



*Stories by Ken Burns*

# Legends of the American West

*Vast in its myths, landscapes, personalities and monuments, the American West is larger than life... and this small group journey takes you into its heart and soul. Go in search of the Old West... explore two national parks... and discover the ancient spirit of all who came before.*

9 DAYS FROM 10,590 AUD pp  
All Small Groups averaging 24 guests  
Activity Level 2 / Pace Level 3

*Yellowstone National Park*

## *Uniquely Tauck*

- Film vignettes exclusively produced for Tauck by filmmakers Ken Burns and Dayton Duncan share their insights into the legendary stories that shaped our ideas of the Old West
- Stay at sought-after accommodations inside two national parks – Yellowstone and Grand Teton
- Get a different perspective of the Tetons aboard a float trip on the Snake River – home to a wide array of wildlife including bald eagles and beavers

## DAY 1

### Arrive Rapid City

*Tour begins: 6:00 PM, The Rushmore Hotel.* A transfer is included from Rapid City Airport to The Rushmore Hotel. Join us for a welcome dinner this evening at your hotel.

**Meals D**

## DAY 2

### Mt. Rushmore and Crazy Horse Monuments

On a privately guided Buffalo Safari aboard a touring Jeep, discover Custer State Park, home to a herd of some 1,500 bison. Then, a scenic drive takes you through the Black Hills, where rock formations with granite spires called "needles" cut a jagged skyline, to see the larger-than-life sculptures carved in the Black Hills. Your first visit is to the Crazy Horse Memorial. In 1948, an Oglala Lakota elder, inspired by nearby Mount Rushmore, commissioned Korczak Ziolkowski to carve a memorial to the warrior Crazy Horse on the face of Thunderhead Mountain. The gigantic memorial, expected to dwarf Mount Rushmore one day, is still a work in progress, but you'll see the sculptor's dramatic model of Crazy Horse astride his war horse, and visit the museum and cultural center dedicated to American Indian heritage and traditions. Then it's on to Mount Rushmore; no matter how often you may have seen it in photos, the towering relief of Washington, Jefferson, Lincoln, and Theodore Roosevelt on the face of the mountain is amazing in person. **Meals BL**

## DAY 3

### A day at a Wyoming ranch

Travel to TA Guest Ranch in Buffalo, Wyoming, where you'll gain insights into life on the great open plains. The ranch is steeped in cowboy history and lore; it was once the site of a climactic battle in the Johnson County War of 1892, which pitted rival ranchers and their hired hands against each other for control of the range – a dispute so violent that it eventually required intervention by the U.S. Cavalry. Get an authentic taste of cowboy life with an opportunity to saddle up for a guided horseback trail ride\*, head out on a historic walking tour of the ranch, or meet a horse whisperer; you can also try your hand at pitching horseshoes if you wish. Enjoy dinner at the Ranch at UCross this evening. **Meals BLD**

## DAY 4

### Cody and the legend of Buffalo Bill

Today, head out for the quintessential Western city of Cody, Wyoming, travelling through fantastic scenery in Bighorn National Forest – an ever-changing landscape of mountain ranges, glacier-carved valleys, alpine meadows, and waterfalls. Cody was named for the celebrated Western showman, William F. Cody, a.k.a. Buffalo Bill – buffalo hunter, Army scout, Wild West Show entrepreneur, and tireless inventor of tall tales. At the Buffalo Bill Center of the West, a complex of five museums that immerses you in American Western culture and mythology, you'll see galleries of historic artifacts and art, including works by American Western artists Frederic Remington and N.C.



*Experience the stunning beauty of Grand Teton National Park from a unique vantage point on a guided float trip down the Snake River.*

#### Map Detail





## Buffalo Bill Center of the West

During your stay in Cody, visit the memorial that honours William F. "Buffalo Bill" Cody to learn more about his life as American soldier, bison hunter, and showman.



## True Western ranch living

Experience authentic Western lifestyle at TA Guest Ranch in Buffalo; saddle up for riding, meet a horse whisperer, or take a historic walking tour of the ranch.



## Discover Mount Rushmore for yourself

You may have seen many photos of Mount Rushmore but nothing compares to seeing America's best-known faces carved into the granite bluffs in person.

Wyeth, who captured the essence of cowboys, pioneers, soldiers and American Indians. The site also houses a firearms museum and a center dedicated to the Northern Plains tribes. Later, enjoy an evening of entertainment featuring Western-style skills and thrills at the Cody Nite Rodeo (seasonal, June through August only). **Meals BD**

### DAY 5

## Yellowstone National Park

Travel to Yellowstone National Park today with your Tauck Director who shares insights about the park's geological wonders and wildlife, and its great historical significance. In 1872, President Ulysses S. Grant designated Yellowstone as the nation's – and the world's – first national park, to be set aside and preserved so that it could be enjoyed by all and generations to come. Enjoy lunch and explore Yellowstone as your sightseeing continues en route to Mammoth Hot Springs. Dinner this evening is at your hotel. **Meals BLD**

### DAY 6

## The Grand Canyon of the Yellowstone

Set out on a tour of some of Yellowstone's geothermal wonders: hot springs, waterfalls, fumaroles, and mudpots. You'll see the Grand Canyon of the Yellowstone, plunging a thousand feet into the Yellowstone River with miles of breathtaking gorges dotted with waterfalls. Cross Hayden Valley, a great plain for spotting bison. Lunch is served at the Old Faithful Inn, where you'll enjoy an overnight stay; a national landmark built in 1904, your inn is a rustic work of art, with a towering lobby and a massive stone fireplace. Explore Upper Geyser Basin, home to one of the largest concentrations of geysers in the world; Old Faithful, the famous clockwork geyser, is just steps from your door. Enjoy dinner tonight at your leisure, taking advantage of the serenity and sights without the crowds. **Meals BLD**

### DAY 7

## Explore Jackson and the Tetons

Experience more Western national parks on a sightseeing drive to Grand Teton National Park. Arrive in Jackson, once a magnet for fur trappers and now a popular spot for lovers of mountain vistas, with the Tetons as a backdrop. Enjoy free time, then head to Mormon Row Historic District (an 1890s farming settlement) where you'll see iconic Grand Teton National Park buildings. Stay two nights at Jackson Lake Lodge in Mountain View rooms; "breathtaking" does not begin to describe the views of Jackson Lake and the Tetons from your lodge's 60-foot-high lobby windows. Awesome in their grandeur, some 12 imposing glacier-carved summits frame the singular Grand Teton (13,775 feet) and to see them in person is nothing short of awe-inspiring. **Meals BD**



Step back in time with a visit to Mormon Row District, an iconic 1890s settlement nestled beneath the Tetons – a striking glimpse into pioneer life amid one of America’s most scenic landscapes.

#### DAY 8

### Floating along the Snake River

Experience the rugged grandeur of the Teton Range during a guided float trip\* down the Snake River, always in the company of furtive deer, elk, moose, and bald eagles ashore; keep a lookout for feathered, four-footed, and furred locals. The rest of your day is free for you to discover Grand Teton National Park as you please. Your lodge is surrounded by hiking trails for all abilities and offers many activities (including some at additional cost, such as horseback riding). This evening, join us at our last roundup – a farewell reception and dinner at your lodge.

**Meals BD**

#### DAY 9

### Journey Home

*Tour ends: Jackson. Check-out is 11:00 AM.* Fly home anytime. A transfer is included from Jackson Lake Lodge to Jackson Hole Airport. Please allow 3 hours for flight check-in. **Meals B**

## 2026 DATES

May 23, 25 Jun 1, 6, 15, 20 Jul 4, 13  
Aug 15, 22, 29 Sep 5, 12, 14, 21

Go to [tauck.com.au](http://tauck.com.au) for up-to-the-minute space availability.

## 2026 AUD PRICE PER PERSON

May - September

Double \$ 10,590 Single \$ 13,512 Triple \$ 9,694

All departures are **Small Groups** averaging 24 Tauck guests.

## 2026 PRICE INCLUSIONS

19 meals (8 Breakfasts, 4 Lunches & 7 Dinners), airport transfers as noted, service charges, gratuities to local guides, admission fees, taxes & portorage.

## 2026 PREMIER ACCOMMODATIONS

Night 1,2	<b>THE RUSHMORE HOTEL</b>	Rapid City, SD
Night 3	<b>RANCH AT UCROSS</b>	Clearmont, WY
Night 4	<b>BEST WESTERN PREMIER IVY INN &amp; SUITES</b>	Cody, WY
Night 5	<b>MAMMOTH HOT SPRINGS HOTEL</b>	Yellowstone National Park, WY
Night 6	<b>OLD FAITHFUL INN</b>	Yellowstone National Park, WY
Night 7-8	<b>JACKSON LAKE LODGE</b>	Grand Teton National Park, WY

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. Some accommodations within the national parks are operated by concessionaries for the National Park Service. Service staff, housekeeping and food and beverage are often part-time / seasonal hires and may be relatively inexperienced; service and accommodations may not compare to Tauck’s hotels in other locations. The accommodations selected are in the heart of the park and afford exceptional access to some of the most spectacular destinations on Earth. Itinerary is subject to change. Certain exceptions may apply; select departures may feature different hotels of similar standard to those noted above – visit [tauck.com.au](http://tauck.com.au) or ask at booking. **Please go to General Information for additional information, including Deposit Protection Plan and Activity / Pace details.**

**Activity Level 2 / Pace Level 3**

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