WHERE THE BUFFALO ROAM

A Journey through America’s Northern Great Plains and Majestic National Parks with WWF’s Kevin Ellison, Ph.D.

September 15–23, 2019
As a WWF Partner in Conservation, you’re invited on an exclusive adventure to explore WWF’s work to protect the Northern Great Plains, one of the world’s most threatened ecosystems, and two of America’s greatest natural treasures: Yellowstone and Glacier National Parks. Learn how WWF is partnering with tribal nations to restore bison and the black-footed ferret. Discover Yellowstone National Park, the world’s first national park and home to the largest herd of wild bison in the US. Venture into magnificent valleys to spot bears, elk, eagles, and coyotes, and learn about Yellowstone’s important role in plains bison conservation efforts. Witness Old Faithful’s thrilling eruptions and peer into the abyss of the Grand Canyon of the Yellowstone. Visit Glacier National Park, a spectacular ecosystem encompassing nearly 1,600 square miles of snowcapped mountains, emerald-hued lakes, forests, and rivers.

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Stay at the newly-constructed Canyon Lodge inside the park.

A full day will be spent touring through the broad Hayden Valley—one of the best places in the park to view the resident wildlife, including bison, elk, bears, coyotes, and a host of other species. We’ll continue to the Upper Geyser Basin, home to Old Faithful, where we’ll learn about the bizarre and fascinating world of geysers, hot pools, and mud pots. This area holds more active geysers than the rest of the world combined.

We’ll then travel through the wildlife-abundant Lamar Valley before exiting the park near Cook City. The steep zigzags and switchbacks of the Beartooth Highway will take us over the 10,947-foot-high pass and on to Billings, Montana, for our afternoon flight to the Northern Great Plains of Montana.

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Fort Peck Indian Reservation is home to the largest herd of Yellowstone bison outside of Yellowstone National Park and is a leader in bison conservation efforts. We will take a special guided tour to visit the Yellowstone herd and learn how Fort Peck is creating the model of a culturally, ecologically, and financially sustainable buffalo program.

At Fort Belknap Reservation, we’ll enjoy the breathtaking vista of the surrounding plains, and visit teepee rings and other culturally-important sites. We’ll see bison, visit an active prairie dog town that supports black-footed ferrets, and learn about the challenges of restoring an endangered species. We’ll continue onto Havre, where we will catch a ride on Amtrak’s Empire Builder towards the Rocky Mountains to East Glacier, on the doorstep of Glacier National Park.

Day 7-8, September 21-22: Glacier National Park— We have two full days to explore the spectacularly beautiful Glacier National Park. From Glacier Park Lodge in East Glacier, we will set out for scenic drives and short hikes to enjoy the massive mountains, active glaciers, sparkling lakes, and abundant wildlife of the park. We will continue our journey westward through Glacier over the Going-to-the-Sun Road. This marvel of engineering takes travelers up and over the 6,646-foot Logan Pass and clings precariously to high altitude rock faces that provide epic views at every turn. Once we finish the drive on the west side of the park, we’ll continue to the gateway resort town of Whitefish. Here we’ll celebrate the memories from the week at a festive farewell dinner and overnight at Grouse Mountain Lodge.

Day 9, September 23: Depart Whitefish, Montana— Travelers can fly home at their leisure today.

Reservation Information & Trip Details

Dates: September 15-23, 2019
Price: $5,895 per person, based on double occupancy
Single supplement: $1,350
Group size: Limited to 14 guests
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The majesty of the Northern Great Plains is undeniable. The biodiversity is amazing, and our country’s cultural and natural heritage are deeply rooted in this remarkable place.

—Brenda Davis, WWF Board of Directors