



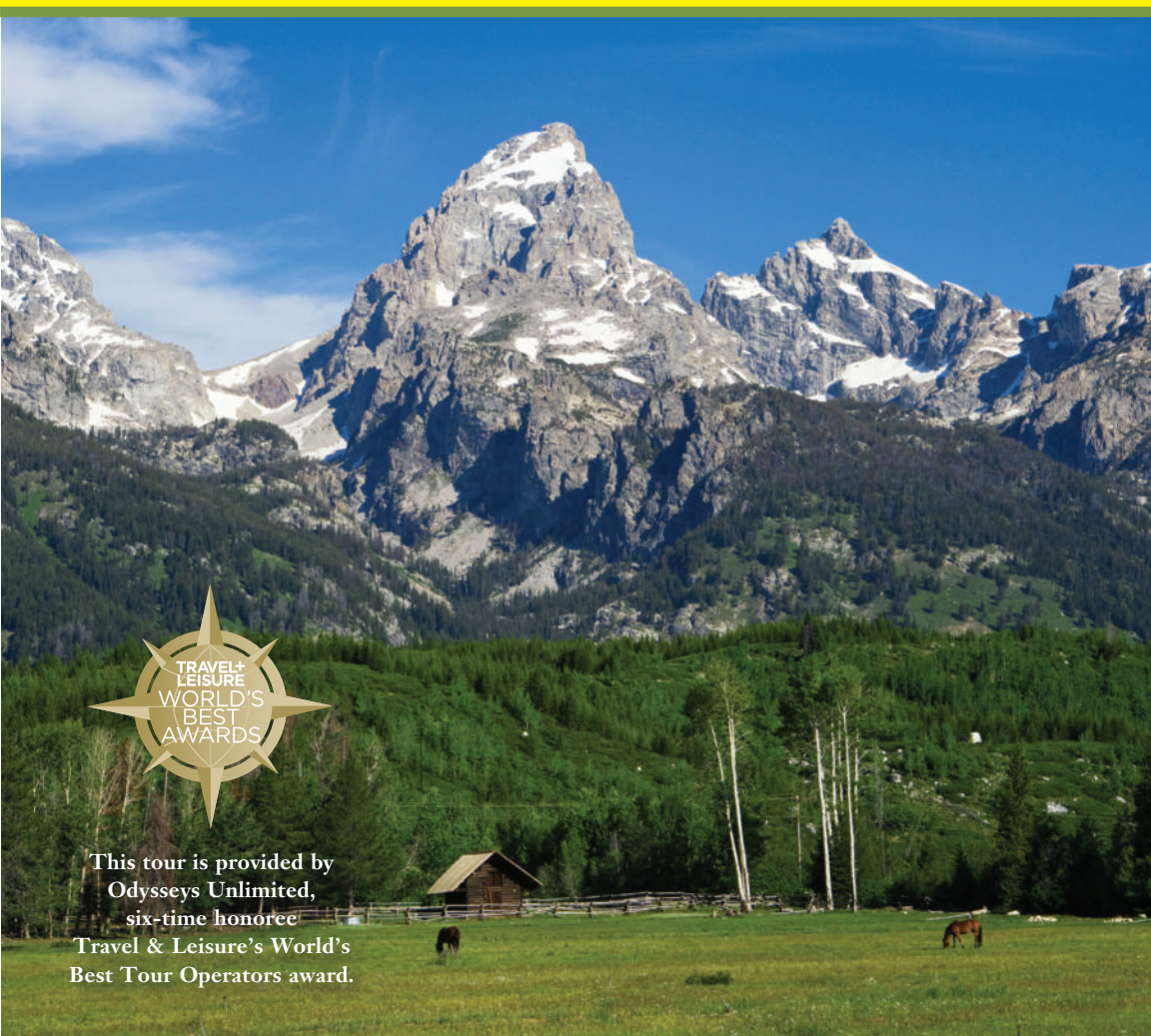
VIRGINIA MUSEUM OF FINE ARTS

# THE AMERICAN WEST

WITH YELLOWSTONE & THE GRAND TETONS

September 12-21, 2018

**10 days from \$3,995 total price Land Only**



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*With Chris Oliver, VMFA Assistant Curator of American Art*

# VMFA

VIRGINIA MUSEUM OF FINE ARTS

## Dear VMFA Members,

Travel with VMFA Assistant Curator of American Art, Chris Oliver, on an exciting 10-day adventure through the Western United States! Experience stunning landscapes, from plateaus and plains to forested mountains, and visit memorable historical landmarks, national parks, and museums devoted to the art and culture of the American West.

Begin in South Dakota with a visit to renowned Badlands National Park. Explore its wind-carved landscape before moving on to famed Mount Rushmore National Park and the Crazy Horse Memorial. Visit a ranch and learn about the cowboys' way of life. Then travel through Bighorn National Forest to Cody – "Rodeo Capital of the World." Here, explore the five-museum Buffalo Bill Center of the West. Yellowstone National Park – the world's first national park – is your next destination for two full days of exploration. Continue on to Grand Teton National Park to experience its splendid scenery. Conclude your tour in Jackson, Wyoming, with a leisurely rafting trip down the Snake River.

Space on this program is limited to 24 VMFA members. We expect it will fill quickly; your early reservations are encouraged.

Sincerely,



Adele "Hutch" Livingston  
Coordinator of Member Travel

## VMFA RESERVATION FORM: THE AMERICAN WEST

Enclosed is my/our deposit for \$ \_\_\_\_\_ (\$500 per person) for \_\_\_\_\_ person(s) on **The American West** departing **September 12, 2018**. I/We understand the final payment is due at least 95 days prior to departure. Payment may be made by American Express, Discover, MasterCard, VISA, or by personal check. **Please make check payable to Odysseys Unlimited, Inc., and send, with completed reservation form, to: Odysseys Unlimited, Inc., Attn: Special Interest Groups, One Newton Place, 275 Washington Street, Suite 300, Newton, MA 02458. You may also call Odysseys Unlimited, Inc. toll-free at 888-370-6765, or you may fax your reservation to 617-454-9199.**

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Please book my/our air from \_\_\_\_\_

I will share a room with \_\_\_\_\_ I request a single room (limited availability)

**Please Note:** The undersigned has read the schedule of activities for **The American West, September 12-21, 2018**, and agrees that their signature below represents their acceptance of the General Terms & Conditions.

Signature(s) \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

**Method of Payment**     Check     American Express     Discover     MasterCard     VISA

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Final invoicing will be sent by our tour operator, Odysseys Unlimited, Inc. The balance of the program price must be paid to Odysseys Unlimited, Inc. Final payment is due 95 days prior to departure and is payable by check or credit card.

# THE AMERICAN WEST

## With Yellowstone & the Grand Tetons

10 days from \$3,995 total price Land Only

The diverse heritage and natural splendor of the American West spring to life on this inspiring small group tour. From the monumental – Mount Rushmore and Crazy Horse – to the majestic – Yellowstone and the Grand Tetons, Big Horn Forest and the Great Plains – we see America at her most beautiful. It's an all-western round-up, with cowboys and ranches, the Badlands and Buffalo Bill, and stays in Cody and Jackson Hole.



Avg. High (°F)	Sep	Oct
Rapid City	76	61
Cody	72	60
Jackson Hole	70	57

### Day 1: Depart for Rapid City, South Dakota

We depart today for Rapid City, South Dakota. As guests' arrival times may vary, the day is at leisure to explore the "gateway to the Black Hills" as we wish. This evening we meet our Odysseys Unlimited Tour Director and fellow travelers at a briefing about the journey ahead, followed by dinner together. *D*

### Day 2: Rapid City/Badlands National Park

This morning we visit South Dakota's famed Badlands National Park. Covering an area of nearly 400 square miles, this wind-carved landscape features a stunning array of rock formations – buttes, spires, pinnacles, and canyons – as well as the largest prairie ecosystem in the United States. We explore the park and learn about its history as a home to endangered species and Native American tribes, along with its rich deposits of prehistoric fossils. After our time here, we return to Rapid City for an afternoon and evening at leisure. Lunch and dinner today are on our own. *B*

### Day 3: Rapid City/Mount Rushmore/Sheridan, WY

A short drive west into the Black Hills reveals two compelling sculptures commemorating several of our best-known leaders. We stop first at Mount Rushmore National Memorial, the world-famous site where the visages of Washington, Jefferson, Lincoln, and T. Roosevelt have been carved into the very face of the granite mountainside. With each face measuring 60 feet tall, the monument is a stirring testament to patriotism. Continuing on, we visit the Crazy Horse Memorial, an even larger mountain monument dedicated to the iconic war leader of the Oglala Lakota Native American tribe. Although work began on the massive horse-and-rider statue in 1948, it remains decidedly unfinished to this day: only the leader's enigmatic face gazes out from the edge of Thunderhead Mountain. Once completed, the statue will measure an astonishing 641 feet wide by 543 feet high. We enjoy lunch together here before continuing on to Wyoming, the "Cowboy State," arriving in time for dinner together tonight. *B,L,D*

**Day 4: Sheridan** Today we get an authentic taste of the Old West as we visit a local ranch. Embodying an

## Small Group Tour Highlights

- Unique rock formations of Badlands National Park
- Mount Rushmore and Crazy Horse Memorial
- Visit to local ranch • "Rodeo Capital" of Cody, WY
- Buffalo Bill Center of the West
- Legendary Yellowstone National Park, including Old Faithful Geyser
- Beautiful Jackson Hole, WY
- Grand Teton National Park
- Snake River rafting excursion
- Rustic riverside lodging in Jackson Hole
- Pleasing mix of guided touring and free time

Day	Itinerary	Hotel	Rating
1	Depart for Rapid City	Hotel Alex Johnson	Sup. First Class
2	Rapid City	Hotel Alex Johnson	Sup. First Class
3-4	Sheridan	Holiday Inn Sheridan	First Class
5-6	Cody	Holiday Inn Cody – at Buffalo Bill Village	First Class
7-9	Jackson Hole	Rustic Inn at Jackson Hole Creekside Resort & Spa	Sup. First Class
10	Depart Jackson Hole		

Ratings are based on the *Hotel & Travel Index*, the travel industry standard reference.

Cover photo: The rocky peaks of the Tetons stand within the national park.



*We experience the dramatic landscape of Badlands National Park on Day 2.*

archetypical American profession, the hardworking cowboy still performs many of the same duties that his predecessors did two and three centuries back. During our visit we meet the cowboys and ranch hands and learn about their way of life. Then we enjoy a barbecue lunch before returning to Sheridan, where our afternoon is at leisure in this classic Western town. Tonight we enjoy dinner together. *B,L,D*

**Day 5: Sheridan/Bighorn Mountains/Cody** This morning we travel through Bighorn National Forest and across the Great Plains, arriving in the city of Cody in time for lunch on our own. We're in the "Rodeo Capital of the World," named for its famous founder William Frederick Cody – better known as Buffalo Bill. One of the most colorful personalities of the Old West, Buffalo Bill rode for the Pony Express at age 14, served in the Civil War and several Indian conflicts, and created (and starred in) *Buffalo Bill's Wild West* cowboy variety show. We learn all this and more during this afternoon's visit to Cody's central attraction: the five-museum Buffalo Bill Center of the West, including the Whitney Western Art Museum and the Plains Indians Museum. *B,D*

**Day 6: Cody/Yellowstone National Park** We set off this morning for the first of two full days of exploring nearby Yellowstone National Park. Established in 1872, Yellowstone was the world's first national park; it covers nearly 3,500 square miles of jagged mountains, high plains, and an extensive volcanic region. Today's visit includes a stop at the 24-mile-long Grand Canyon of Yellowstone, a snaking, rock-walled channel, ranking as the park's most spectacular sight. Throughout the day we hope to see some of Yellowstone's wildlife: bison, elk, moose, black bear, mountain lion, and lynx count among the park's many species. Then we return to Cody for an evening at leisure. *B,L*

**Day 7: Cody/Yellowstone National Park/Grand Teton National Park/Jackson Hole** More stunning Western scenery is on offer today as we traverse two of America's great national parks. This morning we re-enter Yellowstone, seeing first Yellowstone Lake. The park's largest body of water, Yellowstone Lake offers beautiful panoramic views. We have time for lunch on our own in the park before continuing on to world-famous Old Faithful. One of the most predictable geothermal features on Earth, Old Faithful blasts a plume of boiling water up to 180 feet in the air every 80 to 100 minutes, without fail. We witness this awe-inspiring natural event then depart on the



*We hope to see wildlife at Yellowstone National Park.*

“BUT NO MATTER,  
THE ROAD IS LIFE.”

– JACK KEROUAC

scenic drive south along the John D. Rockefeller, Jr. Memorial Parkway. This strip of protected land connects Yellowstone with its neighbor, Grand Teton National Park. Late afternoon we enter the park and descend to Jackson on the valley floor, arriving in time for dinner at leisure. *B*

#### Day 8: Jackson Hole/Grand Teton National Park

Though only 10 miles separate Grand Teton and Yellowstone, the two parks offer vastly different – yet equally awe-inspiring – experiences. Grand Teton includes most of the grassy Jackson Hole valley and almost all the major peaks of its titular mountain range (the Tetons), giving the smaller of the two parks arguably the more dramatic landscape. We explore the park this morning, taking in the splendid scenery and keeping our eyes peeled for the many species of wildlife living here, including fox, moose, and American bison. If we're lucky, we may also catch a glimpse of a black or grizzly bear. After enjoying lunch together in the park, we return to Jackson Hole late afternoon and enjoy dinner together tonight. *B,L,D*

#### Day 9: Jackson Hole/Snake River Rafting

We have a small group highlight in store today, as we take a leisurely rafting trip down the Snake River. The largest tributary of the Columbia River, the Snake originates in Yellowstone before flowing in a gently winding series of bends through the low-lying Jackson Hole valley, with the Tetons rising dramatically from the valley floor. We enjoy a casual lunch together on the river then return to Jackson for an afternoon at leisure to enjoy world class art galleries and lovely boutiques. Tonight we gather to toast our Western adventure at a farewell dinner. *B,L,D*

**Day 10: Depart Jackson Hole** This morning we transfer to the Jackson Hole airport for our flights home. *B*

## Your Tour Price Includes

- Round-trip air transportation from listed cities (or may be purchased as land only)
- 9 nights' accommodations in Superior First Class and First Class hotels
- 20 meals: 9 breakfasts, 5 lunches, 6 dinners
- Extensive sightseeing as described, including all entrance fees
- Services of an Odysseys Unlimited Tour Director
- Private motorcoach transportation throughout your trip
- Luggage handling for one bag per person
- Gratuities for dining room servers, hotel porters, rafting guides, and all drivers



We see Yellowstone's stunning Grand Canyon on Day 6.

## Tour Departs: September 12, 2018

Prices include airfare and all taxes, surcharges, and fees.

Land Only	\$3,995
Chicago, Denver, Minneapolis	\$4,695
Charlotte, Cincinnati, Cleveland, Detroit, New York, Phoenix, Tampa, Washington, DC	\$4,795
Atlanta, Baltimore, Boston, Dallas, Houston, Los Angeles, Miami, Orlando, Philadelphia, Portland (OR), San Francisco, Seattle	\$4,895

Please call if your city is not listed. Prices are per person based on double occupancy and include airline taxes, surcharges, and fees for departures from above listed cities.

Single travelers please add \$995. All tour prices above (excluding airline taxes, surcharges, and fees) are guaranteed.

**Please note:** This trip involves considerable walking on uneven terrain in a natural environment. You should be in good physical condition to enjoy the tour to the fullest. Elevations at hotel locations are not severe, ranging from 3,200 ft. to 6,200 ft. The relatively high altitude reached during the visit to Yellowstone (approximately 8,000 feet) could pose problems for guests with certain health conditions. You should consult your personal physician if you have concerns.

**For reservations and information, please call Odysseys Unlimited, Inc. toll-free at 888-370-6765**

Monday–Friday, 9:00 AM–7:00 PM, Eastern Time

**For further information, contact VMFA Member Travel at 804-340-1519**

## GENERAL TERMS AND CONDITIONS

Please read this information carefully, as payment of a \$500 deposit per person represents your acceptance of the following Terms and Conditions.

**Not Included in Tour Price:** Airfare when purchasing a Land Only package; costs of passports and visas, if required; personal expenses such as beverages, laundry, room service, and meals not specified; airport transfers when purchasing a Land Only package; communication charges; gratuities to your Odysseys Unlimited Tour Director, which are at your discretion (suggested gratuities: \$10-\$15 per traveler, per day); optional sightseeing; and travel protection insurance. Additional baggage fees may apply and are subject to change at any time. You should confirm directly with your airline(s) prior to departure.

**Cancellations, Refunds, and Changes:** If you must cancel your trip, the effective date of cancellation will be upon Odysseys Unlimited, Inc.'s receipt of your written notification. Refunds for cancellations are subject to the following per person charges: **cancel 95 days or more before departure: \$200 charge; cancel 94-65 days before departure: 25% of tour price; cancel 64-45 days before departure: 50% of tour price; cancel 44-30 days before departure: 75% of tour price; cancel 29-0 days before departure: no refund.** If you make any changes to your reservation from 94 to 30 days prior to departure, Odysseys Unlimited, Inc. will apply a \$100 per person administrative fee, in addition to any fees or penalties imposed by third parties. Changes are subject to availability and cannot be guaranteed. If your reservation changes from double occupancy to single occupancy for any reason, you will be charged the single supplement. **No changes are allowed within 30 days of departure. Upon reservation, you must provide your full legal name as it appears on your passport, as well as your date of birth and gender. In the event an airline ticket is issued with incorrect information you have provided, you will be responsible for charges associated with the ticket's reissue.**

**Responsibility:** The liability of the VMFA, as sponsor, and Odysseys Unlimited, Inc., as tour operator, is strictly limited. Odysseys Unlimited, Inc. purchases transportation, hotel accommodations, and restaurant and other services from independent suppliers not under our control. We serve only as agents for these suppliers in securing tour arrangements, and therefore will not accept responsibility for wrongful, negligent, or arbitrary acts or omissions of these independent contractors, or of their employees, agents, servants, or representatives. The VMFA and Odysseys Unlimited, Inc. are not liable for injury, damage, loss, accident, or delay that may be caused by events not within our control, including, without limitation, acts of terrorism, war, strikes, the defect of any vehicle, or the negligence or default of any third party. All coupons, receipts, and tickets issued are subject to the terms and conditions specified by the air carriers, cruise lines, and other independent suppliers. We will make every effort to operate our tours as planned, but we reserve the right to make itinerary changes as necessary. If unforeseen circumstances require us to change a hotel, we will select alternative accommodations of the same or better quality.

**Health and Medical Issues:** We request that you be in good health to participate in this tour. There is a considerable amount of walking, and you must be able to get on and off motorcoaches and rafts on your own. We regret that we cannot offer individual assistance; in such cases you must be accompanied by a companion who will assist you. Please note that many of our tour itineraries, for reasons beyond our control, do not accommodate wheelchairs. Please call or e-mail us to inquire and we will do our best to answer any questions you may have. We reserve the right to remove anyone whose physical or mental condition, in our opinion, compromises the operation of the tour or detracts from the enjoyment or safety of the other passengers. In that event, the VMFA and Odysseys Unlimited, Inc. assume no financial responsibility for any unused portion of the tour.

**Air Transportation – Important Information:** Odysseys Unlimited, Inc. includes in its tour price round-trip economy air from designated gateway cities as shown, and contracts with those airlines the company feels provide the level of service, routings, and value necessary for your entire trip. While another airline may offer a more direct connection, it may be at a price unavailable at the lower group rates. You will receive your preliminary air schedule approximately 2½ months prior to departure. **Please note that seat assignment on your international flight is usually done at airport check-in. Odysseys Unlimited, Inc. is unable to guarantee any seat assignments.** Due to the nature of tour operator tickets, other restrictions apply, including, but not limited to, frequent flyer mileage accrual, stopovers, alternate travel dates, upgrades, and airline taxes and fees. If you prefer to make your own travel arrangements, Land Only is available on most tours. **Since international and domestic air schedules are subject to change at any time, we recommend that if you choose to make your own airline reservations, you do not purchase non-refundable tickets or those with high penalties for changes. If you choose to make your own air arrangements, Odysseys Unlimited, Inc. shall not have any liability for any loss resulting from cancellation of this tour or changes in this tour.**



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