

Cross Country Adventure By Bus 2026

Monday, September 28 - Saturday, October 24 (27 Days)

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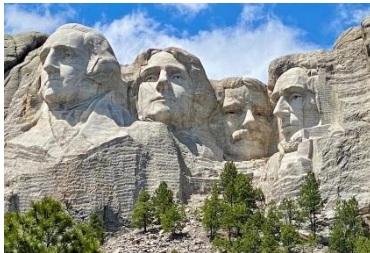
Day 1 We travel to our first overnight lodging in Elyria, Ohio, as we begin our exciting cross-country journey.

Day 2 After breakfast, we continue to South Bend, Indiana, and visit the **Studebaker National Museum**, which displays a wide variety of automobiles, wagons, carriages, and military vehicles. The museum highlights the legacy of the Studebaker Corporation and its impact on American transportation, industry, and innovation. Later, we check into our hotel in Madison, Wisconsin. **B, D**

Day 3 Today we travel through Wisconsin and visit the **Hormel Historic Home** in Austin, Minnesota. Built in 1871, this elegant Italianate-style home with a Classical Revival façade reflects the prosperity and lifestyle of the late 19th century. The home was added to the U.S. National Register of Historic Places in 1982. Tonight, we overnight in Sioux Falls, South Dakota. **B**

Day 4 Visit **Dignity of Earth and Sky**, a striking sculpture on a bluff overlooking the Missouri River near Chamberlain, South Dakota. This 50-foot stainless steel statue by South Dakota artist laureate Dale Claude Lamphere depicts an Indigenous woman in Plains-style dress receiving a star quilt, symbolizing respect, strength, and unity.

We then travel to **1880 TOWN** and visit the **Casey Tibbs Museum**, honoring the life and legacy of the famous nine-time World Champion Rodeo Cowboy. The museum features an extensive collection of memorabilia, including saddles, belt buckles, jackets, hats, photographs, sculptures, and event advertisements. Later, we check into our hotel in Rapid City, South Dakota, for the next two nights. **B, D**



Day 5 We first visit the **National Presidential Wax Museum**, a history attraction in Keystone, South Dakota, featuring life-sized wax figures of every U.S. president and scenes from American history. Next, **Mount Rushmore National Memorial** stands as a national treasure, symbolizing freedom and democracy. The monument honors four presidents—George Washington, Thomas Jefferson, Theodore Roosevelt, and Abraham Lincoln—for their contributions to the United States. **The Crazy Horse Memorial** was created to protect and promote Native American culture and heritage. The on-site museums include the Indian Museum of North America, the Mountain Carving Gallery, and the Ziolkowski Family Life Collection. We then enjoy a tour along the Wildlife Loop Road at **Custer State Park**, located in the **Black Hills of South Dakota** and home to bison, prairie dogs, antelope, and stunning natural scenery. This evening, we'll have much to share and discuss over dinner. Later, we check into our enroute hotel. **B, D**

Day 6 Visit **Fort Phil Kearny State Historic Site** in Banner, Wyoming, established by the U.S. Army in 1866 to protect travelers on the Bozeman Trail. The fort was abandoned two years later under the terms of the 1868 Treaty of Fort Laramie. Continue to **Little Bighorn Battlefield National Monument**, which memorializes the Battle of the Little Bighorn fought on June 25–26, 1876. Here, 263 U.S. Army soldiers, including Lt. Col. George A. Custer, died in battle against Lakota and Cheyenne warriors. This site marks one of the final armed efforts by Northern Plains tribes to preserve their traditional way of life. Later, we check into our enroute hotel. **B**

Day 7 The **Moss Mansion Museum** in Billings, Montana, is a grand turn-of-the-century home designed by architect Henry Janeway Hardenbergh and built in 1903. The mansion celebrates the entrepreneurial success of Preston Boyd Moss and reflects the elegance of the era. The **World Museum of Mining** in Butte, Montana, is located on the historic Orphan Girl Mine site and features over 50 exhibit buildings, countless artifacts, and immersive displays that bring mining history to life. Later, we check into our enroute hotel. **B, D**

Day 8 Visit the **National Museum of Forest Service History** in Missoula, Montana, which highlights America's conservation movement and the legacy of the U.S. Forest Service. The **Captain John Mullan Museum** tells the story of Mullan, Idaho, and the famous Lucky Friday Mine through exhibits featuring historic furnishings, photographs, newspapers, mining relics, and local memorabilia. At **Coeur d'Alene's Old Mission State Park**, discover Idaho's oldest standing building. The park features the Sacred Heart Mission Church, a restored parish house, a historic cemetery, and an award-winning exhibition, "Sacred Encounters: Father De Smet & the Indians of the Rocky Mountain West." We overnight in Spokane, Washington. Tonight, we check into our enroute hotel. **B**

Day 9 The **Northwest Museum of Arts & Culture** in Spokane, founded in 1916, features five galleries highlighting regional history, fine art, and American Indian culture.

The **Kittitas County Historical Museum** houses over 30,000 items reflecting the rich heritage of the region. The Yakima Canyon Interpretive Center focuses on the canyon's unique landscapes, biodiversity, and conservation efforts. Tonight, we check into our enroute hotel. **B**

Day 10 The **Yakama Nation Museum** in Toppenish, Washington, opened in 1980 and is one of the oldest Native American museums in the country. Its expansive exhibition hall reflects years of dedication by the Yakama people to preserve their history and culture. Visit the **Stonehenge Memorial** in Maryhill, Washington, a full-scale replica of England's Stonehenge built as America's first World War I memorial. The nearby **Klickitat County Veterans Memorial** honors local service members from later conflicts. The **Columbia Gorge Discovery Center & Museum** offers immersive exhibits on geology, Native American history, Lewis and Clark, the Oregon Trail, and regional heritage. Tonight, we check into our enroute hotel. **B**



Day 11 **Hoyt Arboretum** in Portland, Oregon, is a 190-acre living museum and outdoor laboratory located within Washington Park. It features more than 2,300 species of trees from around the world and offers peaceful walking paths through diverse forest landscapes. We also visit the **Oregon Holocaust Memorial**, a powerful and reflective site honoring the victims of the Holocaust, as well as the **Coming of the White Man Statue** and the **Sacajawea Statue**, which commemorate significant moments and figures in Pacific Northwest history. The **Oregon Jewish Museum and Center for Holocaust Education** preserves and presents the documented and visual history of Jewish life in Oregon through art, archival materials, and artifacts. At **Fort Vancouver National Historic Site** in Vancouver, Washington, explore the reconstructed headquarters of the Hudson's Bay Company, including historic buildings, gardens, and exhibits highlighting fur trading, early settlement, and

multicultural history. **Pittock Mansion**, a French Renaissance-style estate built in 1914, offers beautifully preserved rooms, period furnishings, and sweeping panoramic views of Portland and Mount Hood. Tonight we check into our enroute hotel. **B**

Day 12 **Thompson's Mills** is a rare survivor of Oregon's rural past, chronicling more than 160 years of agricultural and community life. The mill reflects the resilience and adaptability of its owners through changing times. Established in 1933, the **Jordan Schnitzer Museum of Art** offers engaging exhibitions and programs, with galleries devoted to art from Asia, America, and beyond. The **Douglas County Museum** houses Oregon's largest natural history collection, with more than 7,500 artifacts that tell the ancient and modern stories of the Umpqua River Valley. The museum also maintains one of the Northwest's most comprehensive plant research herbaria. Tonight we check into our enroute hotel. **B**

Day 13 The **Kelly-Griggs House Museum** in Red Bluff, Northern California, is an Italianate Victorian residence built around 1880 by early sheep rancher Sidney A. Griggs. Later home to the Kelly family, it reflects the lifestyle of pioneer ranchers in the region. The **Woodland Museum of Biblical Archaeology**, a ministry of Living Hope Church, provides insight into the history, culture, land, and people of the Bible through carefully curated exhibits. Later, we check into our hotel in Sacramento, California. **B, D**

Day 14 Our first stop is the **California State Capitol Museum**, where guided exhibits highlight the past, present, and future of the Golden State within an active working capitol. Next, enjoy time at **Old Sacramento Waterfront**, a lively historic district featuring restored Gold Rush-era buildings, shops, dining, and attractions. **Old Sacramento State Historic Park** preserves some of California's earliest commercial structures. We then travel to **San Francisco** to visit **Fort Point National Historic Site**, a Civil War-era brick fortress built to protect San Francisco Bay. The site offers rich military history and dramatic views beneath the Golden Gate Bridge. We also stop at the **Golden Gate Overlook** for spectacular views of one of the Seven Wonders of the Modern World. Later, we check into our hotel. **B**



Day 15 Begin the day in San Francisco's **Chinatown**, the oldest Chinatown in North America and the largest outside Asia. Established in the 1850s, this vibrant neighborhood is known for its historic streets, shops, and the iconic Dragon's Gate. Visit the **Cable Car Museum**, located in the historic Washington/Mason powerhouse, where visitors can view the massive engines and winding wheels that power the city's cable cars. The **San Francisco Ferry Building** is a historic waterfront landmark featuring a bustling marketplace filled with artisanal food vendors and local shops. The **de Young Museum**, formally the M. H. de Young Memorial Museum, is known for its distinctive copper-clad building and diverse collections, including American art, global textiles, and works from Africa, Oceania, and the Americas. Later we check into our enroute hotel. **B**

Day 16 Today we travel to Las Vegas. You will have free time to explore the area at your own pace, enjoying the sights, entertainment, shopping, dining, and atmosphere of this world-famous city. Later, we check in our en route hotel for the

evening. **B**

Day 17 **Las Vegas** is known for its vibrant entertainment, dining, shopping, and gaming. After breakfast, enjoy several hours to explore attractions, shop, or relax at the casino. In the afternoon, we travel to our enroute hotel in Arizona. **B**



Day 18 Visit the **Grand Canyon**, one of the most spectacular natural wonders in the world. Carved by the Colorado River, this mile-deep canyon offers unmatched panoramic vistas. **Mather Point** provides an unforgettable first glimpse of the canyon, followed by a stop at the **Grand Canyon Visitor Center**. We then visit **Riordan Mansion State Historic Park** in Flagstaff, a 1904 Arts and Crafts-style duplex built by lumber barons Timothy and Michael Riordan. The mansion is an architectural treasure showcasing early Arizona history. Later we check into our enroute hotel. **B**

Day 19 Travel to **Albuquerque**, New Mexico. **Historic Old Town** has been the heart of the city for more than three centuries, featuring museums, shops, galleries, and restaurants set around a traditional plaza. Visit the **Indian Pueblo Cultural Center**, where exhibits, artwork, and demonstrations introduce the history, traditions, and contemporary life of New Mexico's 19 Pueblo tribes. Later we check into our hotel in Albuquerque. **B, D**

Day 20 Travel along historic **Route 66**, known as America's "Mother Road" and a symbol of freedom and adventure. Visit the **Anderson-Abruzzo Albuquerque International Balloon Museum**, the world's premier balloon museum, featuring exhibits on the science, history, and spectacle of ballooning. Stop at the **Route 66 Auto Museum**, showcasing a collection of classic and vintage automobiles. Visit **Tucumcari**, a classic Route 66 town, and see the **Route 66 Monument**. We also stop at **Cadillac Ranch**, an iconic interactive art installation where visitors are encouraged to leave their mark. Overnight in Amarillo, Texas. **B**

Day 21 Visit the **Amarillo Historical Museum**, a 1914 Neoclassical house museum built by cattlemen John and Pat Landergin, featuring fine French and English antiques. Stop at the **Texas Route 66 Visitor Center**, offering local art, travel information, and Route 66 memorabilia. Explore the **Devil's Rope Museum**, where hands-on exhibits explain how barbed wire transformed the American West, along with Dust Bowl artifacts and classic Route 66 Americana. Overnight in Oklahoma City, Oklahoma. **B, D**



Day 22 Visit the **Oklahoma City National Memorial**, honoring the victims, survivors, and rescuers affected by the April 19, 1995 bombing. Continue to the **National Cowboy & Western Heritage Museum**, featuring one of the world's most extensive collections of Western and Native American art, rodeo history, saddlery, and artifacts. Travel to Springfield, Missouri. Later we check into our enroute hotel. **B, D**

Day 23 **Springfield, Missouri**, is known as the "Birthplace of Route 66." Visit the **History Museum on the Square**, whose galleries explore Native history, pioneer life, transportation, the Civil War, and Route 66 heritage. Visit **Wilson's Creek National Battlefield**, site of the first major Civil War battle west of the Mississippi River. Explore the **Route 66 Car Museum**,

dedicated to showcasing classic and vintage automobiles. Overnight in St. Louis, Missouri. **B, D**

Day 24 Visit **Gateway Arch National Park**, a 91-acre urban park symbolizing America's westward expansion, with scenic grounds and underground exhibits. Tour the **Saint Louis Art Museum**, home to a world-renowned collection spanning 5,000 years of global history. Overnight in Indianapolis, Indiana. **B**

Day 25 **Indianapolis**, known as the "Racing Capital of the World," is home to the **Indianapolis Motor Speedway Museum**, featuring race-winning cars, trophies, and motorsports memorabilia. Tour the **Benjamin Harrison Presidential Home**, an Italianate Victorian residence built in 1875 and home to America's 23rd president. Overnight in Columbus, Ohio. **B**

Day 26 Visit the **National Veterans Memorial and Museum** in Columbus, the only museum in America dedicated to telling the stories of veterans from all branches and conflicts. Tour the **Ohio Statehouse**, completed in 1861 and considered a masterpiece of early American architecture. Continue to **West Virginia Independence Hall** in Wheeling, the birthplace of West Virginia and a National Historic Landmark. Tonight we enjoy a farewell dinner. Later we check into our enroute hotel. **B, D**

Day 27 After breakfast, we depart for home. We hope you enjoyed this incredible journey and will cherish the memories of America's beautiful landscapes, rich history, and unforgettable experiences for years to come. **B**

Price includes transportation, 26 nights' hotel, 26 breakfasts, 8 dinners and admissions.

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