



## **The Great American Crossing (#15396)**

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### **Overview**

Ever dream of traveling completely across America to see what makes it so unique? Here is your chance!

### **Trip Highlights**

New York City - Washington D.C. - Niagara Falls - Detroit - Chicago - Sioux Falls - Rapid City - Cody - Yellow Stone - Salt Lake City - Bryce Canyon - Flagstaff Days - Las Vegas - Los Angeles - Central Coast - San Francisco

### **Detailed Itinerary**

#### **Day 01**

#### **Day 01: Arrive New York**

Arrive in New York City and transfer independently to your hotel where you will meet with your Tour Director in the evening.



### Day 02

#### Day 2: New York City - Philadelphia - Washington, D.C.

We depart New York for Philadelphia, where we spend the morning exploring the historic district of the City of Brotherly Love and the birthplace of a Nation. See the Liberty Bell, and stroll through Independence National Historic Park and Mall. Then continue to the Nation's capital, Washington, D.C

### Day 03

#### Day 3: Washington, D.C.

Enjoy a city tour with such highlights as the U.S. Capitol Building, Supreme Court, Library of Congress, the F.B.I. Building, Washington Monument, Lincoln Memorial, the White House and Arlington National Cemetery, site of the JFK Memorial. Spend the remainder of the day exploring some of the many museums comprising the Smithsonian Institute or stroll the banks of the Potomac River.

### Day 04

#### Day 4: Washington, D.C. - Gettysburg - Niagara Falls, Canada

Today, visit Gettysburg National Military Park, site of one of the most decisive battles during the American Civil War, and the place where Abraham Lincoln gave his famous address in 1863. We then travel through upstate New York to Buffalo and finally cross the international border into Canada, where the thundering noise and mist of Niagara Falls permeates the air.

### Day 05

#### Day 5: Niagara Falls, Canada - The Great Lakes - Detroit

After crossing the border into Canada, spend the morning sightseeing at Niagara Falls. Stroll along Table Rock and view the thundering waters of Horseshoe Falls. A boat ride to the falls will give you a once of a lifetime experience (Optional). In the late afternoon return into the United States as we travel to our hotel in a suburb of Detroit known as "Motor City USA". Enjoy the evening at leisure."

### Day 06

#### Day 6: Detroit - Chicago



This morning starts with first a visit to the Rouge Factory followed by the Henry Ford Museum. After time exploring the many exhibits of the museum we will visit the nearby Ford plant and watch a modern production vehicle roll off the ever busy factory floor. We then leave the Motor City behind and travel inland to the south of Lake Michigan to reach Chicago for our overnight stay.

### Day 07

#### Day 07: Chicago

Today we will enjoy a short tour of the city's highlights including Lake Shore Drive, the Magnificent Mile and Navy Pier. The Windy City's stunning high rise architecture and one of the world's tallest buildings, the Willis Tower (admission not included), provide a dramatic backdrop for this cultural and financial centre. The rest of the day is at leisure.

### Day 08

#### Day 8: Chicago - Mississippi River Crossing - Sioux Falls

Travel through Midwest farm country abundant in corn fields, wheat fields and dairy farms. Then we cross the mighty Mississippi River and travel into the state of Iowa to arrive just as Lewis & Clark did 200 years ago on the banks of the Missouri River. Overnight in Sioux Falls.

### Day 09

#### Day 09: Sioux Falls - Badlands - Mt. Rushmore - Rapid City

Travel westward through the grasslands of South Dakota and onwards to Bad Lands National Park, once home to the buffalo and antelope, and filled with strange shaped and colourful rock formations. Then we continue on to the Black Hills, sacred to the Plains Indians and home to Mount Rushmore.

### Day 10

#### Day 10: Rapid City - Bighorn Mountains - Cody

Enter the state of Wyoming, which has twelve mountain ranges intermixed with deserts and rolling grasslands, and continue to Cody for the night. If overnight in Cody is not possible due to weather or adverse road conditions in Yellowstone, overnight will be in Billings Livingston, Montana.



### Day 11

#### Day 11: Cody - Yellow Stone

Drive past the mountains in Wyoming to Yellowstone, America's first National Park, and enjoy a sightseeing tour of this immense geothermal wonderland including: geysers, waterfalls, wildlife & canyons. Highlights will include Yellowstone Lake, Old Faithful, Yellowstone Canyon's majestic falls, & the beautiful Hayden Valley

### Day 12

#### Day 12: Yellowstone - Grand Teton - Salt Lake City

Travel through Grand Teton National Park (weather permitting) and see awesome mountain peaks towering over 13,000 ft. Visit the Snake River Outlook and try your eye at capturing the stunning landscape made famous by Ansel Adam's iconic shot. Later, arrive in Utah, known for the Mormon Community, and take a short tour of its capital, Salt Lake City. The followers of Brigham Young built one of the best-planned cities in the country. See the State Capital building and visit famed Temple Square and the Tabernacle before arriving at the hotel for the evening.

### Day 13

#### Day 13: Salt Lake City - Bryce Canyon

Continue today to spectacular Bryce Canyon, where a tour through a multi-coloured world of sandstone spires and pinnacles, "hoodoos", will dazzle the eye. This evening, weather permitting, be sure to gaze upon the spectacular night sky filled with sparkling stars & brilliant constellations.

### Day 14

#### Day 14: Bryce Canyon- Lake Powell - Grand Canyon - Flagstaff

Depart Bryce Canyon this morning and journey to stunning Lake Powell, where crystal blue water laps against towering red-rock canyon walls. Lake Powell is the second-largest man-made lake in America, and one in a series of lakes formed by the damming of the Colorado River. Then visit colossal Grand Canyon National Park, one of the seven great natural wonders of the world. Stop at the Canyon rim to fully experience this mile-deep canyon's plunging gorges, rising spires, extinct volcanoes and, below the rim, the winding Colorado River. Overnight in Flagstaff, a famed stop on Historic Route 66.





### Day 15

#### Day 15: Flagstaff - Seligman/Route 66 - Las Vegas

This morning depart Flagstaff and travel on to Las Vegas, the dazzling “Entertainment Capital of the World”. Along the way, pass through Seligman, a town built along the famed Route 66 that looks as if it were frozen in time sixty years ago. The remainder of the day is at leisure for you to explore the famous Las Vegas Strip.

### Day 16

#### Day 16: Las Vegas - Mojave Desert - Beverly Hills - Los Angeles

Travel to Los Angeles through the Mojave Desert, where clusters of unique Joshua trees dot the mountainous landscape. Upon arrival in Los Angeles you will enjoy a tour through the “City of Angels” including Hollywood, Sunset Strip and parts of Beverly Hills, before reaching your hotel.

### Day 17

#### Day 17: Los Angeles

Today we suggest an optional full-day tour visiting the world’s largest movie studio and theme park: Universal Studios. Get an inside look at the sets and uncover behind the scenes secrets of legendary films or perhaps, for the more adventurous, take one of the Studios’ feature rides.

### Day 18

#### Day 18: Los Angeles - Malibu - Santa Barbara - Central Coast

Leave Los Angeles in the morning and travel north through one of California’s favourite vacation spots, Santa Barbara, where palm-lined walkways border white sandy beaches. The city is famous for its mission and Spanish heritage. Along the way, stop at an iconic California lifeguard tower made famous in “Baywatch”.

### Day 19

#### Day 19: Central Coast - Carmel/Monterey - San Francisco



Today we make our way north to Carmel, home of actor/director Clint Eastwood. Enjoy browsing the shops and galleries of this famous artists' colony. Traveling further north, visit Monterey's Old Fisherman's Wharf. Stroll the Pier to Cannery Row, brought to fame by John Steinbeck's novel. In the afternoon pass the fertile valleys of Castroville and Santa Clara en route to San Francisco, the "City by the Bay." Tour concludes upon arrival at the hotel.

### Day 20

### Day 20: San Francisco Departure

Transfer independently to the airport for your return flight.

## Inclusions

- + 5 complimentary breakfasts\*
- + Welcome Drink
- + Explore the birthplace of America: Philadelphia and visit the Liberty Bell
- + Grand city tour of Washington DC
- + Stroll the National Mall and its famous Memorials: Lincoln, Washington and more....
- + Experience Gettysburg: the most famous battle site in the American Civil War
- + Visit Niagara Falls and renown Floral Clock with Westminster Chimes
- + Visit the Henry Ford Museum and an automobile production plant
- + Orientation tour of downtown Chicago including Lake Shore Drive, Navy Pier & the Magnificent Mile
- + See the famous carving of the 4 American Presidents' faces: Washington, Jefferson, Lincoln and Roosevelt at Mount Rushmore
- + Discover the world's first National Park: Yellowstone
- + Tour Salt Lake City including Temple Square, home to the Mormon Tabernacle
- + Explore Bryce Canyon National Park
- + Travel the historic Route 66, stopping at the iconic town of Seligman
- + Photo stop at the landmark "Welcome to Las Vegas" sign
- + Travel across the Mojave Desert and see its indigenous Joshua Trees
- + Orientation tour of Los Angeles including stops at some of its most famous spots
- + See Hollywood and its 'Sidewalk of the Stars'
- + Travel California's central coast and its rich agricultural plains
- + Visit Monterey including Cannery Row, inspiration for American author John Steinbeck.
- + Journey through one of America's most renown technology hubs: Silicon Valley.



## **Exclusions**

International airfares

Optional activities

Other meals, drinks, tips and other personal expenses or services not specified on the program

Travel insurance

Gratuities

Voluntary tips for guides or drivers

Travel and medical insurance

Any items not mentioned as included

## **Note**

Hotels Used

New York City - Hyatt Grand Central New York

Washington, D.C. - Washington Hilton

Niagara Falls - Holiday Inn Niagara Falls-Scenic Downtown Collection/Holiday Inn Niagara Falls-Scenic Downtown.

Detroit - Best Western Greenfield Inn

Chicago - Hampton Inn Chicago Downtown/Magnificent Mile\*

Sioux Falls - Comfort Suites Sioux City

Rapid City - Best Western Ramkota Hotel and Conference Center

Cody - Buffalo Bill Village

Yellowstone - Kelly Inn West Yellowstone Hotel\*

Salt Lake City - Crystal Inn Hotel & Suites\*

Bryce Canyon - Bryce View Lodge\*

Flagstaff Days - Days Hotel by Wyndham Flagstaff

Las Vegas - The STRAT

Los Angeles - Sonesta Los Angeles Airport LAX

Central Coast - Historic Santa Maria Inn

San Francisco - Holiday Inn Golden Gateway

\*Complimentary breakfast offered by a hotel may be discontinued at any time with or without notice.

**ALL DEPARTURE DATES ARE GUARANTEED TO OPERATE.**

**EXPERIENCE MORE (OPTIONALS) Rates available on request**

+ Enjoy a river cruise in Chicago, seeing the works of famous American architects



- + Ride to the top of Willis Tower and enjoy the spectacular view (weather permitting).
- + Dinner and boot stompin' fun to country music at Bryce Canyon.
- + Grand Canyon helicopter flight.
- + Fly over Lake Powell and enjoy a Monument Valley tour.
- + Las Vegas evening Tour.
- + Visit Universal Studios.

This tour crosses the U.S./Canada border. Passengers should obtain relevant visas for both nations prior to travel where necessary.

Please note that the prices are starting from and that upon sending a new request with specific date we will send the applicable rate and availability.

## Program Touring / Guide

Escorted Experience

## Fixed Departure

<p><b>09 Aug, 2024</b> 3 Star AUD 6,942 P P twin share AUD 10,029 P P single AVAILABLE</p>	<p><b>06 Sep, 2024</b> 3 Star AUD 6,942 P P twin share AUD 10,029 P P single AVAILABLE</p>	<p><b>20 Sep, 2024</b> 3 Star AUD 6,942 P P twin share AUD 10,029 P P single ON REQUEST</p>
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