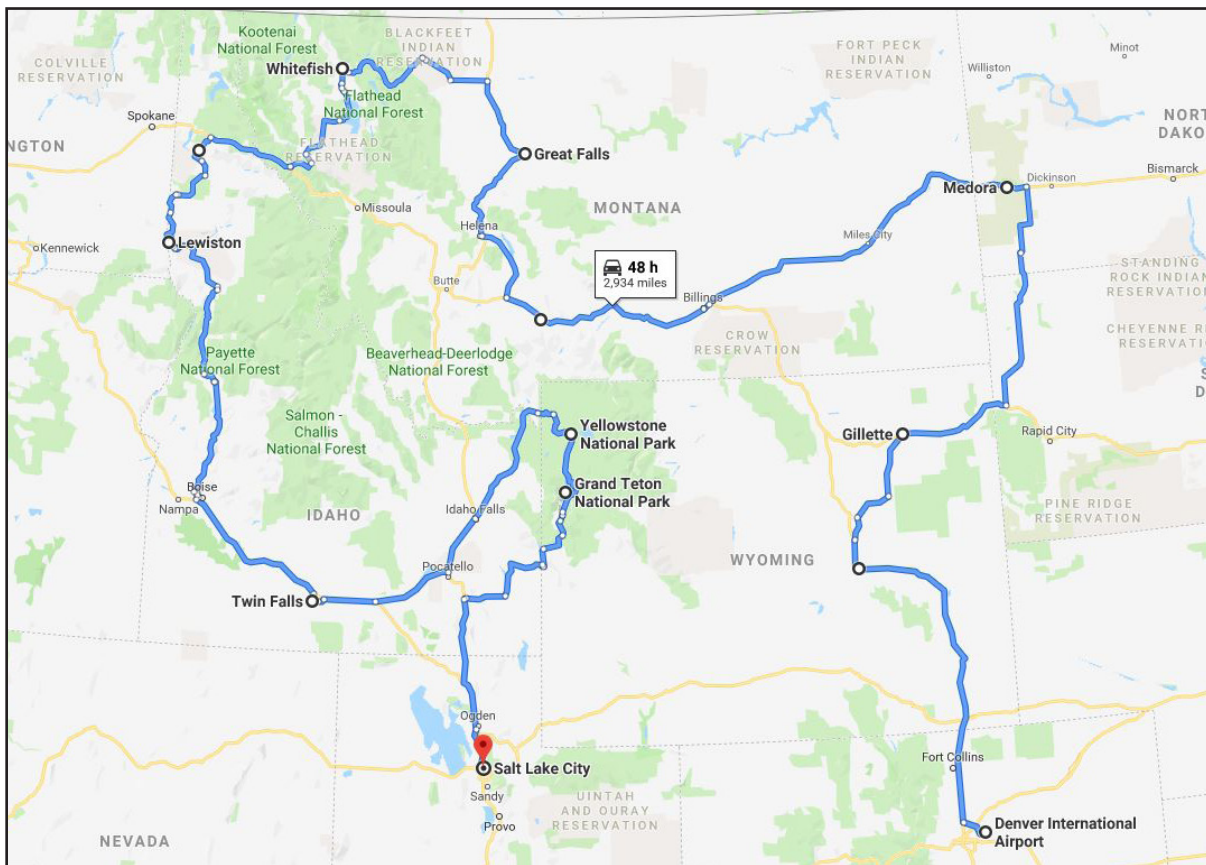


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Entry: Denver

Route: Denver, Wyoming, North Dakota, Montana, Idaho, Yellowstone, and Salt Lake City

Many of America's greatest national landmarks are located within the four state region, including America's first national park - Yellowstone; the crown jewel of the continent - Glacier; and the only National Park named after an American President – Theodore Roosevelt.

Days 1-2 - Arrive Denver

Rocky Mountain National Park offers 412 square miles of scenic beauty with waterfalls, meadows filled with wildflowers, scenic vistas and abundant wildlife. Trail Ridge Road through the center of the park is the highest continuous roadway in the world with a restaurant that is two miles above sea level. Overnight Denver.

Day 3 - Denver to Gillette via Casper (554 kilometers – 5 hours 45 minutes)

National Trails Museum

Ft. Caspar guarded and manned the North Platte River Crossing at present-day Casper.

Overnight in Gillette

Day 4 – Gillette to Medora (473 kilometers – 4.5 hours)

Devils Tower was America's first national monument and reaches 364 meters into the western sky. Overnight in Medora

Day 5/6 - Medora and Theodore Roosevelt National Park

Theodore Roosevelt National Park memorializes the 26th President for his enduring contributions to the conservation of our national resources. Here the Badlands have been shaped by millions of years of wind, rain,

erosion, fire and the meandering Little Missouri River. The area was described in 1864 by Gen. Alfred Sully as “hell with the fires out.” The main access to the South Unit is through the historic town of Medora. The North Unit entrance is along U.S. Highway 85, and is approximately 70 miles distance by road from Medora. Overnight in Medora

Day 7 – Medora to Billings (455 Kilometers – 4 hours)

To the South is Little Bighorn Battlefield National Monument (formerly Custer battlefield National Monument) serves as a symbol for both sides – the U.S. Cavalry and Native American Indians including the Sioux and Cheyenne, who fought on the banks of the Little Bighorn River. Overnight Billings.

Day 8 – Billings to Great Falls (528 Kilometers – 4.5 hours)

The Gates of the Mountains Boat Tours was named by Captain Lewis of the Lewis and Clark Expedition in 1805. Towering cliffs appeared to block the way up the Missouri River. As they neared the cliffs and changed directions, the cliffs seemed to pull apart like a huge gate. This spectacular gorge is reached only by boat or trail. Overnight in Great Falls.

Days 9-11 – Great Falls to Glacier National Park (249 Kilometers – 3 hours, Great Falls to West Entrance of GNP). Glacier National Park, in the northwest corner of Montana, features the spectacular 88.5 KM Going-To-The-Sun Road and over 1126 KM of foot and horse trails. Overnight Glacier or Flathead Valley.

Day 12 - Glacier National Park to Lewiston Kalispell – Lewiston (518 Kilometers – 5.5 hrs)

Near Spalding, the Nez Perce National Historic Park brings alive the history of the Nez Perce Indians that reside here. Hells Canyon is North America’s deepest river gorge. Overnight Lewiston

Day 13 - Lewiston to Twin Falls (682 kilometers – 6 hours 45 minutes)

Craters of the Moon National Monument covers 53,120 acres near Arco, Idaho. This desolate moonscape reveals the violent age of volcanoes and holds an astounding variety of caverns and craters hidden among black cinders. Overnight, Twin Falls.

Day 14 / 16 - Twin Falls to Yellowstone (434 kilometers – 4 hours)

The world’s first national park is Yellowstone National Park, where over 10,000 thermal features and hundreds of animal species run wild. Overnight Yellowstone

Day 17 - Yellowstone to Grand Teton

Adjacent to Yellowstone is Grand Teton National Park, home of seven mountain peaks ranging from 3,000 to over 4,000 meters in height. Overnight Grand Teton or Jackson Hole

Day 18 - Grand Teton to Evanston (307 kilometers – 3.5 hours)

Fossil Butte National Monument contains millions of years of fossil remains on open display. Overnight Evanston

Days 19-20 - Overnight and Depart From Salt Lake City(131 kilometers – 1 hour 20 minutes)

A monument to Mormon pioneers crowns a peak above Salt Lake, where Church leaders proclaimed “this is the place” for thousands of Mormon pioneers who traveled in covered wagons west to Salt Lake in 1847. Adjacent to the monuments is Old Deseret Village, a cluster of homes, shops and buildings dating back 100 years and staffed by friendly volunteers in period garb.

Depart from Salt Lake City via LAX, SFO or SEA