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Day 1: Monday, October 9, 2023 Scottsdale, Arizona - Tour Begins Journey through five of America’s most incredible national parks. Your tour opens in Arizona where you will enjoy a stay in the world-famous resort town of Scottsdale. This evening, join your fellow travelers at a welcome dinner. (D)

Day 2: Tuesday, October 10, 2023 Scottsdale - Sedona - Grand Canyon Begin the day with a visit to the artists’ colony of Sedona and see the amazing rock formations that change hue with each turn in the road. Afterward, travel through the beautiful scenery before arriving at one of the Seven Natural Wonders of the World – the spectacular Grand Canyon. Upon arrival, relax at one of the many public seating areas overlooking the immense and colorful canyon. Take a moment to reflect as you stand in awe of this iconic natural treasure. Before dinner you may wish to take a short hike to explore the area. (B, D)

Day 3: Wednesday, October 11, 2023 Grand Canyon - Lake Powell Today, head to the Carl Hayden Visitors Center and look out over Glen Canyon Dam to see the end of Lake Powell. Later, arrive at Lake Powell for dinner and sunset views of the lake. (B, D)

Day 4: Thursday, October 12, 2023 Lake Powell - Bryce Canyon National Park, Utah - Springdale Today’s journey takes you to Bryce Canyon National Park, truly one of the most spectacular scenic wonders of the world. The formations within the park, called Hoo-doos, are the creation of wind and water erosion over eons of time. Iron oxidizing within the rock causes the natural orange and red hues that color these formations. Enjoy a hike along the Rim Trail looking into the expansive Bryce Amphitheater, from overlooks at Sunrise and Sunset Points. End your day in Springdale, the gateway to Zion National Park and your home for two nights. (B)

Day 5: Friday, October 13, 2023 Springdale - Zion National Park - Springdale Today’s destination is Zion National Park, very likely one of the most awe-inspiring national parks in the world, just in sheer magnitude and color. Climb aboard Zion’s open-air tram and wind your way alongside the Virgin River and through the 2,400-foot deep, half-mile wide Zion Canyon. (B, D)

Day 6: Saturday, October 14, 2023 Springdale - Salt Lake City A drive north takes you to Salt Lake City, the “City of the Saints,” for a 1-night stay. Enjoy a tour of Salt Lake City featuring the Utah State Capitol building. Then, take the rest of the day and evening to relax or explore more on your own. Perhaps you will choose to explore Temple Square – a beautifully landscaped area set in the heart of downtown. The square’s centerpiece is the 6-spired granite Salt Lake Temple, and adjacent to this imposing structure is the domed Tabernacle, home of the famous Mormon Tabernacle Choir and the great Tabernacle organ. (B)

Day 7: Sunday, October 15, 2023 Salt Lake City - Jackson Hole, WY En route to Wyoming, see the majestic Bear Lake Summit. Later, arrive in the cowboy town of Jackson. Tonight, enjoy dinner* at a local restaurant. (B, D)

Day 8: Monday, October 16, 2023 Jackson Hole The day is yours to enjoy Jackson Hole. From hiking and river-rafting to shopping and sampling the local cuisine, there are endless activities to make the most of your day. (B)

Day 9: Tuesday, October 17, 2023 Jackson Hole - Grand Teton & Yellowstone National Parks From Jackson Hole, pass through Grand Teton National Park. Towering more than a mile above the valley of Jackson Hole, the Grand Teton rises to 13,770 feet. Twelve Teton peaks reach above 12,000 feet and support a dozen mountain glaciers. The Teton Range is the youngest range in the Rockies and displays some of North America’s oldest rocks. Later, arrive at the amazing Yellowstone National Park** and explore the park’s incredible sights. Experience the world-famous Old Faithful Geyser, a fountain of steam that rises more than 130 feet in the air. (B)
Day 10: Wednesday, October 18, 2023 Yellowstone - Cody - Sheridan
A delightful day of sightseeing begins with a trip along Yellowstone Lake and over Sylvan Pass. As you pass through Cody, stop at the Buffalo Bill Center of the West, a tribute to one of the most well-known figures of the Old West. Before turning in for the night in Sheridan, drive through the incredible Bighorn Mountains and journey through the territory of the Great Sioux Nation. (B)

Day 11: Thursday, October 19, 2023 Sheridan - Rapid City, South Dakota
Visit Crazy Horse Memorial, a monument dedicated to Native Americans. Visit the Native American Cultural Center to learn more about local customs, when Native Americans discuss the movements of their dances and the significance of different clothes. Later, see one of the country’s most famous landmarks, Mount Rushmore, whose four figures carved in stone represent the first 150 years of American history. At tonight’s farewell dinner you will meet a local Lakota Native American and learn all about their fascinating way of life, past and present. (B, D)

Day 12: Friday, October 20, 2023 Rapid City - Tour Ends
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In 1925, Gutzon Borglum set out to create a gigantic work of art. Armed with four hundred men and one million dollars, he began carving a 5,725-foot mountain into a national masterpiece. The mountain's name is Mount Rushmore and the men whose images are carved into its façade symbolize the first 150 years of United States history. Immortalized in stone are George Washington, Thomas Jefferson, Theodore Roosevelt and Abraham Lincoln. Creating the memorial was a difficult task. The rock on Mount Rushmore was so strong, dynamite was the most practical way to mold the monument. Once the stone was blasted to within inches of Borglum's measurements, the faces were fine-tuned with hammers and chisels. Fourteen years after construction began, Borglum died, leaving the final phases of construction to his son, Lincoln. All work on Mount Rushmore concluded for good in October of 1941, on the eve of World War II. Interestingly enough, what you see immortalized in the Black Hills of South Dakota is actually an unfinished masterpiece. Borglum's original plans called for the four men to be carved all the way down to their waists.

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