

Canyon Country & National Parks

14 Days/13 Nights

September 5 - 18, 2023

Tuesday - Monday

Celebrate our country as we see some of the nature's best scenery. From Yellowstone National Park, the first and



oldest national park in the world, with more geysers and hot springs than the rest of the world combined to the majestic Teton Range. You will experience the captivating natural beauty that has drawn visitors for generations. Let **Judy's Leisure Tours** take you to these and other well known landmarks.

1 We will **pickup along I94** as we travel to **Deadwood**, South Dakota where you will be on your own this evening to have dinner, do a little browsing, or try your hand at lady luck in one of their casinos.

2 Our travel today takes us through Wyoming and Colorado to the stunning **Garden of the Gods**, a 1,300 acre park where flora and fauna reflect the rich diversity of the terrain, and red sandstone formations tell a unique geological story. We overnight in **Colorado Springs**.

3 This morning you step aboard the **Royal Gorge Route Railroad**, known as the "Scenic Line of the World." The 12 mile route follows the most famous portion of the old Denver and Rio Grande Western train line. We ride through the "Grand Canyon of the Arkansas" on an unforgettable journey along the tumbling Arkansas River, over 1,000 feet below the rocky granite cliffs of the famed Royal Gorge. Our next stop is **Black Canyon of the Gunnison National**

Park. Located in Colorado, it is a beautiful and dramatic park, where the Gunnison River rushes through the narrow canyon gorge. Tonight we overnight in **Montrose, CO**.

4 This morning we drive to the small mining town of **Silverton**, a national historic landmark. Hidden high in the San Juan Mountains, this town offers spectacular scenery, Victorian charm, after browsing we continue to our overnight in **Durango, CO**.

5 Today we visit the land of the ancient Pueblo Indians in **Mesa Verde National Park**. The fascinating **cliff dwellings** and culture of these people provide us with a look into a society that existed approximately 1400 years ago.



Building elaborate stone communities, the Pueblos developed their own society that existed for some 700 years, before disappearing. Archeologists called them Anasazi, from a Navajo word sometimes translating as "the ancient ones." We find our lodging in **Bluff, Utah**.

6 This morning we will explore **Monument Valley** in a **four-wheel-drive vehicle** with a Navajo Indian guide. We will be delighted with sights of pictographs and petroglyphs, natural arches and windows, monoliths and pueblo-style cliffs dwellings built by Anasazi Indians about A.D.

1250. This afternoon we board our vessel for a 2 ½ hr **cruise** on the sky-blue **Lake Powell, Canyon Adventure**



Boat tour, will take you cruising through two famous Lake Powell Canyons - Antelope and Navajo Canyons. We overnight in the **Lake Powell** area in **Page, AZ**.

7 Prepare for a visual treat today at the **North Rim of Grand Canyon National Park**. World-renowned for its remarkable beauty and diverse range of rock layers, the Grand Canyon offers visitors an unmatched display of scenic wonders and breathtaking views. We overnight in **Kanab, UT**.

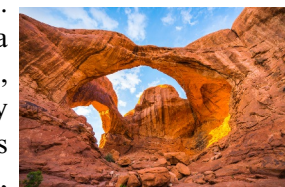
8 Today features awe-inspiring **Zion National Park**, where the Virgin River has cut a dramatic rugged gorge through multi-hued sandstone, shale and limestone. We'll look up at the towering rock walls surrounding us on all sides as we tour this incredible natural wonder. Zion is very likely one of the most awe-inspiring national parks in the world. We continue on to **Bryce Canyon National Park**, truly one of the most spectacular scenic wonders of the world. The formations within Bryce Canyon National Park, called Hoodoos, 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.



9 This morning we travel along Utah's incredible Highway 12 Scenic Byway as we wind our way through spectacular **Grand Staircase-Escalante National Monument**. This is one of the most scenic drives in the country. Our drive brings us to impressive **Capital Reef National Park**, where white sandstone "domes" cap massive reef-like cliffs. We continue to **Moab** where we find our lodging. Imagine yourself being whisked down the legendary mighty **Colorado River**. You are surrounded by red sandstone cliffs on either side of the river. The sun hiding behind the canyon walls, offering cooler temperatures. Along the way you'll

discover an Indian grainery, petroglyphs, arches and beautiful scenery. These boats are designed for people who want to tour the river on calm water, not get wet, remain comfortable, but see all there is to see of **Canyon lands National Park** from the perspective of the river. Our guide will tell tales of the area as we explore the river passages. We also enjoy a tasty **Dutch Oven dinner** and have the beauty of sunset for dessert.

10 **Arches National Park** contains the largest concentration of stone arches in the world. This National Park is a red, arid desert, punctuated with oddly eroded sandstone forms such as fins, pinnacles, spires, balanced rocks, and arches. The 73,000-acre region has over 2,000 of these "miracles of nature. We overnight in **Coalville, UT**.



11 Few places on this earth can honestly be described as "awe-inspiring or breathtaking." The Teton Range is worthy of that kind of description, towering more than a mile above the valley of **Jackson Hole**. Twelve Teton peaks reach high enough to support a dozen mountain glaciers. We arrive in **Jackson Hole** with the afternoon to explore Jackson's town square accented by elk-antler arches and learn about area history at museums.

12 We travel through **Grand Teton National Park**, a fault-block mountain formation, as opposed to the volcanic action in Yellowstone. Next we visit **Yellowstone National Park**, the world's first and oldest national park, featuring erupting geysers like **Old**

Faithful, majestic waterfalls, petrified forests and roaming bison, elk and other wildlife. Our route takes us through the **Wapiti Valley**, along the north-fork of the Shoshone River to **Cody, WY**. President Teddy Roosevelt termed this as the “**most scenic 50 miles in the world.**” We will enjoy a **dinner** and find our lodging in **Cody** .

13 Today we cross the scenic **Big Horn National Forest**, another of Wyoming jewels, as we make our way to the Wild West cowtown of **Medora** where we will enjoy a **farewell dinner** together.

14 We continue our journey home with wonderful memories of all of the natural wonders that we have seen. We look forward to our next excursion with **Judy’s Leisure Tours**.

Inclusions:

- ◆ **Quality Accommodations**
- ◆ **Motorcoach**
- ◆ **Baggage Handling**
- ◆ **Tour Director**
- ◆ **Deadwood**
- ◆ **Garden of the Gods**
- ◆ **Royal Gorge Route Railroad**
- ◆ **Black Canyon of the Gunnison Nat’l Park**
- ◆ **Silverton**
- ◆ **Durango**
- ◆ **San Juan National Forest**
- ◆ **Mesa Verde National Park**
- ◆ **Monument Valley - 4 x 4 vehicle**
- ◆ **Canyon Adventure Cruise on Lake Powell**
- ◆ **North Rim of Grand Canyon**
- ◆ **Zion National Park**
- ◆ **Bryce Canyon National Park**
- ◆ **Capital Reef National Park**
- ◆ **Grand Staircase-Escalante Nat’l Monument**
- ◆ **Moab, UT**
- ◆ **Arches National Park**
- ◆ **Colorado River Sunset Cruise & Dinner**
- ◆ **Canyonlands National Park**
- ◆ **Jackson Hole, WY**
- ◆ **Grand Teton National Park**
- ◆ **Yellowstone National Park**
- ◆ **Wapiti Valley**
- ◆ **Cody, WY**
- ◆ **Big Horn National Forest**
- ◆ **Medora**
- ◆ **13 Breakfasts/ 2 Lunches/ 3 Dinners**

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- \$5,885.00 Single**

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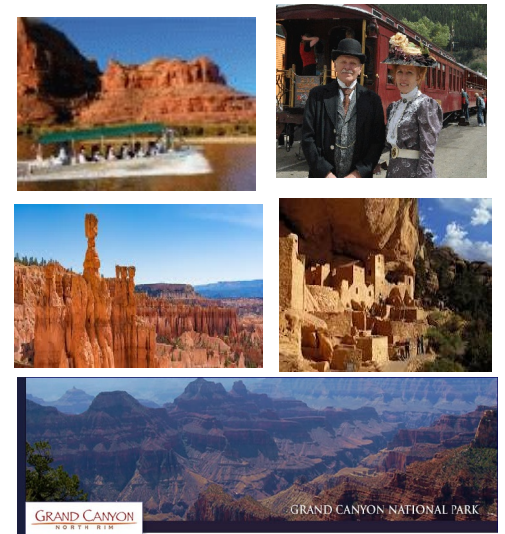
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