NATIONAL PARKS & LODGES OF THE OLD WEST

10 Days of Spectacular Scenery & Lodges

JULY 5-14, 2018

With Brandeis Faculty
Leader Charles Chester
Dear Alumni and Friends,

I invite you to join Brandeis Travelers on July 5-14, 2018, for National Parks & Lodges of the Old West, a journey to celebrate the American West's magnificent national parks while we trace legends and storied monuments along the way.

From Old Faithful to Mount Rushmore and from Spearfish Canyon to the Snake River, you will see the best of the Old West and traverse its beautiful vistas in style and comfort. Explore Yellowstone's renowned geothermal geysers and hot springs. You will stay in historic hotels and lodges, including landmark accommodations within the parks themselves.

In partnership with a dedicated local expedition guide, this trip will be led by Brandeis professor Charles Chester, a lecturer in environmental studies and a conservation policy expert. He will share his knowledge of the biodiverse ecosystems of the national parks, with particular focus on the conservation of Yellowstone's myriad resources, including wolf reintroduction and “bioprospecting. Travelers will gain a deeper understanding of the flora and fauna, natural history and cultural narrative of the Old West.

I hope you will join us for a uniquely Brandeisian experience that features stimulating conversations with your fellow travelers, and an in-depth look at the Old West's rich history, traditions and culture. With Brandeis Travelers, you don’t merely visit an area, you experience it.

I anticipate this tour will fill quickly, so please reserve your spot today. Space is limited. Early reservations are eligible for a special discount. Join us on an adventure to the Old West next July!

Sincerely,

F. Patricia “Patsy” Fisher
Vice President, Alumni Relations
Brandeis University

Free Expedition Library
AN EARLY RESERVATION BONUS

Reserve your space by December 29, 2017, to receive the FREE Orbridge Expedition Library we’ve assembled for this program.

This exclusive gift is to thank you for joining us early. Guests who reserve after the specified date may purchase libraries. Call for details.
Trace the legends and natural splendors of the American West.

The country our ancestors dreamed about—and that still resides in our nation’s great parks—is filled with beautiful scenery, abundant wildlife, hiking, storytelling, and incredible historic lodges you will write home about.
Program Highlights

- Experience the diverse wonders of our National Parks accompanied by an Orbridge Expedition Leader.
- Overnight in landmark lodges that are national treasures themselves.
- Enjoy a chuck wagon cookout after a visit to Custer State Park, a wildlife reserve with scenic lakes, dramatic granite spires, and lush grasslands where bison herds roam.
- Visit the world’s largest mammoth site, where scientists are excavating remains of Columbian and woolly mammoths from 26,000 years ago.
- Marvel at the grandeur of Mount Rushmore and Crazy Horse Memorial.
- See the dramatic effects of Yellowstone’s volcanically active caldera with visits to otherworldly geothermal sites including Fountain Paint Pot and Old Faithful Geyser.
- What’s included: 9 nights hotel and lodge accommodations; 9 breakfasts, 1 lunch, and 6 dinners; full guiding services of an Orbridge Expedition Leader; admission to national parks and all activities as described in program itinerary; luggage porterage; all gratuities; and airport transfers for guests arriving and departing during the suggested times.

Your 10-Day Itinerary*

Day 1: Arrive in Rapid City, SD (R)
Meet fellow travelers for a welcome drink
Overnight: The Rushmore Hotel & Suites

Day 2: Badlands National Park / Custer State Park (B,D)
Buffalo safari, canyon cookout
Overnight: Custer State Game Lodge

Day 3: Custer State Park / Hot Springs (B,D)
Mammoth dig site, Crazy Horse Memorial
Overnight: Custer State Game Lodge

Day 4: Custer State Park / Spearfish Canyon (B,D)
Mount Rushmore, Tatanka Museum
Overnight: Spearfish Canyon Lodge

Day 5: The Ranch at Ucross / Cody, WY (B,L)
Ranch life, Bighorn Mountains
Overnight: Holiday Inn Cody

Day 6: Cody / Yellowstone National Park (B,D)
Buffalo Bill, Old West, Old Faithful
Overnight: Yellowstone Lodging

Day 7: Yellowstone National Park (B,D)
Geothermal highlights, park sightseeing
Overnight: Yellowstone Lodging

Day 8: Grand Teton National Park / Jackson (B)
Scenic drive: western plains and mountains
Overnight: Rustic Inn

Day 9: Jackson (B,D)
Leisure activities, farewell dinner
Overnight: Rustic Inn

Day 10: Depart Jackson (B)

Optional Extension: Days 10-12 in Jackson

Activity Level: Guests should be able to walk up a flight of stairs, and get in and out of a motor coach without assistance. Maximum altitude: 9,000 feet.

*Subject to change.
Your Expedition Leader:
From identifying a wildflower to recalling details about Mt. Rushmore’s making, the company and keen eyes of an expert Orbridge Expedition Leader will make all the difference in your educational experience. Enriched by their wealth of expertise, you’ll bring home a deeper understanding of the flora, fauna, natural history, and cultural narrative of the Old West.

Accommodations (subject to change)

THE RUSHMORE HOTEL & SUITES
Situated near Rapid City’s entertainment, shopping, and dining, this hotel features a café, award-winning restaurant, and lounge.

CUSTER STATE GAME LODGE
Set in a beautiful mountain valley in Custer State Park, it served as the “Summer White House” for President Calvin Coolidge and was visited by President Dwight D. Eisenhower.

SPEARFISH CANYON LODGE
Nestled alongside lofty pines and spectacular limestone cliffs, this property features heavy log walls and a 40-foot stone fireplace. Follow the hiking trails that meander through the forest to a Black Hills waterfall or the canyon rim.

HOLIDAY INN CODY
Near the Buffalo Bill Center of the West, Old Trail Town, and other local attractions, this hotel offers well-appointed rooms with all the comforts of home, as well as an outdoor pool, bar/restaurant, and lounge.

YELLOWSTONE LODGING
Confirmed by the National Park Service, you’ll stay at one of the following Yellowstone facilities: Lake Yellowstone Hotel, Old Faithful Inn, Old Faithful Snow Lodge, Mammoth Hot Springs Hotel (all pictured to right), or Canyon Lodge & Cabins, Grant Village, or Lake Lodge Cabins. Each offers comfortable lodging and modern amenities.

RUSTIC INN AT JACKSON HOLE
CREEKSide RESORT & SPA
Rustic Inn offers the finest Western accommodations, 12 lush acres adjacent to the National Elk Refuge, and nearby access to Jackson’s downtown scene.
Optional Extension
Jackson Hole
With two added days in Jackson Hole, enjoy the area’s vibrant cultural offerings, jaw-dropping scenery, abundant wildlife, and outdoor activities.

Extension Itinerary*

Day 10: Jackson / Grand Teton
Wildlife Excursion (B)
Wildlife experts will guide you to the park's viewing hotspots while also providing details about the area’s history, landmarks, and geography.

Day 11: Jackson / Leisure (B)
National Museum of Wildlife Art, wildlife viewing, various outdoor activities, or relax at the resort and spa at Rustic Inn.

Day 12: Depart Jackson (B)
After breakfast, guests departing during the suggested times take a complimentary transfer to the airport for flights home.

What’s Included
- Two nights accommodations at Rustic Inn at Jackson Hole Creekside Resort & Spa (shown below) or similar, with breakfast each morning
- A half-day guided wildlife excursion through Grand Teton National Park
- Complimentary admission to the National Museum of Wildlife Art (transfers not included)
- Park entrance fees for guided wildlife excursion
- All gratuities
- Transfers for guests departing during the suggested times
National Parks & Lodges of the Old West

**Option 1:** Reserve today—call Orbridge at 866-639-0079.

**Option 2:** Secure your reservation with a deposit charged to the credit card below, or with an enclosed check payable to: Orbridge LLC.

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Address: __________________________________________________________

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Brandeis Faculty Leader: Charles Chester

Professor Charles Chester teaches global environmental politics at Brandeis. His course offerings include “Fundamentals of Environmental Challenges,” “International Environmental Conflict and Collaboration” and “Atmospheric Civics & Diplomacy: World Politics of Air Pollution, Ozone Depletion and Climate Change.” He earned his bachelor’s degree at Brown and his master’s and doctorate at Tufts. He also teaches at Tufts’ Fletcher School. As a master’s student, he was hired as a Volunteer In the Park at Yellowstone National Park, where he examined the thorny issue of “bioprospecting.” He visited Yellowstone many times for his PhD research, which focused on the Yellowstone to Yukon Conservation Initiative, a transboundary conservation effort between the United States and Canada. He is an avid follower of all things Yellowstone, including wolf reintroduction, snowmobile policy, bison culling, invasive species and a host of other management issues. He authored “Conservation Across Borders: Biodiversity in an Interdependent World,” and co-edited “Conservation & Climate Change: Landscape and Seascapes, Science, Planning and Action.” He has consulted with the Union of Concerned Scientists, the Henry P. Kendall Foundation, and the Lincoln Institute of Land Policy, and is currently conducting research on the Appalachian Trail, ecosystem services from migratory species, and the history and evolution of Africa’s first national park. He is building the website ieinfo.net, an online guide to international environmental information and global environmental politics.

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When you reserve by December 29, 2017**