

## Redstone Goes Western Adventure II

Sunday, September 13 – Monday, September 21, 2026

### Day 1 Sunday, September 13

Arrive at Murrysville location (tbd) at 6:30 am for a 7 am departure. Please limit checked bags to one checked bag of under 50 pounds and not exceed 62 linear inches per person. You may also bring a carry-on item no bigger than 24 X 16 @ 10 and a personal item no bigger than 16.25 X 13.5 X 8 with you. Medical devices do not count as luggage. You may choose to bring just a carry on and not a checked bag if you wish. For your own comfort throughout the trip you are encouraged to just bring one bag and one personal item on the trip. Please plan to pack layers, since daytime highs in Yellowstone can be anywhere between 40 and 70 degrees, with nighttime temps dropping to 30 – 39 degrees on average. Hats and gloves are also recommended! More packing information will be provided closer to the trip.

We will depart Pittsburgh via Southwest Airlines at 10:10 am arriving in Denver at 11:25 am, departs Denver 12:25 pm, arrives Salt Lake City at 1:55 pm. Meet LeBus shuttle at airport and transport to downtown hotel. We will stop at a Walmart or grocery store on the way to the hotel to stock up on snacks and beverages for the trip. It is recommended that you bring a small collapsible snack/drink bag with you. We'll then make our way to our hotel for the night, the Hilton Garden Inn 250 W 600<sup>th</sup> Street. Our bus will pick us up at 6 pm for a group dinner at Chuckarama, a favorite from last year's Utah trip.

### Day 2 Monday, September 14

Depart hotel at 8 am bound for Jackson Hole, Wyoming. We will make a couple of stops along the way, one for restrooms and snacks, and one to see the world's largest Antler Arch in Afton, Wyoming! Our schedule is tight for this day so lunch will most likely be snacks. Arriving in Jackson Hole, we will enjoy a 2.5 hour float on the Snake River, right through the Grand Tetons. After our rafting trip we will check in to our hotel for the next two nights, the Southtown Hotel, Jackson. The bus will shuttle us to our group dinner that evening.

### Day 3 Tuesday, September 15

We will depart the hotel at 7 this morning to enjoy the morning advantages of visiting Grand Tetons national park. We'll stop for photos at the Glacier View Turnout/ Schwabacher Landing before making our way to Lake Jenny. There we will enjoy a boat ride to the other side of the lake. We will get off the boat on the other side where there is a Visitor Center. Those who wish will have an opportunity to do a 1.5-mile roundtrip hike to the Hidden Falls. Others can wait at the Visitor Center. This will also most likely be a "snacks for lunch" day, or you will be able to purchase snacks at the visitor center. We'll also stop the Chapel of Transfiguration, Menor's Historical Area, and Mormon Row. We'll try to be back to Jackson for about an hour of shopping time before we have a cowboy supper which includes a

wagon ride, chuckwagon dinner, and entertainment. After this very full and beautiful day, we will return to our hotel for the overnight.

#### Day 4 Wednesday, September 16

We'll leave our hotel at 8 am to make our way towards Yellowstone. We'll stop at Oxbow Bend Turnout for photos. After a rest/snack stop, we'll arrive at West Thumb. Here you'll enjoy a great view of Yellowstone Lake. Those who wish can hike around the boardwalk that is right next to the lake, a .6-mile loop. We'll then continue to Lake Village for lunch on your own in the hotel cafeteria. Our next stop will be the Grand Canyon at Yellowstone. We'll stop at Upper Falls, and then on to Artists Point. We'll also stop at Lower Falls which is a short .5 mile walk to the overlook. Time permitting, we will make a stop at Tower Falls, on the way to our hotel in Gardiner, MT. We'll be staying overnight at the Super 8, which has a great reputation for being clean and comfortable. Dinner will be on your own tonight in Gardiner with lots of options near the hotel.

#### Day 5 Thursday, September 17

We'll depart the hotel at 8 am to make our way to Mammoth Hot Springs. We'll stop at the Roosevelt Tower for photos. Our bus will drop us at the top of the Hot Springs area, and guests can hike down to the bottom, passing through Canary Springs. This hike should take about an hour, and while downhill, does involve stairs. Those who wish may go by bus instead of walking. At the bottom we will visit the old historic fort and visitor center. Lunch on your own will be available at the hotel and visitor center. After lunch we will drive to Norris Geyser Basin. You'll have an opportunity to do the Back Basin Hike (1.6 miles around with a short cut if you don't want to do the whole loop) through geysers and hot springs, or the Porcelain Basin loop which is .6 miles but has some stairs. We'll then start making our way to the town of West Yellowstone, stopping at Gibbon Falls along the way. We will enjoy a group dinner tonight in West Yellowstone. Our hotel for the next two nights will be the Stagecoach Inn Motel.

#### Day 6 Friday, September 18

We will depart the hotel at 8 am and make our way to Fountain Paint Pots. The boardwalk loop is about .5 miles, and this area showcases all four of Yellowstone's hydrothermal features (mud pots, hot springs, geysers and fumaroles.) After enjoying these other worldly sights, we'll head to Midway Geyser Basin to see the Grand Prismatic Spring. The boardwalk loop here is about .8 miles. Then it will be time to head to the most famous attraction, Old Faithful. There is a cafeteria near the geyser where we can enjoy lunch on our own. We'll spend about 3 hours in this area so that those who wish can take a short or longer hike. Old Faithful erupts about 20 times a day, so we'll make sure we've timed it to see that spectacle! There is a great visitor center with lots of shopping for souvenirs. You will want to check out Old Faithful Lodge, too. Next, we will head back to West Yellowstone, stopping at Biscuit Basin on the way back. A ticket will be provided for you to visit the Grizzly and Wolf Discovery Center in West Yellowstone. You can enjoy dinner on your own tonight with lots of restaurant choices.

Day 6 Saturday, September 19

We'll leave West Yellowstone at a leisurely 9 am and head to Mesa Falls for a stop. The falls are a short walk from the visitor center. We'll then continue southward through Idaho, making a lunch stop in the Pocatello area on your own. We will arrive back to Salt Lake City by about 5 pm. Our hotel for the next two nights will be the Fairfield Inn & Suites on W 400<sup>th</sup>. Dinner tonight will be on your own in Salt Lake City.

Day 7: Sunday, September 20

The adventure isn't over! We will depart the hotel at 9 am for a visit to the Great Salt Lake an Antelope Island. A step on guide will join us for the day. We'll stop at the visitor Center, hike to Buffalo Point (.8-mile roundtrip), visit Field Garr Ranch to see the Buffalos, and more. Lunch will be available on your own at the Buffalo Gril. We will be back to the hotel by about 3:30 pm. At 6 pm the bus will pick us up to transport us to our final group dinner, details are being finalized but it is sure to be a feast and a wonderful night of fellowship.

Day 8 Monday, September 21

We will depart the hotel by bus at 8:30 am. Our Southwest Airlines flight will depart at 11:25 am, arriving in Austin, Tx at 3:05 pm, and then departing for Pittsburgh at 4:20 pm with an arrival at 8:15 pm. Our bus will pick us up at approximately 9 pm to whisk us back to Murrysville.

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Trip includes roundtrip transport to airport from Murrysville, airfare, one checked bag and one personal item, assigned seating, 8 nights hotel, 8 breakfasts, 5 dinners, motorcoach, park admissions, float trip, cowboy supper, Lake Jenny boat ticket, Wolf & Grizzly Center, Step on guide for Antelope Island, Driver Gratuity, all taxes and fees.

Some pieces of this itinerary may need to be changed for a variety of reasons. We will keep our travelers updated with any significant changes to the itinerary or schedule.

Trip Prices:

- One person in a single room: \$4025
- Per person in a double room: \$2925
- Per person in a triple room: \$2550
- Per person in a quad room: \$2400

Payment by cash or check will result in a 2.5% reduction in cost of the trip.

## Policies:

A \$25 non-refundable deposit will hold your spot for this trip. We find it necessary to take this step because we are incurring credit card fees with every cancellation, in addition to the processing time required for our team here at Redstone. Full payment for your trip must be completed 30 days prior to departure. For this trip, a \$500 deposit must also be made within three weeks of your original deposit, to be used to purchase your airline ticket.

Should you need to cancel, all payments are fully refundable (except for the original deposit) if the cancellation is requested more than 60 days prior to departure for this trip. If you must cancel within the 60-day window before the trip, we will work with you to try to fill your spot and provide you with as much of a refund as possible. If tickets, hotel rooms, etc. have already been purchased and we are unable to fill your spot, you will most likely not receive much of a refund.

If you are concerned that you might need to cancel a trip, we recommend purchasing a trip insurance policy at the time of your original reservation. Purchasing the insurance as soon as you make your reservation lowers the price of the insurance. Insurance prices vary based on age, price of trip, and if you wish to include pre-existing condition coverage in the insurance policy. Squaremouth.com is a good place to shop for travel insurance, or you may speak with your personal insurance agent for suggestions. We are always happy to help you, too, if you would like assistance with travel insurance.

We also offer an EZ pay program for our travelers. By providing your credit card at the time of your deposit, we will divide the price of your trip into monthly payments that be applied to your credit card in time to have your trip paid in full by the 30 day marker. Unpaid trips at the 30 day mark may result in cancellation if there is a waiting list for the trip. Know that we will give you a final notice that your payment is due and will work with you to complete your payments before cancelling your reservation. If you wish to pay by cash or check, we will provide you with a final balance due that reflects a 2.5 discount since your payments won't be reduced by credit card fees.

Do you assign seats on the bus? We do assign seats to keep travel groups seated together. We do not rotate seats throughout the trip out of concerns for infection control and the benefit of settling into your space. If you are traveling as a single or with an odd numbered group of friends, it is likely that you will be seated with someone else on the bus. If you wish to have an extra seat for yourself, please let us know and we will work up a price to tell you how much of an additional fee it would be to provide you with the empty seat next to you. Our most popular trips sell out completely, so the cost of the empty seat would have to fully offset any loss of revenue. This year we are also planning to standardize the practice that we have been using to assign seats as full payments are received. Therefore, if you are in need of a seat in the front, it is in your best interest to complete your payments as soon as possible. If you prefer to sit in the back, let us know and we will be happy to assign you there from the beginning. We are no longer able to reserve sections of the bus for special

needs such as motion sickness due to the volume of these requests that we receive. If you have a special need, check with your doctor for advice. You may wish to make your reservation and pay as soon as possible to secure a seat which might alleviate the problem.

Who can go on a Redstone Goes trip? Anyone! Please note that registration priority is given to Redstone residents, employees, and those on our prospect list. All ages are welcome, but most of our travelers are 55 and better. Children may participate but must pay the adult rate. About 80% of our travelers are women on most trips, but men are absolutely welcome to participate!

Why is the price for a single so much higher? Hotel rooms are frequently the most expensive piece of our trips. By sharing a room with a roommate, the cost for the room is divided between two people. By choosing a single room, you will incur the full cost of that hotel room. This can add up to a significant difference in price. If you are interested in finding a roommate, let us know and we can introduce you to others who might also wish to share a room.

Concerns about Physical Ability - All travelers must be able to go up and down the 3 – 5 steps on the bus with relative independence when getting on and off the bus. Please note that coaches stop on average 6 – 7 times a day during which you will be required to disembark and then return to the bus. With group bookings, many hotels do not offer accessible rooms. If you request an accessible room, we will make that request to the hotel but we cannot guarantee your request will be honored. We recommend that all participants be able to go up and down short flights of 8 – 12 stairs, walk about ½ mile (10 blocks) in approximately 15 minutes, and be able to stand in one place for up to 45 minutes. A rollator with a seat or a chair cane are options that you might wish to consider if standing in one space is challenging. If you have any concerns about agility, dietary issues, etc., please share those with us at the time of your registration so that we can work together to address your challenges. Part of Redstone's philosophy is that we want to help anyone who wishes to travel have that experience – so if it is possible we will work with you to make it happen.

Personal Space & Hygiene - Because it is so hard to find a volume level that is agreeable throughout the bus, we will seldom show movies or listen to music over the bus PA system. On this trip, tour narration will be presented over the bus PA system so if you are sensitive to sound please plan to bring your own ear plugs. You are welcome to use your personal devices to listen to music or watch videos, but you must wear ear buds or headphones to do so.

Please plan to dress in layers so that you can adjust your clothing if you are too warm or cold. Maintaining a temperature that is pleasing to everyone throughout the bus is challenging. You are encouraged to bring socks, hats, etc. even in warm weather in case you find yourself cold on the bus. Practice restraint in the use of perfume, cologne or scented products to accommodate those with allergies. At this time we have no requirements related to vaccines or masking, but if you are feeling unwell we ask that you do consider wearing a mask while on the bus in order to reduce spread to fellow

passengers. If you are immune compromised, we also suggest that you consider wearing a mask.

Food, Beverage, and Smoking - No smoking or vaping is permitted on the bus. Please make sure that you have moved at least 20 feet away from the bus before smoking, and extinguish cigarettes before approaching the bus to reboard. Food and beverages may be consumed on the bus. Make sure that beverages have closed lids on them. Alcohol is not permitted on the bus because we have not paid an additional alcohol fee.

You may call Gia at 724-832-8401 X 3378 to register over the phone or make arrangements to send a check. You can also call Gia with any questions related to the trips. Gia Bartram is an Admin Assistant in Redstone's Mission Support Office and she serves as our trip registrar and payment coordinator. In addition to the phone number above she can be reached via email at [gbartram@redstone.org](mailto:gbartram@redstone.org). Trips are organized by Lisa Dormire, Redstone's VP for Mission Support. Modest proceeds from trips and tours support Redstone's charitable care programs. Lisa has been organizing group travel for over 25 years. We work with several local companies to charter our buses, and work with a group broker for hotel rooms. Lisa can be reached at [ldormire@redstone.org](mailto:ldormire@redstone.org) or 724-832-8401 X 3353.