

# Ride America Tours

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## Wyoming Tour 2019 Itinerary

June 15 – June 24	August 17 – August 26
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**Day 1:** Travel to Jackson Hole Wyoming. When booking flights, “JAC” is the airport code. Early afternoon arrival is best. Arrange for transport to Teton Village either by shuttle (approximately \$24 per person) or cab (approximately \$45 for one or two). After check-in, explore Teton Village, have lunch at one of the many eateries and then relax or take a short ride at your leisure. Bikes are off-loaded and available in the afternoon.

**Day 2:** Today, we saddle up for Teton National Park where you will experience an unforgettable ride along the Snake River, view crystal clear lakes and loose yourself in the spectacular scenery up close and personal around every turn. Be sure to take your camera along as we stop often for the many perfect shots. During our ride, be alert to the abundant wildlife that populates the park including Bear, Moose, Elk, Buffalo and Bald Eagle. We end our day with a ride to Jackson Hole where you can browse through the many shops, explore great eateries, enjoy a drink at the Million Dollar Cowboy Bar and experience the excitement of a great western town.

**Day 3:** Amazing sights await us as we ride north to Yellowstone National Park where we will watch the awe inspiring eruption of world famous Old Faithful, witness active geysers, mud pots and other volcanic geologic features. Afterwards, enjoy the ride through Fire Hole Canyon as we make our way into Idaho. Exiting Yellowstone N.P. through the western gate into Idaho, we ride south through beautiful potato fields and sunflowers all the while with the backside of the Tetons in view. Watch for Buffalo, Elk and Antelope along the way as we make our way back to Teton Village.

**Day 4:** Our ride today takes us across Teton Pass and back into Idaho as we make our way to Swan Valley (Pop. 212) and a brief stop at the famous Rainey Creek Country Store, home of the Squire Ice Cream. After a tasty treat, or two, we follow the winding Snake River back into Wyoming, and through scenic Hoback Canyon for lunch at the Branding Iron Café in Bondurant, Wyoming (Pop. 100).

Once back at the Village, be sure to pack your saddlebags for the awesome four days, three nights trip to Cody, Wyoming, Red Lodge, Montana and Gardner, Montana.

**Day 5:** Today's ride we'll start somewhat earlier as we make our way to Cody. Not because of distance (~200 miles) but because there's just so much to see. Heading north, we'll re-enter Yellowstone through the southern gate (hold on to your park passes) with a stop at the historic Yellowstone Hotel on Yellowstone Lake. Continuing our ride through the Park, be prepared to stop for "Buffalo Jams" as herds cross the road every morning and every evening. Riding on, our next stop will be the "Grand Canyon of Yellowstone" and the Lower Falls, the second most photographed feature of the Park, second only to Old Faithful. Continuing across the mountain, we'll have lunch at Buffalo Bill's hunting lodge (Wapita Lodge) for lunch. *Note: This is Grizzly Bear country so stay alert.* Exiting the Park, we travel along what has been called "the most beautiful roadway in America" to Cody Wyoming where we will be staying in downtown Cody.

**Day 6:** Enjoy a well-deserved day at leisure while visiting local points of interest in and around Cody, or we will saddle up for a ride across Big Horn Mountain Range, an unbelievable ride.

**Day 7:** The adventure continues! After breakfast at Historic Erma's Hotel, (Highly recommended. And don't forget to checkout the huge cherry-wood bar. It was a gift from Queen Victoria to Buffalo Bill Cody), we ride north along Chief Joseph Highway and across Bear Tooth Pass into Montana, undoubtedly the most scenic and unforgettable ride of your life. After lunch in Red Lodge, we cross back over Bear Tooth Pass, through Cook City, reenter Yellowstone N.P and through Lamar Valley, one of the many wide valleys in the Park where you will see herds of Buffalo and possibly Wolves and Bears. We continue through Mammoth Springs where you can experience the smell of sulfur for volcanic vents as well as Elk feeding on manicured lawns. We exit the Park through Roosevelt Arch, the northern gateway to Yellowstone National Park dedicated by President Roosevelt in 1903, ending our days ride in Gardner, Montana.

**Day 8:** On our ride today, we leave Gardner and re-enter Yellowstone to explore Mammoth Hot Springs. You will see colorful mineral deposits and up close Thermal Pools of the Hot Springs. As we make our way back to Teton Village, we will visit Artist Point, the Lower Falls seen from the eastern side of Yellowstone River. We'll make several stops through the park and visit West Thumb Basin. This evening we'll be back at Teton Village where we'll enjoy a Chuck-wagon style dinner at Dornan's.

**Day 9:** Enjoy a day of leisure while exploring points of interest in and around Jackson Hole. There's a lot to do in Jackson Hole, including a Tram ride up the mountain or take a bike ride to areas you would like to visit a second time. This evening a casual dinner will be hosted by Ride America in appreciation of you and your fellow participants. The event is always filled with good fun and great fellowship.

**Day 10:** Following breakfast, checkout and return your bike and luggage to the staging area for reloading upon arrival of the transport.

Flying home? Shuttle or Taxi will take you to the airport with pick up time at least 2 hours before flight time.

**Additional Tour Information:**

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- Approximate Riding Distance: 1,700 miles
- Fuel surcharge may apply

**Shipping Bikes:** Bikes will be delivered to the staging area approximately 7 days prior to the tour start date. Bikes will be loaded onto Ride America Tours' custom designed motorcycle transport between the hours of 1:00 PM and 5:00 PM that day. Staging areas vary and participants will be notified of the location, date and time well in advance of each tour.

**Returning Bikes:** Bikes will be unloaded upon arrival of the transport following the end of your tour and returned to the initial staging area within 7 days. Details for pickup will be provided well in advance of each tour.

**NOTE:** In compliance with Motor Carrier Safety Regulations, gas tanks **ARE NOT** to be filled prior to transport. Bike registration, keys/fobs must remain with the bikes for loading/unloading. Additionally, bike registrations must be available along with personal contact information, i.e., Emergency Contact Numbers, and Cell Phone Numbers. These items will be placed into an envelope and attached to the bike prior to transport. An envelope will be provided to you at time of shipping.

**Packing Recommendations For The Tour:** When considering what to pack, make a list of everything you think you need, and then divide the list in half. After that, divide what's left in half and you'll have a list of items you might actually need. (Hint: You'll not change cloths every day on a cross-country motorcycle trip and washers and dryers are readily available.) So, for this Tour, we recommend one set of "Street Cloths" a pair of comfortable walking shoes, personal wear, toiletries, sun screen, chap-stick, riding gear including helmets, boots, eyewear, leathers, jackets, gloves, rain gear and both warm and cold weather apparel. Both Grand Teton National Park and Yellowstone National Park are at elevation (6,000 to 8,000 feet above sea level) so prepare for cold mornings and warm to hot afternoons. Dress in layers. Riding gear stowed inside saddlebags and tour packs may travel with your bike if secured.

**Note: Prescription drugs, and other valuables such as jewelry, cash, cameras, etc. must remain in your possession at all times.**

**Excursions and Park Fees:**

Entrance fees into Teton and Yellowstone National Park is \$25 each or \$40 for both Parks per person and is valid for 7 days. Keep it close since you will need it each time you enter the Parks.