National Parks of the Rockies: Grand Teton, Yellowstone & Glacier

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Dear Yale Traveler

When President Ulysses S. Grant signed into law the establishment of Yellowstone National Park on March 1, 1872, it became the first national park anywhere in the world; and America’s best idea, the belief that “wild nature” should be protected for posterity, became a reality.

Visit three iconic national parks—Grand Teton, Yellowstone, and Glacier—on an extraordinary 9-day journey in the western United States next fall. Accompanied by Yale Professor John Mack Faragher, a lifelong devotee of the American West, immerse yourself in the spectacular geological wonders and diverse wildlife of Wyoming and Montana, as well as the cultural and historical treasures of the Old West. A variety of excursions including walks, hikes, and river rafting will be provided to meet different areas of interest and degrees of physical ability.

While conservation and preservation are the focus of the National Park System, the many associated historic hotels and lodges have been a vital part of visiting the parks for more than a century. During the program, you will stay at some of these renowned facilities, and visit a few others. Reserve your space today on this fascinating exploration of three of our country’s magnificent national parks by visiting www.yaleedtravel.org/parksrockies18. If you have any questions, please contact Yale Educational Travel at edtravel@yale.edu or 203-432-1952 to learn more.

Sincerely,

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Yale Study Leader

John Mack Faragher

John Mack Faragher is the Howard R. Lamar Professor of History and Director of the Howard R. Lamar Center for the Study of Frontiers and Borders. He attended the University of California, Riverside, then did graduate work at Yale, receiving his PhD in 1977. He taught for fifteen years at Mount Holyoke College before returning to Yale in 1993. Professor Faragher has published numerous articles and a dozen books, including *Eternity Street: Violence and Justice in Frontier Los Angeles*, published in 2016. He looks forward to sharing his love for the history of the American West with travelers on this program.

Naturalist & Guide

Barbara Batey has been a naturalist and guide in Montana and Wyoming for more than 25 years, and is a seasoned tour manager. She studied biology at Western Washington University, earned a master’s in biochemistry at the University of Washington, and undertook years of study in natural history at the Yellowstone Institute. Barbara’s knowledge of the ecology, flora, fauna, and geology of Montana is encyclopedic (she seems to know every flower and blade of grass that grows there), and she eagerly shares her love of nature.

Upcoming Trips

**Japan by Sea: Land of the Rising Sun**  
April 15–28, 2018  
Prof. William Kelly  
Anthropology & Japanese Studies

**Adriatic Sea Voyage: Croatia & Montenegro**  
May 25–June 2, 2018  
Prof. Anthony Kronman  
Yale Law School

**Africa’s Grand Safari by Private Plane**  
June 5–19, 2018  
Prof. David Evans  
Geology & Geophysics

Book Corner

**Frontiers, A Short History of the American West**  
By Robert V. Hine & John Mack Faragher  
Lauded for their lively and elegant writing, the authors provide a grand survey of the colorful history of the American West, from the first contacts between Native Americans and Europeans to the beginning of the twenty-first century.

**The Hour of Land: A Personal Topography of America’s National Parks**  
By Terry Tempest Williams  
Award-winning author Terry Tempest Williams travels to 12 carefully chosen national parks, including Yellowstone, Acadia, and Big Bend, in this insightful journey.

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Itinerary

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WELCOME PHONE CALL
Tuesday, August 28 (tentative)
Join the group at 4:00 p.m. EDT for a pre-trip welcome call with Professor John Mack Faragher to learn more about what to expect and ask any questions you may have.

HOME / JACKSON, WYOMING
Saturday, September 8
Arrive in Jackson and transfer to The Wort Hotel, a member of the Historic Hotels of America program. Gather for a welcome reception and dinner at the hotel this evening. The Wort Hotel (R,D)

JACKSON / GRAND TETON NATIONAL PARK
Sunday, September 9
Learn about The Wort Hotel, which was placed on the National Register of Historic Places in 1999, on a guided tour. The hotel was built in 1941 by brothers John and Jess Wort, who played a significant role in transforming the economy of the Jackson Hole valley from ranching to tourism. Participate in interpretive walks in Grand Teton National Park, established in 1929 by President Calvin Coolidge; look for elk from a special viewing platform at the National Elk Refuge; and enjoy the diverse collection of wildlife paintings and sculptures at the National Museum of Wildlife Art before a free evening in Jackson. The Wort Hotel (B,L)

YELLOWSTONE NATIONAL PARK
Tuesday, September 11
Yellowstone National Park, signed into law in 1872, is widely considered the first national park ever established and contains half the geothermal features and two-thirds of the geysers in the world. Spend a full day exploring its natural wonders – among them Norris Geyser Basin, Mammoth Hot Springs, and Lake Yellowstone – as well as a great variety of wildlife, including the iconic Yellowstone Park bison herd. Canyon Lodge (B,L,D)

YELLOWSTONE NATIONAL PARK / THREE FORKS, MONTANA
Wednesday, September 12
At the west entrance to Yellowstone, visit the Wort Hotel’s sister property, the historic Stage Coach Inn. In West Yellowstone explore the Yellowstone Historic Center Museum housed in the former Union Pacific Depot, where exhibits tell the story of visitors’ fascination with Yellowstone since its founding. In Virginia City, most of which is a National Historic Landmark, stroll through a remarkably well-preserved open-air museum of life during the Gold Rush. Visit Headwaters State Park, where the

Yellowstone National Park is 96% in Wyoming, 3% in Montana, and 1% in Idaho, and is larger than the states of Rhode Island and Delaware combined.
Missouri River begins and the Lewis and Clark Expedition stopped in 1805. This evening check in to the Sacajawea Hotel in Three Forks, built in 1910 to serve passengers on the Chicago, Milwaukee, St. Paul, and Pacific Railroad and now listed on the National Register of Historic Places, as well as a Historic Hotels of American property. Sacajawea Hotel (B,L,D)

THREE FORKS / BENTON
Thursday, September 13
Take a boat tour along the Missouri River to the Gates of the Mountains, named by Meriwether Lewis in 1805 during the Lewis and Clark Expedition. Scan the towering limestone cliffs for mountain goats, bald eagles, and ospreys. In Great Falls, visit the Lewis and Clark Interpretive Center and enjoy a private tour of the C.M. Russell Museum Complex, which displays the prolific artwork of acclaimed “cowboy artist” Charles Marion Russell. Spend this evening at the Grand Union Hotel. Listed on the National Register of Historic Places, the Grand Union reopened in 1999 after an award-winning restoration project. Grand Union Hotel (B,L,D)

FORT BENTON / GLACIER NATIONAL PARK
Friday–Saturday, September 14–15
Glacier National Park, designated a national park in 1910, is the centerpiece of a region known as the “Crown of the Continent Ecosystem” and retains almost all of its original native plant and animal species. Spend two nights at Glacier Park Lodge, which was built in 1903, with a full day to explore the park. Climb the spectacular Going-to-the-Sun Road, a National Historic Landmark, aboard Glacier’s iconic red motor coaches (“jammers”), the perfect way to take in the spectacular sights of the park. Continue marveling at the park’s many scenic wonders while hiking on nearby trails. Enjoy a farewell reception on the evening of September 15. Glacier Park Lodge (2B,2L,R,2D)

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WHAT IS INCLUDED:
• Educational program of lectures and discussions with Yale study leader John Mack Faragher
• All accommodations and meals as specified in the itinerary
• All excursions as specified in the itinerary
• One group hotel transfer on September 8 and airport transfer on September 16
• Baggage handling
• Gratuities to porters, wait staff, guides, and drivers
• Entrance fees
• Welcome and farewell wine receptions
• Wine, beer, or soft drinks with welcome and farewell dinners
• Bottled water on motorcoaches
• Professional tour manager throughout the program
• Emergency medical evacuation services with UHC Global Assistance

WHAT IS NOT INCLUDED:
Airfare to Jackson, Wyoming, and from Kalispell, Montana • Travel insurance • Optional excursions or deviations from the scheduled tour • Excess baggage charges • Transfers other than those specified as included • Meals not specified in the itinerary; dishes and alcoholic beverages not part of the included meals • Laundry or dry cleaning • Telephone, email, and fax charges • Room service • Other items of a personal nature

ITINERARY CHANGES:
The itinerary presented for this tour is subject to modification and change by Yale Educational Travel and Criterion Travel (the tour operator). Every reasonable effort will be made to operate the program as planned; however, should unforeseen world events and conditions require the itinerary to be altered, Yale Educational Travel and the tour operator reserve the right to do so for the safety and best interest of the group. Any extra expenses incurred in this situation are the responsibility of the participant.

A NOTE ABOUT COSTS: Tour costs are based upon current taxes, tariffs, and a minimum number of participants. While we will do everything possible to maintain the listed prices, they are subject to change. If there are significant changes, details and costs will be advised prior to departure.
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I understand that if a roommate cannot be found by the final payment deadline of May 11, 2018, I will pay the single rate.

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RESERVATIONS, DEPOSITS, AND FINAL PAYMENT: To reserve a space on this tour, please mail a deposit of $1,000 per person payable to “CRITERION TRAVEL,” along with the completed reservation form, to: Yale Educational Travel, Association of Yale Alumni, P.O. Box 209010, New Haven, CT 06520-9010 or fax the completed form to (203) 432-0587. Deposits may be charged to a credit card. Reservations are acknowledged in order of receipt. Final payment is due May 11, 2018.

CANCELLATIONS AND REFUNDS: All cancellations must be in writing to Yale Educational Travel. Refunds, less a cancellation fee of $300 per person, are made if we are notified in writing on or before May 11, 2018. No refunds are made after that date. There are no refunds for unused meals, accommodations, or other trip features.

WHAT TO EXPECT: The pace of this program is active, with up to four miles of walking each day over uneven terrain on hiking trails. Participants must be in good health and able to keep up with the group without assistance from tour staff. Depending on location, temperatures can range from the low 60s to the high 90s F, with the possibility of strong afternoon rain showers. If you have any questions about your ability to participate fully on this itinerary, please call Yale Educational Travel at (203) 432-1952.

INSURANCE: Yale Educational Travel highly recommends the purchase of trip cancellation insurance. If participants purchase trip insurance, and we hope that they do, participants are free to purchase the insurance of their choice. Most travel insurance must be purchased within 7-10 days of paying a deposit in order to include certain provisions including pre-existing conditions.

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Marvel at the extraordinary geothermal activity at Yellowstone National Park, including Old Faithful geyser, Mammoth Hot Springs, and Norris Geyser Basin.

Walk through an Old West ghost town, Virginia City, a National Historic Landmark District that creates an in-depth portrait of a Victoria-era gold-mining town.