

# Wyoming Centennial Scenic Byway

*Legend of the Mountain Man*



8 Days/7 Nights Optional Day 9

Gateway City: Jackson, Wyoming



You might not know his name, but you've seen his picture. Scraggly beard, dressed in animal skins, peering out over the landscape with a steely glint in his eye. He is the Mountain Man. His adventures have mostly evolved into folk tales over the years, but there were in fact thousands of real mountain men who hunted, trapped, and delivered pelts to furriers in the mid-1800s. When beaver hats went out of style, these hearty wilderness experts served as guides for pioneer wagon parties, foraging new routes through the undeveloped American West. They lived a rugged life. Winter storms were brutal, grizzly bear encounters were common, and without doctors, they had to set their own broken bones and nurse themselves back to health. Yet, they also appreciated the grandeur of the western terrain. When men like Jim Bridger, John Colter, and David Edward Jackson, reported on bubbling mud pots and spouting geysers in what is now Yellowstone National Park, people back east assumed they were hallucinating. And the height and majesty of the Grand Tetons was not believed. You can see for yourself when the Wyoming Centennial Scenic Byway takes you through the country of the mountain man, a 163-mile route, with some of the most dramatic scenery in the world. As terrain shifts from badlands and ranch lands into wild forests and alpine lakes, you can glimpse wildlife against the backdrop of the iconic mountains and exclaim over the very same hot springs and fumaroles that astonished the early explorers.



### **Touring the Byway**

We recommend starting your journey in Jackson, a world-class mountain town.

Learn about the region's unique local history at Jackson Hole Historical Society and Museum, see one of the country's largest collections of animal art at the National Museum of Wildlife Art, experience iconic performances at the Jackson Hole Rodeo, and see spectacular views over the city on the Jackson Hole Aerial Tram. Spend your first evening around the fireplace at one of Jackson's most renowned lodges.

On Day Two as you begin your drive along the Wyoming Centennial Scenic Byway, you'll be heading south on WY-191. Stop at the noted archaeological site, Trappers Point before arriving in Pinedale, a small authentic Western town that pays homage to the region's gritty explorers at the Museum of the Mountain Man. Getting on WY-28, you'll be cutting across the southern tip of the Bridger-Teton National Forest on your way to Lander, a town filled with Western heritage.

Discover the cultural history of the wild frontier at the Museum of the American West and get up close and personal with one of equine residents at the Wind River Wild Horse Sanctuary before continuing north on WY-287 and WY-26 to Dubois.

Live like a cowboy on Day Four as you explore Dubois, a true ranch town where you can take a wildlife viewing tour at the National Bighorn Sheep Interpretive Center and learn the history of the Upper Wind River Valley at the Dubois Museum. Then, enjoy a scenic drive through the Bridger-Teton National Forest with stops at Tie Hack Memorial and Togwotee Pass, the high point of the byway at 9,658 feet, as the Teton Mountain Range grows larger and larger in your car's front window.

The next four days are all about America's best idea – national parks. On Days Five and Six, bask in the majesty of the world's most spectacular peaks at Grand Teton National Park, where you can hike an alpine trail, spot a bison, canoe on Jackson Lake, or take a scenic drive on Teton Park Road, under the majestic presence of the Grand Tetons.



Then keep the parks party going on Days Six and Seven as you explore Yellowstone National Park, the world's oldest and home to millions of acres of wildlife, jaw-dropping scenery, and dozens of geological wonders, plunging waterfalls, percolating springs, high altitude lakes, and Old Faithful, the most famous geyser of them all.

On Day Nine, you can leave Yellowstone National Park and make your way to Cody on the Buffalo Bill Scenic Byway. From there, we wish you a safe passage if you're continuing your journey on another Wyoming Scenic Byway, or a safe and pleasant journey home.



## DAY ONE



### **Jackson**

Originally populated by the Shoshoni, Crow, Blackfeet, Bannock, and Gros Ventre tribes, the Jackson area was populated in 1807 by mountain man John Colter, of the Lewis and Clark Expedition. The town takes its name from trapper David Jackson who organized summer rendezvous of mountain men throughout the Rocky Mountains in the 1820s. Some of the early buildings can still be found on Town Square, now boasting incredible dining, shopping, and historic attractions, under arches made of shed antlers from the nearby National Elk Refuge.

### **Jackson Hole Historical Society and Museum**

Housed in a collection of historic log cabins, more than 7,200 objects, 19,200 photographs, 8,200 records, and 460 oral histories tell the fascinating story Jackson Hole and the town.

225 North Cache Street, Jackson, WY, 83001, 307-733-2414, Tue-Sat 10AM-5PM

## **National Museum of Wildlife Art**

Situated on a butte overlooking the National Elk Refuge, be inspired by more than 5,000 artists' interpretations of wildlife, including work by Georgia O'Keeffe, Andy Warhol, and John James Audubon. The art chronicles wildlife in art from 2500 B.C.E. to the present. The museum houses the largest collection of work by Carl Rungius and hosts the Sculpture Trail which meanders past more than 20 wildlife sculptures on a sage covered hillside.

2820 Rungius Road, Jackson, WY, 83001, 307-733-5771, Daily 10AM-5PM, Adult \$17



## **Jackson Hole Rodeo**

See roping, bronco riding and other rodeo action that has been a part of Jackson's cowboy culture since the first cattlemen and cowboys arrived.

447 West Snow King Avenue, Jackson, WY, 83001, 307-733-9727, W & Sat Memorial Day-Labor Day & W, F & Sat July-Aug, 8PM, Adults \$35

## **Jackson Aerial Tram**

In just 9 minutes, the Aerial Tram glides skyward 4,139 vertical feet, delivering spectacular 360-degree views of the Teton Mountain Range, Jackson Hole valley, and the surrounding mountain ranges. When you reach the "Top of the World" there are great hiking and running trails, opportunities for climbing and the occasional snowball fight. Take part in the tradition of delicious waffles atop Rendezvous Peak at Corbet's Cabin at 10,450 feet (accessed via the tram).

3275 West Village Drive, Teton Village, WY 83025, 307-733-2292 May 12-Oct 9 Daily, 9AM-5PM, Adults starting at \$42







### **Destination Distinctive Accommodations**

**The Lodge at Jackson Hole** 80 Scott Lane, Jackson, WY, 83002, 307-739-9703 Enjoy luxurious accommodations and lavish spa amenities in a contemporary Western setting.

### **Destination Distinctive Dining**

**Café Genevieve** 135 East Broadway Avenue, Jackson, WY, 83001, 307-732-1910 Quaint log cabin with a classic American menu, plus wine and spirits.

**Liberty Burger** 160 North Cache Street, Jackson, WY, 83001, 307-200-6071 A locally-owned neighborhood bar serving award-winning burgers.

**Bubba's Bar-B-Que Restaurant** 100 Flat Creek Drive, Jackson, WY, 83001, 307-733-2288 Enjoy specialty barbecue dishes and homemade pies at this old-school joint with booth seating.

### **Destination Distinctive Retail**

**MADE** 125 North Cache Street, Jackson, WY, 83001, 307-690-7957 A unique shop offering handmade items from more than 360 American artists ranging from jewelry and pottery to leather goods and glassware.

**Jackson Trading Company** 25 West Broadway, Jackson, WY, 83001, 307-733-5714 Browse here for gifts for all budgets.

## DAY TWO

### **Wyoming Centennial Scenic Byway**

In the morning, you'll be on your way from Jackson to Pinedale on the first leg of the Wyoming Centennial Scenic Byway, a spectacular stretch of twisting and winding road surrounded by snow covered mountains.



### **Destination Distinctive Dining**

**Elkhorn Bar and Trading Post** 14523 US-189, Bondurant, WY, 82922, 307-264-2276

Family owned restaurant in a tiny town.

## **Trappers Point Site**

This archaeological site dating from the Early Archaic period illustrates prehistoric hunting strategies, technological diversity in weaponry, and yields tantalizing clues about the behavior of pronghorn sheep in the region that persists today in the Sublette herd. Nearby, every year thousands of Pronghorn and other animals migrate about 150 miles between Grand Teton National Park and upper Green River Basin. In 2008 the migration path became the nation's first federally designated wildlife migration corridor. Funneling through an area called Trappers' Point, the corridor crosses paths with US 191, near the town of Pinedale, Wyoming.

Located on a hill just southwest of US 191 at the Cora junction between Pinedale and Daniel, Pinedale, WY, 82941



## **Pinedale**

It's easy to see why Pinedale calls itself "The Real Wyoming." Situated in a high alpine valley, surrounded by three large mountain ranges, Pinedale's history started during the Rocky Mountain fur trading era in the early 1800s. When fur trading declined, ranchers moved in. Every June and November, traffic in Pinedale can still come to a halt at any time when cowboys drive their cattle through town.

## **Museum of the Mountain Man**

Over 15,000 artifacts ranging from prehistoric times to the settlement era present a visual and interpretive experience of the Plains Indians, the Oregon Trail, and the early development of the region. Rare pieces, directly traceable to the mountain men, include a rifle owned by Jim Bridger and archaeological pieces from the site of Fort Bonneville.

700 East Hennick Street, Pinedale, WY, 82941, 307-367-4101, May 1- October 31  
9AM-5PM, Adults \$10





### **Destination Distinctive Accommodations**

**Chambers House Bed and Breakfast**, 111 West Magnolia Street, Pinedale, WY 82941, 307-367-2168 Enjoy the 1933 log renovated and restored Chambers House furnished with family antiques, beautiful quilts, WiFi, and satellite TV. Seven elegant rooms with private bathrooms, two with working fireplaces.

### **Destination Distinctive Dining**

**Wrangler Café** 905 West Pine Street, Pinedale, WY, 82941, 307-367-4233 Wonderful little cafe with a storied past known for its homemade pies.

**Pitchfork Fondue Western Cookout** 9888 US-191, Pinedale, WY, 82941, 307-367-3607 A one of a kind outdoor dining experience featuring an authentic western cookout with views of the Wind River Mountains as a backdrop.

### **Destination Distinctive Retail**

**Nested West** 231 West Pine Street, Pinedale, WY, 82941, 307-231-5906 Handmade Wyoming Made, unique gifts, home goods, and jewelry

**Cowboy Shop** 137 West Pine Street, Pinedale, WY, 82941, 307-367-4300 Authentic cowboy gear and cowgirl couture, as well as a unique home décor, custom tack, and accessories.

## DAY THREE

### **Wyoming Centennial Scenic Byway**

Today's drive from Pinedale has you rounding a loop south of Jackson and heading back north to Dubois.

#### **Destination Distinctive Dining**

**Farson Mercantile** 4048 US-191, Farson, WY, 82932, 307-273-9511 Ice cream, fresh made pizza, deli Subs, and gourmet coffees.

**Sweetwater Smoke**, Five Basco Avenue, Farson, WY 82932  
Small smokehouse with a new menu each week.

#### **Red Canyon Scenic Overlook**

Enjoy one of the most scenic vistas in Wyoming at the Red Canyon. This beautiful vista formed some 60 million years ago when sedimentary rocks tilted during an uplift of the Wind River mountain range, allowing erodible rocks to be swept away by water.

6625-6679 Dickinson Avenue, Lander, WY, 82520, 800-645-6233





## **Lander**

Lander, the place “where the rails end and the trails begin” serves as the gateway to the Wind River Mountains. Previously known as Pushroot, Old Camp Brown, and Fort Augur, the present name honors General Frederick W. Lander, a transcontinental explorer who surveyed the Oregon Trail's Lander Cutoff. Historic Main Street now hosts numerous art galleries, unique shops and a variety of restaurants offering local beef, micro brews and more.

## **Museum of the American West**

Celebrating the vivid cultural heritage and diverse peoples of central Wyoming who shaped the American frontier, on full display against a backdrop of the magnificent Wind River Range. Artifacts in 10 historic buildings illustrate pioneer life from 1880-1930. Eastern Shoshone and Northern Arapahoe dancers are featured in summer.

1445 West Main Street, Lander, WY, 82520, 307-335-8778, May 1st–October 31<sup>st</sup>  
M-F 9AM-4PM, Donations accepted

## **Wind River Wild Horse Sanctuary**

The Oldham family provides professional care and a free-roaming environment for over 250 un-adoptable wild mustangs on a working cattle ranch enhanced with interpretive displays that describe Native American horse culture and the importance of horses to Native American life.

8616 US-287, Lander, WY, 82520, 307-438-3838, M-F 9AM-5PM, Sat 9AM-4PM, ATV Tour \$40



## **Destination Distinctive Dining**

**The Middle Fork**, 351 Main Street, Lander, WY 82520, 307-335-5035

Vegetarian and vegan friendly American cafe.

**Cowfish**, 148 Main Street, Lander, WY 82520, 307-332-8227

Local cuisine, steakhouse, vegetarian friendly brew pub.





### **Destination Distinctive Accommodations**

**Twin Pines Lodge and Cabins**, 218 West Ramshorn Street, Dubois, WY 82513, 307-455-2600

Authentic rustic lodge and cabins beautifully updated in original 1934 buildings.

### **Destination Distinctive Dining**

**Lone Buffalo Steakhouse** 120 East Rams Horn, Dubois, WY 82513. Steakhouse menu with lots of American choices.

**The Moose Outpost** 616 West Rams Horn, Dubois, WY, 82513, 307-455-3030 Quick-serve cheeseburgers, malts, and hand-cut, never-frozen fries.

**Cowboy Café** 115 East Ramshorn, Dubois, WY, 82513, 307-455-2595 Menu selections for breakfast, lunch, and dinner.

### **Destination Distinctive Retail**

**Tukadeka Traders** 104 E Rams Horn, Dubois, WY, 82513, 307-455-3345 Specializing in Native American goods, beads, select artifacts, and more.

**Wind River Valley Artists Guild Gallery** 20 Stalnaker Street, Dubois, WY, 82513, 307-455-3404 Showcasing local and regional art.

## DAY FOUR



### **Dubois**

Dubois (pronounced dew-boys) is the trailhead for early Native American trails followed by mountain men, explorers, homesteaders, cowboys, and tie hacks. You can still see cattle being driven through town, watch the Dubois Rodeo, enjoy a chuckwagon dinner, or join a square dance, if you're so inclined, all the while surrounded by rugged mountain peaks driven up by underground collisions, blown out by volcanoes, or carved by glaciers. Stroll down Main Street dotted with boardwalks, log buildings, saloons, quaint shops, and tipis.

### **National Bighorn Sheep Interpretive Center**

Home of the world's largest herd of Rocky Mountain Bighorn Sheep, featuring dioramas with full-scale taxidermy recreating bighorn habitats, coupled with interactive exhibits about wildlife management and special adaptations of bighorn sheep. Be sure to watch the available films.

10 Bighorn Lane, Dubois, WY, 82513, 307-455-3429, May-Labor Day Daily  
10AM-4PM, Adults \$6

## **Dubois Museum**

Beginning in the Precambrian Era, this museum presents artifacts related to regional geology, ancient peoples, the Mountain Shoshone, historic ranches, the tie hack industry, and local history. A walking tour at selected times illustrates the history of the town through its historic buildings, hotels, general store, churches, and the mercantile.

909 West Rams Horn Street, Dubois, WY, 82513, 307-455-2284, M-Sat  
9AM-5PM

## **Togwotee Pass**

Located on the Continental Divide in the Absaroka Mountains, the pass is named for Chief Togwotee who led the Jones Expedition over the pass in 1873.

U.S. 26 & U.S. 287 30 miles northwest of Dubois.





**Destination Distinctive Accommodations**

**Jackson Lake Lodge** 101 Jackson Lake Lodge Road, Moran, WY, 83013, 307-543-2811 A National Park Service historic property with a seasonal outdoor pool, terrace and garden.

**Destination Distinctive Dining**

**Leek's Marina & Pizzeria** Leeks Marina Road, Grand Teton National Park, Moran, WY, 83013, 307-543-2494 Lakefront pizzeria offering appetizers, calzones, salads, and more.

## DAY FIVE



### **Grand Teton National Park**

Spectacular mountains and rugged scenery don't get any better than this as you travel Teton Park Road with the mountains looming overhead. The 40-mile mountain range that juts straight out of the plains boasts twelve mountain peaks more than 12,000 feet and Grand Teton which rises to nearly 14,000 feet. All three scenic drives are must-dos: Teton Park Road, that follows the base of the mountain range from Moose to Jackson Lake Junction, Jenny Lake Scenic Drive which skirts dramatic clear blue Jenny Lake, and Signal Mountain Summit Road which delivers a panoramic view of the Teton Range and Jackson Hole. Five visitor centers each tell a different part of the story of the Teton Range.

Since you came into Grand Teton National Park at Moran on US 26/287, this morning, you'll want to head south on US 26/191 towards Moose. Along the way, you'll find the Cunningham Cabin Historic Site.

South of Moose, you can visit the Jackson Hole Visitors Center, before wrapping back north on WY 22/Moose-Wilson Road towards Teton Village, where you can have lunch.

### **Destination Distinctive Dining**

**Mangy Moose Steakhouse and Saloon** 3295 Village Drive, Teton Village, WY, 83025, 307-733-4913 Rustic American restaurant offering steak and seafood in eclectic decor.

**Dornans Chuckwagon** 12170 Dornans Road, Moose, WY 83012 307-733-2415  
Classic western food.



From Teton Village, head north to the Lawrence Rockefeller Preserve, and the Craig Thomas Discovery and Visitor Center, across the road from Park Headquarters at Moose Junction. Clustered nearby, you'll also discover the Chapel of Transfiguration and the Manor Ferry Historic Area. From there, catch Teton Park Road toward Jenny Lake and accommodations for the evening. Skirt Jenny Lake on the Scenic Drive before checking into Jenny Lake Lodge.





**Jenny Lake Lodge**, Jenny Lake Road, Moose, WY 83012, 307-543-3100 The luxury lodging option in Grand Teton National Park, with a AAA Four-Diamond rating and elegant private cabins.

**Signal Mountain Lodge** 1 Inner Park Road, Moran, WY 83013, 307-543-2831

A more modest lodging option in the heart of Grant Teton, with lakefront accommodations ranging from one room cabins to suites with kitchenettes.



## DAY SIX

In the morning, you'll be headed for the Colter Bay Visitor Center and Indian Arts Museum, before catching the John D Rockefeller Memorial Parkway to Yellowstone. Stop at the Flagg Ranch Information Center before continuing to Yellowstone.



### **Yellowstone National Park**

The creation of Yellowstone National Park and protection of its astounding resources was not without challenges. The first Park Act called for administration with no cost to the United States, which unfortunately, did not protect the land or the wildlife from poaching and squatters. A second superintendent appointed in 1877 began constructing roads, appointed a “gamekeeper,” and campaigned against hunters and vandals. When those measures still didn’t work, the U.S. Army arrived in 1886 to develop and enforce regulations, evict troublemakers, and patrol park lands. Finally, recognizing that America’s National Parks needed cohesive management, the National Park Service was established in 1916 and Yellowstone was the first park to be created.

Fortunately for all visitors since then, Yellowstone has remained a beautiful place with incredible wildlife and more thermal features than anywhere else in the world. It is best to allow at least one whole day to travel each of the two Park loop roads. If you enjoy stopping at both the Visitor Centers and the natural attractions, it may take two days to thoroughly explore each loop.

Accommodations are located in six different locations, affording a lot of flexibility for overnight stays. If you don't want to drive all of Yellowstone's roads, the best way to tour is to take the Yellow Bus, vintage White Motor Company buses that ferry visitors on guided wildlife-watching tours, photo safaris, sunset tours, tours into the heart of the geyser region, wildlife-rich areas like Hayden Valley, the Northern Range, and more. The distinctive antique yellow vehicles have retractable canvas roofs and panoramic windows, making them ideal for sightseeing.



As you come into the park, you'll first reach Grant Village and the West Thumb, sitting on the edge of Lake Yellowstone on the South Loop Road. The small facility at the start of the 1925 West Thumb Geyser Basin boardwalk, is a good example of National Park Service historic ranger-station architecture. You can learn more about Yellowstone's fires over the years in the exhibit hall at the Grant Village Visitor Center. Ranger programs and restrooms are also available.

Next up, Old Faithful and the Old Faithful Visitor Center where you can marvel at the famous geyser from the tall front windows. Delve into the natural wonders of the park in the exhibit hall, check the ranger programs on offer, and use the restrooms. 307-344-2751 Between Old Faithful and Madison, take the Firehole Canyon Drive, Firehole Lake Drive, the drive to the Fountain Paint Pot, Lower Geyser Basin, Midway Geyser Basin, Biscuit Basin, Black Sand Basin and the Upper Geyser Basin right at Old Faithful.



Further on the South Park Loop Road, Madison is the home of the Madison Information Center and Trailside Museum. Located about halfway between Old Faithful and West Yellowstone, this structure is another good example of "parkitecture" from the 1930s. You can sign up for a ranger program and use the bathrooms here. 307-344-2821.

From there, it's off to Canyon Village, where you can learn about the geologic story of the area, including the Yellowstone volcano, and view a room-size relief map of the park at the Canyon Visitor Education Center. Be sure to watch the 20-minute film. Restrooms available 24 hours a day.





### **Destination Distinctive Accommodations**

**Canyon Lodge & Cabins** Yellowstone National Park, 41 Clover Lane, Yellowstone National Park, WY, 82190, 307-344-7311 The largest sustainable lodging in the national park collection, is also the largest hotel in Yellowstone.

### **Destination Distinctive Dining and Retail**

**Canyon General Store & Canyon Fountain and Grill** 2 Canyon Village Loop Road, Canyon Village, Yellowstone National Park, WY, 82190, 307-242-7377 Opened in 1957, the fun look and feel of the structure recalls America's first ventures by automobile to the scenic West. The store offers a wide selection including Native American-inspired collectibles. The Canyon Fountain and Grill is a nostalgic diner serving hamburgers, fries, and shakes.

## DAY SEVEN

Before you leave the Canyon Lodge area today, be sure to take the North Rim Scenic Drive that takes you to Inspiration Point along the Yellowstone River and the South Rim Scenic Drive takes you to Artist Point. There are also views of the Upper Falls.

Next up is the Norris Geyser Basin Museum and Information Center which overlooks the Geysier Basin. This historic building was built to serve as a “trailside museum” to serve people traveling in their own cars without a guide in the 1930s. Restrooms are located in the parking lot. 307-344-2812. The Norris Campground and Museum of the National Park Ranger is staffed by retired park rangers who celebrate the history of the Park Ranger profession. After visiting here, you’ll be headed through the basin to view the steam vents and geysers. Before you leave the Canyon Lodge area today, be sure to take the North Rim Scenic Drive that takes you to Inspiration Point along the Yellowstone River and the South Rim Scenic Drive takes you to Artist Point. There are also views of the Upper Falls.



From there, it's time to head to Mammoth Hot Springs. Walk on the upper and lower boardwalks above the steaming hydrothermal features or take a drive around the vibrant travertine terraces with approximately 50 hot springs.

This area is also home to the Albright Visitor Center, Historic Fort Yellowstone, the Mammoth Springs Hotel, the Upper Terrace Drive, and the headquarters of Yellowstone National Park. Explore exhibits to learn more about the wildlife and history of Yellowstone and check the ranger programs on offer. The visitor center has free Wi-Fi. Continuing around the loop, you can have lunch at the Roosevelt Lodge Dining Room.



### **Destination Distinctive Dining**

**Roosevelt Lodge and Dining Room**, 100 Roosevelt Lodge Road, Yellowstone National Park, WY 82190, 307-344-7311

Built near one of Theodore Roosevelt's favorite places, this rustic log lodge, Yellowstone's tribute to the Old West, boasts two stone fireplaces, a family-style restaurant, lobby bar and front porch made for rocking and relaxing. Cabin-style lodging and a large corral operation contribute to the "cowboy-feel."

From there, you'll be passing the Fishing Bridge Visitor Information Center and Trailside Museum, a distinctive stone-and-log style structure known as "parkitecture," one of several prototypes for park buildings. Today, the museum highlights the ecology of Yellowstone Lake. Then, head for accommodations at Lake Yellowstone Hotel.



### **Destination Distinctive Accommodations**

**Lake Yellowstone Hotel**, 235 Yellowstone Lake Road, Yellowstone National Park, WY 82190  
307-344-7311

Situated on the shores of shimmering Yellowstone Lake, the Lake Yellowstone Hotel takes you back to the elegance of the 1920s. Restorations have stayed true to its old-fashioned roots by incorporating charming interior furnishings with a colonial-style exterior. The building is painted a fitting golden yellow inside and out. Enjoy dinner in the dining room. Be sure to make dinner reservations in advance.



## DAY EIGHT



### **Buffalo Bill Scenic Byway**

William Frederick Cody, aka Buffalo Bill, was once one of the most recognized people in the world. His Wild West Show was featured at Queen Victoria's Golden Jubilee, and only the Egyptians rivaled the attention paid to Buffalo Bill at the Chicago World's Fair. Following a rather humble start in Iowa, Canada, and Kansas, Cody became a Pony Express rider at age 15. He served in the Union Army during the Civil War, receiving a Congressional Medal of Honor in 1872 for his service as a scout during the Indian wars. Winding through the Shoshone National Forest on routes that Cody traveled, you'll be exploring the same remote rugged terrain he loved so much. The drive, filled with wildlife and stunning views.



## **Cody**

As he explored the region in the 1870s as an Army scout, Cody was so impressed with the grand scenery surrounding Yellowstone National Park, that, after taking his Wild West Show all over the world, he returned to start the town in 1896.

Several streets in the historic downtown are still named after other investors and founders: Beck, Alger, Rumsey, Bleistein, and Salsbury. The construction of a dam on the Shoshone River brought federal money pouring in, spurring Cody to grow and prosper even before oil was discovered in the Oregon Basin in 1912. By the time Cody passed in 1917, his namesake town, deemed the "Rodeo Capital of the World," was well on its way.

## **Historic Downtown Walking Tour**

Experience Cody's storied Wild West downtown where bison once roamed and teepees dotted the landscape. Hear stories about the historic buildings, "Buffalo Bill," his career, his family, daughter Irma, the Cody Stampede Rodeo Office, the Chamberlin Inn whose guests have included Ernest Hemingway, the Cody Trading Company, and the Cody Post Office with the same facade and interior details as when it was built in 1927, on an audio tour describing each stop.



## **Buffalo Bill Center of the West**

Often referred to as the “Smithsonian of the West,” the Buffalo Bill Center of the West weaves together stories of the Yellowstone region and the American West in five different museums. Immerse yourself in the geology and natural environment of the region at the Draper Natural History Museum. Get to know William F. Cody in the Buffalo Bill Museum. Experience the traditions, values, and culture of regional Native Americans at the Plains Indian Museum, and enjoy artists’ depictions of the West at the Whitney Western Art Museum. The Cody Firearms Museum houses more than 4,000 firearms used in the American West.

720 Sheridan Avenue, Cody, WY, 82414, 307-587-4771, May 1-Sept 15  
8AM-6PM, Adults \$22 (Tickets good for 2 consecutive days)



## **Buffalo Bill Wild West Show**

Turning his real life adventures into the first outdoor western show, Buffalo Bill's Wild West opened in 1883, not in Cody, but in Omaha, Nebraska. Today, you can join the Rocky Mountain Dance Theatre, for the Wild West Spectacular, The Musical, a historically based, comedic, full-length production offered during the summer at the historic downtown Cody Theatre. During intermission, you can interact with the cast members in character and share stories at the bar.

Downtown Cody Theater, 1171 Sheridan Avenue, Cody, WY , 82414,  
307-527-9973, 7PM, 2 hour show, Adults \$23





### **Destination Distinctive Accommodations**

**The Irma Hotel**, 1192 Sheridan Avenue, Cody, WY, 82414, 307-587-4221

Opened in 1902, the Irma has been a symbol of neighborliness and good cheer for over 100 years. As they say, everyone from Colonel Cody, to princes and potentates, Indian chiefs and cowboys “came as they were” to the Irma. You can too.

### **Destination Distinctive Dining**

**Trailhead Bar, Grill, and Wood-Fired Pizza** 1326 Beck Avenue, Cody, WY 82414, 307-578-8510 Laid back eatery serving classic Italian.

**Proud Cut Saloon** 1227 Sheridan Avenue, Cody, WY, 82414, 307-527-6905 Buffalo burgers and traditional American classics with a full bar.

**Irma Hotel Restaurant** 1192 Sheridan Avenue, Cody, WY, 82414, 307-587-4221

Famous for its Prime Rib, the hotel also has a full menu for breakfast, lunch and dinner, and daily summer buffet. The famous cherry back bar was a gift from British Queen Victoria to Cody.

### **Destination Distinctive Retail**

**Bighorn Gallery** 1167 Sheridan Avenue, Cody, WY, 82414, 307-527-7587

The gallery features western landscapes and wildlife art, by local, artists regional, and national artists, in a wide variety of media including and paintings, sculpture, fine jewelry and original graphics.

**Timmer Gallery** 1371 Sheridan Avenue, Cody, WY, 82414, 586-604-6314 Art studio and gallery featuring contemporary landscapes and unique gifts by artist Brian Timmer.

**Cowtown Candy Company** 1323 Sheridan Avenue, Cody, WY, 82414, 307-587-8212

Delectable treats, popcorn and fudge.

## OPTIONAL DAY NINE

### **Old Trail Town**

Explore a rare collection of ghost-town relics, authentic buildings, and historic furnishing in this reconstructed frontier town where Cody started. Original cabins used by outlaws Butch Cassidy and the Sundance Kid, and a Wyoming saloon frequented by Cassidy's "Hole-in-the-Wall Gang" were moved to the site, along with the cabin of "Curley," a Crow scout who helped guided Custer and the U.S. 7th Cavalry to the Battle of Little Big Horn in 1876. Several pioneer graves on the property include mountain man John Johnson, portrayed by Robert Redford in "Jeremiah Johnson."

1831 Demaris Drive, Cody, WY, 82414, 307-587-5302, May 15th-Sept 1st M-Sun  
8AM-6PM, Adults \$10



## **Cody Heritage Museum**

Cody history here begins in prehistoric times Cody history moving chronologically from settlement through the 1950s. Exhibits feature founders Bill Cody, George Beck, Nate Salsbury, H.M. Gerrans, George Bleistein and Bronson Rumsey, ranching and agricultural history, early Cody businesses, the oil, gas, and railroad industries, and cowboy history. The Heritage Garden surrounding the historic De Maris House, is a living exhibit of native plants, pollinator plants, wildflowers, grasses, and a bronze sculpture which memorializes the original pioneers who built the town.

1092 Sheridan Avenue, Cody, WY, 82414, 307-586-4272, Tu-Sat 10AM-4PM & Sun 12PM-4PM





## **Meeteetse Museums**

This unique complex features the Belden Museum with historic western photographs by Charles Belden, the Olive Fell Gallery, the "Little Wahb the Grizzly" and Wolves Exhibit, Thomas Molesworth furniture, the legendary Meeteetse Mercantile, and Mike Crocker's Grand Slam of North American Wild Sheep, among others. A newly restored bank building houses the Bank Museum with vintage office furniture, the bank vault and safes, an early telephone switchboard, dictaphones, and photographs.

1947 State Street, Meeteetse, WY, 82433, 307-868-2423, Tu-Sat 10AM-4PM, Free



## **By Western Hands Museum and Gallery**

Legacy artisans who produce a wide range of functional and decorative arts including beadwork, fabric, carving, leatherwork, saddles, bags, bits and spurs, and jewelry that preserve the unique regional western style of the late 1880s.

12th Street, Cody, WY, 82414, 307-586-1755, W-Sat 10AM-5PM



## **Dan Miller's Cowboy Music Revue**

Dan Miller and his Cowboy Music Revue, who deliver first-class musicianship and a family friendly show, have been entertaining audiences from around the world for 18 years, including visitors from over 70 countries. The doors open at 3:15 and the show begins at 3:30, allowing you to enjoy the music and still have dinner and catch the Cody Nite Rodeo.

1601 Stampede Avenue, Cody, WY 82414, 307-899-2799, Matinee shows selected days, Adults \$20, Couple \$35