ROAD TRIP · UNITED STATES

Cowboys and ranches in Wyoming

Riding at a dude ranch, Cody's rodeo and Yellowstone from the east.

Length	14 days, 13 nights
Distance	1,750 km, 8 driving days
Behind the wheel	22 h 30 min
Travellers	2, 1 room, 1 car
Hotels	Comfort: a good hotel (3 stars)
Flights	Amsterdam – Denver (DEN), Salt Lake City (SLC) – Amsterdam

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Cheyenne	Day 2	**10**
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Jackson	Days 11–12	**18**
Salt Lake City	Day 13	**20**

Day by day

DAY	DATE	NIGHT	KM	DRIVE	°C
1		Denver	40	40 min	
2		Cheyenne	160	1 h 50 min	
3		Sheridan	520	5 h 20 min	
4		Sheridan			
5		Sheridan			
6		Cody	240	3 h 10 min	
7		Cody			
8		Cody			
9		Canyon Village	150	2 h 40 min	
10		Canyon Village			
11		Jackson	180	3 h 20 min	
12		Jackson			
13		Salt Lake City	440	5 h 30 min	
14		Flight home from SLC	10	20 min	

1,750 km · 22 h 30 min behind the wheel · on average 220 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 Denver (DEN), drive to Denver · About 40 km (30 mi), 40 min
Day 2	Denver, drive to Cheyenne · About 160 km (100 mi), 1 h 50 min
Day 3	Cheyenne, drive to Sheridan · About 520 km (320 mi), 5 h 20 min
Day 6	Sheridan, drive to Cody · About 240 km (150 mi), 3 h 10 min
Day 9	Cody, drive to Canyon Village · About 150 km (90 mi), 2 h 40 min
Day 11	Canyon Village, drive to Jackson · About 180 km (110 mi), 3 h 20 min
Day 13	Jackson, drive to Salt Lake City · About 440 km (270 mi), 5 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

Notes



DAY 1

Denver CO

Arrive

Land at Denver (DEN), drive to Denver: about 40 km (30 mi), 40 min

1 night

DENVER · DAY 1

HOTEL

- [ ] SpringHill Suites by Marriott Denver Downtown · 3★ — roughly €140
  1190 Auraria Pkwy Ste A
- [ ] Fairfield by Marriott Inn & Suites Denver West - Federal Center · 3★ — roughly €100
  140 S UNION BLVD
- [ ] Fairfield Inn & Suites by Marriott Denver Downtown · 3★ — roughly €120
  2747 Wyandot St
- [ ] Hampton Inn & Suites Denver-Speer Boulevard · 3★ — roughly €130
  2728 Zuni St
- [ ] Hyatt House Denver Lakewood Belmar · 3★ — roughly €130
  7310 W Alaska Drive

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DAY 2

Cheyenne WY

The cowboy capital

Denver, drive to Cheyenne: about 160 km (100 mi), 1 h 50 min

1 night

CHEYENNE · DAY 2

HOTEL

- [ ] Charming Cheyenne Home ~ 1 Mi to Downtown! · 3★
  2721 Van Lennen Ave
- [ ] Comfortable & Spacious 3br Home In Cheyenne 3 Bedroom Home · 3★
- [ ] Quiet retreat, minutes from highway and downtown · 3★
  1116 East 7th Street
- [ ] Staybridge Suites Cheyenne by IHG · 3★ — roughly €120
  5109 Frontier Mall Drive
- [ ] Home2 Suites By Hilton Cheyenne · 3★ — roughly €140
  429 West Fox Farm Road

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DAYS 3–5

Sheridan WY

A dude ranch in the Bighorn Mountains

Cheyenne, drive to Sheridan: about 520 km (320 mi), 5 h 20 min

3 nights

SHERIDAN · DAYS 3–5

EXCURSIONS

- [ ] A day's riding at a ranch — roughly €180 a person

HOTEL

- [ ] The Nelson Inn · 3★ — roughly €160
  544 N Main Street
- [ ] Fairfield Inn & Suites by Marriott Sheridan · 3★ — roughly €100
  2105 Sugarland Drive
- [ ] Hampton Inn Sheridan · 3★ — roughly €100
  980 Sibley Cir
- [ ] Mill Inn · 3★
  2161 Coffeen Avenue
- [ ] Ramada Plaza by Wyndham Sheridan Hotel & Convention Center · 3★ — roughly €40
  1809 Sugarland Dr

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DAYS 6–8

Cody WY

A rodeo every summer night, and the Buffalo Bill Center

Sheridan, drive to Cody: about 240 km (150 mi), 3 h 10 min

3 nights

EXCURSIONS

- [ ] Cody Nite Rodeo — roughly €30 a person
- [ ] Two-hour trail ride — roughly €90 a person

HOTEL

- [ ] Charming Cody Home, Walk to Downtown! · 3★
  1220 Wyoming Ave
- [ ] Downtown Cody Getaway - Near Buffalo Bill Center! · 3★
  1108 Bleistein Ave
- [ ] Well-equipped Cody Cottage: 2 Miles to Cody Rodeo! · 3★
  1113 1/2 Rumsey Avenue
- [ ] Bill Cody Ranch · 3★
  2604 N Fork Hwy
- [ ] Robins Nest Bed & Breakfast · 3★
  1508 Alger Avenue

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DAYS 9–10

Canyon Village WY

Yellowstone

Cody, drive to Canyon Village: about 150 km (90 mi), 2 h 40 min

2 nights

CANYON VILLAGE · DAYS 9–10

HOTEL

Name, address, confirmation number:

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DAYS 11–12

Jackson WY

On horseback in Grand Teton

Canyon Village, drive to Jackson: about 180 km (110 mi), 3 h 20 min

2 nights

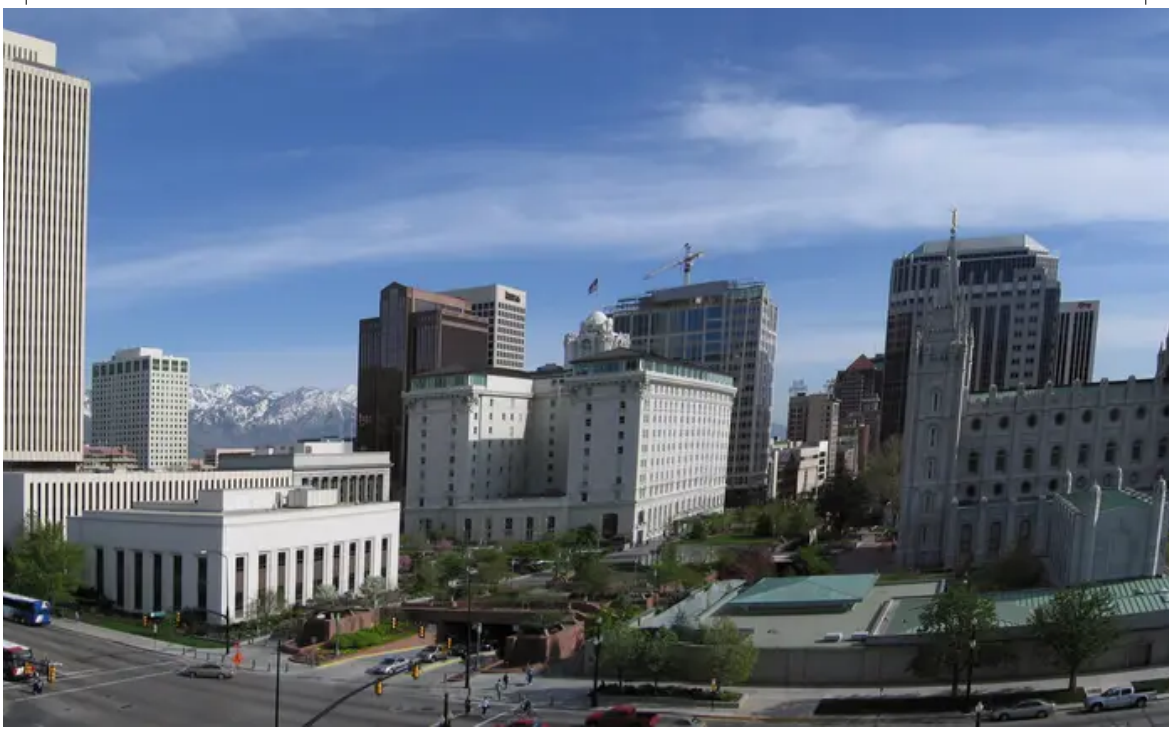
EXCURSIONS

- [ ] Trail ride in Grand Teton — roughly €80 a person

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 13

Salt Lake City UT

Back to the airport

Jackson, drive to Salt Lake City: about 440 km (270 mi), 5 h 30 min

1 night

SALT LAKE CITY · DAY 13

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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What it costs

DAY	PLACE	HOTEL	TOURS	CAR	TOTAL
1	Denver	€160	–	€60	**€220**
2	Cheyenne	€160	–	€60	**€220**
3	Sheridan	€160	–	€60	**€220**
4	Sheridan	€160	–	€60	**€220**
5	Sheridan	€160	–	€60	**€220**
6	Cody	€160	–	€60	**€220**
7	Cody	€160	–	€60	**€220**
8	Cody	€160	–	€60	**€220**
9	Canyon Village	€160	–	€60	**€220**
10	Canyon Village	€160	–	€60	**€220**
11	Jackson	€160	–	€60	**€220**
12	Jackson	€160	–	€60	**€220**
13	Salt Lake City	€160	–	€60	**€220**
14	Flight home from SLC	–	–	€60	**€60**

Flights	€1,700
Hotels	€2,080
Excursions	€0
Car hire	€840
Total	**€4,620**
	€2,310 a person

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

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About this booklet

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