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The Cowboy State's western history lives on

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Part of Wyoming's wild and free spaces is the world's first national park: Yellowstone. This year marks 150 years of inspiring visitors with otherworldly geothermal features, sprawling alpine lakes, lush meadows and wildlife unique to the park's thriving ecosystem. Please help keep this pristine ecosystem intact for another 150 years by joining us in our efforts to experience Wyoming responsibly.

Yellowstone and Grand Teton national parks, Devils Tower National Monument, eight national forests and 12 state parks come together to create some of the most breathtaking wilderness in the United States. While the outdoors is notable, it is Wyoming's pioneering spirit and deep-rooted Western hospitality that makes our destination truly remarkable. Our guides, ranchers, hoteliers and many others strive to make your trip safe and memorable.

Our hope is not only for you to enjoy the people and places that make Wyoming special, but for these parts of our state we hold so dear to be around for generations to come. This is why as you travel throughout our great state, we ask that you do so responsibly, keeping the health of our natural spaces, wildlife, residents and fellow travelers in mind. By working together, we can maintain Wyoming as a source of inspiration for years to come. You can learn more at wyresponsibly.com.

We cannot wait to welcome you. At the end of your journey, you will understand why Wyoming is such a special place for visitors and for those of us who are lucky enough to call this state home. For now, turn the page and start planning your Group Travel itinerary to Wyoming. We will be waiting.

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> FLY-IN

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> TAKE THE SCENIC ROUTE

Wyoming has 21 Scenic Byways, Scenic Highways, Scenic Backways, Historic Backways and Historic Byways. Check out these road trips. dot.state.wy.us/home/ travel/scenic_byways/wyomings-scenic-byways--backways.html

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There are interactive displays, photo ops, friendly staff and more at Wyoming's eight Welcome Centers.

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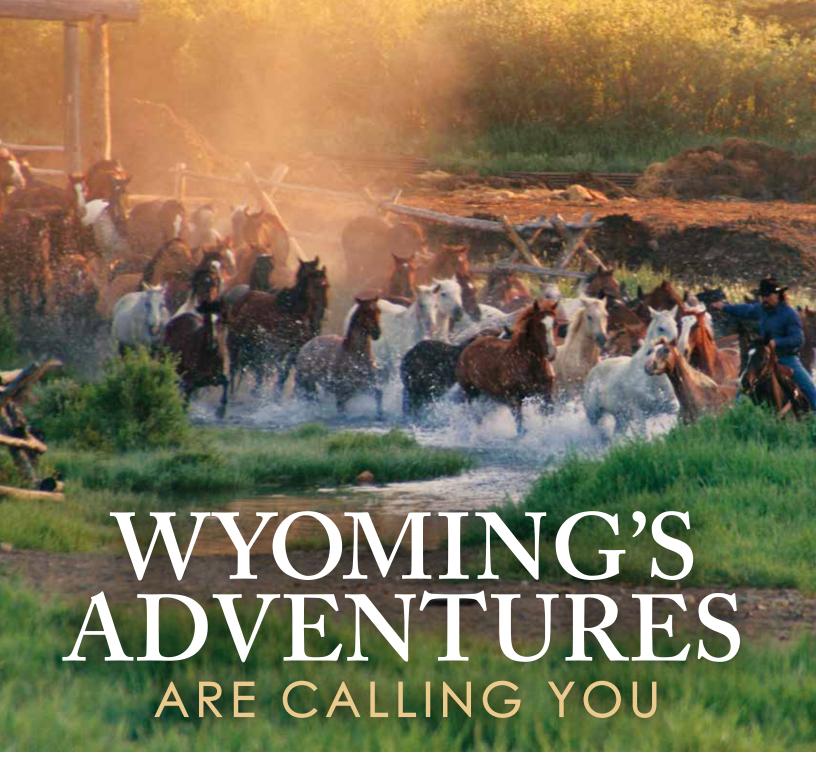
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The Cowboy State's Western history lives on with its picturesque backdrops and colorful towns

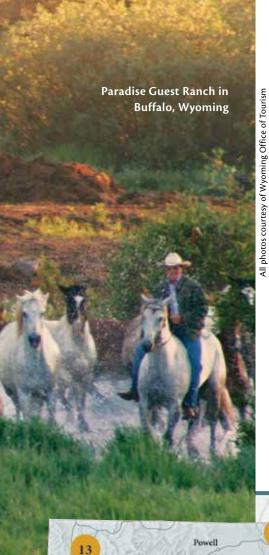
By Iason Paha

hether you are an experienced adventurer or merely a lover of the great outdoors, few states can match the natural brilliance of Wyoming.

With two photographic national parks, millions of acres of public land, thousands of lakes and hundreds of miles of hiking, biking and snowmobiling trails, Wyoming's natural attractions appeal to groups of all

ages. The Cowboy State is such an alluring destination, U.S. News & World Report rated it the No. 1 state to road trip.

Here are some of Wyoming's most enticing destinations and attractions.



YELLOWSTONE NATIONAL PARK

The world's first national park and perhaps the most famous, Yellowstone was established in 1872 by President Ulysses S. Grant. For generations, Yellowstone has captivated visitors with its spectacular scenery, diverse ecosystems and fascinating geothermal wonders and on March 1, 2022, the park will commemorate its 150th anniversary

Yellowstone, which covers two million acres, contains the largest number of active geysers in the world, including iconic Old Faithful, which was named for its frequent eruptions that have totaled more than a million since 1872. The park is also home to hundreds of hot springs and pools including the spectacular Grand Prismatic Hot Spring, the third-largest spring in the world (370 feet in diameter) featuring rainbow colors of orange, yellow, green and blue.

GRAND TETON NATIONAL PARK

Located just north of Jackson, Grand Teton's stunning landscapes and diverse wildlife provide the ideal location for those who want to embrace the great outdoors.

Grand Teton is home to 310,000 acres of mountain meadows, extraordinary wildlife and pristine alpine lakes which thrive against the backdrop of the majestic Grand Teton Mountain Range. Groups looking for a memorable outing can embark on a 42-mile scenic drive through the heart of Grand Teton, giving visitors fabulous views of the Tetons and the chance to spot an array of wildlife. Those who want to stretch their legs and breathe in the crisp mountain air can hike to Inspiration Point and Hidden Falls, both of which are located on the same scenic hiking trail and are also easily accessible by a boat ride across scenic Jenny Lake.

DEVILS TOWER NATIONAL MONUMENT

The first national monument, Devils Tower was established in 1906 by President Theodore Roosevelt. This awe-inspiring and one-of-a-kind laccolithic butte rises



NOTABLE DESTINATIONS

- **Bear River State Park**
- **Bighorn Canyon National Recreation Area**
- **Boysen State Park**
- **Devils Tower National** Monument
- Flaming Gorge National **Recreation Area**
- Fort Bridger State **Historic Site**
- Fort Fetterman State **Historic Site**
- **Fort Laramie National Historic Site**
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- **Yellowstone National Park**

867 feet above Wyoming's rolling prairies and has been accurately described as breathtaking. Featured in the 1977 Steven Spielberg movie Close Encounters of the Third Kind, the tower is sacred to Northern Plains Indian tribes and the Black Hills region's Kiowa Tribe. The butte's markings are the basis for Native American legend including one that claims a giant bear clawed grooves into the mountainside while chasing Indian maidens.

Native American culture has long been ingrained in Wyoming and remains an important part of the state's makeup. While Devils Tower is an important Native American site, it is but one of many. Wyoming's Wind River Country features the seventh-largest Indian reservation in America. Encompassing more than 2.2 million acres, the Wind River Indian Reservation is home to the Northern Arapaho and Eastern Shoshone tribes. Visitors can go to powwows and museums to learn more about the local culture or can enjoy thousands of acres of vast, unspoiled reservation lands (with a special permit).

WESTERN HISTORY COMES TO LIFE

It has been said the heart of the Old West still beats in Wyoming and its rodeo culture reinforces that line of thinking. Rodeo is Wyoming's state sport and is firmly ingrained in the heart of the state. Fans young and old flock to these events celebrating the art of cowboying.

Held annually since 1897, Cheyenne Frontier Days is the largest outdoor rodeo and Western celebration in the world. Cody is known as the Rodeo Capital of the World for good reason: The Cody Nite Rodeo started in 1938 and is the longest-running and only nightly rodeo (June-August) in the world. Rodeo has been a part of Jackson Hole's cowboy culture since the first settlers arrived more than 120 years ago and even today, it hosts raucous and fun-filled rodeos from Memorial Day weekend through Labor Day.

Another legendary Western stop is the Buffalo Bill Center of the West, home to five museums under one roof. The center is located in the aforementioned Cody, a town founded in 1896 by Buffalo Bill Cody. The

Wyoming Territorial Prison State Historic Site in Laramie was a U.S. Penitentiary in 1872 and later was Wyoming's first state penitentiary. It is also the only prison to hold the famous outlaw Butch Cassidy. The Grand Encampment Museum in Encampment highlights this town's local history and offers fun tours through 15 historic buildings that represent the copper mining, ranching and logging industries.

In Pinedale, the Museum of the Mountain Man presents a visual and interpretive experience into the area of the mountain man, the Plains Native American, the Oregon Trail and other developments in this region of Wyoming. The museum sponsors programs, living history events and workshops for both children and adults to further explore Wyoming settlement history.

NATIONAL HISTORIC SITES AND RECREATION AREAS

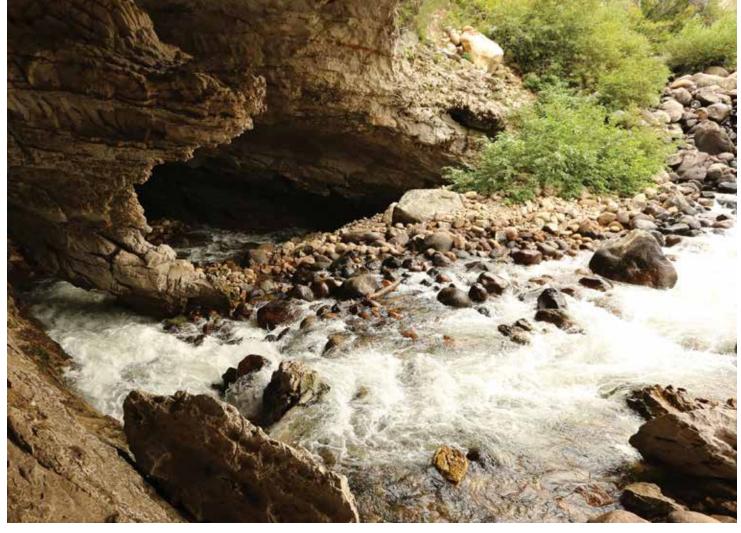
Visitors can explore a variety of national historic sites in Wyoming or explore a national scenic trail that spans five states and more than 3,000 miles. Fort Laramie National Historic Site in central Wyoming preserves and interprets one of America's most important locations in the history of westward expansion, hosting emigrants from the Oregon, Mormon and California trails and Native American resistance.

Fort Fetterman, in central Wyoming, epitomized the Wild West as it had shootouts, robbings, hangings and hosted famous characters like Wild Bill Hickok, Calamity Jane and Buffalo Bill Cody. The Fort Bridger State Historic Site in southwest Wyoming was founded in the early 1800s and was a hub of activity for westwardbound pioneers, American Indians, U.S. Army personnel and Oregon Trail journeyers. You can walk among 34 historic structures and recreated buildings, from homestead cabins and a schoolhouse to a Pony Express barn and officers' quarter.

Some of the world's best-preserved fossils are found in the ridges of southwestern Wyoming's sagebrush desert at Fossil Butte National Monument. Visitors can explore one of the world's largest deposits of freshwater fish fossils at Fossil Butte, which turns 50 this



Museum of the Mountain Man in Pinedale



Sinks Canyon State Park in Fremont County offers everything from wildlife viewing to scenic vistas.

year. The visitor center contains more than 300 fossils on display and visitors can also take a ride along the site's scenic drive.

Bighorn Canyon National Recreation Area is a land time forgot as geologic forces have created spectacular 1,000-foot cliffs that loom over Bighorn Lake. With more than 120,000 acres of wilderness that straddle the northern Wyoming and southern Montana borders and more than 12 hiking trails ranging in length and difficulty, Bighorn Canyon offers endless opportunities for adventure.

Located in the southwest corner of Wyoming, Flaming Gorge National Recreation Area features breathtaking scenery and is the perfect setting for boating, fishing and hiking. It's also a great place to take a scenic drive where you will see a wide array of wildlife like moose, Rocky Mountain elk, antelope and bighorn sheep.

Wyoming contains 12 state parks that span more than 100,000 acres of the state's wide-open landscape. At Sinks Canyon State Park, visitors can explore the Popo Agie River, which disappears and reappears through the geological wonders of the Sinks Canyon. At Bear River State Park, keep an eye out for bison, elk and other area wildlife while enjoying beautiful natural surroundings. Boysen State Park offers a variety of water sports along the Boysen Reservoir and covers 35,000 picturesque acres at the south end of the Owl Creek Mountains.

DUDE RANCHES

In 1904, the term dude ranch, an allinclusive immersive vacation that includes lodging, meals, horseback riding, fishing and more, was coined at Eatons' Ranch, the country's first and oldest dude ranch. To this day, Eatons' Ranch, in Wolf, still entertains guests with a Western flair on its 7,000 acres of beautiful open country with rolling hills, grassy meadows and hidden valleys.

Wyoming's open plains and mountain views make it the perfect state for dude

ranches and it is home to a multitude of excellent ranches throughout the state.

SCENIC BYWAYS

As U.S. News & World Report understands, Wyoming road trips are second-to-none. The Rocky Mountains and the High Plains meet in Wyoming, resulting in stunning views in every direction. Wyoming has 21 scenic byways that twist, turn and climb through some of the state's most breathtaking landscapes.

Among some of its most picturesque byways are the Beartooth Scenic Byway (an All-American Road located just east of Yellowstone National Park, it winds through the Shoshone National Forest); Bighorn Scenic Byway (passes through Bighorn National Forest and features views of ranchlands, limestone outcroppings and various mountain peaks); and the Snowy Range Scenic Byway, which features views of Wyoming's towering Medicine Bow Peak.

As you are traveling between Yellowstone and Devils Tower, take a journey through time in Wyoming's Big Horn Basin. Witness wild mustangs roaming, a recreation area free of human disturbances, discover 10,000 years of rich, cultural history, experience hot springs and visit with the dinosaurs.

Experience a Journey Through Time

Bringing the past to life



The Washkie Museum, Worland



Bighorn Canyon National Recreation Area



Medicine Lodge pictographs



Wyoming Dinosaur Center

Have an early departure from Cody or Sheridan and make your way to Lovell, Wyoming.

Begin your day with sweetness at Queen Bee Gardens. The Zeller family has been turning their honey into delicious candy since 1976.

Wild horses still roam freely in the Pryor Mountains. The herd is special because of its Colonial Spanish-American heritage. For nearly 200 years, these horses have been present in this area. The Pryor Mountain Wild Mustang Center is dedicated to preserving the future of the wild horses of the Pryor Mountains.

Lunch at 4 Corners. A favorite of Lovell locals.

Straddling two states the Bighorn Canyon National Recreation Area offers visitors an opportunity to experience the preserved natural resources and scenic features in an environment largely free from human-caused disturbances. Stop by the Bighorn Canyon Visitor Center to learn more about the area before doing a windshield tour that includes the Two Eagle Interpretative Trail.

You've seen Bighorn Canyon from the top, now it's time to join Hidden Treasure Charters to travel up the Bighorn Canyon River. Learn about the wildlife, geology, ecosystem and history of the area aboard a Bighorn Canyon scenic boat tour.

Check in at a Lovell group-friendly hotel before having dinner at the Brandin' Iron Restaurant. It is well known for its food and service.

DAY 2

South from Lovell, take a journey to an area with more than 10,000 years of continuous occupation, Medicine Lodge State Archaeological Site. Enjoy a walk along the trail to see pictographs and petroglyphs directly associated with human habitation sites for thousands of years, including an 1881 homestead that was originally a working cattle ranch. It's about 40 minutes to Ten Sleep.

Enjoy lunch in Ten Sleep Saloon and Restaurant. Ten Sleep is a little western town with a big heart. After lunch, it's about a 30-minute ride to Worland.

The Washakie Museum and Cultural Center in Worland brings the past to life using fascinating permanent exhibits and a rotating gallery to portray the historical people of the Big Horn Basin and their environment. The museum offers one of the finest interpretive centers for local human history, from ancient mammoth hunters through early settlers, as well as the geology, archaeology and paleontology of the area.

It's about 45 minutes to Thermopolis and Hot Springs State Park. End your day along the Big Horn River where the water from the mineral hot springs flow at 135 degrees Fahrenheit into the river. The healing waters of the area's mineral springs attracted dinosaurs, prehistoric migratory people, Native American tribes, Western settlers, and now travelers visiting and crossing Wyoming. Native Americans believed the water contained therapeutic power.

Check into a Thermopolis hotel, before enjoying dinner at One Eyed Buffalo

Brewing Company. It's fun and a great spot to enjoy a good dinner, a locally brewed beer and some Western hospitality.

DAY 3

Breakfast and hotel checkout.

This world-class Wyoming Dinosaur Center displays one of the largest and most unique fossil collections in the world and its 130 dig sites have some of the richest fossil-bearing strata in the western United States. Take the short 10-minute ride to the Something Interesting (SI) quarry for a Dino De-Tour that begins with a brief interesting introduction. The SI was discovered 20 years ago and remains an active site.

Legend Rock State Petroglyph Site is 29 miles northwest of Thermopolis and has more than 92 prehistoric petroglyph panels and over 300 petroglyph figures. Placed on the National Register of Historic Places in 1973, Legend Rock is already a worldrenowned petroglyph site. Legend Rock has been a sacred site for Native Americans of this region for thousands of years.

Depart from your journey back in time with fond memories. From here, your group is in position to continue on to many of Wyoming's other great destinations.



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View actual trails and Wyoming's role in the great westward migration. At historic sites, you'll delve into the state's history including its role in women's suffrage and military history. Plus, lunch and dinners that stand tall as memories of the West.

Capturing Your Pioneer Spirit in Historic Wyoming

Historic Sites and Experiences





Fort Laramie National Historic Site was a significant 19th century trading post and military installation.



Wyoming's Historic State Capitol



Actual trail ruts from the Oregon Trail



National Historic Trails Interpretive Center

Entering Wyoming heading north on I-25 out of Denver, stop at Exit 4 and visit the Southeast Wyoming Welcome Center. Through interactive displays, visitors get an introduction to all corners of the state.

Established in 1895, the Wyoming State Museum's permanent exhibits follow Wyoming's past and features more than a dozen fun, educational exhibits featuring human history, major industries, wildlife, landscapes and paleontology. Temporary exhibits of Wyoming artists are highlighted in a changing gallery. This is a must stop for all ages.

One of 20 state capitols designated as National Historic Landmarks, Wyoming's Capitol has a history that dates back to 1888 and is one of the last remaining citizens legislatures in the United States. In 1869 in the Historic Supreme Court Chamber, representatives enshrined women's right to vote within the Wyoming State Constitution. The first state to do so made this one of the most historically significant chambers in the country. The building features a bronze statue of Ester Hobart Morris, the first female justice of the peace in the United States. Another Wyoming first. Depart for Chugwater, about a 40-mile drive.

Enjoy an early dinner at the **Stampede** Saloon and Eatery in Chugwater. The western atmosphere along with great meal options makes for fun dining. Depart for Torrington, which is about 50 miles away.

Check in at one of Torrington's groupfriendly flag hotels.

DAY 2

After breakfast, check out and depart for the short drive to Fort Laramie.

Originally established as a private trading fort in 1834, Fort Laramie had a storied history as a military garrison before its closing in 1890. Fort Laramie National Historic Site tells the story of the "grand old post." The Lakota traded buffalo robes for manufactured items through the 1840s. Emigrants began arriving on their way to Oregon, California and the Salt Lake Valley. The military arrived in 1849 playing a critical role in the Indian Wars and treaty negotiations with the Northern Plains Indian Nations. Depart for the 20-minute drive to Hartville.

Enjoy lunch in Wyoming's oldest bar: Miners and Stockmen's Steakhouse. Located in the former mining town of Hartville, it was opened in 1862. Enjoy a great meal while learning about this historic area dating back to the Paleo-Indians.

Register Cliff State Historic Site in Guernsey was an important overnight stop along the California, Oregon and Mormon trails. Many travelers signed their names, dates and messages into the soft sandstone cliffs. Many markings are still visible.

Experience the best-preserved evidence of the great overland migration to the west at the Oregon Trail Ruts State Historic Site. The wear of thousands of wagon wheels is clearly visible. In some places the impressive ruts are five feet deep, clearly showing the struggle the emigrants endured going from river bottom land to the rugged landscape of the high plains.

Travel an hour and 35 minutes to Casper for the night.

Spend the evening in covered wagons or on horseback for a Wild West dinner adventure on an actual historic trail. Enjoy a delicious Dutch Oven dinner, including "Conestoga Cobbler." Your host Historic Trails West, promises a true western adventure.

DAY 3

Breakfast and checkout.

The National Historic Trails **Interpretive Center** will celebrate its 20th anniversary in 2022 capturing the real-life drama of the more than 400,000 pioneers who followed the Oregon, California, Mormon and Pony Express trails. Many of the hands-on exhibits relate to the legendary figures of Western history.

Casper's central location is perfect for extending your group's visit in Wyoming, the Equality State.



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Visit the home of the World's Largest **Outdoor Rodeo &** Western Celebration. A narrated trolley ride takes you back to the days of the Wild West. Visit the Cheyenne Botanic Gardens, the Wyoming State Capitol and the Terry Bison Ranch, and tour a former launch military facility from the options show off embracing both the the "Magic City

Cheyenne - Delivering You the Authentic West

The West comes alive in this exciting city



Enjoy Native American cultural performances at Cheyenne Frontier Days.



Chevenne Botanic Gardens



State Capitol building



Quebec 01 Missile Alert Facility Site

If you're planning to visit during Cheyenne Frontier Days (always the last full week of July), you're in for an immersive experience into cowboy culture. In addition to professional rodeo events, there's live entertainment, a carnival midway, a chuck wagon cookoff, Native American cultural performances in the Indian Village, and more. However, if you are unable to make the big event, get a slice of the 10-day festival any time of year at the Cheyenne Frontier Days Old West Museum. Learn the history of rodeo in Cheyenne and view one of the largest carriage collections in the United States, as well as historical clothing and artifacts and Western art and folk-art shows rotating through the gallery throughout the year.

Next, venture across the street to the beautiful Lions Park and the Chevenne Botanic Gardens. You'll discover awardwinning displays of plants, shrubs and trees from around the world. The tropical plant collection in the Shane Smith Grand Conservatory is a pure delight and green all year round. Then, it's lunch on your own in downtown Cheyenne. Choose from Cajun, burgers, or a brewery in a historic building, upscale and classy, meat and potatoes, or soup and sandwiches. You're sure to find the perfect item to please your palate.

Kick off the afternoon with the Cheyenne Street Railway Wild West Tour. This 90-minute chartered or ticketed tour puts the city's most interesting sites and historical buildings on full display with a spirited narration by a knowledgeable conductor.

Continue your afternoon at the Cheyenne Depot Museum located inside the historic Union Pacific Railroad Depot. Exhibits tell the story of why Cheyenne was selected for the depot along the Transcontinental Railroad and its years as a "Hell on Wheels" town. Views of the roundhouse, steam shop and railyard are enjoyed from the second floor, next to an impressive model train setup. Settle in before departing for dinner at Wyoming's **Rib and Chop House**. The menu offers an extensive list of premium steaks, fresh fish, and house specialties.

DAY 2

Enjoy breakfast at your hotel before heading downtown for a visit to the Nelson Museum of the West. This Old West heritage museum has a wide variety of exhibits covering older western cultures, including cowboy, charro, art, Native American and military aspects. Next stop is Cowgirls of the West, dedicated to the history and legends of pioneering western women. Allow time for a little shopping at the Emporium, or other downtown shops and boutiques where you can dress like a local.

After a bite at your choice of restaurant downtown, you will make your way to the Wyoming State Capitol Building for a guided tour highlighting the recent \$300 million restoration project.

Rich with art and architecture, the People's House is worth a wander - and only steps away from both the Historic Governor's Mansion and Wyoming State Museum. Depart for Terry Bison Ranch whose mission is to provide something

fun for every group. Begin with a ride on the well-known bison train for up-close interaction with the bison and a history tour of the ranch. The Trading Post Gift Shop has western gifts and one-of-a-kind photo opportunities. Enjoy dinner tonight at the ranch's Senator's Steakhouse and Brass Buffalo Saloon. The menu features choices regardless of your taste, but the Bison Short Ribs and Bison Burger are award-winning crowd-pleasers.

Breakfast, checkout and depart Cheyenne traveling North on I-25.

It's about a 30-minute drive to the Quebec 01 Missile Alert Facility State Historic Site. Originally constructed in 1962 as a Minuteman I Launch site, it was converted in 1986 to a Peacekeeper site. It was one of five flights of Peacekeeper Missile Alert Systems and the only one that visitors can tour. Depart Quebec 01 for the 15-minute drive to Chugwater Soda Fountain, the state's oldest still operating soda fountain. The stop couples well with lunch at the **Stampede Saloon and Eatery**.



Visit Cheyenne

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Nestled among the scenic beauty that you'd expect in Wyoming, much of the county's history and heritage is on display at small museums in the western towns of Medicine Bow, Hanna, Saratoga, **Encampment and** Rawlins. There are photo ops around every bend and an afternoon of "just

Enjoy Old Western Charm in Carbon County, Wyoming

Savor a rich history, the best views and natural hot springs



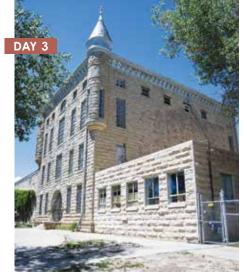
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Hanna Basin Museum



Saratoga Hot Springs Resort



Wyoming Frontier Prison

In Laramie, exit I-80 at Route 30 (Historic Lincoln Highway) to Medicine Bow, founded in 1868 by the Union Pacific Railroad as a watering station. In Medicine Bow, explore Medicine Bow Museum and the Owen Wister Cabin. The latter is the summer home of Owen Wister, author of The Virginian published in 1902. The first Western ever written, it became a popular television series in the 1962-63 season.

Completed in 1911, The Historic Virginian **Hotel** was the biggest hotel between Denver and Salt Lake City. The old western hospitality remains the same and the hotel is registered as a National Historic Landmark. Enjoy a hearty lunch at the hotel's Eating Room. Depart for the 21-mile drive to Hanna.

Hanna was founded by the Union Pacific Coal Company for its workers and families. Hanna still means mining to people in Carbon County. Visit the Hanna Basin Museum for a look at life and death in a coal company city. Follow with a stop at the Miners Memorial. The slab lists more than 100 miners who lost their lives in mine explosions in Hanna. Leave Hanna for the 40-mile drive to Saratoga.

Arrive in Saratoga and the Saratoga **Hot Springs Resort**, a fountain of health. The resort's spa is the original State Bath House. The resort was built around the spa. After check-in, dinner tonight is resort dining at the Silver Saddle Restaurant. Return to your room for the evening after a fun day. You'll have free time tomorrow afternoon, so schedule an appointment at the Healing Waters Spa, or plan to soak at the Mineral Hot Springs.

DAY 2

Enjoy breakfast at the resort. Saratoga holds on to its old western charm and heritage. The Wolf Hotel was built in 1893 and still welcomes guests. The Hobo Hot Springs is a natural mineral pool that welcomes visitors for a relaxing soak in the hot-bath 24 hours a day.

First stop this morning is the Saratoga National Fish Hatchery. Trout eggs are shipped throughout the United States to other state and federal hatcheries. A guided tour explains why Wyoming is on a trout fisherman's bucket list. Located across the Shivley Airfield, the Saratoga Museum exhibits present an extensive guide to Saratoga and the Platte Valley. Local volunteers are knowledgeable. Several hands-on displays make the museum a worthwhile stop. Lunch today is at the historic Wolf Hotel dining room.

This afternoon, indulge in the always needed "me time" at the Saratoga Hot Springs Resort Spa, swim in the mineral swimming pool or soak under teepee-covered hot pools. For the more adventurous, partner with a local guide for an afternoon of fly fishing along the Upper Platte River.

Dinner tonight is at the Bellas Bistro featuring fresh, classic Italian. Return to the resort relaxed and rejuvenated after a fun afternoon and a great dinner.

DAY 3

Breakfast and checkout, then depart for **Riverside** and **Encampment**, just a 20-mile journey. Located at the base of the Sierra Madre mountains, the communities are the gateway to the Medicine Bow National **Forest** on the south end of Carbon County.

First stop this morning is the **Grand Encampment Museum**, which preserves history with more than a dozen historical buildings filled with artifacts of the Encampment valley representing the area's agricultural, mining and timber history. Depart for Rawlins, about a 62-mile drive.

Lunch in Rawlins is at Buck's Sports Grill with exactly the burgers, sandwiches and salads you'd expect at a good diner. Following lunch, visit Carbon County Museum, which preserves through 30,000 artifacts the rich history and heritage of the Carbon County communities. Next stop, Wyoming Frontier Prison was built around the turn of the 20th century and housed prisoners until the new state prison was built. Guided tours are available and you cannot leave any of your fellow tour passengers behind bars.

Leave Carbon County having learned much about the area's history and heritage, or overnight in Rawlins at one of the group-friendly hotels before exploring to other communities in the county. If you're planning to stay overnight, the Aspen House Restaurant is a must for dinner.



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Find room to roam in Wyoming's Wind River Country. Located in western Wyoming, just beyond Yellowstone **National Park and** the Grand Teton Mountains, Wind **River Country** is where the landscape and authentic outdoor lifestyle provide access to worldclass playgrounds for fishing, rock climbing, snowmobiling,

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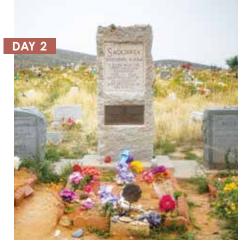
Wyoming the way it's meant to be



Wild mustangs gallop through pastures of the Wind River Wild Horse Sanctuary, located on the Wind River Indian Reservation.



Wyoming Heritage Trail at the Depot



Sacajawea's Gravesite



National Museum of Military Vehicles

Established in 1906, Riverton-also known as The Rendezvous City—lies at the confluence of the Big and Little Wind rivers. Begin your day by grabbing breakfast at Trailhead Restaurant, a family-friendly restaurant known for its chicken fried steak.

Head to The Wind River Heritage Center, which offers guided tours, film showings, living history reenactments and a historical book library. Make your way one mile down the road to the **Riverton Museum**. The museum offers educational exhibits and programming.

Visit the 1838 Mountain Man Rendezvous site. Stretching 100 acres along the Wind River, the site has a walking path with stone markings and signs sharing tales about famed mountain men.

Have lunch at Roasted Bean & Cuisine. This popular restaurant offers hand-crafted dishes using high-quality ingredients, sourced locally. Head to Riverton's Main Street, and take a self-guided tour of the Art Banner Project.

Hike the Rails to Trails pathway. From the trailhead in Riverton to the outskirts of town following the old railroad right-of-way, the Rails to Trails pathway—also known as the Wyoming Heritage Trail—welcomes visitors.

Dinner tonight is at The Depot Restaurant, an iconic Mexican restaurant serving specialty and traditional dishes. Depart for the 30-mile drive to Lander and check-in at your hotel.

DAY 2

Lander and the Wind River Indian **Reservation**: Incorporated in 1890, Lander was named for Frederick W. Lander, the engineer responsible for the Lander Trail, a

wagon road traveled by thousands heading West, Grab breakfast at The Middle Fork Restaurant, which has an all-from-scratch menu featuring local ingredients.

The Museum of the American West is home to a Pioneer Village, featuring 10 historic buildings depicting pioneer living. Observe Native American dancing on Wednesday nights in July and August. Next door is the Fremont County Pioneer **Museum**. The Museum collects, preserves and interprets artifacts from prehistoric times through the 1920s.

Hike the Falls Trail in Sinks Canyon State Park. This three-mile, easy to moderate hike surrounds a series of waterfalls and cascades with the longest vertical fall about 60 feet high.

Eat lunch at Rise Juice Bar & Eatery. This restaurant serves customers healthy, free-range, vegetarian, gluten-free and organic meals.

Peek into the beauty and history of the Wind River Indian Reservation through the TravelStorys Wind River Indian Reservation Audio Tour. You'll visit significant sites such as Sacaiawea's Grave Site, while hearing stories. Head back to Lander to visit Lander's Main Street.

Dinner at Cowfish, a cozy gastropub featuring an innovative menu. The restaurant's partner brewery, Lander Brewing Company, keeps the fun going with its award-winning beers.

Wind River Indian Reservation and **Dubois:** Pronounced like "cowboys," Dubois is one of the last real Old West towns with its authentic feel of the Frontier.

Check out of your hotel and grab a quick bite and warm drink at Lincoln Street Bakery in Lander.

On the Wind River Indian Reservation. take a tour of the Wind River Wild Horse Sanctuary, home to over 250 wild mustangs. Head to Dubois, a 75-mile drive, and grab lunch at Cowboy Cafe, a local favorite since 1993.

Visit the National Museum of Military Vehicles. Find a collection of historicallysignificant firearms, from the first sniper rifle to the fully authenticated musket that fired the first shot in the Battle of Bunker Hill.

Stop at Town Park Scenic Overlook to capture many of the natural joys of Dubois. Stroll and shop along Ramshorn Street's art galleries and stores. On both sides of the river, walk the River Walk, a paved walkway lined by native foliage.

Learn about bighorn sheep, wildlife and wildlands conservation at the National **Bighorn Sheep Center**. The Center features dioramas with full-scale taxidermy mounts, interactive exhibits and wildlife films.

Have dinner at The Lone Buffalo Steakhouse. After dinner, experience Dubois' favorite tradition since 1948—square dancing at Rustic Pine Tavern.

Spend the night in Dubois, creating wonderful memories before continuing your Wind River Country experience.

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The tour stops at Firehole Canyon, Flaming Gorge Dam, Red Canyon Lodge and more. Listen along as your local guide describes how this area has changed over the centuries and bring your camera to capture the epic scenery and wildlife. The tour ends at the Explore Rock Springs & Green River Visitor Center in Rock Springs.

Refuel after your day of exploring, go through your photos over dinner and craft beer at Bitter Creek Brewing. Then tuck into your hotel and rest up for tomorrow.

the Explore Rock Springs & Green River Visitor Center in Rock Springs and slide down the dunes together. It's heart-racing, belly-laughing and sandy fun.

From the dunes, venture to Boar's Tusk. This stone pillar is a beacon of the region and can't be missed. Boar's Tusk is the remnant of an ancient volcano over 2.5 million years old. Bring lunch to eat as you stand in the shadow of this giant, carved over centuries.

Just a short drive from Boar's Tusk are the White Mountain Petroglyphs. Learn the stories of Southwest Wyoming from the Plains and Great Basin indigenous people. The large stone walls feature hundreds of hand carvings that show what life was like for these early people. Etched bison, elk hunts and even human figures connect present day visitors to the historic people of the area. The petroglyphs are estimated to be between 200 - 1000 years old.

Once you've finished here, return back to town and enjoy a hearty meal at Santa Fe Trail Restaurant after a day on the road.

mountain biking at Wilkins Peak, just outside Green River. These are the best mountain bike trails in Wyoming and offer a trail for all skill levels. Rent bikes for your group from Bike and Trike and do as the locals do: play outside.

Recuperate with a walk around Expedition Island and some shopping at **Red, White & Buffalo** before your meal.

End the day with a stop at a signature Sweetwater event. This is rodeo country, so grab your cowboy boots and head to the Sweetwater Events Complex in Rock Springs to watch roping and riding. Events happen all year long, so check the event calendar before you visit.

Discover the best of Southwest Wyoming, where you can get off the grid with the people who matter most. Plan your group trip to Rock Springs and Green River and start exploring.

DAY 2

Head just outside of Rock Springs for a second day of high desert adventure. Make sure your group is prepared for an off-the-grid experience as service is limited in this area. Start at the Killpecker Sand **Dunes**, a playground for all ages. These massive sandy slopes are called "singing sand dunes" and make a faint humming sound when you listen closely. This rare phenomenon is due to the polished sand shape. Rent sandboards for your group at

DAY 3

Start in town, with a leisurely breakfast and shopping excursion in Rock Springs. Try Eve's at the White Mountain Golf Course for beloved brunch fare (on Sundays) or grab a dozen from Cowboy Donutsfeatured on Food Network for their iconic baked goods. Snag a gift from local shops like Sidekicks Wine & Book Bar, Mack & Co, and Kneeland Fine Art.

Then strap into your helmet for



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Regardless of the season, Sheridan is the place to begin your Bighorn **Mountains** adventure. Shop like a local on historic downtown Main Street for everything you need to gear up for your mountain's experience. You'll be ready to hike, bike, fish, sled, ski or just enjoy the scenic and

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Stop in Kings Saddlery for some Western flair.

Historic Main Street is the prominent center of the Bighorn Mountains area. Jump start your ultimate backyard adventure with breakfast at the P.O. News & Flagstaff Cafe or grab a doughnut and coffee from Bison Union. Scope out the local treasures hidden in the downtown Sheridan businesses now that you are fueled.

Stop in at Kings Saddlery for Western flair and get a signature King Rope's cap. Down the street, Jackalope Ranch offers handmade pieces from local and regional designers. A detour through **The Sport Stop** will have you geared up for all your backyard voyages, from snow gear to hiking boots and all the necessities in between. Once geared up, head out of town, where you will find the Bighorn Mountains. In winter, enjoy legendary powder with a sled trip on the backcountry trails, or enjoy some vigorous exercise while Nordic skiing around the tranquil environment at Sibley Lake.

More of a fair-weathered adventurer? The Bighorns are still the place to be. With close to 100 day-hiking trails, you can enjoy the wild side of the Bighorns in an afternoon while also experiencing the abundance of wildlife native to the area. Right off Highway 14, you'll see Steamboat Point, a short hike that offers views of the valley below.

To enhance your experience, consider renting a bike from Back Country Bikes & Mountain Works or Sheridan Bicycle Company. Stop in at the Fly Shop of the Bighorns to get equipped with the finest gear and be directed to the source of rainbow, brown, brook, and cutthroat fish, a fisherman's paradise.

Spending a day in the Bighorn Mountains will work up quite an appetite. You will find a bustling culinary scene as you head back to Sheridan. For a hearty cowboy meal of steak and potatoes, Wyoming's Rib & Chop House has a variety of steak cuts, and the Cowboy Cafe will serve up a delectable wild game dish followed by a slice of homemade pie.



Fort Phil Kearny was an outpost of the U.S. Army.

The craft scene in Sheridan is bursting at the seams. Round off your evening with a stroll to one of the local breweries usually bustling with live entertainment. On your walk from downtown to Blacktooth Brewing Co. or Luminous Brewhouse, enjoy the sculptures that have become a community splendor. Main Street is home to many art outposts such as SAGE Community Arts, the Don King Museum and Main Frame.

DAY 2

No matter how you travel from Sheridan, you will be immersed in the Wild West history. Less than an hour north of Sheridan is Little Bighorn National Monument, where you can learn about one of the country's formative battles. Heading less than 30 miles south of downtown, you can find Fort Phil Kearny, the Wagon Box Fight and Fetterman Massacre. At the base of the Bighorns lies the Brinton Museum, which sits on the 620-acre historic Quarter Circle A Ranch and has a rich display of Western and Indian art.

From downtown to the peaks of the Bighorn Mountains, Sheridan is the ultimate backyard for adventure and one-of-a-kind experiences. There is no place more authentic and bursting with history, culture, and downhome friendliness. A trip to Sheridan will leave you with tall tales and sensational stories your friends and family will have to come to see to believe.



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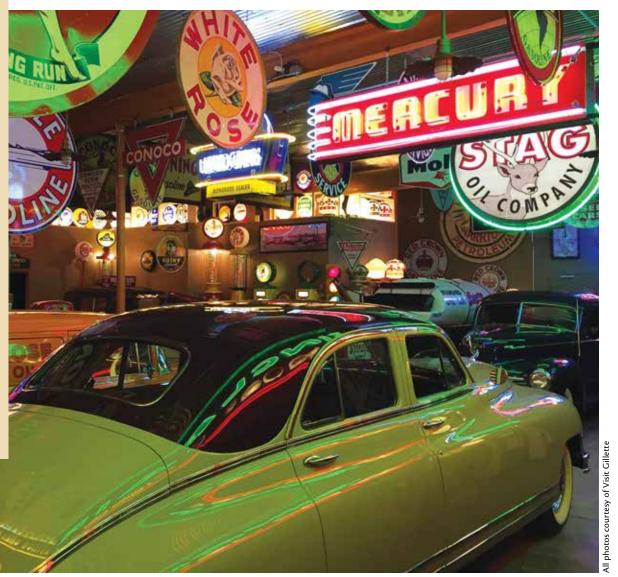
the Monument Route, Gillette is conveniently located near Devils Tower National Monument, Yellowstone National Park and **Mount Rushmore** National Memorial. A downtown Gillette walking tour tells the story of the city's gunslinging cowboys in a modern setting of boutiques, shops and restaurants, while mixing in the Avenues of Art walking tour. Known as the "Energy Capital of the Nation," a tour of the Eagle Butte Coal Mine and a visit to the Campbell County Rockpile Museum are a must. The Wright Centennial Museum, **Frontier Auto Museum & Relics** Museum along with a savory culinary and beverage scene blend seamlessly into the Monument Route.



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Discovering Gillette on the 'Monument Route'

A historic downtown, museums and attractions and an up-and-coming regional foodie destination



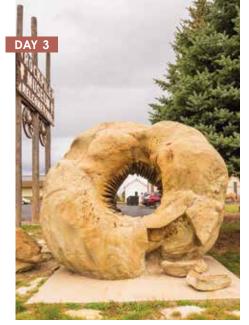
Check out some classic cars at the Frontier Auto Museum.



Big Lost Meadery and Brewery



Eagle Butte Coal Mine Tour



Campbell County Rockpile Museum

Arriving in Campbell County, experience the area's abundant wildlife on a two or three-hour Wildlife Loop Tour.

Regardless of your selection, you'll travel a diverse ecology and likely observe up to 10 animals, including pronghorn.

Continue to historic downtown Gillette, a railway town founded in 1891 and the county seat of Campbell County.

Enjoy lunch on your own at any of the locally owned restaurants before departing on a **Downtown Tour** which opens the door into small town Americana. Visit the spot where a legendary outlaw pulled the then-mayor into the street, beat him and took over as mayor.

The former Gillette Post Office is listed on the National Register of Historic Places. The past became the present as the inside of the building houses Gillette Brewing Company and Gone Postal Pizzeria.

Allow time to experience the **Avenues of Art** walking tour. The tour takes you to more than 100 sculptures created by local and national artists. After a busy day, unwind at Big Lost Meadery & Brewery. This unique spot crafts numerous meads from honey, while offering a fine selection of craft beer made in-house.

Settle in for some rest and relaxation at numerous flags and locally owned accommodations that welcome groups. Dinner tonight is at the Prime Rib Restaurant and Wine Cellar.

A full menu featuring filets that melt in your mouth will satisfy even the pickiest appetite.

Savor breakfast at your hotel before departing for another day exploring the Wyoming way of life and a short drive to Wright.

Opened in 1990, Wright Centennial Museum's impressive collection shows Wyoming's history spanning from the homestead era to becoming the nation's Energy Capitol. A knowledgeable team of volunteers are on hand to share tales of many of the exhibit pieces. While in Wright, enjoy an early lunch at Hank's Roadside Bar & Grill and a tasty Durham Buffalo Burger.

Begin your afternoon with the Eagle Butte Coal Mine Tour. You'll witness powerful machines at work and learn how energy produced in Gillette trickles across the country.

You'll gain an understanding of the significant reclamation process that restores the land to its purity.

Next stop, be ready for a nostalgic trip through the ages at the Frontier Relics & Auto Museum.

Room after room is filled with classic cars, neon and porcelain signs, gas pumps and plenty of automobile memorabilia in remarkable condition. Inside the museum is a drive-in theater playing old movies and commercials. Grab a snack and enjoy the show.

Return to your hotel for some relaxation before departing for dinner at The Coop Rotisserie House.

They say they are a chicken joint, but proudly offer Latin and American flavors. Tonight, it's entertainment at the CAM-PLEX Event Facilities, a premier multi-use facility. Something's always playing whether it's performing arts, or sports, including rodeo.

DAY 3

Breakfast and checkout with a stop at the Campbell County Rockpile Museum, the history museum that collects, preserves and educates visitors to Campbell County about the area.

From the stories of early homesteaders to an important rail stop to an energy leader, the museum is a fitting way to bring your Gillette visit to a close.



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