

AMERICA'S NATIONAL PARKS, 9 DAYS / 8 NIGHTS

Denver > Grand Junction > Salt Lake City > West Yellowstone > Salt Lake City

Departure dates: Yearly except April, October – early December, and end of March

Overview:

Enjoy some of the most gorgeous landscapes in the world on this train tour from Denver to Salt Lake City that includes 3 spectacular national parks: Yellowstone, Arches, and Canyonlands. Begin in Denver, where there is no shortage of gorgeous Rocky Mountain views. Head to Grand Junction on Amtrak's California Zephyr, which is considered one of the most beautiful train trips in North America. Enjoy the lovely views of the snow-capped Sierra Nevadas. Explore the geological wonders featured in two spectacular national parks: Canyonlands and Arches. Spend a day touring West Yellowstone and exploring the quaint Old Faithful Village.

Highlights:

- Sightseeing tour of Rocky Mountain National Park*
- Sightseeing tour of Arches and Canyonlands National Park
- Roundtrip transfers between Salt Lake City and West Yellowstone
- Sightseeing tour of Yellowstone National Park's (seasonal)**

Package Also Includes:

- One-way Amtrak® in Coach accommodations from Denver to Grand Junction; Grand Junction to Salt Lake City on the California Zephyr®
- 8 nights' hotel accommodations

**The Rocky Mountain National Park Tour is seasonal from late May to late September on Tuesday, Thursday, Friday, and Sunday. The Denver Highlights Tour will be offered when the Rocky Mountain National Park Tour is unavailable.*

***Lower Loop Tour is seasonal. During winter months, Old Faithful Explorer Tour will be substituted.*

TRIP ITINERARY

DAY 1 YOUR JOURNEY BEGINS IN DENVER

Welcome to Denver! Enjoy the views of the fabulous Rocky Mountains as you make your way to your hotel. After you settle in, take some time to explore the downtown area of the Mile-High City, where you'll find lots of museums, art galleries, craft beer bars, and so much more! The Denver Art Museum, located right in downtown Denver, has one of the largest Native American art collections in the world. (Overnight in Denver)

DAY 2 DENVER

Experience the majestic splendor of the Rockies on an exhilarating full-day tour of Rocky Mountain National Park. This gorgeous site, often celebrated for its abundance of animals and spectacular views of the Rockies, is one of the most beautiful national parks in the world, so don't forget your camera! On your journey back, you'll get a chance to enjoy several photo opportunities and a break for refreshments. (Overnight in Denver) **D**

DAY 3 DENVER TO GRAND JUNCTION

Travel to the Amtrak station and board the California Zephyr to Grand Junction for one of the most beautiful train trips in all of North America. As you climb through the heart of the Rockies and further west through the snow-capped Sierra Nevadas, you may find it hard to disagree. After your arrival in the afternoon, enjoy the awe-inspiring natural beauty of the red rock landscape of Grand Junction at your leisure. If you're looking for something to do, try exploring downtown and visit some of the shops, restaurants, or art galleries. (Overnight in Grand Junction)

DAY 4 GRAND JUNCTION

Today you'll cross the border into Utah for a full-day tour of two spectacular national parks: Arches and Canyonlands. Arches National Park is a geological treasure featuring two thousand natural sandstone arches, including the world famous Delicate Arch. The park's rich colors, textures, and landforms highlight the extraordinary balanced rocks, fins, and pinnacles. Canyonlands National Park offers a stunning landscape filled with countless canyons, mesas, and buttes, carved by the mighty Green and Colorado rivers. Experience the park from the astounding Island in the Sky, a scenic drive that follows the rim of the mesa and offers amazing views. (Overnight in Grand Junction)

DAY 5 GRAND JUNCTION TO SALT LAKE CITY

Travel to the Amtrak station and board the train to Salt Lake City. Take in the unparalleled views of Utah's gorgeous Wasatch Mountains as you head west on the California Zephyr. (Overnight in Salt Lake City)

DAY 6 SALT LAKE CITY TO WEST YELLOWSTONE

Today your included roundtrip shuttle service will take you to West Yellowstone. Widely held to be the first national park in the world, Yellowstone National Park is home to the most impressive geothermal areas in all of North America. (Overnight in West Yellowstone)

DAY 7 WEST YELLOWSTONE

Enjoy a full-day tour of the lower loop of West Yellowstone, open seasonally. Highlights of this fascinating tour include Old Faithful Geyser, the Old Faithful Inn, Isa Lake on the Continental Divide, and many more amazing sites. You'll have some leisure time to enjoy lunch on your own at the Old Faithful Village and do some exploring of the area if you desire. (Overnight in West Yellowstone)

DAY 8 WEST YELLOWSTONE TO SALT LAKE CITY

Today, take a leisurely drive back to Salt Lake City aboard the included shuttle. Spend the evening at your own pace enjoying all that the city has to offer. Venture out to Olympic Park or explore the vibrant and growing restaurant scene downtown. (Overnight in Salt Lake City)

DAY 9 YOUR JOURNEY ENDS IN SALT LAKE CITY

Legend for meals: B - Breakfast, BR - Brunch, L - Lunch, D - Dinner

DISCLAIMER:

Package prices are per person, double occupancy, tax included. Prices do not include rail from your hometown. Please call for pricing. Package prices are subject to change without notice, and all reservations are based upon availability at the time of booking. Amtrak travel is for Coach accommodations unless otherwise noted. Upgrades to Roomette or Bedroom accommodations on board Amtrak are available. Call for pricing. Other restrictions may apply. Activities referenced in the itinerary during free time are for suggested purposes only and are not included. Seasonal activity (if applicable): During the off-season, some tours may not be available. In this case, a similar tour will be substituted. Passports (if applicable): Passports are required when crossing the Canadian border. Amtrak and Amtrak Vacations are registered service marks of the National Railroad Passenger Corporation.

Included Cities	Included Hotel
Denver	Quality Inn Central Denver
Grand Junction	Grand Vista Hotel
Salt Lake City	Salt Lake Plaza Hotel at Temple Square
West Yellowstone	Yellowstone Park Hotel (Gray Wolf Inn during winter months)

Alternative hotels may be substituted based on availability.

DEPARTURE CITY	DEPARTURE TIME	ARRIVAL CITY	ARRIVAL TIME
Denver	8:05am	Grand Junction	3:57pm
Grand Junction	4:10pm	Salt Lake City	11:05pm

No Train Upgrades

SELLING POINTS:

Denver

- The Denver Art Museum is located in downtown Denver and has one of the largest Native American art collections worldwide
- The Rockies has a plethora of trails near the city, perfect for hikers
- Vail is the most visited ski resort in the country and perfect for year round skiing (80 miles away)

Salt Lake City

- Salt Lake City is the headquarters of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints.
- Temple Square is located in downtown Salt Lake City and is 35 acres of historic sites, exhibits, gardens, and restaurants in addition to the Mormon Tabernacle Choir that sings every Sunday.
- Clocking in at approximately 1,700 square miles, the Great Salt Lake is the largest natural lake west of the Mississippi River.

Yellowstone National Park

- Yellowstone National Park was established in 1872 and was the United States first national park.
- Old Faithful is the most popular geysers in the park, but a walk in the Upper Geysir Basin will reveal many other geysers.
- Yellowstone National Park is approximately 358 miles from Salt Lake City.