

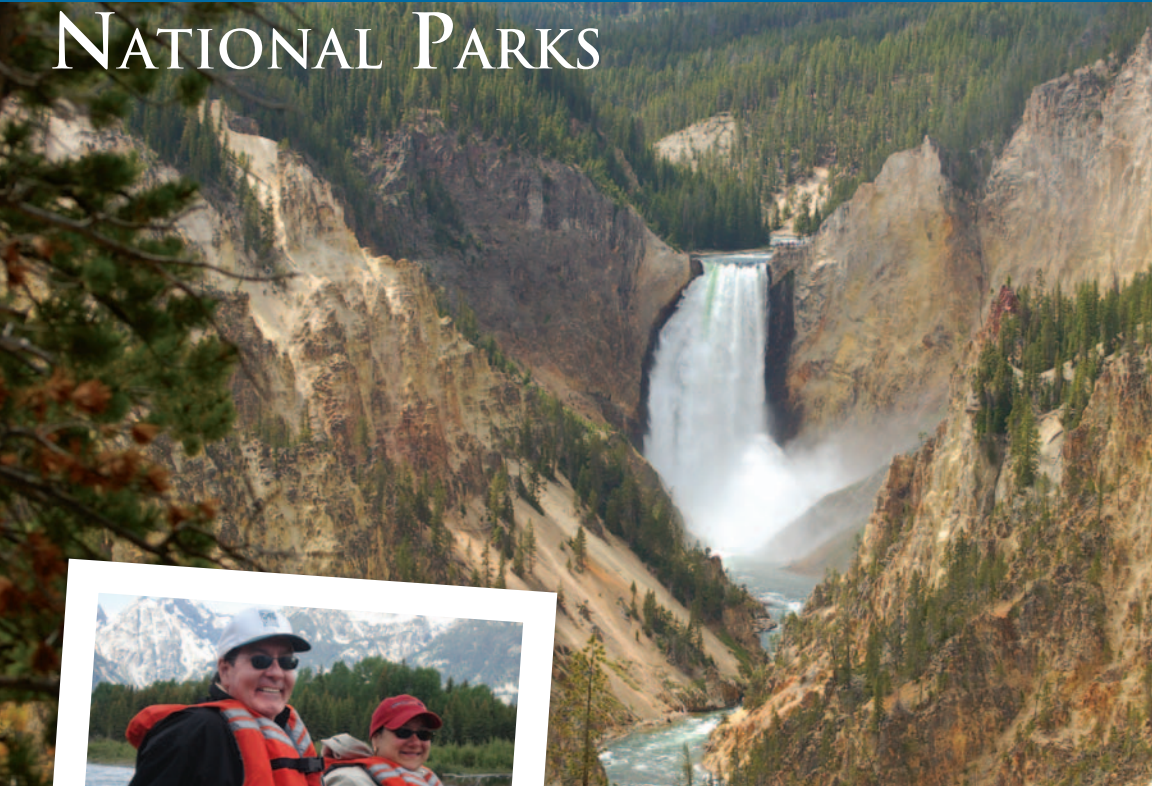


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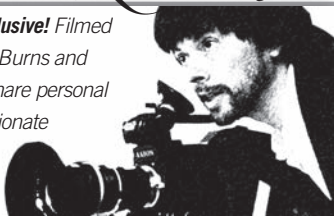
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Explore Yellowstone National Park and float down the Snake River aboard a raft in Grand Teton National Park

STORIES BY *Ken Burns*

Tauck On-tour Exclusive! Filmed narratives by Ken Burns and Dayton Duncan share personal stories of the passionate struggle to create America's – and the world's – first national park, Yellowstone, set aside “for the benefit and enjoyment of the people.” Tauck takes you behind-the-scenes with commentary by the creators of “The National Parks: America’s Best Idea.”



Maximum Elevation: 7,800 ft.

SEPTEMBER 9 – ARRIVE SALT LAKE

Tour begins: 6:00 PM, The Grand America Hotel. A transfer is included from Salt Lake City International Airport to The Grand America Hotel in the heart of Salt Lake City. Please join us this evening for a welcome cocktail reception and dinner with your fellow travelers. **Meals D**

SEPTEMBER 10 – SALT LAKE CITY

Sightseeing includes the interesting downtown architecture, residential areas and This is the Place Monument – it was here that Brigham Young envisioned the building of this Mormon city. Travel to one of ten venues of the 2002 Winter

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Olympics for a tour; the rest of the afternoon is free to explore Salt Lake City on your own. Learn all about the amazing ecology and diversity of life within the Great Salt Lake Basin during a fascinating lecture this evening. **Meals B**

SEPTEMBER 11 – GRAND TETON NP

Travel north along the edge of the Great Salt Lake into Idaho, where you'll be treated to lunch during a visit to the National Oregon / California Trail Center; an interactive presentation simulates an actual wagon train experience of the 1850s. Continue on into Wyoming, the soul of the rugged West, boasting spectacular mountains, silver streams, oil wells, grasslands, cowboys and warm, hospitable local characters. Enjoy a brief visit in the town of Jackson before arriving in Grand Teton National Park for two nights at the Jackson Lake Lodge. **Meals BLD**

SEPTEMBER 12 – RIVER RAFTING

Take a scenic ten-mile float trip on the Snake River* this morning as it meanders through stunning alpine scenery; be on the lookout for moose, elk, deer, beaver and many species of birds, including the bald eagle, who all make their homes in this natural habitat. Spend the remainder of the day exploring on your own or join us for a special volunteer service project with park experts, made possible by our operator's long-standing relationship with – and support of – the national parks. **Meals B**

SEPTEMBER 13 – YELLOWSTONE NP

Depart Grand Teton National Park this morning; view sparkling Jenny Lake and arrive midday in Yellowstone National Park, established in 1872 as the United States' first national park. Your accommodations are ideally located at the Old Faithful Inn, just steps from the park's most famous feature, Old Faithful Geyser.

Overnight stays at The Ranch at UCross and exploration of Yellowstone are highlights of the trip

Approximately every 90 minutes, the geyser lives up to its name by shooting a plume of steam skyward. Explore the Upper Geyser Basin and learn more about Old Faithful on a guided excursion this afternoon. Tonight's dinner is at your leisure at your hotel. **Meals BLD**

SEPTEMBER 14 – GEOLOGIC GEMS

With 10,000 hot springs, thundering waterfalls, two-thirds of all geysers in the world and endless forests, Yellowstone inspires awe. Explore its geologic wonders today; follow the Firehole River to the Fountain Paint Pot, which is one of many bubbling, colorful mud pots throughout the park. View the spectacular Grand Canyon of the Yellowstone, carved by the churning waters of the Yellowstone River. Spend tonight along the tranquil shores of Yellowstone Lake at your historic hotel. **Meals BD**

SEPTEMBER 15 – CODY

A journey along winding mountain roads leads from Yellowstone National Park to the town of Cody, founded by frontiersman Buffalo Bill Cody in 1896. Explore the Buffalo Bill Historical Center, which includes the Whitney Gallery of Western Art, the Draper Museum of Natural History and the Plains Indian Museum. Attend the Dan Miller Cowboy Music Revue tonight. **Meals BD**

SEPTEMBER 16 – WYOMING RANCH

Experience the scenic splendors of the Bighorn Mountains as you traverse canyons blanketed with grassland and seasonal flowers. Enjoy a western ranch experience, including a horseback ride*, at The Ranch at UCross. **Meals BLD**

Tauck Value Includes:

- Four exclusive filmed narratives by Ken Burns and Dayton Duncan on the history of Yellowstone
- Educational visit and lunch at the National Oregon / California Trail Center in Idaho
- Float trip down the Snake River, with in-depth commentary by a professional naturalist guide
- An opportunity to join park experts on a volunteer service project in Grand Teton National Park
- Dan Miller shares insights and stories about Western music at a musical revue in Cody, Wyoming
- A private lecture on the ecology of the Great Salt Lake Basin in Salt Lake City
- Airport transfers upon arrival and departure as noted
- Meals: (9 breakfasts, 4 lunches, 7 dinners)
- All tour activities as outlined in the itinerary
- Professional Tour Manager – Commonwealth Club representative



10 DAYS FROM \$2,990 PLUS AIRFARE
(9 Breakfasts, 4 Lunches & 7 Dinners)

BEGINS SALT LAKE CITY

September 9 – 18, 2011

PRICE PER PERSON

Double \$2,990 Single \$3,854 Triple \$2,693
(double with rollaway)

Airfare is additional. Tauck can book your air from San Francisco to Salt Lake City and returning from Rapid City for an approximate cost of \$541 per person, coach class (quoted rate as of 1/18/11). Air request not guaranteed, space upon availability. Ask at time of booking.

For activities marked with an asterisk () in day-by-day descriptions, participation is at your own risk and a signed liability waiver will be required.

FINE HOTELS / GREAT LOCATIONS

- Night 1,2 **The Grand America Hotel**
Salt Lake City, UT
- Night 3,4 **Jackson Lake Lodge**
Grand Teton National Park, WY
- Night 5 **Old Faithful Inn**
Yellowstone National Park, WY
- Night 6 **Lake Yellowstone Hotel**
Yellowstone National Park, WY
- Night 7 **Holiday Inn Cody
at Buffalo Bill Village**
Cody, WY
- Night 8 **The Ranch at UCross**
UCross, WY
- Night 9 **Radisson Hotel Rapid City**
Rapid City, SD

SEPTEMBER 17 – MT. RUSHMORE

Travel into the Black Hills for lunch and visits to the Crazy Horse Memorial and Mount Rushmore National Memorial. Journey to Rapid City for an overnight stay and a farewell dinner. **Meals BLD**

SEPTEMBER 18 – JOURNEY HOME

Tour ends: Rapid City, South Dakota. Fly home anytime; a transfer is included from Radisson Hotel Rapid City to Rapid City Regional Airport. Allow a minimum of two hours for flight check-in at the airport. **Meals B**



Help protect our national parks on a volunteer project

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Dear Club Member:

The United States has a national parks system like no other country, drawing travelers from around the world awed by our monuments to natural beauty. I am pleased to invite you to explore two of our nation's most magnificent national parks, Yellowstone and Grand Teton, September 9-18, on a 10-day adventure that includes virtually every travel expense.

Come discover the pioneering spirit of the West from Salt Lake City, Utah, to Rapid City, South Dakota. Explore Yellowstone, the world's first national park, and see bubbling mud pots, colorful mineral pools, shooting geysers, endless forests and thundering waterfalls. Marvel at views of the glorious peaks of the grand Tetons and spot moose, elk, and bald eagles during our scenic float trip on the Snake River.

Learn about Old West history in Cody, pioneer life at the Trail Museum in Idaho, and the ecology of the Great Salt Lake Basin in Salt Lake City. Journey to the Black Hills and the masterful carvings of our presidents' faces at Mount Rushmore. For those that are interested, an opportunity to take part in a volunteer project with park experts in Grand Teton National Park is offered. Come celebrate what filmmaker Ken Burns calls "America's Best Idea."

This is a great time to experience the national parks, without the crowds of summer. Join us!

Sincerely,

Kristina Nemeth
Director of Travel

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Commonwealth Club Travel Reservation Form: Yellowstone & Grand Teton National Parks

Enclosed is my/our deposit for \$_____ (\$350 per person) for _____ person/people on **Yellowstone & Grand Teton National Parks, September 9 – 18, 2011**. I/we understand the final payment is due 90 days prior to departure. Payment may be made by American Express, Discover, MasterCard or VISA or by personal check. Please make check payable to **Tauck, Inc.** and send (with complete reservation form) to: **The Commonwealth Club of California, 595 Market Street, 2nd Floor, San Francisco, CA 94105 or fax it to 415-597-6729, or call 415-597-6720.**

Full Name: _____ Date of Birth: _____ Gender: _____

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Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ ZIP: _____

Home Phone: (_____) _____ Cell Phone: (_____) _____

E-mail: _____ Badge Name(s): _____

Please book my/our air from: _____ I/we would like to request Business Class upgrade

I will share my room with: _____ I desire a single room (limited availability)

I/we will make our own air arrangements. I would like to add an additional hotel night to my trip: Before After

Please Note: The undersigned has read the schedule of activities for **Yellowstone & Grand Teton National Parks, September 9-18, 2011**, and agrees that their signature below represents their acceptance of the General Terms and Conditions:

Signature(s): _____ Date: _____

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Method of Payment				
<input type="checkbox"/> Check	<input type="checkbox"/> American Express	<input type="checkbox"/> Discover	<input type="checkbox"/> MasterCard	<input type="checkbox"/> VISA
Account #:	_____	Security Code:	_____	Exp. Date: _____ / _____
Name of Cardholder:	_____			
Signature:	_____			
Final invoicing will be sent by our tour operator, Tauck, Inc. The balance of the program price must be paid to Tauck, Inc. Final payment is due 90 days prior to departure and can be paid by check or credit card.				

TERMS & CONDITIONS

Inclusive:

Accommodations – All accommodations are included. Two-bedded rooms are reserved in most hotels. Triples are usually a two-bedded room plus one rollaway cot and are not recommended for comfort.

Tour inclusions – All appropriate gratuities for luggage handling, bellmen, doormen, dining room services, and local guides are included. Meals: (9 breakfasts, 4 lunches, 7 dinners); all tour activities as listed in the itinerary; and the services of a Professional Tour Manager – Commonwealth Club representative.

Not included in tour price:

Airfare to the tour departure point and from the tour end point is not included. Airport tax and departure taxes are not included.

Hotel Rooms before or after tour – To avoid jet lag, many guests prefer to make hotel arrangements before or after their tour. As a service, Tauck will make reservations before or after your tour upon request.

Personal Expenses such as phone calls, room service, alcoholic and bar beverages, mineral waters, laundry, airline excess luggage charges and other optional incidental extras are not included.

If you have to cancel – Time of cancellation will be when notice is received in writing by Commonwealth Club Travel. Cancellations result in costly charges from travel and hotel providers charging penalties and fees incurred by canceling confirmed bookings. Therefore, cancellation penalties do apply once monies are on a booking. Please visit Tauck's website at www.tauck.com to review Tauck's cancellation policies.

Cancellations and Refunds – All cancellations must be submitted in writing to Commonwealth Club Travel. Written cancellation 60 days plus prior to departure—loss of deposit of \$350 not including air (if applicable) per person; 59 to 8 days prior to departure—loss of \$600, not including air (if applicable) per person; 7 to 1 day prior to departure—loss of \$900, not including air (if applicable) per person. Program reservations are not transferable. Cancellation on day of departure or after tour departs-no refund. Cancellation of tour by Commonwealth Club Travel or our tour operator (except in Extreme Circumstances)—full refund. We strongly urge applicants to consider purchasing trip cancellation insurance.

Responsibility – Due to space limitations, this is abbreviated information. Please contact the Commonwealth Club for complete terms and conditions.



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