

# Yellowstone-Mt. Rushmore-Arch Park 7-Day Air/Bus Tour for Ecosystem Observations\*

**Duration** 7 Days  
**Departure Date** Wednesday (7/14/2010 - 7/20/2010 )  
Saturday (7/17/2010 - 7/23/2010 )

## Schedule

*Day1 Houston-Denver-Red Rock-State Capital-16th St Mall*



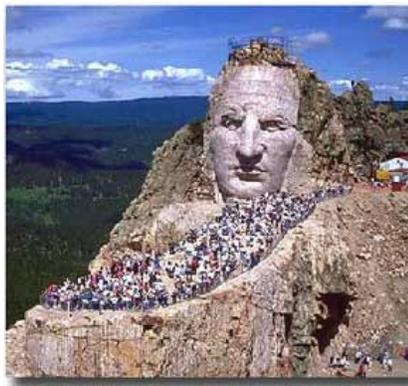
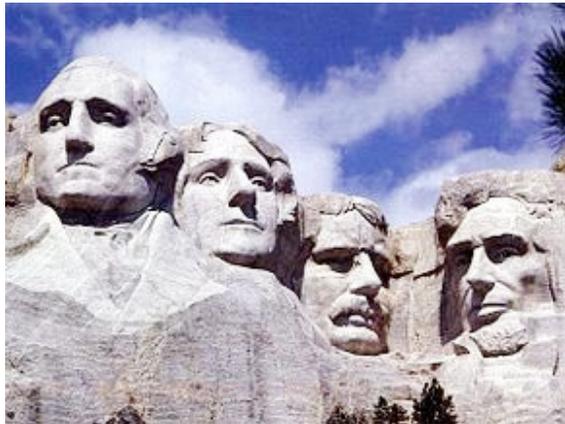
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Fly from the Houston International Airport and arrive in Denver before 11:30am, meet tour guide (English, Spanish, and Chinese) in Fountain Area of Denver Airport, and then visit the **State Capital**, **Red Rock Park** and the famous **16Th St. Mall**.

Hotel: Courtyard Marriott / Denver

***Day2 Cheyenne - Crazy Horse - Mt. Rushmore - Deadwood***





Depart for **Cheyenne** which was cowboy town yesteryears. Continue to **Crazy Horse** and **Mt. Rushmore**. The **Mt. Rushmore National Monument** is with the sculptured faces of four presidents: George Washington, Thomas Jefferson, Theodore Roosevelt and Abraham Lincoln. Stay overnight at **Deadwood**, a famous **western cowboy town**.

*Ecosystem Observations: Wind-energy Generation Array, Western grasslands landscape*

Hotel: Franklin Hotel / Deadwood

**Day3 Devil's Tower - West Coast Museum - Billings**

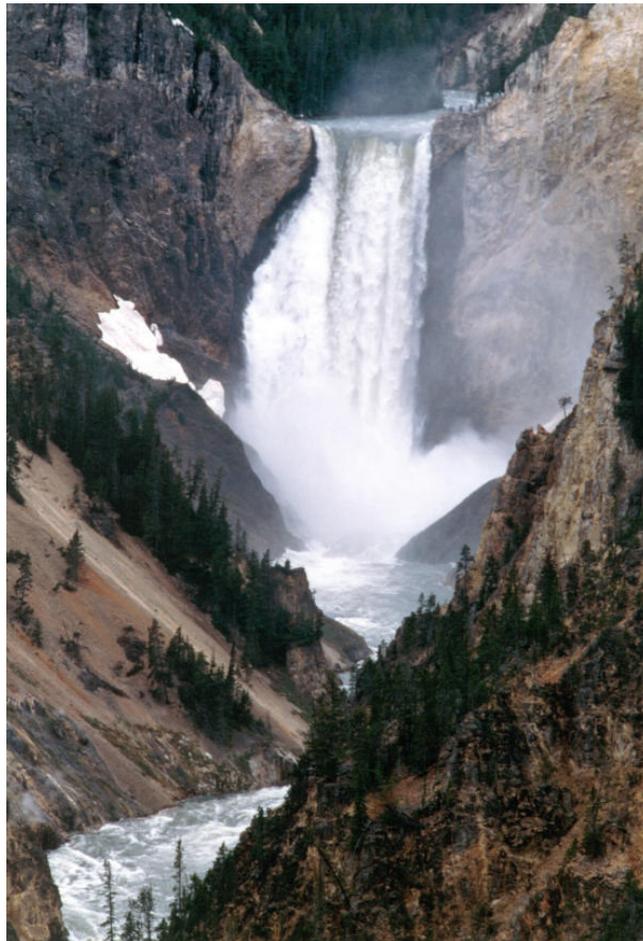


Depart for **Devil's Tower National Monument**-a towering volcano, long held sacred by the Indians. After lunch, visit the **West Coast Museum** where you could know more about **American Agriculture and Railway** history. Stay Overnight at Billings. Visit the historic **battle field** where Indians fought against the U.S. army. Visit the site for the Oscar award film "**Dance with Wolf**".

*Ecosystem Observations: Western grasslands ecosystem*

Hotel: Billings Hotel

**Day4 Yellowstone National Park\*\***





A full day tour of the park has been arranged for you, featuring the **Yellowstone Canyon** (world's first national park), **Waterfalls**, **Hot Springs**, **Geysers** and **active volcanoes**. The park is also a sanctuary for many wild animals and birds.

*Ecosystem Observations: American buffalo and its ecosystem*

Hotel: Yellowstone Park Inn

**Day5 Yellowstone National Park - Grand Teton National Park - Jackson Hole**



After breakfast, continue to visit the **Yellowstone National Park**. Afterwards, continue along the **Snake River** to the **Grand Teton National Park**, and then towards the cowboy state – Wyoming. In the afternoon, enjoy a brief visiting at **Jackson Hole**, Wyoming, the town that epitomizes the true Wild West.

*Ecosystem Observations: Wildlife reservations and national park*

Hotel: Quality Inn / Salt Lake City

*Day6 Salt Lake City - Arch National Park*





In the morning, visit the **Mormon Temple** (the Mormon is the 3<sup>rd</sup> largest religion in USA) and **State Capital** in **Salt Lake City** (Mormon capital of the world). Afterwards, heading toward **Arch National Park**, where you will witness a symphony of colors and shapes, created by the forces of nature.

*Ecosystem Observations:* The only animal species (micro shrimp) in the salt lake; solid waste discharge and ecosystem restoration in the largest copper mine (Bingham Canyon Mine, world's largest man-made excavation); ecosystem in the dry-hot area; national park

Hotel: Country Inn / Grand Junction

***Day7 Glenwood Spring - Rocky Mountains – Denver – Hometown\*\****



Enjoy the famous natural hot-spring at **Glenwood Spring** in the morning. Drive along the **Rocky Mountains** and back to Denver in the afternoon. Your journey ends upon taking a pleasant flight back to your hometown from Denver.

*Ecosystem Observations: Landscapes in the dry-hot ecosystem*

**(Depart from Denver airport after 5:30pm)**

### **Notes**

- \*Registered conference attendees will receive bonus for a free NASA visit in the afternoon on July 16, 2010.
- \*\* Please prepare enough cloths. The Yellowstone national park area is very cold at any time.
- \*\*\* You will meet tour guide in the Denver airport. There is not tour guide from Houston to Denver.

Some conference attendees asked us to organize tours within USA as a post-conference activity. We have made agreements with a travel agency for environmental protection tour. If you are interested in this Ecosystem Observation Tour, please contact [env-conference@aasci.org](mailto:env-conference@aasci.org).