

Awe-Inspiring National Parks | Tour by Train

Holiday Duration: 14 Nights



Overview

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Take to the rails with Amtrak for this journey through the stunning heartlands of America to visit some of its world-famous national parks.

Visit Yellowstone National Park, Glacier National Park, Grand Teton National Park and Arches National Park as you see some of the world's most spectacular scenery with the added comfort and security of a tour manager to guide you and make sure you don't miss a thing. If you would like to add extra hotels before or after the tour, Frontier America would be delighted to help.

This itinerary is flexible and can be tailor-made to suit you; if you want to add extra days in one area, extend the holiday or maybe change the direction of travel. Talk to one of our experts about how to make this holiday the perfect one for you.



Here's a day-by-day guide to your itinerary. Feel free to ask us to add other days or ideas and excursions by contacting us directly, so we can give you the best price.

Day 1



Chicago

Fly to Chicago for an independent overnight stay before joining the tour. Of course, if you would like longer to explore Chicago, this can easily be arranged and is highly recommended.

1 night in Chicago

Day 2





Onboard the train

Depart Chicago aboard Amtrak's Empire Builder.

Make your own way to Chicago's historic Union Station to meet your tour manager, and board the famed Empire Builder for your overnight trip to East Glacier Park. Take your seat and enjoy the stunning scenery as you pass. Milwaukee, the Mississippi River, Minneapolis and Lake Michigan.

You will spend this first night on the train. Meals on the train are included if you upgrade to private sleeping accommodation.

Days 3-6



Glacier National Park

As you awaken this morning you will be nearing Minot, North Dakota for a 30 minute rest stop before travelling over the spectacular Gassman Coulee Trestle. Then you will head towards Montana and the stunning scenery of Glacier National Park.

Glacier Park is famed for having more than 25 different glaciers, 130 lakes, 200 waterfalls and glorious scenery.



You will spend 4 nights at either Glacier Park Lodge or Grouse Mountain Lodge.

Day 1

This morning you will board a vintage open-top Jammer Bus for a tour of the park. You will be taken along the famous Going-to-the-Sun Road and across the Continental Divide. There will be a stop at the historic Lake McDonald Lodge for lunch and some time on your own to explore. When you return to your hotel you will have the rest of the day for your leisure.

Breakfast and dinner included.

Day 2

This day begins with a trip to the area of Glacier National Park, appropriately named Many Glacier surrounded by the tall peaks of the Lewis Range. You will discover Lake Sherburne and a town dating back to the early 1900s. The waterfalls, lush scenery and hiking will certainly appeal to nature lovers and photographers. Next up is a boat trip on Swiftcurrent Lake where you may well encounter some local wildlife on the shores followed by lunch at Many Glacier Lodge.

Breakfast and lunch included.

Day 3

A free day.

Breakfast included.

Days 7-8



Glacier National Park to Yellowstone National Park

After breakfast, you will depart Glacier National Park and start the scenic drive to Yellowstone National Park. Your route will take you through Lewis and Clark country, into Madison Canyon Gorge and past Quake Lake into the West Entrance.

2 nights at Yellowstone National Park at either Grant Village or Canyon Lodge.

You will spend the day exploring one of America's most famous National Parks with a guided tour that takes in some of its most well-known sites including the Upper and Lower falls, Hayden Valley, Old Faithful, Fountain Paint Pot and the Grand Canyon of Yellowstone.

Breakfast included.

Days 9-10



Yellowstone National Park to Grand Teton National Park

Following a leisurely departure from Yellowstone you will head to Grand Teton National Park today, with a stop at Lewis Falls along the way. Grand Teton National Park boasts one of the most spectacular landscape views in the world with towering, jagged mountain ranges, sparkling lakes and abundant wildlife.

Spend 2 nights in Jackson Hole

You will embark on a float trip down Snake River which will give you a unique perspective to admire the mountain ranges, forests and wetlands where sightings of bison, elk and moose are common. You will have the rest of the day to your own devices for exploring the many shops and walks around Jackson Hole.

Breakfast included.

Day 11



Grand Teton National Park to Salt Lake City

Departing Jackson Hole, you will visit the National Oregon/California Trail Centre in Montpelier, Idaho. The centre is located at a former rest stop for pioneers and will give you the opportunity to step back in time to the 1850's including a simulated wagon train, before heading off to Salt Lake City for the night. You will arrive in time to explore the Mormon buildings in Temple Square and see the impressive Utah State Capitol.

1 night in Salt Lake City

Breakfast and lunch included.

Days 12-13**Salt Lake City to Moab**

Today you will drive the scenic route to Moab from Salt Lake City, via the San Rafael Valley.

2 nights in Moab

Today you will embark upon on a guided tour of Arches National Park, and you will see some of its 2,100 stunning rock formations. Other highlights of the park include the Delicate Arch and the Landscape Arch. In the afternoon you will be free to explore the surrounding area of Moab and the Colorado River Red Rocks.

Breakfast Included

Day 14



Arches National Park to Canyonlands National Park

Today's excursion will take you the Canyonlands National Park for more amazing scenery, encompassing some stunning coloured canyons along the Colorado River. You will also visit Dead Horse Point State Park which has amazing views 2,000 feet above the Colorado River on your way to Grand Junction

1 night Canyonlands

Breakfast and dinner included.

Day 15



Canyonlands National Park to Grand Junction

Your tour finishes after breakfast today. You can either fly home from Grand Junction via Denver, hire a car in Grand Junction to explore Colorado or take the train back to Chicago. Please talk to your expert travel consultant.

Breakfast included.

If you are interested in a holiday to America please contact us on 020 8776 8709 to discuss your plans with a USA expert, or send an email to america@frontier-travel.co.uk with your requirements and we will put together your ideal itinerary and quotation. Let us take you there.