WHAT IS INCLUDED IN THE TRIP:

- 2 nights lodging in Yellowstone National Park including the Old Faithful Inn and 1 night at the following locations (8 nights total): Lincoln, NE; Scotts Bluff, NE; Thermopolis, WY; Evanston, WY; Moab, UT; Grand Junction, CO; Denver, CO and Salina, KS.
- Tour escorts accompanying the trip from beginning to end showing points of interest.
- Recliner sightseeing coach throughout the trip.
- 25 meals are included in the trip!
- Breakfast hosted by hotels
- Lunches served a variety of ways—some in restaurants, some picnic style hosted by our tour staff (weather appropriate)
- Dinners are in various restaurants.
- Entrance fees to all parks and attractions listed: Yellowstone and Grand Teton National Parks; Arches National Park, Colorado National Monument; Scotts Bluff National Monument, Pony Express Station, and Sod House, Nebraska; Thermopolis Hot Springs (largest hot springs in the world); Scotts Bluff National Monument; Colorado River; Grand Canyon of the Yellowstone; Old Faithful; Jenny Lake; Norris Geyser Basin; Yellowstone Falls; Jackson Hole; Horse Creek Treaty Site.

WHAT IS NOT INCLUDED IN THE TRIP

- 2 Breakfasts and 2 dinners while in Yellowstone Park
- 3 Lunches during visits in Cody and Jackson Hole, Wyoming, and en route to Denver, Colorado
- Optional Program: River cruise Canyonland by Night Sound and Light Show including cowboy-style Dutch oven dinner on the Colorado River, priced at approx. $80.00 per person
- Wine, liquor, beer, telephone calls, items of a personal nature, gratuities at end of tour.

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This 11-day trip covers five national parks and monuments. Already on our second travel day we begin sightseeing with a visit to the Sod Houses of western Nebraska. Shortly after departing Scotts Bluff the following morning, we have a brief visit at the Horse Creek Treaty Historic Marker, where Father Peter DeSmet helped protect the Plains Indians from internal wars and the settlers from Indian attacks. We then visit Thermopolis, Wyoming, the site of the world’s largest hot mineral spring. According to lore, soaking in its waters cures every disease known to man. If not, after two days travel, it provides a relaxing overnight stay.

We travel through the beautiful Jackson Hole Valley in the shadow of the Cathedral Group, the three mountain peaks which include the Grand Teton at 13,770 feet. (Wyoming Div. of Tourism)

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Name(s) __________________________________________________
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(   ) Single accommodations requested for an extra $460.00.

(   ) I’m traveling alone, but willing to share (same gender) a room
(   ) Add Canyonlands by Night riverboat cruise and dinner option at approx. $80.00/person

My choice of departure location ______________________________
I/We are traveling with friends: _________________________________________
(   ) I/We prefer lower rooms, if available because of age or infirmity. GF will place request in your behalf, but cannot guarantee room placement which are assigned by lodging staff.

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(   ) Deposit check enclosed and bill my balance of payment, or
Please charge to my: [   ] MasterCard [   ] VISA [   ] Discover

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The Snake River winds its way through the Jackson Hole Valley in the shadow of the Cathedral Group, the three mountain peaks which include the Grand Teton at 13,770 feet. (Wyoming Div. of Tourism)
Next, we arrive at the world-renowned Yellowstone National Park, one of our most famous and earliest designated national parks. Yellowstone has outstanding natural beauty in mountains, canyons and waterfalls. Its most noted natural phenomena are the thousands of displays that compose the world’s largest thermal basins. Bursts of scalding water spurt high into the air, while others bubble and spit in murky depths, and vigorous steam vents emit uncanny sounds. This park is a successful wildlife sanctuary; grizzly and black bears are seen occasionally, while elk, mule deer, moose and bison roam throughout the park. We have three days and two nights at the park. You may wish to take in all of the attractions or you may choose to spend time relaxing in the beautiful rustic Old Faithful Inn.

The next park is the Grand Teton National Park. Towering more than one mile above the valley known as Jackson Hole, Grand Teton rises 13,770 feet above sea level. Few places in the world offer more dramatic vistas than the impressive Teton skyline.

In Jackson Hole, we have some time to shop for last minute gifts from Wyoming before settling in for dinner and overnight in Evanston, Wyoming, which is less than 5 miles from the eastern border of Utah. The following day is a transition day, as we drive initially south through the heart of Utah, en route southeast to our ultimate destination in the afternoon, the spectacular Arches National Park. Enroute to Arches, we pass through Provo, Utah, and stop in Helper, Utah for a down home lunch served by a local restaurant. After lunch, we continue to drive southeast, where we expect to arrive at Arches National Park in mid-afternoon. We will have a lengthy visit over the remainder of the day, prior to settling in for the night in nearby Moab, Utah.

Arches National Park contains the largest number of natural stone arches in the world. Along with more than 1,000 arches are many red rock canyons, spires, fins and balancing rocks. The landscape Arch has a span of 306 feet and a height of 105 feet. An evening river trip showcasing the 300 to 500 foot canyons of the Colorado River by boat through the illuminated canyons under the Utah night sky is an optional highlight of this part of the trip.

Next we drive to our final national park via the Colorado River to Colorado National Monument Park. This 20,500-acre national park is seamed with canyons more than 1,000 feet deep. Isolated monoliths include Independence Monument, Coke Ovens, Pipe Organ and Balanced Rock.

Our final day in the Rocky Mountains takes us across the state of Colorado through the Eisenhower Tunnel toward Denver. Leaving behind the mountains, we traverse the Great Plains of eastern Colorado and Kansas. Our last overnight stop will be in Kansas.

NOTE: These trips to the Great American West show some of the most spectacular scenery of the North American continent and put the traveler in contact with some of the most famous of the American missionary personalities. We will cover the areas first trod by such priest explorers as Fr. Peter DeSmet, Frs. Domquez and Esclante. Unlike other Golden Frontier trips where there are one or two base hotels. This trip’s unique itinerary has several different hotels including Yellowstone Park.
FEE. $2,346.00 is the fee for the entire Great Western Adventure trip, including the registration fee, motor coach, escort, lodging, specified meals and specified entrance fees. The registration fee of $100.00 is to be paid with the application and is deducted from the total cost of the trip. Three people registering together and sharing a two bedded room receive a $32.00 discount per person. Single accommodations are available for an additional $460.00 per person. Balance of fee is required 45 days prior to departure. Fees not received by due date may force your reservation to be cancelled for non-payment. You will receive a bill for final payment.

Registration should be made 120 or more days prior to departure. Reservations made 120 days or less prior to departure are subject to availability of hotel space.

DEPARTURE LOCATIONS AND TIMES
Pickup times may be revised based on several variables. Final times will be sent with hotel list prior to departure.
6:00 a.m.  O'Fallon, IL, Quality Inn
6:30 a.m.  St. Louis/Earth City, Location TBA
7:30 a.m.  Staunton, IL, Super 8
8:00 a.m.  Carlinville, IL, Magnuson Grand, I-55, exit 60
8:40 a.m.  Springfield, IL, Comfort Inn, 3675 So 6th St.
By Request: Wentzville, Kingdom City, Missouri.

Parking your car during the trip at the point of pickup is at the sole discretion of the motel. Neither Golden Frontier nor the motel assume any risk for your parked car. Minimum groups of twenty from one area may request a pickup and return at their choice of location at no additional cost.

PURPOSE. Golden Frontier is sponsored by Catholic Shrine Pilgrimage, Inc., a not for profit religious organization. These programs are arranged to give the people of this area an opportunity to visit historic shrines of North America amid friendly companionship. A priest chaplain normally accompanies each trip.

RESPONSIBILITY. This tour is under the operation of Golden Frontier who shall be responsible for supplying services and accommodations as outlined in this brochure, except as to the extent such cannot be supplied due to delays or causes beyond the control of Golden Frontier. In the absence of negligence on the part of the tour operator, the tour member waives any claim against Golden Frontier from any damage, loss of property, injury, death, due to any act of negligence of any hotel or person rendering any services or accommodations. Golden Frontier reserves the right to make equal substitutions if the need arises. Golden Frontier reserves the right to cancel any trip due to adverse weather conditions or lack of sufficient reservations. In this event a full refund of all tour member’s payments made will be given. Guests also agree to the use of their photo or image without compensation by or claim to CSP which may be taken on this trip in future Golden Frontier publications and presentations.

CASUAL CLOTHING is always acceptable. The weather is normally comfortable. No formal or dressy wear is necessary on this trip. One should have a light jacket or sweater and comfortable walking shoes. Don’t forget your swim suit! Many of our motels have pools and hot tubs, and the hot springs at Thermopolis are a must.

Our trip is arranged for adults with seniors in mind. Some sites are located on narrow streets or scenic areas inaccessible to large coaches. Some walking may be necessary to visit these sites; comfortable walking shoes are essential.

REFUNDS AND CANCELLATIONS must be requested in writing. Guests canceling 60 or more days prior to departure receive a refund of the monies paid. Guests canceling 59 to 36 days prior to departure forfeit the registration fee. Guests canceling 35 days or less prior to departure, no shows, or guests leaving the tour after departure receive a refund of only those fees recoverable by Golden Frontier from various suppliers. Guests cancelling 60 days or less prior to departure and providing a replacement traveler receive a refund of fees paid. There are no refunds on unused tour features.

SPECIAL DIETS can normally be accommodated with adequate advance notice. Please notify our office of any special dietary needs Please attach written explanation to application.

OPTIONAL TRIP CANCELLATION AND BAGGAGE INSURANCE is available for those who desire. Insurance can cover cancellation of your reservation prior to departure, leaving the tour after departure, baggage loss, accidents, and some medical coverages. A brochure and application for insurance will be sent to all applicants or is available by calling the Golden Frontier office.

ROOM ARRANGEMENTS are normally two people sharing a room. Singles may sign up and travel at the double rate if you agree to Golden Frontier attempting to find a room mate (same sex) to share. If we do not find a room mate to share, you still travel at the double rate. If you do not wish to share a room, single accommodations are available. Unless single rate is requested accommodations will be shared. Motels may assign married couples to one bedded rooms. A special room rate for three can be arranged with discount. Triples should mail applications in the same envelope. Triples share standard two bedded room without added roll away bed.

LUGGAGE is limited to one bag per person. You may also bring a small carry on bag which you can place in the overhead compartment of the coach. Golden Frontier cannot be responsible for lost, stolen, or damaged articles.