ROAD TRIP · UNITED STATES

By camper to Yellowstone

Geysers, bison and the Tetons: two national parks by camper, every night in the park.

Length	12 days, 11 nights
Distance	1,230 km, 7 driving days
Behind the wheel	19 h
Travellers	2, 1 room, 1 car
Hotels	Comfort: a good hotel (3 stars)
Flights	Amsterdam – Salt Lake City (SLC), Salt Lake City (SLC) – Amsterdam

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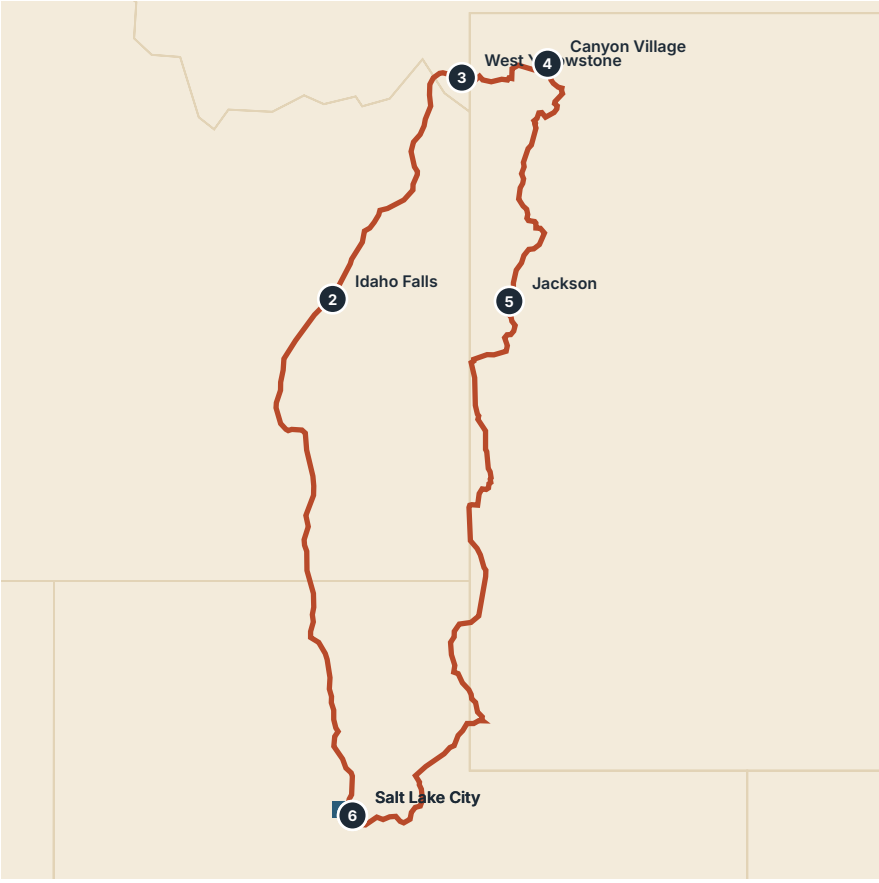
Day by day

DAY	DATE	NIGHT	KM	DRIVE	°C
1		Salt Lake City	10	20 min	
2		Idaho Falls	350	4 h 10 min	
3		West Yellowstone	170	2 h 30 min	
4		West Yellowstone			
5		West Yellowstone			
6		Canyon Village	60	1 h 30 min	
7		Canyon Village			
8		Jackson	180	3 h 50 min	
9		Jackson			
10		Jackson			
11		Salt Lake City	440	6 h 30 min	
12		Flight home from SLC	10	20 min	

1,230 km · 19 h behind the wheel · on average 180 km a driving day

Kilometres and drive times by road (OSRM, OpenStreetMap), without stops: plan generously.

The route



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ON THE ROAD

Day 1	Land at Salt Lake City (SLC), drive to Salt Lake City · About 10 km (10 mi), 20 min
Day 2	Salt Lake City, drive to Idaho Falls · About 350 km (210 mi), 4 h 10 min
Day 3	Idaho Falls, drive to West Yellowstone · About 170 km (110 mi), 2 h 30 min
Day 6	West Yellowstone, drive to Canyon Village · About 60 km (40 mi), 1 h 30 min
Day 8	Canyon Village, drive to Jackson · About 180 km (110 mi), 3 h 50 min
Day 11	Jackson, drive to Salt Lake City · About 440 km (270 mi), 6 h 30 min

Well prepared

ESTA

Dutch and Belgian travellers need no visa for a holiday of up to 90 days, but do need an approved ESTA before boarding. It costs about $40, is valid for two years (or until your passport expires) and is applied for online. Apply at least 72 hours before you fly, and only on the official site.

esta.cbp.dhs.gov

Passport

An electronic passport (with the chip symbol), valid for the whole stay. Children need their own passport and ESTA.

nl.usembassy.gov

Driving licence

Your Dutch driving licence is accepted for renting and driving a car as a visitor. An international driving permit next to it helps with police and some rental desks.

anwb.nl

Renting a car

The renter is the main driver and pays with a credit card in their own name (no debit or prepaid card); the deposit is held on it. Usually from 21, and from 21 to 24 you pay a young-driver fee of about $25 a day. Book from home with insurance included (CDW/LDW and extra liability, SLI) and an extra driver if you want to take turns. Returning the car elsewhere (a one-way trip) costs extra. Fuel is sold by the gallon (3.8 litres); fill it up yourself before you bring it back.

Driving in the USA

Keep right; speeds are in miles an hour (65 mph is 105 km/h). Turning right on red is allowed after stopping, unless a sign says no. At a 4-way stop, whoever stopped first goes first. For a stopped yellow school bus with flashing lights you stop in both directions. Toll roads are often electronic only: ask your rental company about its toll pass. On remote stretches (parks, desert) there's little signal and a long way to the next pump: fill up at half and download the map.

Renting an RV

You can rent an RV from about 21 with an ordinary car licence. On top of the rent, count on mileage (often per mile), a kit with bedding and kitchen things, cleaning and the campsite: in the popular parks you book those months ahead on recreation.gov. Big RVs aren't allowed on every park road. Take photos of the RV when you pick it up: damage and missing items are the most heard complaint.

recreation.gov

National parks

Most big parks charge per car. Visitors from abroad pay $100 a person extra at 11 popular parks; the annual pass for non-residents is $250. Some parks need a timed-entry reservation in high season.

nps.gov

Money and tipping

Prices are without sales tax, which is added at the till. In restaurants a tip of 15 to 20% is usual. Cards are accepted almost everywhere; at the pump you may be asked for a ZIP code, so pay inside.

Travel insurance and health

Care in the USA is very expensive: take travel insurance with worldwide medical cover, and check whether your health insurance covers the USA. Cancellation insurance covers the trip if you can't go; insure the rental car with the rental company (see Renting a car). Take medicines in their original packaging, with a prescription in English. Emergency number: 911.

Power, phone and time

110 volt with flat two-pin plugs (type A/B): bring an adapter. A US eSIM is cheaper than roaming. The mainland has four time zones, Arizona mostly without daylight saving time.

Customs

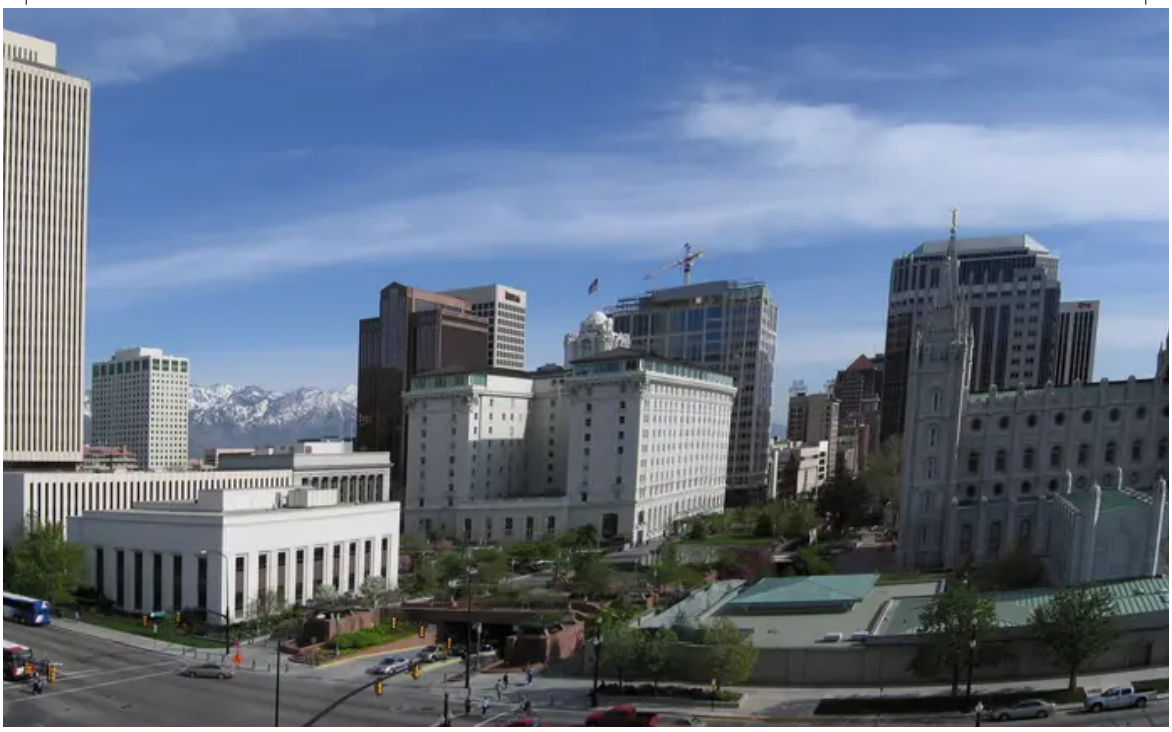
Fresh food, meat and fruit may not be brought in. Declare food you carry.

Packing list

- [ ] Passport (valid for the whole trip)
- [ ] ESTA, printed
- [ ] Driving licence (and an international one)
- [ ] Credit card in the driver's name
- [ ] Travel and cancellation insurance
- [ ] Confirmations: flights, car, hotels
- [ ] America the Beautiful pass for the parks
- [ ] Plug adapter for type A/B (110 volt)
- [ ] Car charger and phone holder
- [ ] eSIM or offline maps
- [ ] Sunscreen, sunglasses and a cap
- [ ] Water bottles for the desert
- [ ] Hiking shoes
- [ ] Layers: the coast and the nights get cold
- [ ] Medicines, in your hand luggage
- [ ] A pen, for this booklet

DON'T FORGET

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DAY 1

Salt Lake City UT

Pick up the camper

Land at Salt Lake City (SLC), drive to Salt Lake City: about 10 km (10 mi), 20 min

1 night

SALT LAKE CITY · DAY 1

HOTEL

- [ ] Hampton Inn & Suites Salt Lake City-University/Foothill Drive · 3★ — roughly €120
  1345 Foothill Dr
- [ ] SpringHill Suites by Marriott Salt Lake City Sugar House · 3★ — roughly €260
  2206 SOUTH 1300 EAST
- [ ] Crystal Inn Hotel & Suites - Midvalley · 3★ — roughly €90
  818 E Winchester St
- [ ] Hilton Garden Inn Salt Lake City Downtown · 3★ — roughly €100
  250 W 600 S
- [ ] Crystal Inn Hotel & Suites - Salt Lake City · 3★ — roughly €110
  230 W 500 S

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DAY 2

Idaho Falls ID

On the way north

Salt Lake City, drive to Idaho Falls: about 350 km (210 mi), 4 h 10 min

1 night

IDAHO FALLS · DAY 2

HOTEL

- [ ] Charming Idaho Falls Home - 5 Mi to Downtown! · 3★
  2245 N Bryan Ln
- [ ] Dog-friendly Idaho Falls Vacation Rental w/ Yard! · 3★
  160 Tyra Dr
- [ ] Garner Hotel Idaho Falls Southwest by IHG · 3★ — roughly €50
  3200 Outlet Blvd.
- [ ] La Quinta by Wyndham Idaho Falls/Ammon · 3★ — roughly €80
  2501 South 25th East
- [ ] SpringHill Suites by Marriott Idaho Falls · 3★ — roughly €90
  665 Riverwalk Dr

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DAYS 3–5

West Yellowstone MT

Old Faithful and Grand Prismatic

Idaho Falls, drive to West Yellowstone: about 170 km (110 mi), 2 h 30 min

3 nights

HOTEL

- [ ] The Bunk House · 3★
  103 Mule Deer Rd
- [ ] Golden Stone Inn · 3★
  115 S Faithful St
- [ ] Bison at Buffalo Jump · 3★
  24 Faithful St
- [ ] Faithful Street Inn · 3★
  120 N Faithful Street
- [ ] Little Tuckaway · 3★
  239 Madison Ave

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DAYS 6–7

Canyon Village WY

The Grand Canyon of the Yellowstone and Hayden Valley

West Yellowstone, drive to Canyon Village: about 60 km (40 mi), 1 h 30 min

2 nights

CANYON VILLAGE · DAYS 6–7

HOTEL

Name, address, confirmation number:

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DAYS 8–10

Jackson WY

Grand Teton and Jenny Lake

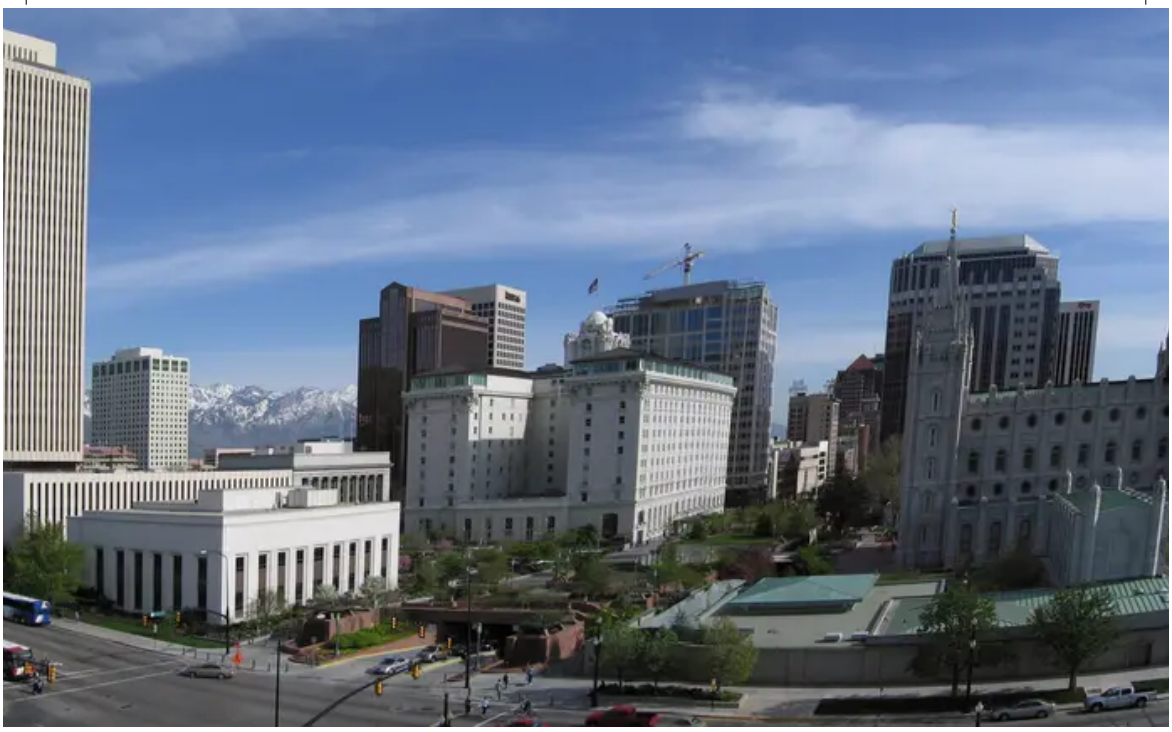
Canyon Village, drive to Jackson: about 180 km (110 mi), 3 h 50 min

3 nights

HOTEL

- ☐ Inn on The Creek · 3★
  295 N Millward Street
- ☐ The Rockwell Inn · 3★ — roughly €350
  285 North Cache
- ☐ Cowboy Village Resort · 3★ — roughly €190
  120 S Flat Creek Dr
- ☐ Homewood Suites by Hilton Jackson · 3★
  260 N Millward
- ☐ The Jackson SouthTown · 3★ — roughly €150
  600 S Highway 89

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DAY 11

Salt Lake City UT

Return the camper

Jackson, drive to Salt Lake City: about 440 km (270 mi), 6 h 30 min

1 night

HOTEL

- [ ] Hampton Inn & Suites Salt Lake City-University/Foothill Drive · 3★ — roughly €120
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What it costs

DAY	PLACE	HOTEL	TOURS	CAR	TOTAL
1	Salt Lake City	€70	–	€190	**€260**
2	Idaho Falls	€60	–	€270	**€320**
3	West Yellowstone	€60	–	€230	**€290**
4	West Yellowstone	€60	–	€190	**€250**
5	West Yellowstone	€60	–	€190	**€250**
6	Canyon Village	€40	–	€200	**€240**
7	Canyon Village	€40	–	€190	**€230**
8	Jackson	€70	–	€230	**€300**
9	Jackson	€70	–	€190	**€260**
10	Jackson	€70	–	€190	**€260**
11	Salt Lake City	€70	–	€290	**€350**
12	Flight home from SLC	–	–	€190	**€190**

Flights	€1,700
Hotels	€640
Excursions	€0
Car hire	€2,550
Total	**€5,040**
	€2,520 a person

An estimate to plan with (prices of 2026-10): hotels, the ticked excursions, car hire and flights. No fuel or meals.

Notes

About this booklet

Made on rondreis.expert. Your trip is still there, to change and print again: usa.rondreis.expert/en/tours/camper-yellowstone/

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