



An old proverb says, “The Journey is the Reward.” Nothing illustrates this better than the scenic Yellowstone Loop. Yellowstone and Grand Teton National Parks are prime destinations for many. Spend time in the parks, enjoy the breathtaking scenery, photograph the wildlife, marvel at the geysers and hot springs, but plan some of your time to explore the route, and it all starts in Salt Lake City.

## UTAH’S CAPITOL CITY

### > SALT LAKE CITY

Salt Lake continues to be the gateway for travelers making the quick trip to Utah’s ski resorts, heading southward to Utah’s renowned red rock country, or venturing northward to Yellowstone and Grand Teton National Parks. Its compact downtown makes for easy walking among the many things to do in Salt Lake City.

Restaurants, bars, and other attractions bring life to the city center. Visit historic Temple Square, shop at City Creek Center, explore the Utah Natural History Museum or hike to a nearby waterfall on many trails adjacent to downtown.

OVERNIGHT IN SALT LAKE CITY, UT

## PIONEER HISTORY

### > OGDEN – LOGAN

Enjoy lunch on Ogden’s Historic 25th Street. Once upon a time, saloons stood side by side with businesses, which thrived on Ogden’s status as a railroad hub. Today, Historic 25th Street offers a glimpse into the past with the opportunity to enjoy local and independently owned unique shops, antique stores and restaurants. Finish your day in Logan. This city sits in the cradle of Northern Utah’s beautiful Cache Valley, a high mountain valley known for outdoor adventures, hands-on heritage experiences, and world-class performing and fine arts. Your affordable accommodations and delicious restaurants are only a 10-minute drive from hiking, biking, canoeing, fishing, and bird watching in the Uinta-Wasatch-Cache National Forest.

Discover what life in the West was like in the 1800s at the American West Heritage Center where you’ll join costumed interpreters to enjoy hands-on learning as you visit the mountain men encampment, pioneer cabins, and a turn-of-the-century farm. Milk the cow, make a rag doll, see the bison, ride the ponies or train and so much more.

OVERNIGHT IN LOGAN, UT

## MOUNTAIN OASIS

### > BEAR LAKE – GRAND TETON – JACKSON

Logan Canyon National Scenic Byway boasts 43 miles (69 km) of uncrowded scenery with dramatic limestone cliffs, wildflowers and the Logan River on the route to Jackson. Stop at Beaver Creek Lodge for horseback or all terrain vehicle rides. It’s all on the way to Bear Lake, a must-see for lunch and afternoon water activities. Bear Lake is a deep natural lake that changes color with the sky, and is best known for its breathtaking turquoise color sparkling on sunny days. The intense color of the lake is caused by calcium carbonate suspended in the water. On the southwest shore of Bear Lake, the town of Garden City is perhaps best known for its legendary raspberry shakes.

With some of the most beautiful mountain vistas in the world, some say Grand Teton National Park is the more scenic of the two parks. Photograph the iconic barns of Mormon Row, canoe Jenny Lake, follow in the footsteps of Ansel Adams at the Snake River Overlook, hike, climb and breathe the mountain air. This park is a treasure.

A small town with lots to see and do during any season, Jackson is the southern gateway to Grand Teton National Park. Don’t miss the world-class art galleries, the Silver Dollar Saloon, the Million Dollar Cowboy Bar, guided excursions, National Museum of Wildlife Art, and the National Elk Refuge. Jackson is the city, Jackson Hole is the valley.

OVERNIGHT IN JACKSON, WY



# WORLD'S FIRST NATIONAL PARK

## > YELLOWSTONE – WEST YELLOWSTONE

Established in 1872, Yellowstone is the world's first national park. When John Colter left the Lewis and Clark Expedition in 1806 and traveled through the area, he called it a land of "fire and brimstone." Sitting in the caldera of an ancient volcano at an 8,000 foot (2,400 meter) elevation and covering over 3,468 square miles (8,982 km), it has 10,000 hot springs, 200 geysers, and many vents and mud pots. This mountain wild-land is home to a wide range of animals including grizzly bears, wolves, moose, herds of bison and elk, 50 species of small mammals, and 318 species of birds. Keep in mind, these are wild animals and many are dangerous.

The town of West Yellowstone, located just outside of the West Entrance to Yellowstone National Park, is a year-round, family-friendly destination. Nestled among majestic mountain peaks and surrounded by natural scenic wonders, the town is rich in history and activities. West Yellowstone is minutes away from some of Yellowstone's favorite attractions including Old Faithful and the Grand Canyon of Yellowstone. Known for blue-ribbon trout streams, 21 miles (35+ km) of groomed Nordic ski trails, 400+ miles (643 km) of groomed snowmobile trails, and access to hundreds of miles of hiking and biking trails in the surrounding National Forests, no matter which season brings you to West Yellowstone, there is something to offer for everyone! Top attractions include the Grizzly and Wolf Discovery Center and the Yellowstone Historic Center.

OVERNIGHT IN WEST YELLOWSTONE, MT

# WILDLIFE & HOT SPRINGS

## > POCATELLO – LAVA HOT SPRINGS

Pocatello, Idaho is named for a Shoshone Indian Chief. Learn to squeegee at the world's only Museum of Clean; stand in awe of saber tooth cats and giant prehistoric bison at the Idaho Museum of Natural History; or see Native American and pioneer history come alive at the life size Fort Hall Replica and Bannock County Historical Museum. Float the lazy river at the aquatic center, enjoy strolling through the historic architecture in Old Town Pocatello, or see grizzlies, cougars, bison and the other native species of Yellowstone up-close at Zoo Idaho.

Bubbling out of natural underground springs, over 2.5 million gallons a day of hot, mineral laden, odor free water course through the pools at Lava Hot Springs. The pools range in temperature from 102°–112° F (39°–44° C). Heated Olympic swimming pools include 32.8 feet (10 meter) diving platforms and speed slides, Indoor Aquatic Center has children's pool and toys. Restaurants, lodging, shopping, museums and more. Open year-round.

OVERNIGHT IN POCATELLO OR LAVA HOT SPRINGS, ID



# TRANSCONTINENTAL RAILROAD

## > BRIGHAM CITY

Then, venture on to the Golden Spike National Historic Site, a tribute to the perseverance and talents of all who worked to complete the Transcontinental Railroad. Two beautiful, fully functional replicas of the original locomotives are on display from May 1 through Labor Day with reenactments on Saturdays during summer. Continue on to the Bear River Migratory Bird Refuge. This refuge offers some of the most phenomenal waterbird watching in the western United States. Comprised of over 80,000 acres (32,000+ hectares) of marsh and upland habitats, over 230 different bird species have been observed here.

OVERNIGHT IN BRIGHAM CITY, UT

# PICTURESQUE ROCKY MOUNTAIN TOWN

## > PARK CITY

Park City, Utah could certainly stake a rightful claim of being the "perfect mountain town." Combining its silver mining town heritage, a progressive vibe and a deep appreciation for the outdoors, Park City strikes a balance between luxury and comfort in a refreshing alpine climate. Discover the endless activities that Park City has to offer including white water rafting, fly-fishing or biking and hiking on over 700km of single-track trails. For a more relaxing experience, find balance with paddle-board yoga in a geothermal crater, rejuvenate with a five-star spa treatment or don't miss the name brand stores at the Tanger Outlet Mall. After a day of adventure you'll work up an appetite for the diversity of fine restaurants that line Historic Main Street and beyond, and wind down with a local craft beer or whiskey.

OVERNIGHT IN PARK CITY, UT

# DINOSAUR COUNTRY

## > FLAMING GORGE – VERNAL

With 11 state fishing records and some 15,000 trout per mile (1.6 km), it's no wonder the stunningly beautiful Flaming Gorge National Recreation Area has become America's top trophy fishing destination. But the adventure doesn't stop there. The do-it-yourself rafting trip down the legendary Green River is a local favorite. Sample our array of uncrowded trails, rub elbows with outlaw Butch Cassidy at the historic Jarvie Ranch, marvel over vast landscapes teeming with wildlife, kayak under towering cliffs on our popular paddling trails and rest easy in amazing lodges offering mouth-watering Western cuisine.

Step back in time 159 million years to a time when dinosaurs roamed the earth. Experience the Wall of Bones and beyond. The dinosaurs may have been prehistoric but they came here for a reason, and the over 300 square miles (777 km) of Dinosaur National Monument is their final resting place. See what they saw and go beyond the bones to experience everything the area has to offer, three state parks, hiking, rafting, fishing, Old West and Native American History. With so much to see and do, you'll want to stay forever... the dinosaurs did!

OVERNIGHT IN VERNAL, UT

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