nat'l Park

We'll depart this morning and travel to **Theodore Roosevelt National Park**. We will watch for bison herds, prairie dog towns and other wildlife along the Little Missouri River. We'll arrive in **Jamestown, ND** and visit the **National Buffalo Museum** home to displays of Native American art and artifacts.

Day 10 – Hjemkomst Interpretive Center

Today we'll learn some Norwegian and Viking history with a stop at the **Hjemkomst Interpretive Center** to see the Viking ship and the **Hopperstad Stave Church Replica**. In the afternoon, we'll check into the history of the **Viking Runestone** and finish our day at **Mall of America** where you can shop and dine. Our hotel tonight will be near **Bloomington, MN**.

Day 11 – National Toy Tractor Museum

You've seen the movie, now see the actual **Field of Dreams** and the house! We'll visit the century old farm where the movie was filmed over 30 years ago and the baseball diamond carved from a cornfield. We'll also visit the **National Toy Tractor Museum** filled with scaled models and replicas of farm based equipment. It's a small scale adventure into agricultural history. We'll spend one more night out on the road in **Cedar Rapids, IA**.

Day 12 – Amana Colonies

On our way home we'll visit **Amana Colonies**, spending time at several traditional German villages. You'll have some time to shop old-fashioned stores and see artists' workshops. You'll arrive home this evening with beautiful photos to share.