# Wild West, Cowboys, Cowgirls and Buffalos

Departs: August 9, 2014 Duration: 9 Days / 8 Nights Double Room: \$2,395 Single Room Supplement: *Please Call* 

# **Insider Experiences**

- Hidden Treasure: Enjoy at least one surprise Hidden Treasure experience, unique to your itinerary, courtesy of your expert Travel Director.
- **Local Expert:** Join an interpretive guide for a stroll in Yellowstone National Park.

### Sightseeing Highlights

- **Jackson:** View the famous landmark of tangled elk antlers; enjoy an evening of Western entertainment.
- Grand Teton National Park: Journey through dramatic
  scenery and stop at beautiful Jenny Lake.
- Yellowstone National Park: Discover the natural wonders, including geysers, mud pots, bubbling pools and Yellowstone Falls, in America's first National Park.
- **Cody:** Visit the Buffalo Bill Historical Center and learn about the Wild West.
- The Ranch at Ucross: Stay on a real working dude ranch; enjoy an evening campfire with s'mores; choose from a range of included activities.
- **Black Hills:** Spend two nights in the gold rush boomtown of Keystone; explore the area and feel the spirit of the Wild West.
- **Bear Country USA:** Enjoy a drive through this unique wildlife park and see young bears up close during a walk through the Wildlife Center.
- **Crazy Horse:** Behold the spectacle of this giant American Indian memorial.
- Mount Rushmore: Visit this iconic American monument.

# Dining

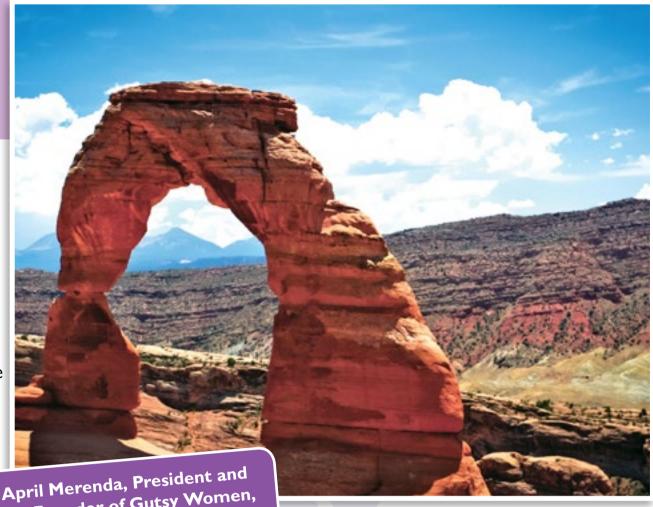
Co-Founder of Gutsy Women, will accompany this departure

with her family!

- 8 breakfasts: 6 full breakfasts, 2 continental breakfasts, 3 lunches
- **5 evening meals:** Kick-off Party with light appetizers and drinks with your Travel Director in Salt Lake City, I three-course dinner, Chuckwagon dinner in Jackson, Ranch-style dinner at the Ranch at Ucross, Farewell Dinner with drinks in Keystone

### **Travel Highlights**

- Travel by luxury air-conditioned coach with reclining seats and an on-board restroom.
- First Class hotel accommodation featuring twin rooms and private facilities.
- Audio Headsets provided throughout your trip to enhance your included sightseeing experiences.
- Complimentary keepsake photo and map.
- The services of a professional Travel Director throughout your journey.
- All hotel service charges and tips, baggage handling fees and local taxes included.
- Airport transfers are provided on the first and last day of your guided trip
- 8 nights First Class accommodation



Say 'Howdy!' and get ready for a Family Experiences program filled with scenes of the Old West. Experience the natural wonders of Yellowstone National Park and get a taste of exciting ranch life at The Ranch at Ucross. Saddle up for a horseback ride and rub shoulders with true wranglers as you discover the unique wildlife of Bear County USA and the majesty of the iconic Mount Rushmore on this Wild West holiday.

#### DAY I ARRIVE SALT LAKE CITY

Welcome to Salt Lake City! Arrive at your hotel and enjoy some time on your own this afternoon to relax or venture out to see some of the main attractions. This evening, meet your fellow adventurers at 6 p.m. for a Kick-off Party with your Travel Director. **MEALS:** (Kick-Off Party) **OVERNIGHT:** Hilton Salt Lake City Center (SF)

#### DAY 2 SALT LAKE CITY – JACKSON

Put on your cowboy hats, pull up your boots and get ready to create memories that will last a lifetime. Head north and enter Wyoming for your first encounter with the mighty Rocky Mountains. Follow trails blazed by rugged mountain men centuries ago. Stop at the Oregon Trail Center in Jackson to get a glimpse into the thrills and challenges of the Old Trail. Enjoy a lunch at the center before crossing the famous Oregon Trail to the authentic Old West town of Jackson. Passing through the town's famous landmark arch of tangled elk antlers, walk back into history as you explore the Town Square with its Western boardwalks, craft boutiques and ice cream shops - all surrounded by the majestic Rockies. Come nightfall, enjoy a Western-style Chuckwagon dinner and show. **MEALS:** (Full Breakfast / Lunch / Dinner)

**OVERNIGHT:** Rustic Inn Creekside Resort & Spa (SF)

#### DAY 3 JACKSON – GRAND TETON & YELLOWSTONE NATIONAL PARKS (2 NIGHTS)

Rise early if you'd like to rollick down the Snake River on an optional fun and educational wilderness float trip. Later, discover dramatic Grand Teton National Park and beautiful Jenny Lake, and journey on into the world's first National Park, spectacular Yellowstone. At the Visitor Center, learn amazing facts about Yellowstone - kids can even earn their Junior Ranger Badge. Join your Local Expert for a guided stroll around the boardwalks of the West Thumb Geyser Basin.

**MEALS:** (Full Breakfast / Dinner) **OVERNIGHT:** National Park Lodges (NP)

#### DAY 4 YELLOWSTONE NATIONAL PARK SIGHTSEEING

Discover Yellowstone's most amazing natural wonders, including the thundering Yellowstone Falls, a multitude of hot gushing geysers and countless brilliantly - colored simmering thermal springs, bubbling mud pools and hissing steam vents. Your senses will be assaulted by the roar of steam, the thunder of a waterfall, the bellowing of bison and awe-inspiring views at every turn - sights and sounds that make for an experience you'll be talking about for years.

MEALS: (Full Breakfast)



#### DAY 5 YELLOWSTONE NATIONAL PARK - CODY

Travel down, down, down into the Shoshone Canyon and the rugged Absaroka Mountains until you reach the rustic Wild West town of Cody, named after Buffalo Bill Cody. Explore the Buffalo Bill Historical Center and the world's largest collection of Western artifacts. This evening, get out your Western get-up and head to a night rodeo.

MEALS: (Full Breakfast) OVERNIGHT: Holiday Inn Cody (F)

#### DAY 6 CODY - THE RANCH AT UCROSS

This morning, enjoy stunning scenery as you cross the BigHorn Mountains and Bighorn National Forest. Get ready for a taste of the true Wild West and cowboy lifestyle as you arrive at the Ranch at Ucross in Clearmont, an Old-West working dude ranch in the foothills of the Bighorn Mountains. After lunch, prepare to learn about life on the ranch. Watch the ranch-manager's daughter saddle a horse and prep for a riding demonstration! Then it's your turn to participate in the ranch fun with a hands-on dummy-cow branding demonstration. When the dinner bell calls all hands to chow, put on your finest cowboy duds and kick up your heels at a typical ranch-style dinner.

**MEALS:** (Full Breakfast / Lunch / Dinner) **OVERNIGHT:** The Ranch at Ucross (F)

#### DAY 7 RANCH AT UCROSS - KEYSTONE (2 NIGHTS)

After a hearty breakfast, enjoy activities galore on the ranch - all included! Learn about life on a working ranch as you rub elbows with true wranglers. Saddle up for a horseback ride around the ranch lands. See how far you can cast that fishing line to catch brown or rainbow trout in Piney Creek. Challenge your traveling mates to a game of tennis or horseshoes...with bragging rights for the rest of the trip at stake! Or simply relax poolside and take in the serenity of this wonderful resort. After an included lunch, head east through the national grassland to the city of Keystone. **MEALS:** (Full Breakfast / Lunch)

**OVERNIGHT:** K-Bar-S Lodge (MF)

#### DAY 8 KEYSTONE & BLACK HILLS EXCURSION

The first stop this morning is Bear Country USA, a wildlife park featuring the world's largest private collection of American black bear. Enjoy a drive through this spectacular and unique wildlife park and then walk through the Wildlife Center, where young and smaller animals frolic in their outdoor exhibits. Next, head to the famous Black Hills of South Dakota. At Thunderhead Mountain, gaze in awe at the Crazy Horse Memorial. A work in progress being carved into the mountainside, the "world's largest sculpture" honors the famous war chief of the Lakota people. Reach the quaint "City of Gold," Keystone, once a gold mining boomtown. Next, see the presidents sculpted at Mount Rushmore. It took 400 artisans 14 years to carve the sculptures of George Washington, Thomas Jefferson, Theodore Roosevelt and Abraham Lincoln into the mountain. This evening, join your fellow adventurers at a Farewell Dinner featuring an American Indian dancer. **MEALS:** (Continental Breakfast / Farewell Dinner)

#### DAY 9 KEYSTONE - FORT LARAMIE - DEPART DENVER

Follow the trail to old Fort Laramie, the best-known milepost on the Oregon Trail. At the fort's living history exhibits, learn about the harsh world of the pioneer family as they fought distance, unforgiving terrain and weather to reach Oregon - and the native tribes who gave their lives trying to prevent it. Your Wild West adventure comes to an end at the Mile High city of Denver where stops are made at Denver International Airport or, if you're extending your stay, at the Sheraton Downtown Denver Hotel. Please do not schedule any flights before 8 p.m.

**MEALS:** (Continental Breakfast)