

Cruise America

# TOURBOOK

*Discover America & Canada  
by Motorhome*



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# Welcome to the Cruise America and Cruise Canada Tourbook

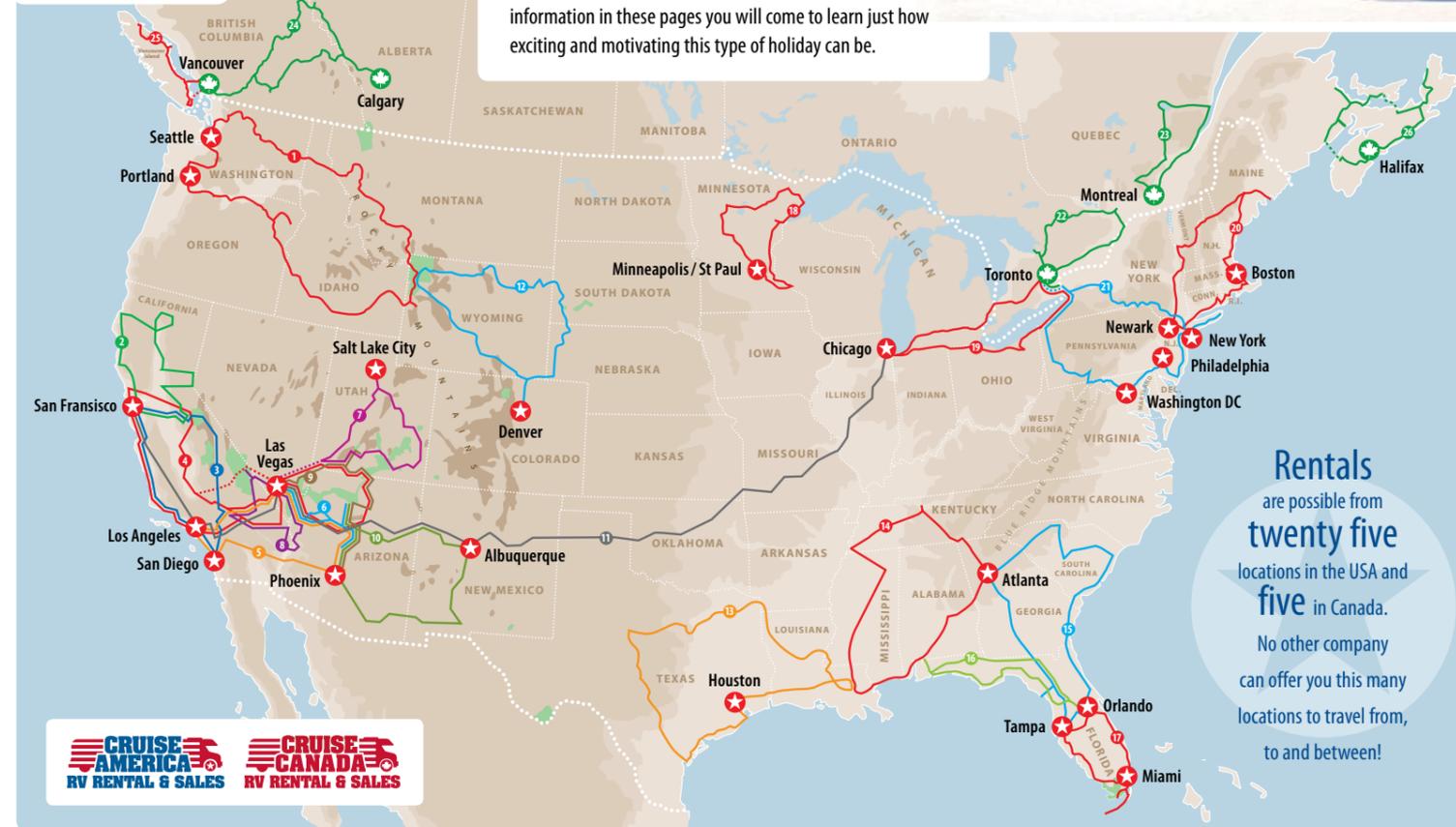
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**C**ruise America started business in 1972 – over 40 years ago – and, just as it was the day it first opened its doors in Miami in the seventies, is still under the ownership and management of the Smalley family. The family's history is in vehicle rental – back as far as the twenties when the first 'snowbirds' started coming south for the summer and before there were hotels on Miami Beach!



From this you can tell Cruise America know motorhomes and know the motorhome rental business; Cruise America know what you want in a rental vehicle and we know what we want to provide for you. As you read through the following pages we hope you will glean some of the knowledge we have of our industry; of motorhome rental and of 'camping' in the true North American style.

Cruise America, and sister company Cruise Canada, want you to have the family holiday you wish for, tailored to your needs; and we hope that by reading the information in these pages you will come to learn just how exciting and motivating this type of holiday can be.

If you ever have any questions, please don't hesitate to call us or one of the many tour operators or travel agencies we work with.



Rentals are possible from **twenty five** locations in the USA and **five** in Canada. No other company can offer you this many locations to travel from, to and between!

## What is touring in a motorhome really like?

By looking at this brochure, you have made the first step into discovering one of the best ways to travel around the USA and Canada. With so much to see and do, it's often hard to know where to start but you have come to the right place and you are now in safe hands.

Cruise America has been renting motorhomes for over 40 years; so with our extensive experience, top of the range motor homes built especially for the motorhome rental market and our unrivalled service standards, all we can offer you as an extra is... the holiday of a lifetime.

Americans and Canadians have been holidaying in motor homes for fifty or more years. We call them RV's – Recreational Vehicles – and that's exactly what they are – vehicles built specially for 'recreation'. We doubt that you will find an American family who has not bought or hired an RV at some stage in their life and taken the family out on the road for long weekends. With over 15,000 fabulous camping resorts to choose from, it is hard to see why anyone would want to book their family into a hotel.

There are so many benefits to hiring a motor home that it is hard to list them, but we will try and tell you some of them.

**FREEDOM...** There is no other holiday that gives you this freedom. You can stay in one place for as long or as little time as you fancy. There are no rigid rules about how long or short a time you stay in one place. What other things are there 'not': No set times for breakfast or dinner; no unpacking and re-packing every day; no extortionate costs for the mini bar and no tipping the porter every time he opens the door or picks up your bag!!

**FLEXIBILITY...** You could choose to follow one of our suggested itineraries on the following pages, design your own itinerary or just take to the open road and go to where your heart desires. Not so keen on a particular place once you get there? Kids getting bored? No problem, all aboard and let's drive to the next destination.

**PRICE...** Although hotels may seem relatively cheap when you book in, there are always the additional costs that everyone forgets about until



they arrive. Breakfast, Lunch and Dinner being the main culprits! Drinks, coffees, snacks! Want the loo and you have to find a bar – and you have to buy a drink! All of these costs have to be paid at a restaurant, café, bar or pub. Compare this to an RV, where it is literally home from home. You wouldn't have every single meal, drink and snack out in a restaurant if you were at home and you don't need to if you are on holiday, certainly not in a motorhome. But no one is saying you can't eat out if you want to! The point is you have the choice.

**ACCESS...** Your motor home gives you access to all main tourist areas. When visiting places such as the Grand Canyon or Zion National Park, you are able to overnight within the grounds of the parks and usually at a minimal cost, hotels serving the National Parks are typically expensive. Aside from the National or State Parks, practically all of the tourist sites and sights that have drawn you here have welcoming RV Parks right there.

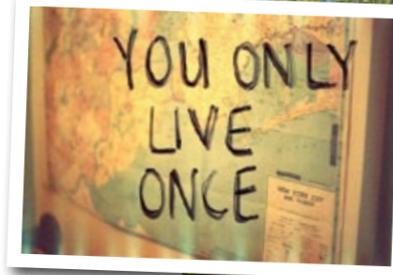
**PLEASURE...** For children travelling in a motor home it is sheer pleasure. There is no cramming into the back seat of a car; no "I don't want the middle seat". Instead they can all sit round the table in the motor home and either play games or look out of the big windows at the view.

**NATURE...** Wake up to the sound of birds and a view of a vast mountain range. Step outside and take a deep breath of mountain or sea air. Relax with the family and eat breakfast in the sunshine. Then head out to your chosen destination for a full day of family fun. There is never any rush... and it doesn't get better than that.

**SHARE YOUR ADVENTURE...** Take lots of pictures of your RV family adventure in a Cruise America or Cruise Canada.

We really love pictures of your family and friends enjoying themselves. Share photos, videos, and stories on the Cruise America RV Community and you could win a \$500 Gift Certificate towards the next RV trip of your dreams or even see yourself in print, in the next edition of the Tourbook!

Hiring a motor home to see America and Canada truly is an exceptional experience. The great outdoors is just waiting to be explored. Come with us now and take a look at our suggested itineraries with recommended campgrounds to get you on the right track.



## Pricing your motorhome - availability is key

The first key to good value renting of a Cruise America or Cruise Canada vehicle is knowing that our pricing is based on availability. When we have more vehicles available, the price will be cheaper; when we have more vehicles available in a certain category, you may find a larger vehicle is cheaper than a small one.

The second key is to understand that the EARLIER you book, the more availability there will typically be – and hence the cheaper the price will be.

When you call us, or your tour operator, you will be given the price for the entire rental time, including insurance.

You will be asked how many miles you think you will be travelling – and you can pre-buy your mileage accordingly at a saving from the per mile rate. You can buy in 500 mile/800km 'blocks' or, if you think you will travel a long way, you can pre-purchase unlimited mileage. It is good to note that in certain months, on certain vehicles, you can save 50% of the unlimited mileage charge for up to three weeks! If you choose one of our itineraries in this brochure it will be easy for you to know basic mileage – but please don't forget you will not just drive from campground to campground on our route; you will divert to places of interest along the way so be generous with yourselves and mileage, the caveat being there are no refunds for un-used mileage.

Cruise America & Cruise Canada provides a Personal Kit with personal bedding and towels and a Kitchen Kit of pots and pans and crockery. Normally you would pay for these at the rental station if you require them but some tour operators may have the option for you to prepay.

If you are going to pick up in one city and return to another, you will be expected to pay a one-way fee. Fees vary from \$200 to \$600 depending on the routing and normally customers pay that directly to the rental station when they pick up their vehicle.

Everything is subject to state or provincial tax; normally your tour operator will add this on to your pre-paid items but do expect it also to be added to any locally paid items.

INSURANCE is really important to everyone and we include it in your rental price. We cover you automatically for one million dollars liability. Your vehicle is also covered for accidental damage but please be aware there is a deductible excess, just as with your car insurance at home. For any damage to our \$60,000 plus valued vehicles, you may be charged up to \$1000 dollars (2013/14) towards each damage claim. This does not mean an automatic charge of \$1000 for each claim; it means UP TO..... as an example, if the damage repair cost is \$50, that is all you will be charged. It is important to note that all insurance is invalidated if the vehicle is being driven contrary to the Rental Agreement signed at pick up.

The last thing you need to know about is the \$500 refundable security deposit. This will be charged to your credit card and if you don't have one of those the fee will be a \$1,000 - USA and \$1,500 - CAN cash deposit. Any extra mileage charges or damages will be charged against this deposit and any costs for oil (keep receipts please!) will be credited to you. It is really important to us that you keep the oil levels at normal – hence we'll pay for it!

With over 40 years experience in renting and manufacturing our own motorhomes, we know exactly what renters require to make their motorhome holiday as easy as possible. We currently custom build 3 motorhome types so it is easy for you to choose the right motorhome depending on the number of people, length of vacation and your individual needs.



Cruise America personal and kitchen / vehicle kit, available to pre-book for your convenience.



My turn to drive!

Photo: Jacqueline Marsh



## Your motorhome specifications

### STANDARD FEATURES ON ALL MOTORHOMES

Power Steering	Refrigerator/Freezer Compartment
Power Brakes / ABS System	Combination Shower (Separate in C-30)
Cruise Control	Fresh water Flush Toilet
Automatic Transmission	Generator (C30 only in Canada)
Dash A/C	Rear Dual Tires (single rear tires on the C19)
Furnace	2-Wheel Drive
3 Cook Top Burner (2 in the C19)	
Microwave Oven	
Roof A/C	
AM/FM Radio & Stereo	



### SPECIFICATIONS

	C19	C25	C30
<i>Tank Capacities (gallons/litres)</i>			
Water Heater	6/22	6/22	6/22
Fresh Water	20.5/76	40/151	40/151
Grey Water	18/68	35/132	35/132
Black Water	17/64	30/114	30/114
Gasoline	40/151	55/208	55/208
LP Gas	11/42	14/53	14/53

### Bed Dimensions (inches/meters)

Cab Over	60 x 84 1.52 x 2.13	57 x 96 1.45 x 2.44	57 x 96 1.45 x 2.44
Dinette	37 x 72 0.94 x 1.83	38 x 70 0.97 x 1.78	39 x 65 0.97 x 1.73
Rear	–	54 x 80 1.37 x 2.03	60 x 74 1.52 x 1.88
Couch	–	–	42 x 68 1.06 x 1.72

### Exterior Dimensions (feet & inches/meters)

length (to nearest foot)	20'/6.15	25'/7.6	30'/9.1
Width (mirrors retracted)	7'8"/2.34	8'4"/2.54	8'4"/2.54
Height (clearance)	12'/3.72	12'/3.72	12'/3.72

## Choosing your motorhome

### Vehicles to choose from

We offer 3 vehicles, all with petrol engines. All of our RV's are type 'C' – remember by 'C' for Cab-over'. We find them far more serviceable for the rental business than the old flat fronted, coach style 'A' bodies we used to rent many years ago which were always prone to chipped windscreens. Indeed there is more internal space in the type 'C' and the cab-over bed is a firm favourite among the youngsters!

Everything Cruise America rents is built specially for the rental market and while we cannot say things are totally indestructible, we make a very good effort to ensure that things like cupboard latches are secure, fabrics are durable, curtains are well secured and light-proof; our mattresses are easily cleaned, vinyl floors too. We are always striving to improve our RV's and work with the design team at one of the USA's major manufacturers to ensure we are as current in the RV marketplace as we can be.

All of our RV's have a refrigerator and freezer. They all have a hob and a microwave and cupboards for food storage in the kitchen area. All have a shower, basin and flush toilet. Waste water from the bathroom and kitchen goes into two on-board holding tanks when you are not hooked up to mains drainage at a campground.

All Cruise America vehicles come with power steering, power brakes and automatic transmission. If you drive a manual vehicle at home, it will take you seconds to get the hang of forgetting your left foot and just using the on/off pedals – the power and the brake.

From our own experience, the vehicle length has never been a problem – it just seems to follow you! Just be sure to make your turns wide. The vehicle width takes a little while to get used to, but by day two you will be driving your RV like a professional!

Perhaps if there are just two of you and you want, not just all the comforts, but also a motorhome that is easy to drive and park, as well as being economical, then you should choose the C19. On the other hand if you are a family of 4 the C25 is ideal, or if you're a small party travelling for sometime, the C30 for all the extra storage and space.



## C19 Compact Motorhome

A recent addition to the fleet is our aerodynamic and fuel efficient C19. Cruise America's 'green machine' is narrower and will fit into a car parking slot. It's perfect for a couple with its large double bed over the cab, kitchen at the back and all those other facilities.

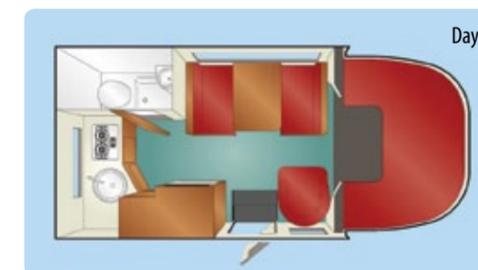
If you have a young child, the dining table easily drops to make the dinette into another bed.

Sleeps family up to 3.

Length 20' 2" / 6.15 meters



Scan to see a virtual tour of the C19 now.



## C25 Standard Motorhome

Our medium size vehicle, the C25, has been a stalwart of fleet design for many years. With a rear corner double bed as well as a double bed over the cab it is ideal for two couples or a family of up to five – like the C19 the dinette area easily converts to another bed.

Sleeps family up to 5

Length 24'-25' / 7.3-7.6 meters



Scan to see a virtual tour of the C25 now.



## C30 Large Motorhome

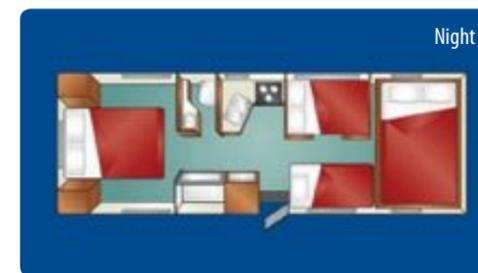
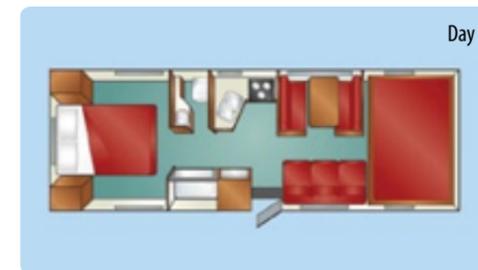
The C30 vehicle is the largest motor home on our fleet. Its special feature is the large separate bedroom at the rear with its 5ft wide bed! There is also a double bed over the cab, a convertible sofa-bed and a convertible dinette bed. The shower is separate from the toilet/basin as well in the C30.

Sleeps family up to 7

Length 29'-30' / 8.8-9.1 meters



Scan to see a virtual tour of the C30 now.



## Campgrounds in North America

In North America, there are thousands of campgrounds ranging from high class resorts with every amenity, through owner run campgrounds where hospitality is the key, to the more basic camping experience found at National, State and Provincial Park campgrounds.

We want to give you a taste of each of these similarly homely, but quite different in style, experiences. We will be honest and tell you though, if there is a National Park in the area, we recommend you choose one of their campgrounds to stay in!

### Let's talk first about the 'high class resorts'

These may be privately or corporately owned and will normally be pristine, in a great location, with paved roads and RV sites, and full hook-ups to town water, electricity and waste disposal. They will have smart showers and toilets for the use of 'campers'. There will be a Clubhouse, often a restaurant and bar

area; and of course a swimming pool or private beach, plenty of children's activities and sporting opportunities. Costs vary depending on the area; they will be more expensive close to big attractions such as Disneyworld or Niagara Falls; also in states where most things are pricey – such as some up in the northeast USA. Generally, however, they are still excellent value for money being in fine locations and giving everything you would need. Most of these larger campgrounds have on-line booking on their individual websites.

### How about the family owned and operated campgrounds then...

Smaller, family run and with a reputation for personal service would sum up this category. More often than not with paved roads and RV sites and with full hook-ups to town water, electricity and waste disposal. They will have clean showers and

toilets, often a general store and Laundromat. There will normally be a swimming pool unless they have lake or beach swimming; a children's activity area and often family style entertainment in season. Again prices vary but, generally, you will find these sites very cost-effective. On-line booking is a possibility and many of these sites will have an email booking form – you complete that and email it off to them.

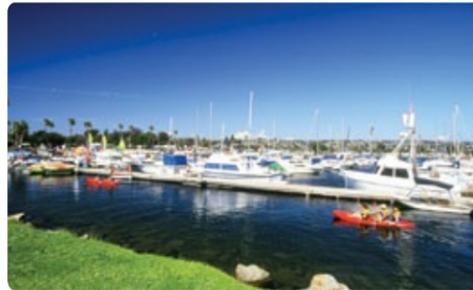
### National, State and Provincial Park Campgrounds

These provide the most idyllic locations and the opportunity to 'commune with nature'. Waking up in an amazing location, with nothing but the birdsong and the sunrise to disturb you, has to be just perfect. Rarely will you find water or electric or waste disposal hook-ups at these campgrounds – not a problem if you make sure your freshwater tank is full, your propane tank is full and your waste holding tank is empty. You have a separate 'coach battery' (ie not the engine battery) which will power a couple of internal lights for, perhaps, an evening but if you have

a vehicle with on-board generator, this will either run to power you or will boost your batteries with a quick blast in the morning! Do note though that most Parks will have a restriction on when you can/cannot use your generator – so as not to disturb other campers.

Some National Park campgrounds will have shower and toilet facilities (ie Mather Campground in the Grand Canyon and Furnace Creek campground in Death Valley). You can check

the individual facilities for the USA on [www.recreation.gov](http://www.recreation.gov) and for Canada on [www.pc.gc.ca](http://www.pc.gc.ca) – you can pre-book on both these websites too.



Campground on the Bay, California

Photo: Campland.com



Shoshone River, Wyoming

Photo: Wyoming Tourist Board



Wallowa Lake State Park, Oregon

Photo: Charlotte

## Campground Q & A's

### How have we chosen the campgrounds on our itineraries?

Many campgrounds are in here because of the personal recommendation of a member of Cruise America's staff – Camplands in San Diego for instance. Every single one we have featured has been checked with one or other of the sites which give ratings to campgrounds. Of course it has to be said that these ratings will have been based on reports by customers who have visited in the past; things change, campgrounds are bought and sold. However, we feel confident that those we have suggested will be to your satisfaction. If you feel you would like to choose your own campgrounds, or check the ratings on the ones we have chosen, by all means do so. The Website address for our suggested overnight campground is listed at the end of each day.

### How did we choose what itineraries to put in?

With over 40 years experience of helping people with their motorhome vacations in North America, we believe we have the knowledge and experience to know where people want to travel. While it is important that where you stay overnight is clean and comfortable, it's the daytime journey and the sights you will see, that will make your holiday a success. So we have highlighted must see experiences or 'Visit' on each day to show you what you won't want to miss.

### How have we constructed our suggested itineraries?

The majority of our itineraries shows one night at each campground. We know, however, that not all of you will be taking 7-10 night holidays! So we have left it to you to decide how many nights you will spend at each campground, thus lengthening our itineraries into the perfect trip for you. All mileages shown in the Tourbook are approximate and may vary depending on route chosen.

### How long should we spend at each campground then?

That's a tough question! If you are going to visit the Grand Canyon, for instance, you will probably want to spend at least three nights. You may be happy to view the Canyon from the top of the South rim or you may want to take a day trek down into the Canyon, a helicopter ride over the Canyon is



Setting off for a hike

brehtaking and can be booked with several operators such as Maverick Helicopters. Yes, there is an airport right there with helicopter tours going all day. In fact all of the National Parks are going to be places for more than just one night. On all of our itineraries we have shown a 'must not miss' place – and this may guide you on how long you wish to spend at each place. It has to be said that some campgrounds are 'break your journey'



Time for breakfast!



Marshmallows in Yellowstone

Photo: Shane Morrison



Lake Havasu, Arizona

Photo: Willy Lowe

stops – in which case one night is enough.

### Are there any times we should definitely book our campgrounds in advance?

If wanting to stay near big attractions – Disney, Universal Studios, Niagara Falls – or close to popular cities, we would always recommend advance booking.

Otherwise, if travelling in July and August or on the following holiday weekends, booking ahead is a very good idea:

**USA & Canada:** Christmas and Easter.

**USA:** Memorial Day in May, Independence Day in July, Labor Day in September, Thanksgiving in November.

**CANADA:** Canada Day in July, Labor Day in September, Thanksgiving in October – plus a myriad of other holidays in certain Provinces.

### How do we book in advance?

You can often book our selected campgrounds on-line or by email. Only rarely will you need to telephone. If calling, be sure to have all the information you need at your fingertips. You will need to know the day of arrival and number of nights you wish to stay; if they ask about electricity amps "What Amps do you want?" you will need to tell them 30 amps (all Cruise America vehicles are 30 amps). You will be asked for your credit card details to pay in advance. Each campground has its own cancellation policy so be sure to find out what that is and make a note.

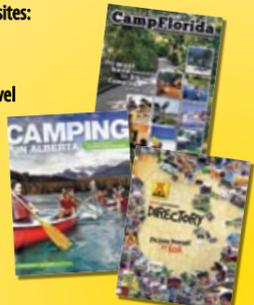
### Do we need full hook-ups every night?

If your fresh water tank is full, there is no need to hook up to city water. If your grey and black water waste tanks are empty, there is no need to use the waste disposal at the site. It's probably only electricity you would plug into on such an occasion. Obviously if your waste tanks are full and your fresh water tank is empty, you will want all hook-ups!

For complete directories on campsites in various States in the USA and Canada please contact the relevant tourist boards.

Here are some useful websites:

- [www.visitflorida.com](http://www.visitflorida.com)
- [www.visitcalifornia.com](http://www.visitcalifornia.com)
- [www.britishcolumbia.travel](http://www.britishcolumbia.travel)
- [www.travelalberta.com](http://www.travelalberta.com)
- [www.koa.com](http://www.koa.com)
- [www.byways.org](http://www.byways.org)
- [www.recreation.gov](http://www.recreation.gov)
- [www.rvparkreviews.com](http://www.rvparkreviews.com)
- [www.arvc.org](http://www.arvc.org)
- [www.gorving.ca](http://www.gorving.ca)
- [www.pc.gc.ca](http://www.pc.gc.ca)



Orlando/Kissimmee KOA Campground, Florida

Newport Dunes Waterfront Resort, California

# Northwest USA

One of our longest itineraries, taking you through Washington State, Idaho and Oregon. Pick up in our Seattle/Everett location, or in Portland, Oregon. There are a lot of miles here; you will want to stay more than the one night in several locations, it's spectacular and you will want to linger...

## MOTORHOME ITINERARY

**Day 1** > Collect your Motorhome and head north on Interstate 5 to Mount Vernon, just over forty miles with most on the Interstate to your campground. 📍 40 miles to Mount Vernon RV Park  
★ George Washington, Commander-in-Chief of American forces in the Revolutionary War and the first President of the United States, called Mount Vernon home for more than 40 years. Visit George Washington's Mount Vernon Estate, Museum and Gardens which is now the most popular historic estate in America.

🌐 [www.hikercentral.com/campgrounds/112901.html](http://www.hikercentral.com/campgrounds/112901.html)

**Day 2** > Though only sixty-five miles, your journey will take a while as it will be through some very scenic locations as you head toward the North Cascades National Park. You will be following the Skagit River as you pass through small towns such as Lyman, Hamilton and Concrete – the latter being worth a stop as it really was 'cement city'! Though many of the original wooden buildings of the early 1900's were destroyed by fire, three still remain. Continue through Rockport and Marblemount and enter the North Cascades National Park. On your left you will see Damnation Peak, Mount Despair, Mount Terror and thankfully, Mount Triumph! To your right, Pyramid Peak and Colonial Peak. Overnight in the National Park. 📍 65 miles to North Cascades National Park, Newhalem Campground ★ Visit Diablo Lake and Ross Dam

🌐 [www.recreation.gov/camping/NewhalemCampground\\_Wa/r/campgroundDetails.do?contractCode=NRSO&parkId=74067](http://www.recreation.gov/camping/NewhalemCampground_Wa/r/campgroundDetails.do?contractCode=NRSO&parkId=74067)



Tulip Fields in the Skagit Valley Photo: Washington State Tourism/1. Poth

**Day 3** > Continue through North Cascades NP, dropping down through the Okanogan National Forest to Electric City. The attraction here is the Grand Coulee Dam. This is the largest electricity production facility in the USA – fifth in the world – and is the largest concrete structure too. There is enough concrete in the Grand Coulee Dam to build a 60 foot wide road, four inches thick, from Los Angeles to New York City! That would be a four lane highway, 3,000 miles long. 📍 175 miles to the Coulee Playland Resort, close to Electric City ★ Visit the Grand Coulee Visitors Centre. On summer evenings, a laser light show, including full-size images of battleships and the Statue of Liberty, is projected onto the dam's wall 🌐 [www.couleeplayland.com](http://www.couleeplayland.com)

**Day 4** > As you head for fabulous Coeur D'Alene in Idaho, after about 90 miles your drive takes you through Spokane, Washington. We're sure you'll want to stop so please look at their website to see what you might want to do there – wineries being a 'big thing'. You have plenty of time to linger as there is only another thirty miles before reaching tonight's campground. Blackwell Island RV Park is located right on the water. Sit on the beach or take a dip in the lake. Coeur d'Alene offers a wide range of indoor and outdoor activities. Within Kootenai County there are 87 parks and campgrounds, 47 hiking trails, fishing, swimming, hiking, world class golf, horseback riding, tennis, amusement parks, and, of course, spectacular scenery at every turn. You may want to stay longer than just one night! 📍 120 miles to Coeur D'Alene ★ Visit Riverfront Park in central Spokane and the Cataldo Mission outside Coeur d'Alene 🌐 [www.idahorvpark.com](http://www.idahorvpark.com).

**Day 5** > Only about four hours drive if you stayed on the Interstate but you'd miss so much if you did. After completing your crossing of that sliver of Idaho, your route takes you into Montana: Big Sky country. Your campground is located in the great outdoors of Southwest Montana, nestled in the Rocky Mountains near the historic cities of Anaconda and Butte and surrounded by Forest Service and wilderness experiences. Butte was known as the 'Richest Hill on Earth' for first gold, then silver, copper, lead and zinc have all been mined here. The historic district is well worth a visit. 📍 275 miles to Butte ★ Visit Missoula for Fort Missoula, the University of Montana and the Elk Foundation 🌐 [www.fairmontresort.com](http://www.fairmontresort.com)

**Day 6** > South-east towards Yellowstone National Park. You should leave the Interstate at Belgrade and head south on the scenic Route 191, through the Gallatin National Forest and past the Big Sky Resort. You'll enter through the West Entrance and, if you've got time, Yellowstone is definitely the place to spend that extra day, or even longer. Most of the major and iconic sites are on a loop. It's under a hundred miles round but, traffic jams around here are caused not by visitors but whenever the local wildlife decide to walk, sit or lie close to or even on the road. You'll not move a buffalo and, if you're lucky enough to find it's a bear or a moose up ahead, you'll want to stop just as everyone else will. Coming in from the West and heading out to the South means that, whichever way round you choose, there will be a section you drive twice. In this case it's the road by Fountain Paintpot and Old Faithful so it's no hardship. There are several campsites on the loop as well as near the entrances. The website has all the information.

📍 180 miles to Yellowstone National Park ★ Visit Mammoth Hot Springs; Grand Canyon of Yellowstone; Inspiration and Artist Points: all within Yellowstone National Park

🌐 [www.nps.gov/yell/planyourvisit/camping-in-yellowstone.htm](http://www.nps.gov/yell/planyourvisit/camping-in-yellowstone.htm)

**Day 7** > As you leave Yellowstone by the South Entrance you'll enter Grand Teton National Park. It's because they're so 'young' that those magnificent mountains rise directly from the Jackson Lake valley without foothills. It's easy to see how they got their name from French speaking trappers. Stay on Route 89 and by the Idaho border, bear west bound



Cataldo Mission outside Coeur d'Alene Photo: Idaho Tourism



Wild Donkeys! Photo: Carrie King

for Idaho Falls. 📍 215 miles to Idaho Falls ★ Visit the top year round resort of Jackson. It's home to celebrities and visiting 'beautiful people' 🌐 [www.snakeriverrvpark.net](http://www.snakeriverrvpark.net)

**Day 8** > A great deal has changed for the first Americans over centuries, but a great deal has remained the same. The Shoshone and Bannock tribes were granted 1.8 million acres in Eastern Idaho under the Fort Bridger Treaty of 1868. Survey errors, treaties, and promises both kept and broken moved the boundaries of the tribal lands to as little as 418 thousand acres and back to their present area of almost 544 thousand acres.

As you drive south on Hwy 15 today, you will pass through the Fort Hall Indian Reservations. A 'must see' is a collection of Native American art and artefacts at an unusual shop called The Clothes Horse. Over generations the Shoshone Bannock tribes have developed a particular style and quality which is considered world class, some of their pieces are even on display at the Smithsonian in Washington D.C..

Turn off on Hwy 86 towards American Falls. During high water flows you'll see a torrent of water spilling over the falls that originally gave the city its name. Situated on the Snake River, just off Interstate 86, exit 28, Massacre Rocks State Park is open year round and covers approximately 1,000 acres. Rich in history, as wheel ruts from wagons on the Oregon Trail still show, pioneers used this area as a rest stop for years. Many emigrant names are inscribed on Register Rock which is now protected by a weather shelter. The State Park campsite is home for tonight. 📍 55 miles to Massacre Rocks State park at American Falls ★ Visit The Lavas, caves and rock flows just outside Idaho Falls 🌐 [www.parksandrecreation.idaho.gov/parks/massacrerocks.aspx](http://www.parksandrecreation.idaho.gov/parks/massacrerocks.aspx).



Buffalo in Yellowstone NP



Red barn with Mount Hood in the distance

**Day 9** > Just over 200 miles or three hours will bring you to Idaho's State Capital today. At first you'll be following the Snake River on your right; then on your left. The freeway continues to Boise but you might want to turn off just after Glens Ferry and continue through the Snake River Birds of Prey Natural Area, rejoining the freeway just north of Meridian where you will have to head south for a couple of miles to reach your campground just outside of Boise. 📍 210 miles to Boise

★ Visit the glittering cascades at Thousand Springs, just past Twin Falls and then Bruneau Dunes south of Mountain Home 🌐 [www.nwfamilyrvresorts.com/bm\\_topborder\\_frameset.html](http://www.nwfamilyrvresorts.com/bm_topborder_frameset.html)

**Day 10** > Heading west back towards the Pacific Ocean your route soon takes you into the state of Oregon. The suggested overnight stop is near the town of Le Grande which was the phrase an early French settler used to describe this area's beauty. Dominated by Mount Emily, the vast area you'll drive through is the Wallowa-Whitman National Forest. 📍 160 miles to La Grande ★ Visit Baker City for the primary visitor centre and interpretive museums along the historic Oregon Trail 🌐 [www.eagleshotlakerv.com/about.html](http://www.eagleshotlakerv.com/about.html)

**Day 11** > Much of the drive today will be alongside the mighty Columbia River which separates Oregon from the state of Washington on its northern bank. You should break your journey first at Pendleton for the fine local woollen goods and then at Fort Dalles which originated as a US Army outpost deep in 'Indian Country' and on the Oregon Trail. The name, in Canadian French, refers to the very strong rapids just outside the town. Maybe you've heard that the city of Portland, Oregon, has been named by 'Money' magazine as North America's "Best Big City". One visit will explain why. The gardens, museums, zoo and fine dining will maybe be a welcome contrast to the outdoors life of the last few days. Much can be accessed via the region's convenient and eco-friendly light rail system. We are recommending the Portland Fairview RV Park in a peaceful setting just eight miles east of downtown. 📍 150 miles to Portland



Mount Rainer National Forest Photo: Lewis County Convention & Visitor Bureau/Loren Lane

★ Visit Panorama Point for the dramatic view of Mount Hood, Oregon's probably - but not necessarily - dormant volcano 🌐 [www.portlandfairviewrv.com](http://www.portlandfairviewrv.com)

**Day 12** > Having enjoyed the city, it's off once again to a National Park – your last before returning to Everett. After seventy or so freeway miles, turn off on Route 12 toward the park. Mount St Helens rises on your right and, in fact, you may be tempted to come off the freeway and 'cut the corner' by driving right past the Mount St Helens National Volcanic Monument. It's three miles shorter but will take a lot longer due to the windy roads. Mount Rainier National Park was established in 1899. Elevations range from 1,610' to 14,410' above sea level and the 'mountain' is actually an active volcano encased in over 35 square miles of snow and ice, surrounded by old growth forest and stunning wildflower meadows. There are three or four Forest Service campgrounds to choose from on Routes 12 and 410. Take a look at the appropriate websites to find one you like. 📍 180 miles to Mt Rainier National Park ★ Visit the seven areas of the park – or as many as you can. Each has trailheads and facilities; some more rustic than others. 🌐 [www.nps.gov/mora/planyourvisit/camping.htm](http://www.nps.gov/mora/planyourvisit/camping.htm)



**Day 13** > 📍 110 miles to Everett to Drop off your Motor Home. For ease and comfort on this itinerary we would recommend you purchase the Early Bird Departure Special which allows you to return up to 3pm. It's a fairly long drive back and being relaxed is the key to ending a great holiday!



DEPARTS FROM > SEATTLE or PORTLAND  
DURATION > 13 DAYS  
DISTANCE > 1,935 MILES

# Northern California Highlights

Discover some of California's most famous natural icons, then explore some of the hidden gems of Northern California on this 14 day trip. On this wild and scenic tour of California, you'll experience soaring Redwood Trees, awe-inspiring Yosemite, crystal clear waters at Lake Tahoe, taste world class wines in Sonoma County and see where California's gold rush began in Sacramento.

## MOTORHOME ITINERARY

**Days 1 & 2** > Pick up your motorhome in San Francisco on the start of your adventure through Northern California. It's not too far to travel as you head for the closest campground to the city, Candlestick RV Park right next door to the 49ers stadium. Take advantage of the campgrounds hourly shuttle into the centre of the city for the next couple of days, as you explore San Francisco, one of America's most popular cities, and it's easy to see why. **30 miles to Candlestick RV Park** ★ Visit the world famous Alcatraz Island – not only a fascinating tour, but also great views of the city from the boat ride over. Bike the Golden Gate Bridge and take the ferry back, an unforgettable experience. [www.sanfranciscorvpark.com](http://www.sanfranciscorvpark.com)

**Day 3** > Less than an hour north of San Francisco's Golden Gate Bridge lays a land of agricultural bounty and world-class wines; ancient redwood forests and secluded ocean coves. Sonoma County is your next stop in the Golden State. With more than 300 friendly wineries, 40-plus spas, farm-to-table restaurants, art galleries, shops, rivers, redwoods, and trails that meander over oak covered hills, Sonoma County beckons the adventurous, the curious, and the lovers of the Northern California lifestyle. In Sonoma County people come not to 'be seen', but rather experience life. **105 miles to Cloverdale KOA**, Sonoma County ★ Be sure to visit Bodega Bay for beautiful ocean views, and amazing clam chowder [www.winecountrykoa.com](http://www.winecountrykoa.com)

**Day 4** > It's time to head north on Highway 101 through meandering rolling hills and a diverse landscape rich in agricultural heritage. Along the way, visit some of Sonoma County's best wineries along the river banks in the Russian River Valley and sample an array of exceptional wines. Hike the nature trail in Armstrong Redwoods State Reserve near Guerneville. North of picturesque Jenner-by-the-Sea stands Fort Ross State Historic Park, and farther north on the coast is Kruse Rhododendron State Reserve. Continuing north on scenic Highway 1



will lead you to explore numerous parks, beaches and coastal villages. Just north of the park a must see is Point Arena historic lighthouse. **60 miles to Manchester Beach KOA**, Mendocino County. ★ Be sure to stop and embrace nature in Gualala Point Regional Park. Take time to visit some of Sonoma county's fine wineries and maybe buy a bottle to enjoy around the campfire later! [www.manchesterbeachkoa.com](http://www.manchesterbeachkoa.com)

**Day 5** > Your journey continues along Highway 1, 300-foot-tall redwoods will tower overhead as you drive the 31-mile stretch called the Avenue of Giants. The trees within Humboldt Redwoods State park are part of the largest remaining forest of virgin redwood trees in the world. At Meyers Flat, you can pass through the Drive-Thru-Tree. Tour Humboldt Bay by boat, then shop and dine in Old Town Eureka. Between Orrick and Crescent City are the world's tallest trees-preserved in Redwood National Park. North of Klamath, you'll be greeted by statues of legendary lumberjack Paul Bunyan and his blue ox, Babe. Crescent City is the northern gateway to the Redwood National Park. Offshore, see the oldest Pacific Coast working lighthouse in Crescent City. **177 miles to Eureka KOA** ★ See one of the world's tallest trees in Rockefeller Forest [www.koa.com/campgrounds/eureka](http://www.koa.com/campgrounds/eureka)

**Days 6 & 7** > Travelling from Eureka east on Hwy. 299 is the start of the Trinity River Scenic Byway, which offers some of the most diverse scenery of any drive in far Northern California. Admire Weaverville's historic sites, and catch insights into pioneer life at the Jake Jackson Museum. Stop by Whiskey town National Recreation Area to enjoy free kayaking or hiking to one of the many beautiful falls in the area. In Mt. Shasta you will find numerous places to hike and swim, or drive along Everitt Memorial Highway to capture breath taking views of majestic Mount Shasta, 14,179 feet, the second highest peak in the Cascades. **205 miles to Mount Shasta KOA** ★ On Interstate 5, marvel at the castle like natural stone turrets of Castle Crags State Park [www.koa.com/campgrounds/mount-shasta/](http://www.koa.com/campgrounds/mount-shasta/)

**Day 8** > From Mt. Shasta take highway 89 toward McCloud. This will tie you into one of California's only All American Roads: the Volcanic Legacy Scenic Byway. Enjoy the beauty of this scenic drive as you make your way down to one of the regions most prized attractions: McArthur-Burney Falls Memorial State Park featuring a 129-foot high waterfall that transports you to a tropical island. Subway Cave offers an opportunity to walk through a 1/3-mile long volcanic lava tube. **70 miles to Hat Creek** ★ Have a picnic lunch and try your fly fishing skills on Hat Creek. [www.hatcreekrv.com](http://www.hatcreekrv.com)

**Days 9 & 10** > After seeing the stunning sights of northern California's volcanic parks, today you take a drive to Lake Tahoe. Truly a year-round destination, this beautiful jewel in the mountains offers so much to do no matter what the weather. Lake Tahoe activities are limitless. Spring and fall, Lake Tahoe activities include perfect fishing and scenic Tahoe golf courses. Summer offers family fun time with mountain biking trips, horseback riding, fishing, swimming, water sports and golf courses. **212 miles to Lake Tahoe** ★ Evening dinner cruises on the lake are a great way to end your day with spectacular views. [www.snakerivervp.com](http://www.snakerivervp.com)

**Day 11** > Sacramento is the star on the map of California - where you will find cultural attractions to inspire you, cutting-edge cuisine to impress you, history to enrich you and surprises to put a smile on your face. Venture out in any direction and you'll see why they say "California begins here." California's Capital is great value for visitors with lots to do for little or no cost like free tours of the California State



Yosemite NP



Capitol building or sightseeing in historic Old Sacramento, and as Americas Farm-to-Fork Capital, you can be sure of some amazing cafes, bars and restaurants. **104 miles to Sacramento** ★ Stop at the Dive Bar to see a real mermaid while enjoying unique, locally brewed beers [www.calexpo.com/attractions/cal-expo-rv-park](http://www.calexpo.com/attractions/cal-expo-rv-park)

**Days 12 & 13** > Today, you visit one of the most recognisable National Parks in North America, Yosemite. Comprising of over 1,189 square miles of scenic wild lands and ranging from 2,000 feet above sea level to over 13,000 feet. The park is home to alpine meadows, mountain forests, lakes, waterfalls, abundant wildlife and a grove of giant sequoias. Spend a couple of days here exploring this iconic National Park. **132 miles to Yosemite** ★ Visit Bridal Veil and Yosemite Falls and, if you can, take the 2.5 mile hike to Inspiration Point. [www.yosemiteridge.com](http://www.yosemiteridge.com)

**Days 14** > The drive today is approx 158 miles so we suggest you book the Early Bird Departure special, allowing you to return the RV up to 3pm so that you have plenty of time to enjoy this great drive, across California's central valley before returning back to the Cruise America depot in San Francisco.

DEPARTS FROM > **SAN FRANCISCO**  
DURATION > **14 DAYS**  
DISTANCE > **1,253 MILES**

# Southern California Highlights

Running from San Francisco in the north right down to San Diego, just minutes from the Mexican border at Tijuana, California has to be one of those 'dream destinations'. It has everything from beaches to forests and National Parks so whatever your inclination, do join us for this magnificent ride. You will most definitely want more than one night in each place!

## MOTORHOME ITINERARY

**Day 1** > Pick up your motorhome from Cruise America in Los Angeles. Just under 4 hours drive on main Route 101 will bring you to the KOA where you will spend your first night. They call the area around Santa Barbara "America's Riviera" so their beaches and restaurants might make it a natural break along the way. **215 miles to Santa Margarita** ★ Visit Chumash Painted Cave to see some of the very elaborate and colourful rock paintings that have survived for five hundred to a thousand years [www.koa.com/where/ca/05224/](http://www.koa.com/where/ca/05224/)

**Day 2** > Back-haul on 101 just 11 miles, turning towards the Pacific Ocean and on to California's spectacular Route 1 at San Luis Obispo. After about an hour you will see the signs for Hearst Castle and you can check into your campground and then spend time at the folly built by newspaper billionaire William Randolph Hearst or enjoy the San Simeon beaches. **55 miles to Hearst Castle** ★ Visit San Luis Obispo. They shorten the name to SLO and invite you to enjoy the Slolife of laid back southern California. [www.hearstcastle.org/visitors\\_center/camping.asp](http://www.hearstcastle.org/visitors_center/camping.asp)

**Day 3/4** > Head north on Route 1 and one of the world's most scenic drives. You will want to stop at Carmel and at Monterey and you will not want to miss the famous 17 mile drive which hugs the Pacific coastline and past famous golf courses and mansions in Pebble Beach. You're headed for San Francisco where your campsite next door to the 49ers stadium may not be the most rustic but is just four miles from the sights of the city using the campground's hourly shuttle. **200 miles to San Francisco** ★ Visit the Henry Cowell Redwoods



Above: Scenic views along Route 1

Photos: Visit California

State Park where many of these massive trees have stood for over a thousand years [www.sanfranciscorvpark.com/index.html](http://www.sanfranciscorvpark.com/index.html)

**Day 5/6** > Head east now toward Yosemite. It's one of the most famous of all National Parks and no visit to California is complete without experiencing Yosemite's magnificent scenery. It is not a long drive, probably less than 3 hours on the Interstate and we are recommending Yosemite Pines RV as your destination for the night – or nights – you choose to spend here. The campground is an hour's drive from the West Entrance but, because Yosemite's three quarters of a million acres have few roads, you can see the valleys and rock formations, the Yosemite lakes, the waterfalls and the highest peaks and yet still have all the resort facilities and full hook-ups for your vehicle waiting when you return to your campground. **150 miles to Groveland, Yosemite National Park** ★ Visit Bridal Veil and Yosemite Falls and, if you can, take the 2.5 mile hike to Inspiration Point. It's steep towards the end so can take a little while but your reward will be the classic photograph of the Yosemite Valley bookended by the peaks of El Capitan and Half Dome [www.yosemitepinesrv.com/about.html](http://www.yosemitepinesrv.com/about.html)

**Day 7** > Return to Yosemite and, this time drive right through Yosemite to join the very scenic Route 395 headed south on the other side. There's so much of importance linked by this road that it has its own website – 395.com. Having just left Yosemite, you'll now pass between no less than three more National Parks: Kings Canyon, Death Valley and Sequoia. You'll also pass Mt. Whitney, the highest point in the contiguous USA. It's almost within sight of the lowest point which is in Death Valley's Badwater Basin. **255 miles to Lone Pine** ★ Visit Manzanar. As a contrast to the natural beauty around, this was the site of the relocation camp that housed 10,000 internees during WW2. If it's the right time of year you may also want to take our little side trip into Death Valley and on to Lake Havasu, see page 19. [www.bouldercreekrvresort.com](http://www.bouldercreekrvresort.com)

**Day 8** > Continue south on 395 through the Sierra Nevada and then to the flatter lands of the Mojave Desert. It's a gentle three hour drive. Overnight is in the town of Barstow, a crossroads town that once saw The Old Spanish Trail and Route 66 pass this way. Most visitors now are here for the two outlet malls and their one hundred stores. **160 miles to Barstow** ★ Take the shuttle from KOA to the silver mining ghost town of Calico [www.koa.com/where/ca/05233](http://www.koa.com/where/ca/05233)



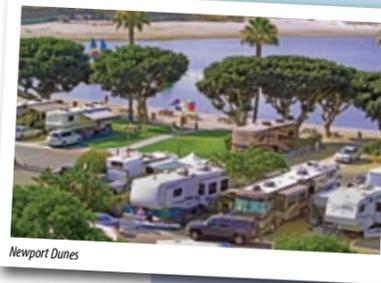
Campland on the Bay

Photo: Campland.com

**Day 9/10** > Campland on the Bay is San Diego's premiere campground. Dig your toes in the sand on the private beach. Catch some sun and fun on a sailboat from the marina. Enjoy one of dozens of activities and amenities for kids and adults that make Campland everyone's favourite. **185 miles to Campland** ★ Visit the historic del Coronado; San Diego Zoo and the waterfront. The restaurants and souvenir shops of Tijuana, Mexico, make a popular evening out [www.campland.com](http://www.campland.com)

**Day 11** > Today you are heading for another great campground beach resort, located in Newport Beach. Newport Dunes Waterfront Resort and Marina is a 110-acre resort at the entrance to the Back Bay Nature Preserve, its home to the premier RV Park and Marina in Southern California. Enjoy the mile of beach front with swimming and a playground on the beach for the kids. Rent a sailboat, electric boat or tour the Back Bay by kayak. **90 miles to Newport Beach** ★ Check the events calendar for your visit as there is always something happening at Newport Beach from the oldest International Yacht Race in the world, the critically acclaimed Film Festival, Jazz Festival, Wine Festival and the list goes on. [www.newportdunes.com](http://www.newportdunes.com)

**Day 12** > After breakfast it is just a short 30 mile drive which will bring you back to the Cruise America depot in Los Angeles.



Newport Dunes



Yosemite NP

DEPARTS FROM > **LOS ANGELES, SAN FRANCISCO or SAN DIEGO**  
DURATION > **12 DAYS**  
DISTANCE > **1,340 MILES**

# Attractions of the West

This is the ultimate tour of the West! Enjoy Southern California beaches, iconic National Parks including Yosemite, Grand Canyon, Zion & Bryce as well as the 3 major cities Los Angeles, San Francisco & Las Vegas, if you have the time and haven't seen the west then this trip showcases it all!



DEPARTS FROM > LOS ANGELES, SAN FRANCISCO or LAS VEGAS  
DURATION > 16 DAYS  
DISTANCE > 2,390 MILES

## MOTORHOME ITINERARY

**Day 1** > Day 1 Pick up your motorhome from Cruise America in Los Angeles. Once you have your motorhome, get yourself on to Route 101 and head north – you are on your way to stay at Santa Margarita Lake KOA, just under four hours away. They call the area around Santa Barbara “America’s Riviera” so their beaches & restaurants might make it a natural break on the way. 240 miles to Santa Margarita. Visit Chumash Painted Cave to see some of the very elaborate and colourful rock paintings that have survived for five hundred to a thousand years. [www.koa.com/campgrounds/santa-margarita/](http://www.koa.com/campgrounds/santa-margarita/)

**Day 2/3** > Ready to get going towards San Francisco today? Please, be sure to stop at that well-known ‘Folly’, Hearst Castle, as you drive through San Simeon – 65 miles into your journey. Take time to enjoy amazing coastal scenery through the Big Sur and Pebble Beach; with maybe a stop at Carmel & Monterey (if time permits add another night to enjoy this amazing area). Then cross the famous Golden Gate Bridge. You are heading for the Petaluma KOA, 34 miles north of that famous icon. A petting farm with cattle, sheep, donkeys, goats and peacocks enhances the ranch atmosphere at this campground, as well as the

option to take guided tours of San Francisco, which depart daily May through October. Enjoy a second night at Petaluma KOA. 250 miles to San Francisco KOA Petaluma ★ Visit Hearst Castle and stop at Carmel & Monterey. Take some pictures of the iconic Golden Gate Bridge and enjoy the Slolife of laid back southern California. [www.koa.com/campgrounds/san-francisco](http://www.koa.com/campgrounds/san-francisco)

**Day 4/5** > An early start is recommended today for the drive across California to the town of Midpines and the Yosemite/Mariposa KOA, the gateway to the first National Park of this trip – Yosemite (Yoss-em-i-tee). Watch for the views across San Pablo Bay as you leave San Francisco. Stay at Yosemite KOA for two nights. Your campground is at the edge of the Park and you will enjoy a drive of just under an hour to the Park itself. 190 miles to Yosemite Mariposa KOA ★ Spend the day exploring the fascinating scenery including a visit to Bridal Veil, Yosemite Falls and, if you can the 2.5 mile hike to Inspiration Point then return to Yosemite KOA for your second night. [www.koa.com/campgrounds/yosemite-west/](http://www.koa.com/campgrounds/yosemite-west/)

**Day 6** > It will be quite a long day so an early start is recommended. The driving will hopefully be leisurely as you drive once more through

Yosemite National Park before taking the southerly route through the Sierra National Forest to the town of Fresno and maybe an hour for lunch. Then take the winding, easterly route 198 to Sequoia (Si-koy-a) National Forest, home to some of the world’s largest trees, and to one of the oldest cities in California, Visalia. 260 miles to KOA Visalia/Fresno ★ Take time to enjoy Sequoia and maybe climb Moro Rock for commanding views of the great western divide. Explore the giant forest of trees and witness the grandeur of General Sherman the biggest tree on earth! [www.koa.com/campgrounds/visalia/](http://www.koa.com/campgrounds/visalia/)

**Day 7/8** > Heading for Las Vegas – and a two night stay at the Circus Circus KOA campground. It is almost a seven hour drive, mainly freeway, but worth it to get to the ‘fun capital’! NB: If you are travelling between September and June and can extend your journey, a route through Death valley is really worthwhile, otherwise it will be a really long day. If you do extend your trip enjoy a night at Furnace Creek campground. The Koa next to Circus Circus is right on the Las Vegas Strip! 260 miles ★ Spend the day wandering the Strip and then enjoy one of the many world class acts or shows like Cirque du Soleil – any one is a fabulous choice. If time permits a visit to the Fremont Street experience is a must with free live entertainment and the amazing light show! [www.koa.com/campgrounds/las-vegas/](http://www.koa.com/campgrounds/las-vegas/)

**Day 9** > The third National Park of this tour is coming up today – it is in Utah and just three hours from Las Vegas. Like Yosemite and Sequoia, but very different, Zion National Park is spectacular. Just 30



Hearst castle

miles northeast of Zion is your overnight stop, the Glendale KOA, set right in the middle of the natural wonders of Utah. 195 miles ★ If you get a chance a hike up to Angels Landing is very worthwhile, another great way to tour Zion is on horseback with Canyon Trail Rides, this may well be the highlight of your trip, rides last 1 or 3 hours! [www.koa.com/campgrounds/glendale/](http://www.koa.com/campgrounds/glendale/)

**Day 10** > Not travelling far today, in fact only 43 miles in just under an hour, to the Cannonville/ Bryce Valley KOA located just about 12 miles from the entrance to Bryce Canyon National Park. This Park is totally different again from the other three, so much not to be missed and we want you to have the opportunity to spend the day. Giant amphitheatres bristling with pink rock pinnacles that seem to glow at sunrise and sunset are the background to hundreds of back roads,



Golden Gate Bridge



Tram, San Francisco

hiking and biking trails and guided horseback rides. 50 miles ★ If you missed the horse ride trail in Zion then definitely try and do it in Bryce! [www.koa.com/campgrounds/cannonville/](http://www.koa.com/campgrounds/cannonville/)

**Day 11** > Leave around 8am and arrive at Flagstaff KOA in Arizona by 6pm – and this includes the time for a three or four hour trip on Lake Powell. This is a fabulous man-made lake on the Colorado River. If time permits extend your trip and stay overnight to include a trip to Antelope Canyon – a photographers dream! 285 miles ★ We suggest you rent a speedboat and take it to the famous Rainbow Bridge National Monument, alternatively you can book a guided boat tour from Lake Powell Resort hotel. [www.koa.com/campgrounds/flagstaff/](http://www.koa.com/campgrounds/flagstaff/)

**Day 12/13** > After your overnight, 7,000 feet above sea level, you will probably want to ride the nearby Skyride up to 11,500 feet for an overview of the Grand Canyon, Coconino (Cocoa-nee-no) National Forest and Flagstaff itself. There are hiking trails from the campsite or go south and visit Walnut Canyon and its ancient cliff dwellings carved in the walls. Head west now, just 45 miles, to Williams KOA, the gateway to the Grand Canyon, where you are booked for two nights! You have three choices for going to the Grand Canyon. Take the hour’s drive so you have all the home comforts; join KOA’s van tour or arrive by rail on the Grand Canyon Railway. Your KOA hosts will help with reservations and taxi to the railway. At the campground you can enjoy live Western music, hayrides, fun-bike rentals, mini-golf and horseback riding. 45 miles ★ If you get the chance book and take a helicopter



Rainbow Bridge National Monument

tour of the Grand Canyon (definitely not to be missed!) or maybe a jeep or rafting tour! [www.koa.com/campgrounds/grand-canyon/](http://www.koa.com/campgrounds/grand-canyon/)

**Day 14** > On the homeward road today but there is no need to rush away from Williams – so do spend the morning enjoying some of those activities they provide. The drive is 125 miles today – 82 of them on State Road 66, better known as the world-famous ‘Route 66’ – where we hope you’ll get some kicks!! Head for Kingman KOA and unwind in the huge pool, high in the desert surrounded by the Hualapai (Hu-al-a-pie) Mountains. Nearby you can see traces of the pioneer wagon ruts that still mark the Fort Beale Wagon Trail. 125 miles ★ A visit to the Route 66 Museum in Kingman is a must. [www.koa.com/campgrounds/kingman/](http://www.koa.com/campgrounds/kingman/)

**Day 15** > The next to last day is a long one but with three stops. Heading west, the first stop is another icon of the Colorado River – the world-famous Hoover Dam on the border of Arizona and Nevada. Stop a while and stare at this man-made wonder before heading into Boulder City, then go south and skirt the Providence Mountains before diverting to the Mojave National Preserve. 340 miles ★ Mojave National Preserve is the penultimate stop today, a desert solitude in



Hoover Dam



Bridalveil Falls, Yosemite NP

Photo: Lawrence Foster



Lake Powell



Southern California, singing sand dunes, volcanic cinder cones, Joshua tree forests, and carpets of wildflowers are all found at this 1.6 million acre park. A visit to its canyons, mountains and mesas will reveal long-abandoned mines, homesteads, and rock-walled military outposts. [www.koa.com/campgrounds/barstow/](http://www.koa.com/campgrounds/barstow/)

**Day 16** > 150 miles to drive back to Carson and Cruise America this morning – and it will take at least 3.5 hours... so it has to be an early start unless, of course, you have taken the ‘Early Bird’ option, in which case you don’t have to be back until 3pm... thank goodness!



Stunning views over The Grand Canyon

Bixby Bridge

# The Three State Triangle

From California to Nevada to Arizona – from man-made wonders to the natural wonders that make America what it is. This isn't a long tour, less than 1500 miles, and we know you will want to stay longer at some places. You can also pick up the same route starting in Las Vegas or Phoenix; or drive one-way between two of them. So a lot of choice here.

## MOTORHOME ITINERARY

**Day 1** > Collect your Motor Home from Cruise America's Los Angeles station and head 132 miles to Barstow to overnight. This is a pleasant campground in a crossroads town that once saw The Old Spanish Trail and Route 66 pass this way. Most visitors now are here for the two outlet malls and their one hundred stores.  
 ⚡ 130 miles to Barstow ★ Take the shuttle from KOA to the silver mining ghost town of Calico [www.barstowcalicokoa.com](http://www.barstowcalicokoa.com)

**Day 2** > Again, a freeway drive of about two hours, skirting the Mojave Desert, that will bring you to Las Vegas. We believe we have found the nicest campground for you in this crazy fun city of neon, megastars and casinos! Spend the day wandering the strip and decide what show you want to see tonight. Tickets are normally available and there are several Cirque du Soleil performances going on in various hotels – any one is a fabulous choice. ⚡ 140 miles to Las Vegas  
 ★ Visit New York, Paris, Mandalay, Luxor, the Barbary Coast or the Sahara; they're all on The Strip [www.oasislasvegassrvresort.com](http://www.oasislasvegassrvresort.com)

**Day 3** > You will cross into Arizona today via the Hoover Dam. There is so much to see and explore in this amazing man-made structure that channels the mighty Colorado River through turbines at eighty five miles an hour and so create power for much of three states. Visit the Museum and see how it was constructed – a colossal and costly feat of



Sand dunes at Death Valley

man's ingenuity. Then to Kingman, gateway to Historic Route 66.  
 ⚡ 120 miles to Kingman ★ Visit the Powerhouse Visitors' Center for a map of the Kingman walking tour [www.blakeranchrv.com](http://www.blakeranchrv.com)

**Day 4** > The longest remaining stretch of Route 66 starts in Kingman and runs through to Ash Fork. You will pass through the Hualapai Indian Reservation at Peach Springs and tantalizingly close to the Grand Canyon but you just cannot get to it by road from here! You'll have got your kicks on Route 66 though and at Williams, you'll head north to the Grand Canyon and the Mather Campground. ⚡ 150 miles to Grand Canyon ★ Visit the Canyon's rim as the sun goes down but be sure to be there again at first light [www.recreation.gov](http://www.recreation.gov)

**Days 5/6** > During just over four hours driving south on InterState 17 you will see the landscape change from the lushness in the north with its pines and aspens, to the desert of the south with its giant cacti and sagebrush. It is a fascinating drive for that reason alone but as you come through the Coconino Forest, Sedona is an ideal place to break your journey. Your campground is located on the eastern edge of Scottsdale, where the Four Peaks rise from the desert floor.  
 ⚡ 270 miles to Phoenix ★ Visit Montezuma Castle. One of the best preserved cliff dwellings in North America standing five storeys high and with twenty rooms [www.eagleviewrvresort.com/index.htm](http://www.eagleviewrvresort.com/index.htm)

**Day 7** > Unashamedly, a stop 'halfway between where you've been and where you want to go'. Blythe, alongside the Colorado River,



Photo: Visit California



Las Vegas

Photo: Visit Las Vegas

makes its living looking after tourists who are just passing through and they'll make you more than welcome. ⚡ 170 miles to Blythe ★ Visit Cibola National Wildlife Refuge [www.koa.com/where/ca/05451/](http://www.koa.com/where/ca/05451/)

**Day 8** > Do stop off at Joshua Tree National Park and possibly the Salton Sea State Recreation Area on your way to Palm Springs, or we should say next door neighbor Palm Desert. This is a 'desert drive' but it's an interesting one to your destination on Frank Sinatra Drive. Emerald Desert is a resort in itself and boasts a 9 hole golf course if anyone needs to slip away for a couple of hours! ⚡ 155 miles to Palm Desert ★ Visit more of Palm Springs and spot the celebrities. Many from the movie and music world live here for its benign desert climate [www.emeralddesert.com/index.html](http://www.emeralddesert.com/index.html)

**Day 9** > And now to the Pacific Ocean and the beach. You can head south from your campground and take a country drive through Pinion Flats, the edge of the San Bernardino National Forest and through the Cleveland Forest to join up with the Interstate into San Diego. Or you can take the Interstate all the way and be at the beach in a couple of hours. Campland on the Bay is one of our firm favourites.  
 ⚡ 135 Interstate miles to Campland Resort ★ Visit the world famous Palomar Observatory [www.campland.com](http://www.campland.com)



The Hoover Dam Photo: Las Vegas News Bureau/LVCA

**Day 10** > Allow a "good" two hours to get back to Cruise America, especially if driving in rush hour. ⚡ 110 miles to Cruise America to drop off your Motor home.

Agua Caliente Indian Canyon, Palm Springs Photos: Visit California



# The Grand Canyon and Las Vegas Tour

This is just a short round-trip for those of you who don't have a lot of time but during your stay in Las Vegas, want to see the Grand Canyon – not by a fleeting over-fly but really "on the ground"! You may, of course, extend the trip if you wish and stay longer to explore some more of the magnificent National Parks in the area like Zion and Bryce.

## MOTORHOME ITINERARY

**Day 1** > Collect your Motor Home in Las Vegas and make your way directly to Blake Ranch for your first night. You will cross into Arizona at the Hoover Dam but we suggest you stop and visit here on your return journey. It is possible that you will have a Homeland Security check as you pass through this area – nothing scary but there's a few million gallons of Colorado River behind that dam. ⚡ 115 miles to Kingman via Hoover Dam ★ Visit the old silver mining town of Chloride [www.blakeranchrv.com](http://www.blakeranchrv.com)

**Day 2** > You're headed for Williams and The Grand Canyon Railway RV park which adjoins their railway depot and hotel to form a pleasant resort area. The hotel's indoor pool and Jacuzzi, as well as the bar and restaurant, are available to RV guests too. ⚡ 100 miles to Grand Canyon Railway ★ Visit Planes of Fame, the Williams aircraft museum, or the Flintstones' Bedrock City [www.thetrain.com/rvpark](http://www.thetrain.com/rvpark)

**Day 3** > The highlight of this little tour will be when you stand at the rim of this magnificent National Park. No photograph, painting or film begins to capture it: you just have to carry the memory away with you. We recommend the Mather campground which has showers and toilets though no electrical hook-ups. Do take an unforgettable helicopter trip over or into the Canyon. ⚡ 55 miles to the Grand Canyon Camper Village ★ Visit the Canyons rim as the sun goes down but be sure to be there again at first light [www.nps.gov/grca/planyourvisit/cg-sr.htm](http://www.nps.gov/grca/planyourvisit/cg-sr.htm)



Photo: Peter Hodgetts



Sunset at Mather Point, Grand Canyon

Photo: Scott Johnson Photography, Inc.

**Day 4** > Continue on I-40 to Flagstaff and then go south on I-17 toward the Coconino National Forest until you turn off for Sedona and your home for tonight, Rancho Sedona. It's walking distance from the town's restaurants, shops and galleries and in the heart of stunning red rock formations. ⚡ 110 miles to Sedona ★ Visit Oak Creek Canyon; sometimes described as the Grand Canyon's little cousin [www.ranchosedona.com](http://www.ranchosedona.com)

**Day 5** > Today you are going to loop round through Prescott National Forest, and back up to Seligman. Its about a four hour drive and, along the way, the museums of western art and Indian artifacts in Prescott are worth a visit as is Sharlot Hall, the first territorial governor's mansion. Just past Ash Fork, you will re-join Route 66 and it's only a short way along to your KOA Campground. ⚡ 130 miles to Seligman and the start of Historic Route 66 ★ Visit the picturesque mining town of Jerome [www.koa.com/where/az/03164](http://www.koa.com/where/az/03164)

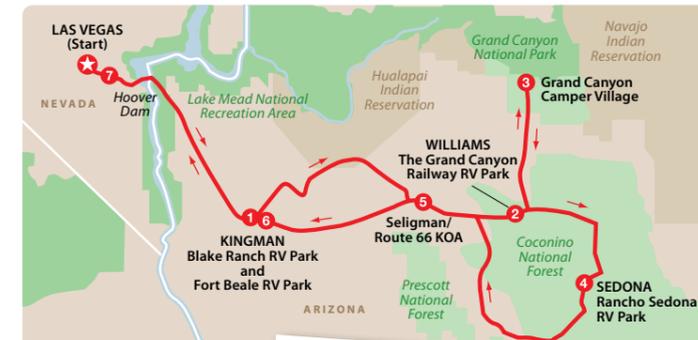
**Day 6** > There's not much of Route 66 left "from Chicago to LA" but one of the longest sections remaining will take you on the scenic drive through Peach Springs, on the edge of the Hualapai Indian Reservation, to Kingman. Your headed for the Fort Beale RV Park. ⚡ 90 miles to Kingman ★ Visit Grand Canyon Caverns, so named because the air travels sixty miles underground from the Canyon itself [www.ftbealerv.com](http://www.ftbealerv.com)



Cowboy Corner, Prescott

Photo: Franz Rosenberger

**Day 7** > This is the time to spend a while at the Hoover Dam. There is so much to see and admire in this amazing man-made structure that channels the mighty Colorado River through turbines at eighty five miles an hour to create power for much of three states. We think we have found you the nicest campground in Las Vegas for your final night.  
 ⚡ 100 miles to Las Vegas  
 ★ Visit Lake Mead National Recreation Area. Nearly 2,500 square miles of both Nevada and Arizona and 550 miles of stunning shoreline. [www.oasislasvegassrvresort.com](http://www.oasislasvegassrvresort.com)



Gorging at the Grand Canyon Photo: Breann Liebermann

**Day 8** > Drive just 10 Miles to drop of your Motor Home at the Las Vegas depot.



Delgadillo's Snow Cap Drive-In, Route 66

Photo: © Julian Smith



Sailing on Lake Mead, Boulder Basin

# Utah and the Canyons

Everyone knows the Grand Canyon; but not everyone knows that this is just one of a series of amazing natural spectacles in North America. This is your chance to view some of the most magnificent!

## MOTORHOME ITINERARY

**Day 1** > Collect your motor home from Cruise America's Salt Lake City depot. Drive directly south 42 miles, exiting toward Springville. East Bay RV Park is three miles off the freeway, nestled beneath the majestic Rocky Mountains, ten minutes from Brigham Young University and Seven Peaks Water Park. A great location to get used to your motorhome - all sites include water, electric and waste water hook-ups. **45 miles to East Bay RV Park** ★ Visit Timpanogos Cave National Monument [www.eastbayrvpark.com](http://www.eastbayrvpark.com)

**Day 2** > South on scenic Route 6 past the Uinta National Forest. With over two million ecologically-diverse acres, this is one of the most frequently visited forests in the nation. Forty miles north of Moab, turn off towards Canyonlands National Park and the Islands in the Sky Visitor Centre. The Island in the Sky mesa rests on sheer sandstone cliffs over 1,000 feet above its surroundings. Every overlook offers a different perspective on Canyonlands' spectacular landscape. The Island is the easiest district to visit in a short period of time. Driving time back to your campground is roughly forty minutes. **280 miles to Moab KOA with side trip to Canyonlands National Park** ★ Visit Green River for its outstanding River History Museum [www.moabkoa.com](http://www.moabkoa.com) Alternatively base yourself right in Moab at Canyonlands RV Park.

**Day 3** > Moab is a great centre for seeing the Canyonlands/Arches National Park area. How about a half-day Jetboat tour on the Colorado River or, for the more intrepid, a white water raft trip through the rapids. Add a half day 4WD, off road, tour to either and make a real day of it. You



Zion National Park

[www.bon-voyage.co.uk](http://www.bon-voyage.co.uk)

can relax afterwards on an evening Dinner Cruise or the Sound and Light Cruise. ★ Visit Adventureland Family Fun Centre and the restaurants and shopping Moab offers [www.moabkoa.com](http://www.moabkoa.com)

**Day 4** > Explore Arches National Park which preserves over 2,000 natural sandstone arches, including the world-famous Delicate Arch. Nature has exposed a landscape of contrasting colours, landforms and textures unlike any other and the greatest density of natural arches in the world.

72 miles south to tonight's stop in an area of the USA known as Four Corners; it is in the corner of four states. Northwest is Utah, northeast is Colorado, southeast is New Mexico and southwest is Arizona. Maybe add a side trip to Cortez, Colorado; or south into Monument Valley.

You may want to make Blue Mountain RV Park your base for exploring; it's centrally located to much of the Four Corners' most spectacular scenery. **70 miles to Blanding after spending a day exploring the Arches National Park** ★ Visit Devil's Garden and The Windows in Arches NP [www.bluemountainrvpark.com/index.html](http://www.bluemountainrvpark.com/index.html)

**Day 5** > West on Route 276 crossing the mighty Colorado aboard The Charles Hall ferry between Halls Crossing Marina and Bullfrog Marina. They're just over three miles apart and it takes around 30mins. The ferry crosses every other hour Mid-May through Mid-September. From Bullfrog drive 100 miles, past Glen Canyon National Recreation Area; you may want to stop. Escalante State Park features colourful deposits of mineralized wood and dinosaur bones. The 130-acre Wide Hollow Reservoir on the park's boundary adds water recreation and fishing. The park is located 1.5 miles from the quiet western town of Escalante off State Route 12. Facilities include a visitor centre, 22-unit campground, modern rest rooms with showers, sanitary disposal station and interpretive trail. **190 miles to Escalante State Park** ★ Visit Escalante Canyons before reaching the town and Escalante State Park [www.utah.com/stateparks/escalante.htm](http://www.utah.com/stateparks/escalante.htm)

**Day 6** > Bryce Canyon National Park has been described as a scientist's laboratory and a child's playground. It certainly is 'one of a kind' and spectacularly different from anything you have seen before. Natural amphitheatres lie above an array of white and orange limestone columns and walls sculptured by rain, snow, and frost. You are (currently) permitted to drive in the park but it is strongly recommended that you use the free shuttle that serves twelve stops, including the



White water rafting Photo: Utah Office of Tourism

Bryce Canyon, Utah

Photo: Sanne van Toor

finest lookouts and trailheads, plus your campground. **105 miles to Rubys Inn RV Park** ★ Visit Sunrise, Sunset and Inspiration points within Bryce National Park [www.brycecanyoncampgrounds.com](http://www.brycecanyoncampgrounds.com)

**Day 7** > South on scenic Route 89, with the Dixie National Forest on your right, to see a very different National Park. A unique experience awaits you at Zion National Park. Massive canyon walls ascend toward a brilliant blue sky. To experience Zion, you need to walk among the towering cliffs, or challenge your courage in a small narrow canyon. These unique sandstone cliffs range in colour from cream, to pink, to red. They could be described as sand castles crowning desert canyons. We recommend the Watchman Campground within the park; it has 63 sites for RV's with electrical hook-ups and it is open all year. The shuttle is mandatory and definitely the way to see this fragile site. It serves nine stops at lookouts and trailheads along the Canyon Loop. **85 miles to Zion National Park** ★ Visit The Zion Human History Museum [www.recreation.gov](http://www.recreation.gov)

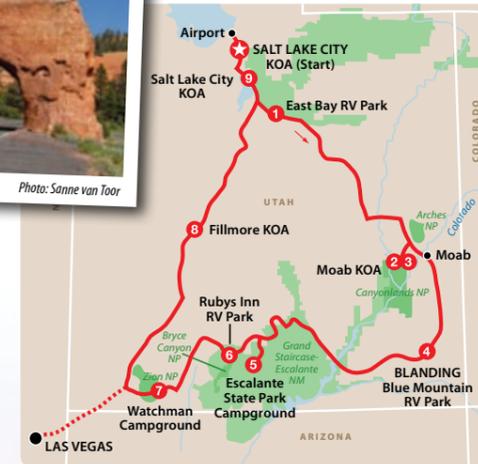
**Day 8** > Having seen so many natural wonders, you may want to amend this trip to take in the amazing man-made wonder that is Las Vegas. Las Vegas is about 150 miles from this point. Alternatively, this tour could be started at this point by collecting your RV from the Cruise America Las Vegas depot and heading to Zion for your first night. Enjoy Zion National Park and make your stop-over tonight at the Fillmore KOA. Your journey time will be under three hours so no need to rush to make an early start. **165 miles to Fillmore KOA** ★ Visit Old Cove Fort [www.koa.com/kampgrounds/fillmore/](http://www.koa.com/kampgrounds/fillmore/)

**Day 9** > Reach Salt Lake City in a little over two hours. It certainly is worth spending time in the city which laid the foundation for the Mormon faith. You may have heard of the Family History Library, but you might not know how easy and inexpensive it is to book a genealogy research trip there. Enjoy your time at Camp VIP, a KOA campground



Mesa Arch, Canyonlands

Photo: Utah Tourism



DEPARTS FROM > SALT LAKE CITY or LAS VEGAS  
DURATION > 10 DAYS  
DISTANCE > 1,095 MILES

# Death Valley and Lake Havasu add-on

We are seeing this little loop as an 'add-on' to your major itinerary. It's shown as starting and finishing in Las Vegas though, of course, this short tour can be just as easily added to a rental from Los Angeles or any other Cruise America rental location in the West. Death Valley is the lowest area in North America, this is the National Park that has to be seen.

DEPARTS FROM > LAS VEGAS  
DURATION > 5 DAYS  
DISTANCE > 745 MILES

## MOTORHOME ITINERARY

**Day 1** > Furnace Creek is the base from which to explore Death Valley. You can stay at the National Park Campground there or at the adjacent Furnace Creek Inn which also has a restaurant, shopping and America's lowest golf course. Take the opportunity to explore in the direction of Stovepipe Wells as you'll be headed in the opposite direction tomorrow. **130 miles to Furnace Creek from Cruise America Las Vegas** ★ Visit Red Rock Canyon shortly after leaving Las Vegas and Zabriskie Point just before arriving at your campground [www.furnacecreekresort.com](http://www.furnacecreekresort.com)



Furnace Creek Inn

Photo: Furnace Creek Resort

**Day 2** > A bit of a backhaul for those who came in from Los Angeles but you're headed towards Barstow today. It looks a long way round on a map but, Providence Mountains and the Devil's Playground lie between Death Valley and Lake Havasu and there are no roads across. **170 miles to Barstow** ★ Visit Badwater Basin, the lowest point in the US (only 140 miles from the peak of Mt. Whitney; the highest). Take the shuttle from KOA to the silver mining ghost town of Calico [www.barstowcalicokoa.com](http://www.barstowcalicokoa.com)



Cactus, near Kingman

Photo: Blake Ranch



Photo: Ernesto Diaz-Flores

**Day 3** > The interstate across the Mojave Desert soon soaks up the miles and soon you'll be on the scenic shoreline of Lake Havasu State Park. The focal point of this popular leisure resort is old London Bridge which was moved stone by numbered stone from its original location spanning the Thames in the late 1960s. **240 miles to Lake Havasu** ★ Visit London Bridge. It was literally "falling down" but now happy in retirement [www.piratecoversort.com](http://www.piratecoversort.com)

**Day 4** > Rejoin Interstate 40 north of Havasu and make for the Blake Ranch east of Kingman. As it's only a 90 minute drive, we suggest you come off on Route 66 (towards Kingman Airport) and follow one of the last remaining parts of this iconic road through to Seligman or even Ash Fork, before returning on Interstate 40 to Blake Ranch (exit 66). **85 miles to Kingman** ★ Visit Grand Canyon Caverns on Route 66 near Peach Springs [www.blakeranchrv.com](http://www.blakeranchrv.com)

**Day 5** > Since the Blake Ranch is so close to the Grand Canyon, many renters will be heading in that direction. For those returning to Las Vegas, there will be time to visit Chloride on the way back to Las Vegas to return your motorhome. It's an old silver mining town that the few remaining citizens will not let die. **120 miles to Las Vegas** N.B. Vehicles are allowed to operate in Death Valley, however, extreme caution must be observed. Clients visit these areas at their own risk and are thus responsible for all recovery and other charges. During certain periods these areas are not habitable and could pose a danger to the driver and passengers.

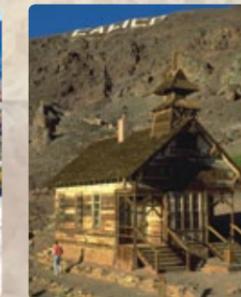


Havasu Creek, Grand Canyon

Photo: Arizona Tourism



Pirate Cove RV Resort



Calico Ghost Town, Barstow

Photo: California Travel & Tourism Commission, Robert Holmes



# Phoenix to Las Vegas

This is a short one-way trip from Phoenix to Las Vegas before two nights of fun in the capital of entertainment. It is designed for those who have little time but want to see something of the natural wonders of the US's most famous National Parks. If you want to extend the trip to stay longer in some places, feel free...

## MOTORHOME ITINERARY



Walkies! Photo: Utah Office of Tourism

**Day 1** > Collect your Motor Home from Cruise America, Mesa then head on to Flagstaff, the 'gateway' to the Grand Canyon. Drive 145 miles to Munds Park, Flagstaff Visit Sedona in the Red Rock Country of Coffeepot, Cathedral and stunning Oak Creek Canyon [www.mundsparkrv.com](http://www.mundsparkrv.com)

**Day 2** > We like the Mather Campground for its peace and quiet and natural surroundings. That isn't to say that in the

height of summer it doesn't get busy – but the smell of the campfires and BBQ's and the camaraderie of your fellow RV'rs sharing this amazing location is quite unique! 140 miles to South Rim of the Grand Canyon Be on the rim for the mesmerising colour changes of sunrise and do try to take a helicopter flight over the Canyon. It's life changing! [www.recreation.gov/camping/Mather\\_Campground\\_Az/r/campgroundDetails.do?](http://www.recreation.gov/camping/Mather_Campground_Az/r/campgroundDetails.do?)

**Day 3** > You arrived at the Canyon via Highway 180; now head east on 64, through more of Grand Canyon National Park and through the Kaibab National Forest to Cameron, where you will go north on Hwy 89



Zion NP Narrows Photo: Utah Office of Tourism



Archers NP, Utah Photos: Scott Ash

to the City of Page and fabulous Lake Powell on the Colorado River. The drive is just under 3 hours. Try and leave early so you can enjoy something of the Lake Powell adventures! Taking a speedboat to Rainbow Bridge is our favourite. Wahweap is right on the Lake. 145 miles to Lake Powell Rent a speedboat and make for Rainbow Bridge. Stay another night or a bit longer and also visit Antelope Canyon - a photographers dream! [www.go-arizona.com/Wahweap-RV-Park](http://www.go-arizona.com/Wahweap-RV-Park)

**Day 4** > Continue on scenic Highway 89 for almost 130 miles then turn right on 12 for Bryce Canyon, and Ruby's Inn Campground. On your journey you will drive through the Dixie National Forest. It will take about 2 1/2 hours to get to Bryce Canyon so set off early to enjoy this very different National Park with its strange columns and pinnacles of rock. 145 miles to Ruby's Inn, Bryce Canyon Visit the Escalante Grand Staircase National Monument begins near Ruby's Inn and is a very unique region of canyons, arches, plateaus and cliffs [www.rubysinn.com/rv\\_camp.html](http://www.rubysinn.com/rv_camp.html)

**Day 5** > Travel south on Hwy 89 heading for Zion National Park. Zion is different again, more lush, but spectacular too. You will want to stop and linger. Just 14 miles further on, Zion River Resort is ideally located for easy access to what truly is one of the nation's most beautiful parks so you may want to base yourself here for more than one night. 100 miles to Zion River Resort You must see live musical productions nightly on stage at the Zion canyon Theatre. They offer high energy and great family entertainment [www.zionriverresort.com](http://www.zionriverresort.com)



The rim of Bryce Canyon Photo: Utah Office of Tourism



Las Vegas Strip at night Photo: Visit Las Vegas

**Day 6** > Because you will probably want to spend more time in Zion National Park this morning, we are taking just a short drive to Mesquite to overnight on our way to Las Vegas. Also, we want you to be able to enjoy a pleasant and interesting drive to the city which could not be accomplished in one day. Take a look at the Desert Skies Resort website; we know you'll enjoy your overnight stay. 180 miles to Mesquite Visit the St. George area; a historical gold mine full of pioneer homes, fascinating ghost towns, and prehistoric dinosaur footprints [www.desertskiesresorts.com](http://www.desertskiesresorts.com)

**Day 7/8** > If you wish, you can take Interstate 15 right into Las Vegas. However, we prefer the



more leisurely route through the spectacular Lake Mead Recreation Area. Continue on Lake Shore Drive; stop off at Boulder Beach; then turn east for approx 10 miles to the amazing Hoover Dam – certainly a most amazing man-made wonder. Then you can either head to the fabulous Oasis Resort Campground or you may prefer to return your Motorhome and check in to one of the many amazing opulent or themed hotels on the strip! 120 Miles to Las Vegas Visit the Valley of Fire State Park on the way to the Hoover Dam. [www.oasislasvegasrvresort.com](http://www.oasislasvegasrvresort.com)

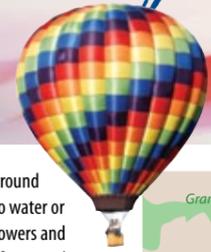
**Day 9** > Only 15 miles to Cruise America Las Vegas to drop off your Motor Home.

DEPARTS FROM > PHOENIX or LAS VEGAS  
DURATION > 9 DAYS  
DISTANCE > 990 MILES

# Arizona and New Mexico with the Grand Canyon

We know you won't come to Arizona and miss the Grand Canyon but we thought we'd take you on a whistle stop tour of New Mexico and southern Arizona as well. Covering a minimum of 7 nights, we know you will want to stay longer in several of these locations.

DEPARTS FROM > PHOENIX or ALBUQUERQUE  
DURATION > 8 DAYS  
DISTANCE > 1,300 MILES

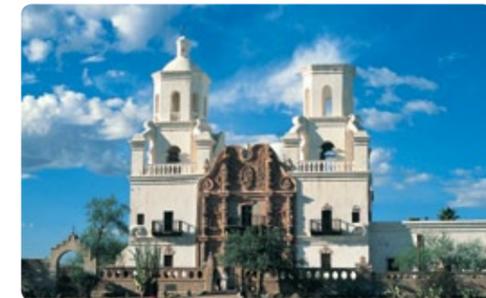


## MOTORHOME ITINERARY

**Day 1** > Pick up your motorhome from Cruise America in Phoenix and zip straight down Interstate 10 to Tucson where you can expect more than 300 days of sunshine every year! Mild, spring, fall, and winter temperatures are legendary. While summer does heat up, Tucson's combination of low humidity and medium altitude makes higher temperatures feel more comfortable. Whispering Palms RV is the place to stay; small and close to downtown. 100 miles to Tucson Visit the iconic Mission San Xavier del Bac and don't miss Old Tucson or the Arizona-Sonora Desert Museum [www.whisperingpalmsrv.net](http://www.whisperingpalmsrv.net)

**Day 2** > You will certainly want to spend some time in Tucson so we haven't given you much further to drive today. But there is a reason why we are staying at Benson: it is so close to Tombstone and the OK Corral. You will want to visit either today or tomorrow. So less than an hour's drive to Butterfield RV Resort in the San Pedro Valley surrounded by four distinct and separate mountain ranges. 50 miles Benson Visit Tombstone and see where Wyatt Earp and the other 'good guys' won the Gunfight at the OK Corral [www.rv-resort.com](http://www.rv-resort.com)

**Day 3** > A longer drive today, but as on Interstate 10 still a little over three hours. So time for Tombstone first if you didn't get there yesterday. En Route you may want to stop at historic Bowie (1880 is historic in the USA!) just before you cross the state line into New Mexico. Look out for the high peaks of Mt Graham (10,717ft), Dos Cabezas Range (8,363 ft) and the Chiricahua Mountains (9,796 ft)



Mission san Xavier del Bac, Tucson Photo: Arizona Office of Tourism

You are headed for Las Cruces and Hacienda RV Resort, within walking distance of historic Old Mesilla (Billy the Kid's hangout), and all the special shops and fine restaurants it provides – maybe a night to eat out! 230 Miles to Las Cruces Visit the Steins-Railroad Ghost Town and Billy the Kid's Shakespeare [www.haciendarv.com/index.html](http://www.haciendarv.com/index.html)

**Day 4** > This morning you are only minutes to downtown Las Cruces, the second largest city in New Mexico, offering theatres, museums, wonderful dining, and gracious Southwest hospitality. Do check the website for great local information and visit before you start your four hour drive. The major city of New Mexico is your destination today and on the way we're sure you will want to stop at 'Truth or Consequence' to find out why its name was changed from 'Hot Springs'. Be sure to visit the historic bath house district. Then head on to American RV Park, the highest rated in the State. If travelling during the first half of October, book WELL in advance as it's the hot air balloon festival in Albuquerque. 235 miles to Albuquerque Visit Socorro for the Old San Miguel Mission dominated by the massive South Baldy mountain [www.americanrvpark.com](http://www.americanrvpark.com)

**Day 5** > A longish drive today but as it is all on Interstate 40 it should take less than five hours. You will want to break your journey at the Petrified Forest National Park between Chambers and Holbrook and then continue through Cocino National Forest to Flagstaff and the J & H RV Park. 310 miles to Flagstaff Visit Sandia Peak and the world's longest aerial tramway [www.flagstaffrvparks.com](http://www.flagstaffrvparks.com)



Downtown Flagstaff at night Photo: Arizona Office of Tourism

**Day 6** > We have been to and love the Mather Campground at the Grand Canyon National Park South Rim. It has no water or electric hookups but it does have coin operated hot showers and toilets. Nothing like waking up in the natural silence of a natural campground. 95 miles to Grand Canyon National Park Visit The Grand Canyon! Along it, down in it or hovering over it [www.nps.gov/grca/planyourvisit/cg-sr.htm](http://www.nps.gov/grca/planyourvisit/cg-sr.htm)

**Day 7** > You may enjoy visiting the home of the Grand Canyon Railroad in Williams before heading south. You will definitely want to stop in Sedona on your way to the interestingly named Dead Horse Ranch National Park in Cottonwood – and there is a story behind the name. There are over 100 large RV sites available on a first-come, first-served basis and they advise calling a couple of days ahead to secure a site. If you unlucky, there are ten or more campgrounds in the Sedona area which can be prebooked. 155 miles to Dead Horse Ranch National Park Visit Oak Creek Canyon before you reach Cottonwood [www.azstateparks.com/Parks/DEHO/index.html](http://www.azstateparks.com/Parks/DEHO/index.html)

**Day 8** > 125 miles to return your Motor Home to Cruise America in Mesa.



Wyatt Earp Days, Tombstone Photo: Arizona Office of Tourism



Ceremonial Indian dance Photo: New Mexico Tourism Department/Mike Stauffer



A dory in Upset Rapid, Colorado River Photo: Geoff Gourley Photography

# Route 66 including Highway 1

Are you ready to get your kicks on Route 66 also known as The Mother Road! Route 66 served as a major path for those who migrated west exposing millions of American citizens to small towns and different cultures across the country. People doing business along the route became prosperous due to the growing popularity of the highway, which has become one of the most famous roads in America! This trip is also going to take you along another famous Road - Highway 1 where you will have time to also enjoy the amazing Californian coastal scenery.

## MOTORHOME ITINERARY

**Day 1** > After a night or 2 enjoying the windy city it's time to make your way to the Cruise America rental location to collect your Motorhome! You are heading for the midwest of the USA & Springfield, IL. Welcome to Route 66 – enjoy the museum, shops and maybe dinner at a classic American diner!  
 ⚡ 200 miles ★ Visit Lincoln's tomb & the Salem State Historic site, a reconstruction of an 1830s village where Abraham Lincoln spent his early adulthood. [www.koa.com/campgrounds/springfield/](http://www.koa.com/campgrounds/springfield/)



**Day 2** > Today you are heading for the banks of the Mississippi River & St Louis! No visit to St Louis would be complete without a visit to the country's tallest monument at 630 feet, The Gateway Arch, with its iconic, awe-inspiring shape. The Gateway Arch commemorates Thomas Jefferson and St. Louis' role in the westward expansion of the United States. Then travel onwards stopping off at Lone Elk Park to enjoy some wildlife viewing before a visit to Route 66 State Park! ⚡ 275 miles  
 ★ Take a ride to the top of the iconic Gateway Arch. Enjoy some time viewing the wildlife at Lone Elk Park including bison, wild turkey, elk & deer. Finally, take time to visit Route 66 State Park and be sure to stop off at the visitor centre, which has displays showcasing the road.  
[www.koa.com/campgrounds/springfield-route-66/](http://www.koa.com/campgrounds/springfield-route-66/)



Chicago River and Willis Tower

**Day 3** > Today you are heading through America's heartland and to Oklahoma City. Make sure you stop off in Joplin, once a hide out town for that famous duo, Bonnie & Clyde! Next stop is Tulsa, once known as the 'Oil capital of the World' and now home to the world's largest collection of art and artifacts of the American West! and then finally to Oklahoma City ⚡ 250 miles ★ Visit Gilcrease Museum in Tulsa.  
[www.koa.com/campgrounds/oklahoma-city/](http://www.koa.com/campgrounds/oklahoma-city/)

**Day 4** > Today is a long drive as you leave Oklahoma and head for Texas "on the way to Amarillo"! But it will be well worth it as there is a lot to see and do. Definitely take time to visit "Palo Duro" (which is Spanish for "hard wood") Canyon state Park the 2nd largest in the USA, once inhabited by the Apache, Cheyenne & Comanche and consisting of more than 20,000 acres. Whilst in Amarillo visit the American Quarter Horse Heritage Centre, Cadillac Ranch & the Route 66 historic district featuring antiques, boutiques and eclectic dining. ⚡ 325 miles  
 ★ Experience Palo Duro Canyon up close and personal, the way the cowboys did: On Horseback. The Old West Stables, located inside the canyon, offers guided tours. If you are heading to Cadillac Ranch be sure to grab some spray paint & enjoy creating your own piece of artwork! [www.koa.com/campgrounds/amarillo/](http://www.koa.com/campgrounds/amarillo/)

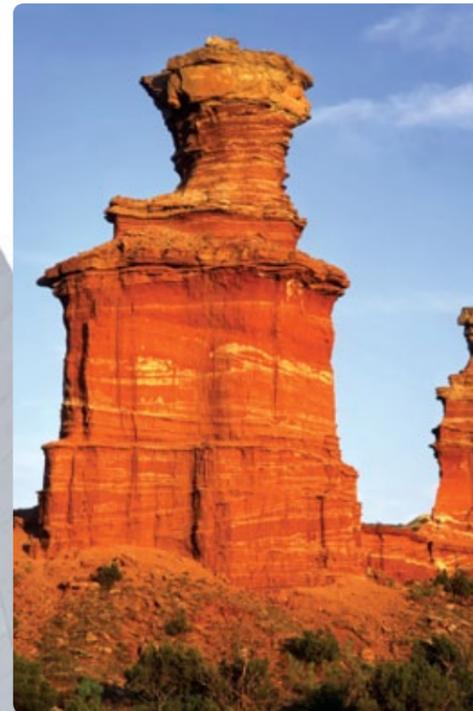
**Day 5** > Today you are heading for Americas Southwest & the gateway to New Mexico, Tucumcari. Get your picture taken in front of the Route 66 Roadside Attraction at the Convention Center or the world's largest mural devoted to Route 66 in the United States. Tour the town during the day to see the other wonderful murals located all over the city and at night to see those famous Route 66 Neon signs. Maybe take a trip to nearby Ute Lake or Conchas Lake State Parks and go picnicking, hiking, boating or fishing. There are also numerous Scenic Byways to see the unique landscape and a variety of wildlife, including herds of antelope and deer, or maybe just relax at the poolside at your KOA campground. ⚡ 160 miles  
 ★ Be sure to take lots of pictures of the famous Route 66 neon signs for the photo album!  
[www.koa.com/campgrounds/tucumcari/](http://www.koa.com/campgrounds/tucumcari/)



**Day 6** > Today you are heading for Albuquerque the capital of New Mexico. En route take a scenic drive via Santa Fe national forest to Santa Fe which is a world class tourist destination and has long been a center for arts and culture. Due to sales, it now ranks as the USA's third largest art market with nearly 300 galleries and dealers. American Indians inhabited New Mexico long before the Spanish and their timeless cultures, traditions, arts and beliefs continue to enrich the state today. There are 19 pueblos located around the state, including the Eight Northern Indian Pueblos north of Santa Fe. Take a tour, you'll learn about Native America's heritage as well as contemporary cultures in New Mexico. ⚡ 185 miles ★ Visit an Indian pueblo and Santa Fe's world-famous art galleries & art markets, Santa Fe is famous for its unique shopping, particularly for authentic creations you just won't find anywhere else!  
[www.koa.com/campgrounds/albuquerque-central/](http://www.koa.com/campgrounds/albuquerque-central/)

**Day 7/8** > It is a long drive today as you head for Williams KOA, the gateway to the Grand Canyon, where you are booked for two nights! En route be sure to stop off at Gallup, which some say is the 'Indian capital of the world' because of its location in the centre of Native American lands. Once you are at Williams KOA you have three choices for going to the Grand Canyon. Take the hour's drive so you have all the home comforts; join KOA's van tour or arrive by rail on the Grand Canyon Railway. Your KOA hosts will help with reservations and taxi to the railway. At the campground you can enjoy live Western music, hayrides, fun-bike rentals, mini-golf and horseback riding.  
 ⚡ 360 miles ★ If you get the chance book and take a helicopter tour of the Grand Canyon (definitely not to be missed!) or maybe a jeep or rafting tour!  
[www.koa.com/campgrounds/grand-canyon/](http://www.koa.com/campgrounds/grand-canyon/)

**Day 9** > Today there is no need to rush away from Williams – so do spend the morning enjoying some of those activities they provide. The drive is 125 miles – 82 more of them along world-famous 'Route 66' – where we hope you will continue to get some kicks!! Head for Kingman KOA and unwind in the huge pool, high in the desert surrounded by the Hualapai (Hu-al-a-pie) Mountains. Nearby you can see traces of the pioneer wagon ruts



The Lighthouse Formation, Palo Duro

that still mark the Fort Beale Wagon Trail. ⚡ 125 miles ★ A visit to the Route 66 Museum in Kingman is a must.  
[www.koa.com/campgrounds/kingman/](http://www.koa.com/campgrounds/kingman/)

**Day 10/11** > enjoy the city that never sleeps – Las Vegas! The Koa next to Circus Circus is right on the Strip which is also home to New York & Paris! ⚡ 100 miles ★ Spend the day wandering the Strip and then enjoy one of the many world class acts or shows like Cirque du Soleil – any one is a fabulous choice. If time permits a visit to the Fremont Street experience is a must with free live entertainment and the amazing light show! [www.koa.com/campgrounds/las-vegas/](http://www.koa.com/campgrounds/las-vegas/)



**Day 12** > Heading west, the first stop is another icon of the Colorado River – the world-famous Hoover Dam on the border of Arizona and Nevada. Stop a while and stare at this man-made wonder before heading into Boulder City, then go south and skirt the Providence Mountains before diverting to the Mojave National Preserve. ⚡ 155 miles ★ Mojave National Preserve is the penultimate stop today, a desert solitude in Southern California, singing sand dunes, volcanic cinder cones, Joshua tree forests, and carpets of wildflowers are all found at this 1.6 million acre park. A visit to its canyons, mountains and mesas will reveal long-abandoned mines, homesteads, and rock-walled military outposts. [www.koa.com/campgrounds/barstow/](http://www.koa.com/campgrounds/barstow/)

**Day 13/14** > If you fancy some shopping then visit one of the two outlet malls and their 100 stores before heading off to explore the city of Angels. ⚡ 115 miles ★ Take a Beverly Hills Tour, experience Venice & Muscle Beach, head to Universal, Disneyland or Knott's Berry Farm and check out the stars on Hollywood Boulevard!  
[www.koa.com/campgrounds/los-angeles/](http://www.koa.com/campgrounds/los-angeles/)

**Day 15** > Leaving Los Angeles today head north on to Route 101 – you are on your way to stay at Santa Margarita Lake KOA. They call the area around Santa Barbara "America's Riviera" so their beaches & restaurants might make it a natural break on the way. ⚡ 240 miles  
 ★ Visit Chumash Painted Cave to see some of the very elaborate and colourful rock paintings that have survived for five hundred to a thousand years. [www.koa.com/campgrounds/santa-margarita/](http://www.koa.com/campgrounds/santa-margarita/)



Jesse James Museum, Stanton, Missouri



Deserted gas station at the border of the desert

**Day 16** > Ready to get going towards Santa Cruz today? Please, be sure to stop at that well-known 'Folly', Hearst Castle, as you drive through San Simeon – 65 miles into your journey. Take plenty of time to enjoy amazing coastal scenery through the Big Sur and Pebble Beach; enjoy a stop at Carmel or Monterey. ⚡ 150 miles ★ Visit Hearst castle and stop at Carmel or Monterey, enjoy the Slolife of laid back southern California. [www.koa.com/campgrounds/santa-cruz/](http://www.koa.com/campgrounds/santa-cruz/)

**Day 17/18** > Today you cross the famous Golden Gate Bridge. You are heading for the Petaluma KOA, 34 miles north of that famous icon. A



Joshua tree



Old car on Route 66



Surfing on the Californian coast, close to Highway 1

petting farm with cattle, sheep, donkeys, goats and peacocks enhances the ranch atmosphere at this campground. Summertime fun includes an inflatable water slide; bounce house and sunset hayrides – so plenty to do as well the option to take guided tours of San Francisco, which depart daily May through October. Enjoy a second night at Petaluma KOA. ⚡ 115 miles ★ Take some pictures of the iconic Golden Gate Bridge and maybe even book one of the cycle ride tours over it! Ride the cable car and visit notorious Alcatraz. Spend time enjoying the fantastic, dining, shopping and nightlife of this vibrant city.  
[www.koa.com/campgrounds/san-francisco/](http://www.koa.com/campgrounds/san-francisco/)

**Day 19** > If you can stay a little longer and head to Yosemite. If your time is limited one of the full day excursions to Yosemite is well worthwhile. After breakfast head back to the Cruise America rental location in Newark, near San Francisco to return your home on wheels!



DEPARTS FROM > CHICAGO, SAN FRANCISCO or LOS ANGELES  
 DURATION > 19 DAYS  
 DISTANCE > 2,400 MILES

# Cowboy Country

A very memorable combination of Yellowstone and three more spectacular National Parks; Mount Rushmore and several more world famous icons; Buffalo Bill, Wild Bill Hickock, Calamity Jane and the Deadwood Stage; Old Faithful, geysers and massive waterfalls and Indians, cowboys and other men from Laramie. Oh, and the colossal Rocky Mountains too!

## MOTORHOME ITINERARY

**Day 1** > Collect your Motor Home and make for Cheyenne, Wyoming – the capital city and gateway to Cowboy Country. Try to be there for Frontier Days ([www.cfdrodeo.com](http://www.cfdrodeo.com)) though you must book well in advance as the event attracts visitors from very far afield. 110 miles to Cheyenne, Wyoming ★ Visit the Capitol Building and the State Museum [www.campcheyenne.com/default.aspx](http://www.campcheyenne.com/default.aspx)

**Day 2** > A long drive across featureless, tumbleweed strewn country. But have faith, it really is worth it once you cross into South Dakota. Our recommended campground has no hookups, showers or amenities but deer and buffalo roam to the fence. Coyotes howl but otherwise the silence is deafening and the stars are never brighter. There are other full facility campgrounds to choose from if you prefer. 270 miles to Wind Cave National Park ★ Visit the Mammoth Site and Evans Plunge pool in Hot Springs [www.nps.gov/wica](http://www.nps.gov/wica)

**Day 3** > Everyone knows of Mount Rushmore, one of America's icons. Fewer know the Crazy Horse Memorial, a giant mountain carving of the famous Indian Chief. Please don't miss visiting either of them! 40 miles to Mount Rushmore KOA (via Custer State Park) ★ Visit dramatic Badlands National Park and, if time, the site of the massacre at Wounded Knee [www.mountrushmorekoa.com](http://www.mountrushmorekoa.com)

**Day 4** > "The Deadwood Stage was comin' on over the hill" probably carrying Wild Bill Hickock and Calamity Jane! Don't miss it; and enjoy a pint at the Old Franklin Hotel or even Kevin Costner's bar... he fell in



Rodeo Photo: South Dakota Tourism



Mt Rushmore Photo: South Dakota Tourism



CSP Roundup Photo: South Dakota Tourism

love with Deadwood when making "Dances with Wolves." Close encounters of a third kind? You remember the movie? Well the location was Devils Tower. 120 miles to Devils Tower stopping at Deadwood along the way ★ Visit Spearfish Canyon. It's an easy loop from Deadwood on the way to Wyoming [www.devilstowerkoa.com](http://www.devilstowerkoa.com)

**Day 5/6** > This sounds like a long drive but it is mostly on the Interstate so you should be at the Buffalo Bill Historical Society in Cody shortly after lunch. It may sound boring – but please don't miss it! You are at the gateway to Yellowstone National Park. 315 miles to Cody ★ Visit the Medicine Wheel off the more scenic Alt14 on the way to Cody. Once there, don't miss the Remingtons and Russells in the Whitney Gallery of Western Art [www.codyponderosa.com/index.html](http://www.codyponderosa.com/index.html)

**Day 7/8** > A stunning drive through Shoshone Canyon to the eastern entrance to Yellowstone National Park. It's then a gentle forty miles to Grant Village and your campground. Expect occasional traffic jams. That's when the folk ahead stop to view the wildlife. It could be a Moose with its young, a bear or a group of deer. People just stop and look at interesting wildlife. Just before Grant Village, turn right to Old Faithful – so named because this geyser faithfully shoots thousands of gallons of boiling water around 150 feet into the air at predictably regular intervals through the day. 100 miles to Grant Village Campground in Yellowstone National Park which is normally open from the third weekend in June to the third weekend in September. ★ Visit the Grand Canyon of Yellowstone with its twin falls, one twice the height of Niagara.; the Fountain Paintpot and many more



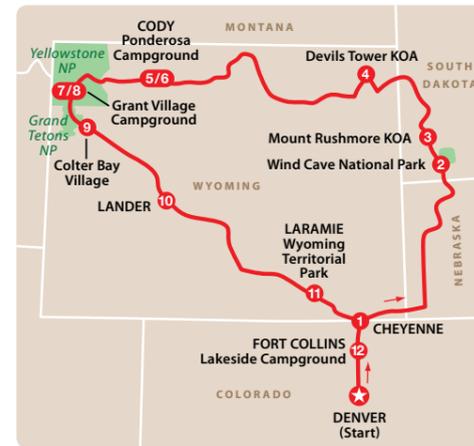
Horse riding in Grand Teton Photo: Wyoming Tourism

geothermal pools and geysers [www.travelyellowstone.com/grant-village-campground-253.html](http://www.travelyellowstone.com/grant-village-campground-253.html)

**Day 9** > 22 miles further on brings you out of the South Entrance of YNP and into Grand Teton National Park. You only have to look at the Colter Bay website to see the majesty of the Grand Teton Mountains. Open June to Sept, this is not a cheap campground; but the location makes it worth it. 40 miles to Colter Bay Village in Jackson Lake ★ Visit the Flagg Ranch Resort, between Yellowstone and Grand Teton National Parks [www.gtlc.com/lodgeCBV.aspx](http://www.gtlc.com/lodgeCBV.aspx)

**Day 10** > Drive away from the Grand Tetons through the Great Divide Basin to the town of Lander. On your journey you will pass through the Wind River Indian Reservation, home of the Shoshone and Arapahoe Indian Tribes. 140 miles to Lander ★ Visit Fort Washakie and the grave site of Sacajawea and Chief Washakie, the last Chief of the Shoshone Tribe [www.pioneerrv.com](http://www.pioneerrv.com)

**Day 11** > The name Laramie conjures up pictures of the wild-west doesn't it? With good reason. In its early days, Laramie was such a rip-roaring railroad town that it made good sense to build the territorial prison here. At the Wyoming Territorial Park, you can still peek into



cells where desperadoes such as Butch Cassidy once did their time. 235 miles to Laramie ★ Visit Saratoga Hot Springs' Hobo Pool on a loop off the freeway through the spectacular Medicine Bow National Forest. [www.koa.com/where/WY/50110/index.html](http://www.koa.com/where/WY/50110/index.html)

**Day 12** > For your last night on tour, you'll be staying in Fort Collins: the town that the 2006 Money Magazine designated as the best place in the United States to live. Located in the foothills of the Colorado Rocky Mountains this is somewhere to relax after all the spectacular sites and sights of the last few days. 75 miles to Fort Collins Lakeside ★ Visit the Anheuser-Busch brewery to see their wonderful horses and sample Budweiser and you might enjoy visiting one of the several micro-breweries [www.fclakesidecg.com](http://www.fclakesidecg.com)

**Day 13** > 60 miles to drop off your Motor Home back at the CruiseAmerica depot in Denver.

DEPARTS FROM > DENVER  
DURATION > 13 DAYS  
DISTANCE > 1,505 MILES

# Texas and Louisiana

On this tour you will experience the beguiling mix of history, mystery, cajun hospitality and food, Fun with a capital 'F' and music that Louisiana is so famous for! And then there's Texas - The Lone Star State they describe as a 'whole other country' explore the cities and enjoy the sparkling expanses of windswept beaches, feast on the freshest seafood and relax under the warm Texas sky, it just doesn't get any better than that!

## MOTORHOME ITINERARY

**Day 1** > After enjoying some sightseeing in Houston and an overnight or 2, make your way to the Cruise America depot. Head to the Gulf of Mexico and historic Galveston Beach for the first night. 80 miles ★ Visit Moody Gardens, 242 acres part theme park and part pleasure garden. If you are travelling with the kids then a visit to Schlitterbahn Waterpark won't disappoint featuring uphill water coasters, whitewater rapids and the Boogie Bahn Surf ride! [www.jbrv.net](http://www.jbrv.net)

**Day 2/3** > You will want to stop a lot on the road to Port Aransas on Mustang Island, and just north of Padre Island. We suggest you spend a couple of nights relaxing and take the opportunity to visit Corpus Christi and the beaches. 205 miles Port Aransas ★ Enjoy some time beachcombing, fishing or swimming today at one of the beautiful beaches. Stroll around the Marina, the focal point of Corpus Christi and maybe visit Galvan House. [www.onthebeachrvpark.com](http://www.onthebeachrvpark.com)

**Day 4/5** > Heading north and away from the beaches to San Antonio, home of the famous Battle of the Alamo and discover the lingering cornerstones of great American History. Enjoy wandering the shops and café's alongside the Canal. 185 miles to San Antonio ★ Flow through the heart of the city on a river cruiser and take in the beauty of the River Walk. San Antonio is home to 2 theme Parks so make time to visit SeaWorld to meet Shamu and experience thrilling roller coaster rides at Six Flags, Texas. [www.koa.com/campgrounds/san-antonio/](http://www.koa.com/campgrounds/san-antonio/)



The River Walk, San Antonio

**Day 6** > Continue north to Abilene. The Abilene park system includes 29 parks, occupying a total of 1,247.56 acres. The Abilene Zoo is a popular attraction. On every second Thursday evening of the month, Artwalk is held in downtown Abilene. During Artwalk all the local museums are free, local musicians and performers busk, and several crafters and artists set up booths and sell their wares. 255 miles to Abilene ★ Visit Abilene Zoo. [www.buckcreekrvpark.com](http://www.buckcreekrvpark.com)

**Day 7** > Today you head for Fort Worth. There is plenty to do at Yogi Berra's Jellystone! Your campground for this evening. The prime focus is on family fun, with plenty of activities for everyone. Oh, yes – and Yogi Bear™ is always somewhere to be found. Kids will enjoy the great new pool facility - Pirates Cove with lots of water slides to keep them busy for a few hours! 155 miles to Burleson nr Fort Worth [www.rusticcreekranch.com](http://www.rusticcreekranch.com)

**Day 8** > We suggest you take a little longer and divert off Interstate 30 to visit South Fork, home of the Ewings in Parker, Texas – northeast of Dallas ([www.southfork.com](http://www.southfork.com)). Texarkana is on the Texas/Arkansas border and boasts Scott Joplin as a native. 235 miles to Texarkana ★ Visit America's most famous ranch – South Fork [www.koa.com/campgrounds/texarkana/](http://www.koa.com/campgrounds/texarkana/)

**Day 9** > Today you visit 4 states! Texas to Arkansas; Arkansas to Louisiana; Louisiana to overnight in Natchez the oldest town in Mississippi. Tour a few of the majestic mansions that have drawn thousands of visitors to Natchez over the years. Take the short drive out to The Grand Village of the Natchez Indians and stroll the hallowed



Plantation Home, Baton Rouge



Palo Duro Canyon



Space Centre, Houston



New Caney, Texas Photo: Marcelo Esperan

ground of the home of the city's original inhabitants. There are ceremonial mounds at the site, along with a replica of an Indian dwelling. 285 miles to Natchez ★ Stop off for a tour of one of the majestic mansions en route. Take the 45 minute narrated, horse-drawn carriage tour of the historic district of Natchez. Visit Natchez National Historical Park. [www.plantationrvpark.com](http://www.plantationrvpark.com)

**Day 10/11** > Heading for the historic, gracious and unique city of New Orleans: the birthplace of jazz. You can walk from the French Quarter RV Park into the heart of New Orleans. The wonderful restaurants, the world famous music, nightlife and festivals for everyone might make you extend your stay here! 165 miles to New Orleans ★ Visit Jackson Square, Basin Street and Audubon park. Cruise the Mississippi aboard a paddle steamer. Join one of the Ranger lead daily walks through the French Quarter. Check with Preservation hall if there are any performances during your stay. [www.fqrv.com](http://www.fqrv.com)

**Day 12** > Today you head for Louisiana's State Capital, Baton Rouge: known affectionately as the Red Stick, rich in Louisiana culture, entertainment and heritage. Enroute be sure to stop off along The Great River Road and experience one of the many magnificent plantation homes telling the story of the rich and colourful history of

Louisiana Plantation life. 85 miles to Baton Rouge ★ Visit the Old State Capital museum to learn about state and local history. For some good Cajun food and great beer on tap try the Chimes Restaurant and Tap room at LSU. [www.koa.com/campgrounds/baton-rouge/](http://www.koa.com/campgrounds/baton-rouge/)

**Day 13** > Heading back to Texas today but on the way stop at famous Lake Charles. In fact if you can extend your trip and enjoy a night here. Explore Lake Charles diverse offerings. Outdoor adventures also include a journey into Louisiana's Outback along the Creole Nature Trail All-American Road. 205 miles to Beaumont ★ Visit Charpentier Historic District and area museum for a glimpse into the past. [www.gulfcoastrvresort.net](http://www.gulfcoastrvresort.net)

**Day 14** > After breakfast drive the 75 miles back to Houston to return your Cruise America Motorhome.

DEPART > HOUSTON  
DURATION > 14 DAYS  
DISTANCE > 1,450 MILES

# Rhythms of the South

This tour takes in three centers of American music, New Orleans, Memphis and Nashville: the cities whose music are the soundtracks of our lives. Most of the driving is city to city on easy to drive Interstate highways.

## MOTORHOME ITINERARY

**Day 1** > After picking up your motorhome, it's an easy 2½ hour Interstate drive into Alabama for your first night in the State Capital, Montgomery. 155 miles to Montgomery ★ Visit Jefferson Davis' Confederate White House and Old Alabama Town [www.woodsrvpark.com/index.html](http://www.woodsrvpark.com/index.html)

**Day 2** > Heading for New Orleans but you need a break. Mobile, Alabama, seems like a good place and the Shady Acres Campground will offer a warm welcome. 185 miles to Mobile ★ Visit the Battleships at Memorial Park and the once English Conde-Charlotte House [www.shadyacresmobile.com](http://www.shadyacresmobile.com)

**Day 3** > Heading for the historic, gracious and unique city of New Orleans: the birthplace of jazz. You can walk from The French Quarter RV Park into the heart of New Orleans. Though the RV Park looks a little like a car park, it has full hookups and the Clubhouse is very 'New Orleans' with great facilities. The wonderful restaurants, the world famous music and nightlife for everyone might make you extend your stay here. 160 miles to the French Quarter, New Orleans ★ Visit Jackson Square, Basin Street and Audubon Park. Cruise the Mississippi aboard a paddle steamer [www.fqrv.com/index.php](http://www.fqrv.com/index.php)

**Day 4** > North now into Elvis country. It's a long ride to 'Elvis Town' so we are breaking the journey just south of Jackson, Mississippi – another State Capital and staying at The Swinging Bridge RV Park.



Photo: Tennessee Department of Tourism

180 miles to Jackson ★ Visit The Old Capitol, Governors Mansion and the Capitol Building [www.rvresort.net/index.html](http://www.rvresort.net/index.html)

**Day 5** > Leave the freeway traffic and take the very scenic Natchez Trace bound for Tupelo, Elvis Presley's birthplace and home town to the age of thirteen. After a stop to visit, your campsite is at Barnes Crossing, just minutes north of the town. 160 miles to Tupelo ★ Visit Elvis's birthplace and the museum dedicated to his life [www.cgbarncrossing.com](http://www.cgbarncrossing.com)

**Day 6** > A couple of hours driving through the Holly Springs National Forest to Memphis. Where better to stay than within walking distance of Graceland, Elvis Presley's home. The Memphis-Graceland RV Park & Campground is located on 19 acres just off Elvis Presley Boulevard behind Elvis Presley's Heartbreak Hotel. 110 miles to Memphis ★ Visit Graceland of course but also the Civil Rights Museum in what was the Lorraine Motel where Martin Luther King was shot; Sun Studios and Beale Street immortalised by W.C. Handy blues [www.elvis.com/rvpark](http://www.elvis.com/rvpark)

**Day 7** > To the home of Country Music and the city that saw Dolly Parton and a host of other great singers become international stars. Just north of Nashville is Goodlettsville and the Nashville Country RV Park and they organise tours through Grayline to major attractions such as the Grand Old Opry (Tues, Fri, Sat night), Country Music Hall of Fame and the Jack Daniels Distillery. 230 miles to Nashville ★ Visit the Grand Old Opry, the Jack Daniels Distillery and much more on tours leaving from the campground gates [www.nashvillecountryrvpark.com](http://www.nashvillecountryrvpark.com)



Graceland, Memphis

Photo: Photo: Tennessee Department of Tourism



**Day 8** > Just over two hours to our last stop of this trip near Chattanooga. Raccoon Mountain RV Park & Campground is the closest campground to the area's major attractions: Tennessee Aquarium, Lookout Mountain, Southern Belle Riverboat, IMAX Theatre, and downtown Chattanooga. Adjacent is Raccoon Mountain Caverns with 5½ miles of cave systems to explore. 140 miles to Chattanooga ★ Visit the Lookout Mountain battlefields aboard the 'Incline Railway'. Explore the caves and caverns [www.raccoonmountain.com/index.html](http://www.raccoonmountain.com/index.html)

**Day 9** > Just over 2 hours/130 miles to drive to drop off your motorhome back at Cruise America in Atlanta.



Paddle boat on the Mississippi / Photo: Stephen Finn



Trumpet player, New Orleans

Photo: New Orleans CVB



Lunchtime - all this travelling is hungry work!

# Florida Plus

Orlando to Orlando via South Carolina and Georgia. In this tour we are going beyond Florida. Indeed, a shorter version of the itinerary can start and finish in Atlanta rather than Florida.

## MOTORHOME ITINERARY

**Day 1** > Arrive at Cruise America, Kissimmee and collect your Motor Home. Head northeast on Interstate 4 toward Daytona Beach; stop and take a look and then meander on up Route A1A: Florida's coast road. The North Beach Camp Resort is less than five miles outside historic St. Augustine, the oldest permanent European settlement on the North American continent. 125 miles from Kissimmee to St Augustine ★ Visit Daytona Beach, home of the world famous Speedway [www.northbeachcamp.com](http://www.northbeachcamp.com)

**Day 2** > Round Jacksonville and then you'll cross into Georgia before continuing north along the coast to historic Savannah. You're headed for Bellaire Woods Campground, just 15 minutes from the city and featuring 24 acres of magnificent oaks draped with Spanish moss alongside the Ogeechee River. Their website is full of interesting historic facts about Savannah, one of the true 'old south' cities. 165 miles to Savannah ★ Visit The Pirates House, the setting for parts of Robert Louis Stephenson's Treasure Island [www.bellairewoods.com](http://www.bellairewoods.com)

**Day 3** > Another 'historic city of the old south', Charleston is your destination across into South Carolina. This is the home of Porgy and Bess and unchanged architecture. It's also home to many historic warships at Patriots' Point Museum. Your home will be in the 32 acres of Lake Aire RV Park & Campground. 115 miles to Charleston ★ Visit Fort Sumter where the first shots of the Civil War were fired [www.lakeairerv.com](http://www.lakeairerv.com)



Fishing at Daytona Beach

Photo: Visit Florida

**Day 4** > On the way out of Charleston bound for Myrtle Beach, you should visit one of the much photographed and filmed plantations such as Boone Hall, Middleton Place or Magnolia Plantation. Myrtle Beach is known worldwide as a golf destination but, birdies and beaches apart, there's so much more in this family resort. The Myrtle Beach Travel Park boasts a half-mile of white sandy beach and gives a choice of oceanfront camping or more tranquil settings amid century-old live oaks or bluffs overlooking a scenic freshwater lake. 110 miles to Myrtle Beach ★ Visit the world's first Rock 'n Roll theme park – Hard Rock ([www.hardrockpark.com](http://www.hardrockpark.com)) [www.myrtlebeachtravelpark.com/index.html](http://www.myrtlebeachtravelpark.com/index.html)

**Day 5** > A long but rewarding drive west through the countryside of South Carolina. You're bound for the resort area of Lake Hartwell in the foothills of the Blue Ridge Mountains. Located among tall southern loblolly pines, Lake Hartwell KOA is a gateway to a host of nearby treats. 285 miles to Lake Hartwell ★ Visit the town of Pendleton - the entire town is on the National Register of Historic Places [www.koa.com/where/sc/40101](http://www.koa.com/where/sc/40101)

**Day 6** > Heading towards Atlanta, Stone Mountain Park surrounds the world's largest relief carving depicting Confederate leaders Robert E Lee, Stonewall Jackson and President Jefferson Davis. Extending to 3,200 acres of natural beauty, the Park offers numerous outdoor adventures including 15 miles of wooded nature trails and the 1.3 mile trail to the top of Stone Mountain. 105 miles to Stone Mountain National Park ★ Visit the 825 foot high summit of Stone Mountain by high speed cable car [www.stonemountainpark.com/lodging-camping/camping.aspx](http://www.stonemountainpark.com/lodging-camping/camping.aspx)



Busch Gardens, Tampa Bay

Photo: Visit Florida



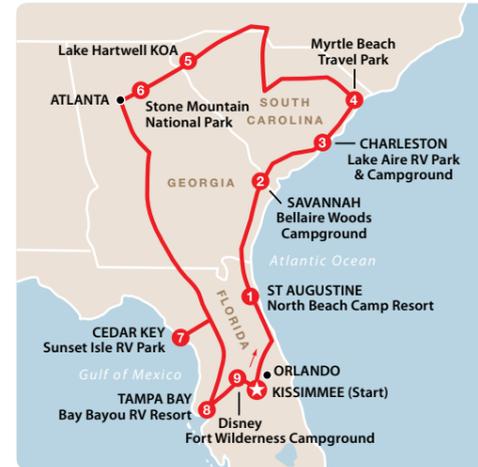
Merzer Home, Savannah

Photo: Georgia Department of Economic Development

**Day 7** > A long drive today but most of it on Interstate 75 and as you will end up on the lovely Cedar Key, at Sunset Isle RV Park, right in the Gulf of Mexico...we don't think you'll be disappointed. You will be really close to the Lower Suwannee National Wildlife Refuge. 385 miles to Cedar Key ★ Visit Cedar Key State Museum [www.cedarkeyrv.com](http://www.cedarkeyrv.com)

**Day 8** > Easy drive today to a campground that is rated in the Top 100 campgrounds in North America. Close to all Tampa Bay attractions including famous Busch Gardens with its amazing roller-coasters. 125 miles to Tampa ★ Visit Tarpon Springs, an interesting Greek sponge diving port [www.baybayou.com](http://www.baybayou.com)

**Day 9** > Interstate 4 to Disney Fort Wilderness Resort and Campground – for however many nights you wish to spend with Mickey Mouse. There is little we can say about him except that he's very old, married to Minnie, and between them they have built an empire that covers a lot of Central Florida! Not to be missed are EPCOT (Pub quiz question: What does this stand for? Answer: Experimental Prototype Community of Tomorrow) MGM Grand and Animal Kingdom as well as the Magic Kingdom itself. 80 miles to Disney Fort Wilderness



[www.disneyworld.disney.go.com/resorts/campsites-at-fort-wilderness-resort](http://www.disneyworld.disney.go.com/resorts/campsites-at-fort-wilderness-resort)

**Day 10** > Return the RV to the Cruise America Depot in Kissimmee.



Beach at South Carolina

# Disney and More

Orlando to the Florida "Pan Handle" and back. Instead of Florida top to bottom, head west and explore the uncrowded beaches and beauty of the other Florida. The route takes you almost into Alabama and visits the State Capital, Tallahassee before bringing you back to Walt Disney World.

## MOTORHOME ITINERARY

**Day 1** > Collect your Motor Home from Cruise America in Kissimmee and get on your way. Just a short drive brings you to Homosassa Springs and Nature Resort – where the manatee play. The secluded 97 riverfront acres are a motorhome's dream and the constant 72F temperature of the freshwater springs is an attractive home for manatee and other wildlife. ⚡ 90 miles to Homosassa ★ Visit Homosassa Springs State Wildlife Park 🌐 [www.naturesresortfla.com](http://www.naturesresortfla.com)

**Day 2** > Head north on Route 19 and the KOA in Perry is a convenient stopping point before turning left and heading west towards Alabama. A great solar heated pool is open year-round and the beach is only 15 minutes away. ⚡ 120 miles to Perry ★ Visit Forest Capital State Park 🌐 [www.koa.com/where/fl/09331](http://www.koa.com/where/fl/09331)

**Day 3** > Heading for the St Andrews State Recreation Area in Panama City Beach. Well known for its sugar white sands and emerald green waters, this former military reservation has over one-and-a-half miles of glorious beaches on the Gulf of Mexico and Grand Lagoon. Water sports enthusiasts can enjoy swimming, snorkeling, scuba diving, kayaking, and canoeing. ⚡ 180 miles to St Andrew's State Recreation Park in Panama City Beach ★ Visit the Museum of Man in the Sea and, if you like country music, Ocean Oprey 🌐 [www.floridastateparks.org/standrews/default.cfm](http://www.floridastateparks.org/standrews/default.cfm)

**Day 4** > Today you are heading to Florida's border with the State of Alabama. Almost falling off the edge of Florida is the Playa Delrio RV Park and Yacht Club on Perdido Key. Sounds – and looks – like fun! ⚡ 120 miles to Perdido Key ★ Visit Pensacola, America's oldest settlement, or explore more of the Gulf Islands National Seashore 🌐 [www.playadelrio.com](http://www.playadelrio.com)

**Day 5** > Turning east, you're heading for Florida's State Capital, Tallahassee today. We suggest you let Interstate 10 eat up the miles so that you have plenty of time to explore. The Tallahassee RV Park is located in the rolling hills of Tallahassee, Florida's Capital City, and only minutes from Florida State University, the State Capital, and numerous athletic events, quaint shops and regional malls. ⚡ 225 miles to Tallahassee ★ Visit everything you'd expect in a capital city 🌐 [www.tallahasseevnpark.com](http://www.tallahasseevnpark.com)



Kayaking at Panama City Beach

Photo: Visit Florida



Walt Disney World

Photo: Walt Disney World

**Day 6** > This tour is all about introducing the places in Florida that are off the normal tourist track – and did you ever hear of Micanopy, Florida? Today head east on Interstate 10, then South on Interstate 75 and just south of Gainesville, west of Orange Lake is Paynes Prairie Preserve State Park. Paynes Prairie is biologically, geologically, and historically unique. This park became Florida's first state preserve and is now designated as a National Natural Landmark. Located on U.S. 441, 10 miles south of Gainesville. ⚡ 150 miles to Paynes Prairie Preserve State Park ★ Visit Micanopy 🌐 [www.floridastateparks.org/paynesprairie/default.cfm](http://www.floridastateparks.org/paynesprairie/default.cfm)

**Day 7** (and if you want day 9 and 10!!) > After all this natural wonder maybe it's time to head for all the man made wonders of Walt Disney World and so much more in Orlando. There is only one place to stay – Fort Wilderness Campground. Do be sure to book in advance though. ⚡ 105 miles to Walt Disney World ★ Visit? How many days have you got? Enjoy 🌐 [www.disneyworld.disney.go.com/resorts/campsites-at-fort-wilderness-resort](http://www.disneyworld.disney.go.com/resorts/campsites-at-fort-wilderness-resort)

**Day 8** > 20 miles to Cruise America depot in Kissimmee to drop off your motor home.



Florida Museum of Natural History, Nr Gainesville

Photo: Visit Florida



Photo: Visit Florida

# Florida's Beaches and the Keys

Miami or Fort Lauderdale loop including The Keys, Everglades National Park, Sanibel, Disney and more... In this tour we want you to see a lot more of what Florida has to offer. If you want to cut out Orlando because you did it before, that's more time to spend meandering and exploring.

## MOTORHOME ITINERARY

**Day 1** > Collect your Motor Home from the Cruise America depot in Miami. Your base tonight is the recently refurbished Grassy Key RV Park and it would be as well to book in advance to try to secure a waterfront site. ⚡ 90-100 miles to Grassy Key, Florida Keys ★ Visit the Dolphin Research Center on Grassy Key 🌐 [www.grassykeyrvpark.com/grassykey\\_home\\_page.php](http://www.grassykeyrvpark.com/grassykey_home_page.php)

**Day 2** > Cross the seven mile bridge and several more on the way across Marathon, Big Pine Key and the many others on the way to Key West. Boyd's Key West Campground is just five miles from the Keys' southernmost tip and an idyllic spot. ⚡ 55 miles to Key West ★ Visit Hemmingway's favourite Captain Tony's and Smoky Joe's pubs and don't miss seeing the sun go down from Mallory Pie 🌐 [www.boydscampground.com](http://www.boydscampground.com)

**Day 3** > There's only the one road in and out so now head back north bound for John Pennekamp Coral Reef State Park. Established in 1963, this was the first undersea park created in the United States. The park, combined with the adjacent Florida Keys National Marine Sanctuary, encompasses 178 nautical square miles of coral reefs, seagrass beds and mangrove swamps. ⚡ 100 miles to Pennekamp National Park ★ Visit both Coral Reef and the National Marine Sanctuary 🌐 [www.pennekamp.com/about\\_activities.html](http://www.pennekamp.com/about_activities.html)

**Day 4** > Leave the Florida Keys and drive into the Everglades National Park. Not a swamp as popularly pictured but technically a vast river

slowly flowing southwest. The very popular Flamingo Campground should be pre-booked online using the National Park Service website that also has so much information and pictures of this amazing environment. ⚡ 75 miles to Everglades National Park ★ Visit the Everglades National park: in your vehicle but also on foot or on the water 🌐 [www.nps.gov/ever/planyourvisit/feesandreservations.html](http://www.nps.gov/ever/planyourvisit/feesandreservations.html)

**Day 5** > You are headed to Sanibel Island. Periwinkle Park & Campground is a bird lovers delight. You can see many species of exotic and native birds including toucans, macaws and lemurs. ⚡ 230 miles to Sanibel via Route 41 through the Everglades and the Big Cypress National Reserve ★ Visit the shelling beaches of Captiva Island and, to end a perfect day, we always head for The Mucky Duck pub. 🌐 [www.sanibelcamping.com](http://www.sanibelcamping.com)

**Day 6** > Back to the mainland and, to gobble up those miles, it's worth taking the Interstates 75/275 bound for Fort DeSoto Country Park. Its 1,136 acres are made up of five interconnected islands and many sites are directly on the water. You can fish from two free piers and rent boats and bikes. A lot of fun. ⚡ 145 miles to Fort DeSoto Park ★ Visit - nowhere! DeSoto has won the America's Best Beach award twice in the last five years so just stay and enjoy 🌐 [www.pinellascounty.org/park/05\\_Ft\\_DeSoto.html](http://www.pinellascounty.org/park/05_Ft_DeSoto.html)

**Day 7** > Walt Disney World and Disney's Fort Wilderness Resort is calling. Please book ahead, deciding in advance how many nights you want to spend there to see your choices of Disney Theme Parks.



Fort DeSoto Country Park

Photo: Visit Florida



The shelling beaches at Captiva Island

Photo: Visit Florida



⚡ 100 miles to Disney's Fort Wilderness ★ Visit all the sites of Disney plus all the other Orlando area attractions including Universal Studios 🌐 [www.disneyworld.disney.go.com/resorts/campsites-at-fort-wilderness-resort](http://www.disneyworld.disney.go.com/resorts/campsites-at-fort-wilderness-resort)

**Day 8** > Head east to the Atlantic and make for world famous Cape Canaveral and the Kennedy Space Centre, NASA's launch headquarters. Here you can tour launch areas, see the giant rockets, train in spaceflight simulators and see the moon close up via stunning iMax presentations. If you're lucky, you might meet a veteran astronaut. They say the best way to experience Florida is a visit to The Palm Beaches and Boca Raton, so head south to the stunning area of Juno Beach. ⚡ 160 miles to Juno Beach ★ Visit, and tour, the Kennedy Space Center. Make sure to visit the Loggerhead Marinelife Centre during sea turtle nesting season (May-August), they take you on a guided walk to watch the turtles up close. 🌐 [www.junooceanwalkrvresort.com](http://www.junooceanwalkrvresort.com)

**Day 9** > In the morning drive south to a little haven of luxury and live life as a celebrity strolling through the Worth Avenue shopping district at Palm Beach dubbed 'Rodeo Drive of the East' and make time to see some dreamy mansions including Henry Flagler's, which is now one of the top sightseeing attractions. Your destination is NorthCoast which has been a favourite among motorhomers and the small boat community for fifty years. The sands of Dania Beach are just minutes away. ⚡ 105 miles to Dania Beach ★ Visit the world famous shopping on Palm Beach's Worth Avenue and enjoy a last night of fun in Fort Lauderdale 🌐 [www.northcoastpark.com/index.html](http://www.northcoastpark.com/index.html)

**Day 10** > It's just 40 miles to Cruise America Miami to drop of your Motor Home.



Kennedy Space Centre

Photo: Kennedy Space Centre



Airboat ride, Everglades

Photo: Visit Florida

# Minnesota Wildlife

Minnesota is known as the "Land of 10,000 Lakes" where the headwaters of the Mississippi River & Lake Superior are located. With 85,000 miles of coastline, 66 state parks, 57 state forests & 2 National forests this truly is a tour for those wanting to get close to nature and view an abundance of wildlife, including the internationally renowned eagle, wolf & black bear wildlife centers.

## MOTORHOME ITINERARY

**DAY 1/2** > Collect your Cruise America Motorhome from our depot in Minneapolis and then it's not a long drive to your base camp for the next couple of nights at the Minneapolis Southwest KOA in Jordan. Tour the "Twin Cities" of Minneapolis & Saint Paul which is one of the greenest metropolitan areas in America with over 1,000 lakes & 400 parks including Mississippi National River & Recreation Area and the Grand Rounds Scenic Byway. Visit the Minneapolis Sculpture Garden and if time permits the adjoining Walker Art Center. Allow a full day's visit to Mall of America for some serious shopping. As one of the most visited tourist destinations in the world, Mall of America features - 520 stores, 50 restaurants and attractions galore, including Nickelodeon Universe, the nation's largest indoor theme park. ★ Take a paddlewheel cruise on the Mississippi River. Maybe tour the city by bike - rated top bicycling city in the US by Bicycling magazine. Stock up at all the shops on your visit to Mall of America and remember there's no sales tax on clothing or shoes in Minnesota! [www.koa.com/campgrounds/minneapolis-southwest/](http://www.koa.com/campgrounds/minneapolis-southwest/)

**DAY 3** > Today you drive to Itasca State Park, headwaters of the Mississippi River and Minnesota's oldest state park. Enjoy the park's 100 lakes, 32,000 acres and walk across the mighty Mississippi as it starts its winding journey 2,552 miles to the Gulf of Mexico. [235 miles to Itasca State Park](http://www.koa.com/campgrounds/bemidji/) ★ Visit the Itasca Indian Cemetery or Wegmann's Cabin, landmarks of centuries gone by. Explore Wilderness Drive past the 2,000 acre Wilderness sanctuary. [www.koa.com/campgrounds/bemidji/](http://www.koa.com/campgrounds/bemidji/)

**DAY 4** > Today you drive to Ely named America's coolest small town by Budget Travel magazine. Visit the North America Bear Center which provides a detailed insight into the lives of the black bears that roam Minnesota's northern woods. Also located at Ely is the International Wolf Center, featuring a resident wolf pack and offering a variety of educational programs. Tonight you camp at Bear Head Lake State Park, recently voted America's favourite park in a nationwide campaign sponsored by Coca-Cola. [210 miles to Ely](http://www.dnr.state.mn.us/state_parks/bear_head_lake/index.html) ★ From the Bear Center windows and observation deck, watch three live bears in a 2 acre wooden enclosure with pond. Enjoy some fun activities at the Wolf Center including night-time howling with the wolves! [www.dnr.state.mn.us/state\\_parks/bear\\_head\\_lake/index.html](http://www.dnr.state.mn.us/state_parks/bear_head_lake/index.html)

**DAY 5** > Explore the Boundary Waters Canoe Area Wilderness (BWCAW) on a day canoe trip, a 1.09 million acre wilderness area within the Superior National Forest. National Geographic magazine rated it among 50 places of a lifetime that any serious world travel must visit. This is a roadless wilderness accessible only by canoe or kayak! ★ Try your hand at fishing which is a popular activity. Game species includes pike, smallmouth bass, yellow perch & lake trout. Maybe you will even spot some beaver, bears, moose or bald eagles. [www.recreation.gov/wildernessAreaDetails.do?page=details&contractCode=NRSO&parkId=72600](http://www.recreation.gov/wildernessAreaDetails.do?page=details&contractCode=NRSO&parkId=72600)

**DAY 6/7** > Depart for Duluth via the North Shore Scenic Drive, an All-American Road, along the coast of Lake Superior. The 154 mile North Shore scenic coastal seashore drive is truly dramatic. Lake Superior encompasses 8 state parks and brims with natural wonder. Spend some

time exploring Duluth known for its rocky shoreline and Canal Park with its iconic Aerial Lift Bridge. [120 miles to Duluth](http://www.koa.com/campgrounds/cloquet/) ★ Suggested stops include Split Rock Lighthouse Historic Site and Gooseberry Falls state park. Appreciate the areas beauty & wilderness by hiking The Superior Hiking Trail. [www.koa.com/campgrounds/cloquet/](http://www.koa.com/campgrounds/cloquet/)

**DAY 8** > Drive to Wabasha following Jay Cooke state park, Veterans Evergreen Memorial Scenic Drive, Saint Croix National Scenic Riverway, a National Scenic Byway. [250 miles to Wabasha](http://www.pioneercampsite.com) ★ Suggested stops include the historic river towns of Stillwater and Red Wing. [www.pioneercampsite.com](http://www.pioneercampsite.com)

**DAY 9** > Visit the National Eagle Center in Wabasha. Four eagles reside at the center and interactive exhibits explain the biology of the eagle, the cultural history of the eagle, its significance as a national symbol and its importance to American Indian cultures. Minnesota has over 1,300 nesting pairs of eagles and Wabasha has one of the largest concentrations of wintering bald eagles in the nation. Drive Bluff Country with soaring, wooded bluffs and charming river towns to stop off at along the way. These scenic river valleys offer plenty to see and do, with antique shops, wineries and apple orchards. There are many Amish homesteads in the area, and shops carry their quilts. [65 miles](http://www.barnresort.com) ★ Watch eagles soaring overhead, perching in trees or fishing along the river from the vast windows of the new facility at the Eagle Center or by the riverside observation deck. Niagara Cave & Mystery cave tours are other area highlights. Tonight you are camping at the Old Barn Resort & River's Bend golf course in charming Lanesboro. [www.barnresort.com](http://www.barnresort.com)

**DAY 10** > It's an early start to drive the 125 miles back to the Cruise America depot in Minneapolis, unless you have booked the Earlybird departure so you have until 3pm!



Edge of the Wilderness Scenic Byway



The Mall of America



A black bear at the North America Bear Center, Ely



The Wolf Center, Ely

# The Great Lakes Music Tour

Chicago for the blues; Detroit's 'Motown' and Cleveland where "Rock and Roll" was born are the musical centers we've combined with Toronto and Niagara Falls in this classic two nation itinerary.

## MOTORHOME ITINERARY

**Day 1** > Pick up your motorhome from the Cruise America depot in Chicago and head east toward the shores of Lake Michigan, out of Illinois into Indiana. As you cross the state line, you will come to Gary, birthplace of Michael Jackson. Then cross into Michigan, and to your first overnight stop, minutes from Lake Michigan's superb beaches. Your KOA campground is also close to St. Joseph where the Curious Kids Museum "encourages discovery, wonder and awe". [110 miles to Coloma/St Joseph](http://www.koa.com/where/MI/22165/index.html) ★ Visit the National Parks Service's Indiana Dunes or the Warren Dunes State Park along the way [www.koa.com/where/MI/22165/index.html](http://www.koa.com/where/MI/22165/index.html)

**Day 2** > On the way to Detroit, the home of 'Motown', you'll pass by Battle Creek which is where a certain Dr. Kellogg invented cold breakfasts. 'Full Blast' is an exciting water-park. Your campsite is just a half hour drive from Detroit and close to the Henry Ford Museum, a huge complex dedicated to the motor industry. [175 miles to KOA Greenfield, Detroit](http://www.detroitgreenfield.com) ★ Visit the Arctic Ring of Life at Detroit Zoo. At 4.2 acres, it's the world's largest polar bear exhibit and features the only Polar Passage, a 70-ft long clear tunnel in which visitors can get closer to diving and swimming polar bears and seals than anywhere else on earth [www.detroitgreenfield.com](http://www.detroitgreenfield.com)

**Day 3** > Cross from the centre of Detroit by bridge or tunnel into Canada. You will pass through Chatham, London and Cambridge, even cross the River Thames, to reach your multi-award-winning campground for tonight, located just 20 miles from Toronto. [285 miles to Ontario,](http://www.woodsdelake.com)



Rock and Roll Hall of Fame, Cleveland

Photo: Ohio Division of Travel and Tourism

Toronto ★ Visit the CN Tower, until 2007 the world's tallest freestanding structure [www.leisuretime.ca/index-park.html](http://www.leisuretime.ca/index-park.html)

**Day 4** > Toronto may well be somewhere you'll choose to extend your stay but, if you're carrying on, you're headed round Lake Ontario bound for Niagara Falls. Along the way, you should see the Welland Canal which links Lakes Erie and Ontario. Its eight locks raise ships and enable them to bypass the 173 feet high Niagara Falls. Your campground is just ten minutes from the Falls and that's where you should take the famous Maid of the Mist boat tour. [105 Miles to Niagara Falls, Ontario](http://www.woodsdelake.com) ★ Visit Niagara on the Lake and at least one of the nearby world class wine producers such as Chateau des Charmes and golfer Mike Weir's estate [www.campark.com](http://www.campark.com)

**Day 5** > Cross back into the United States and, passing Buffalo, take the interstate bound for Cleveland. This is another place where you may wish to extend your stay but make a start with the startling I.M. Pei design for the Rock and Roll Hall of Fame and Museum, allow plenty of time to wallow in the soundtrack of your life. Woodside Lake campground is south of the city near other attractions. [230 miles to Streetsboro/Cleveland](http://www.woodsdelake.com) ★ Visit Presque Isle State Park near Erie on your way from Niagara and Aurora Farms Premium Outlet Mall, Geauga Lake and Wildwater Kingdom all close to your campsite [www.woodsdelake.com](http://www.woodsdelake.com)

**Day 6** > If you have children on board, or just if you are young at heart, do stop after 80 or so miles at Cedar Point Amusement Park, The Roller



Niagara Falls



Arctic Ring of Life, Detroit Zoo Photo: Bill Bowen

Coaster Capital of the World! There's much more here but the roller coasters attract visitors from every part of the world. After the thrills, it's only another hour on to Stony Ridge KOA to overnight. [130 miles to Toledo East](http://www.stonyridgekoa.com) ★ Visit the Inland Seas Maritime Museum at Vermilion which is dedicated to the fascinating history of shipping [www.stonyridgekoa.com](http://www.stonyridgekoa.com)

**Day 7** > Back to Chicago in 4 hours, crossing the state of Michigan. Your campground was chosen because it's a very quick and easy drive back to Cruise America in the morning. But there's fun to be had right next door at 'Wild West Town!' This attraction includes a full service restaurant and is fun for adults and children alike on your last night.

[260 miles to Union, Chicago Northwest](http://www.koa.com/where/IL/13101) ★ Visit the Illinois Railway Museum. It's America's largest and also in Union [www.koa.com/where/IL/13101](http://www.koa.com/where/IL/13101)

**Day 8** > Only a fifteen mile drive to return your motorhome to Cruise America today or better still extend your trip to enjoy a night or 2 in the "Windy city"!



The Motown Museum, Detroit

Photo: Motown Historical Museum



Getting ready for a spot of fishing



Cedar Point Theme Park

Photo: Cleveland Tourism

DEPART > CHICAGO or TORONTO  
DURATION > 8 DAYS  
DISTANCE > 1,295 MILES

# Best of New England

Charming homes with white picket fences; quaint covered bridges; crashing surf on the rugged Atlantic coast; soaring mountain ranges; sophisticated and stately homes and dining; Colonial history; tea clippers and whaling fleets. These are just some of the iconic New England images we've tried to bring together in this itinerary of contrasts

## MOTORHOME ITINERARY

**Day 1** > Pick up your Motor Home from one of Cruise America's New York locations and round Long Island Sound before heading northeast towards your first overnight campground. ⚡ 135 miles to Preston ★ Visit the Barnum Museum in Bridgeport where this flamboyant circus man was once Mayor [www.hiddenacrescamp.com](http://www.hiddenacrescamp.com)

**Day 2** > Back down the scenic eastern shore of the Thames to visit Mystic Seaport. This once great whaling port and shipyard for fast clippers is a splendid living outdoor museum with many old ships and examples of New England life two hundred years ago. ⚡ 125 miles to Scusset Beach State Reservation in Sandwich taking a trip out to Hyannis ★ Visit Newport, Rhode Island, where the massive summer mansions of the Vanderbilts and others were the setting for F. Scott Fitzgerald's – and Robert Redford's – The Great Gatsby [www.mass.gov/dcr/parks/southeast/scus.html](http://www.mass.gov/dcr/parks/southeast/scus.html)

**Day 3** > A loop to visit the Kennedy family's Hyannis would be a good idea before heading north again bound for Plymouth where the Mayflower landed the Pilgrims in 1620. Just south is Plimoth Plantation, a serious recreation of the Pilgrim's 1627 village and way of life.

(To explore the historic and interesting city of BOSTON, we suggest you extend your stay at this campground and use the convenient MBTA commuter rail service in and out of the city. [www.mbta.com](http://www.mbta.com))

As an alternative, you may want to start this itinerary here by collecting your RV from one of our Boston locations.

⚡ 55 miles to Plymouth ★ Visit Plymouth Rock on which, in legend but



Acadia National Park

Photo: Visit Maine

maybe fact, the Pilgrims first set foot on what would become America [www.pinewoodlodge.com/index.php](http://www.pinewoodlodge.com/index.php)

**Day 4** > Head north and bypass the city of Boston. An interesting stop would be at Lexington where the first skirmish started the Revolutionary war and where Sam Adams and John Hancock were awakened by Paul Revere on the most famous of his rides. Another surprising stop would be at North Salem in New Hampshire which is the site of America's 4,000 year old Stonehenge. ⚡ 145 miles to Salisbury Beach ★ Visit Salem Massachusetts, the site of the infamous witchcraft trials in 1692 [www.beachroservpark.com](http://www.beachroservpark.com)

**Day 5** > Briefly returning to New Hampshire, the itinerary brings you to Maine and the dramatic and scenic Atlantic coastline. The destination is Bar Harbor on Mt Desert Island and surrounded by the cliffs and seascapes of Acadia National Park. ⚡ 235 miles to Bar Harbor ★ Visit Abbe Museum at Sieur de Monts Spring and take the ferry to Little Cranberry Island [www.koa.com/where/me/19133](http://www.koa.com/where/me/19133)

**Day 6** > Inland to Maine's Capital Bangor and then on into the state's picturesque interior. The destination is the Blue Mountain State Park and its campground. Moose and other wildlife live here as well as numerous red squirrels and the more elusive black bear and coyote. ⚡ 160 miles to Mount Blue State Park ★ Visit picturesque Webb Beach and nearby Center Hill. Children enjoy a visit to the park's Nature Center [www.maine.reserveworld.com](http://www.maine.reserveworld.com)

**Day 7** > As you cross into New Hampshire again, the mountains get higher. Many you'll be passing are 4,000 or 5,000 feet high with Mount Washington, at 6,288 feet, dominating the dramatic scenery as you drive further into the White Mountain National Forest. Your overnight stop should be planned at the Beech Hill Campground near Bethlehem. ⚡ 280 miles to Bethlehem ★ Visit the summit of Mount Washington on the 1869 coal-fired cog railway. Fine French dining can be found in pretty Bethlehem [www.beechhill.com](http://www.beechhill.com)

**Day 8** > Soon after crossing into Vermont, you'll approach the year round resort surrounding Killington Peak. There's a lot to see and do here before moving on to the suggested overnight campsite. ⚡ 105 miles to White River Valley ★ Visit world famous Dartmouth College on your way through Hanover [www.whiterivervalleycamping.com](http://www.whiterivervalleycamping.com)



Portland Head Lighthouse, Maine



The house of Frederick D Roosevelt

Photo: Visit Maine

**Day 9** > Probably no one captured the golden age of Americana more memorably than Norman Rockwell. Much of the covers he created for the Saturday Evening Post in the 40s and 50s were painted at home in Arlington, Vermont. His home is now The Inn on Covered Bridge Green. ⚡ 60 miles To Arlington ★ Visit the Norman Rockwell Exhibition [www.campvermont.com/battenkill/index.html](http://www.campvermont.com/battenkill/index.html)

**Day 10** > Your route takes you into New York State and follows the Hudson River south. This will bring you to Hyde Park. This was the



birthplace and home of Franklin D Roosevelt and where both he and wife Eleanor are buried. As a thought for lunch, the Culinary Institute of America is also located here and four gourmet restaurants are open by reservation. Your Yogi Bear's Jellystone Lazy River Camp site is just 23 miles on at Gardiner. ⚡ 140 miles to Lazy River ★ Visit the homes of both FDR and Eleanor in Hyde Park [www.lazyriverny.com](http://www.lazyriverny.com)

**Day 11** > Time to return your motorhome. 95 miles to the Cruise America location serving New York.



Get your bear hugs here!

# Northeast Cities and More

Some of America's most beautiful scenery is to be found in the countryside of New York, New Jersey and Pennsylvania and this itinerary travelling between the well known cities of Philadelphia, Washington, Niagara Falls and New York will bring a few surprises. You can start and finish this itinerary in New York, Philadelphia, Washington, Newark or even Toronto.

DEPART > NEW YORK JFK, NEWARK, BOSTON NORTH or SOUTH  
DURATION > 11 DAYS  
DISTANCE > 1,535 MILES

## MOTORHOME ITINERARY

**Day 1** > Collect your Motorhome from Cruise America in New York or Newark. It's approx 190 or 120 miles respectively to the Blueberry Hill RV Park just inland from the superb Atlantic beaches and the world class entertainment of Atlantic City. ⚡ 190 miles from New York or 120 from Newark ★ Visit Long Branch, a favourite beach resort of seven Presidents and site of Beaux-arts Woodrow Wilson Hall [www.morganrvresorts.com/pages/blueberryhillac\\_homepage](http://www.morganrvresorts.com/pages/blueberryhillac_homepage)

**Day 2** > It's a short drive inland to the recommended campsite which, in turn, is just twelve miles from the 'birthplace' of the nation and the historical sites of Philadelphia's Independence National Historical Park. ⚡ 60 miles to Philadelphia ★ Visit Independence Hall, the Liberty Bell and the many other sites in 'The City of Brotherly Love' [www.timberlanecampground.com](http://www.timberlanecampground.com)

**Day 3** > College Park is home to not only the closest RV resort to Washington DC but also the world's oldest continuously operating airport which was founded by the Wright brothers a hundred years ago. Both DC public transportation and scheduled sightseeing buses serve the campground. ⚡ 120 miles to College Park for Washington DC ★ Visit Capitol Hill, the Washington Monument, the Lincoln Memorial, the Smithsonian, the Kennedy gravesite in Arlington National Cemetery and enough other sights and sites to fill a fortnight! [www.cherryhillpark.com](http://www.cherryhillpark.com)



State Capitol, Washington



Covered Bridge

Photo: Pennsylvania Tourism

**Day 4** > Bedford, Pennsylvania, is a great place to break the drive up to the shores of Lake Erie. The whole town is designated a National Historic District and as the suggested campsite tells you, there are more covered bridges than traffic lights around here. ⚡ 140 miles to Friendship Village, Bedford ★ Visit Old Bedford Village and Fort Bedford [www.campingfriend.com/FriendshipVillageCampground/default.asp?file=Home](http://www.campingfriend.com/FriendshipVillageCampground/default.asp?file=Home)

**Day 5** > Presque Isle State Park attracts several million visitors each year to its beaches and nature trails. As the same suggests, this 'almost an' island is a sandy bar jutting out into Lake Erie and needing several lighthouses to warn of its presence. ⚡ 225 miles to Erie ★ Visit the rides and slides of Waldameer Park and Water World or Lake Erie wineries [www.koa.com/where/pa/38112](http://www.koa.com/where/pa/38112)

**Day 6** > The route to Niagara Falls follows the Lake Erie shore and bypasses the city of Buffalo. When not taking in the majesty of the Falls



Niagara Falls

themselves, this international resort that has many attractions including Martin's Fantasy Island right next door to the campsite. (If you are starting the tour from the Cruise Canada Toronto depot, drive directly to the Niagara Falls Campground.) ⚡ 115 miles to Niagara Falls ★ Visit - Canada! The Falls are even more spectacular on the Canadian side. You can walk across the Rainbow bridge or two other crossings. A trip aboard the famous Maid of the Mist is not to be missed. [www.koa.com/where/ny/32101](http://www.koa.com/where/ny/32101)

**Day 7** > Best known to the world as the one-time home of the US Grand Prix, Watkins Glen State Park is one of the several parks in New York State's very picturesque Finger Lakes area. ⚡ 155 miles to Watkins Glen State Park ★ Visit Seneca Lakes, Sampson and Lodi Point State Parks as you drive north to south down the eastern shore of Lake Seneca [www.nysparks.state.ny.us/parks/info.asp?parkID=1005](http://www.nysparks.state.ny.us/parks/info.asp?parkID=1005)

**Day 8** > Back into New Jersey on a half day drive towards the metropolitan New York area. The destination campground faces Ellis Island, the Statue of Liberty and the skyline of Manhattan across the Hudson River. From the campsite, Manhattan is easily reached by ferry or subway. Either ride is little longer than fifteen minutes. ⚡ 255 miles to Jersey City ★ Visit New York City. A Broadway play, a super restaurant or just a sightseeing wander [www.libertyharborrv.com](http://www.libertyharborrv.com)

**Day 9** > Long Island is a very delightful contrast to the city and the further you drive away from New York the greater that contrast is. Out past JFK International and along the Atlantic



Flagship Niagara, Lake Erie

Coast, the route takes you through Shinnecock Hills and then the very fashionable Hamptons bound for the State Park campsite in Hither Hills. ⚡ 120 miles to Hither Hills State Park ★ Visit Fire Island National Seashore [www.nysparksstate.ny.us/parks/info.asp?parkID=48](http://www.nysparksstate.ny.us/parks/info.asp?parkID=48)

**Day 10** > Back down the other side of Long Island. If your airport



reading included Nelson Demille, you'll already be familiar with the villages and bays you'll see signposted alongside Long Island Sound. Overnight is back in Jersey City for fun in New York and a very easy drive back to Cruise America in the morning. ⚡ 20 miles back to Liberty Harbor ★ Visit Manhattan again for a last night celebration of a memorable tour [www.libertyharborrv.com](http://www.libertyharborrv.com)

**Day 11** > 30 miles and drop off your Motor Home.



Photo: Pennsylvania Tourism

# Classic Ontario Circle Tour

From neon to nature; discover the diversity of Ontario from vibrant cities to breathtaking scenery, historic sights and iconic highlights to include the thundering Niagara Falls on this suggested itinerary.

## MOTORHOME ITINERARY

**Day 1/2** > After an overnight stay collect your Cruise Canada Motorhome from Toronto. It's an easy two hour drive to the thundering Niagara Falls. Base yourself at Riverside Park Campground alongside the beautiful upper Niagara River, only minutes from the Falls. See the Falls from various vantage points. For the ultimate bird's eye view take a helicopter ride over the Falls. Not only is this region famous for the Falls, it's also known for its theatres, golf courses, shopping and of course the many wineries in the area. The flat terrain means that cycling is a wonderful way to explore the Wine Route, as well as charming small towns like Niagara on the Lake. **80 Miles to Riverside Park Campground** ★ Take a Journey Behind the Falls or an iconic boat cruise in the swirling waters below. Watch a thrilling IMAX movie and get an adrenaline rush with Whirlpool Jet Boats. [www.riversidepark.net](http://www.riversidepark.net)

**Day 3/4** > Today you'll make the journey to Blue Mountain. Your next port of call is Wasaga Pines Resort, on the rugged shores of Georgian Bay. Wasaga Beach is the longest freshwater beach in the world and the resort is just a few minutes away so make sure you pack your swimwear. The crystal clear waters of Georgian Bay are synonymous with water activities such as kayaking and even ship wreck diving! You're not far from Blue Mountain Resort pedestrian village. **160 Miles to Wasaga Pines Resort** ★ Visit nearby Blue Mountain Resort, which offers a variety of outdoor adventures - including Ridge Runner Mountain Coaster, Scenic Caves Nature Adventures, cycling and various golfing options. [www.parkbridge.ca/prop/cottagerv/wasagapines/home.aspx](http://www.parkbridge.ca/prop/cottagerv/wasagapines/home.aspx)



View of the CN Tower and the Rogers Centre from Toronto Island

**Day 5/6** > Jump back on board and journey through Ontario's playground, Muskoka, known for its sparkling lakes, dramatic landscape and quaint towns. You're heading northeast to the famous Algonquin Provincial Park. Set in a truly beautiful, quintessentially Canadian spot surrounded by towering pine trees, the Algonquin Trails Campground located just outside the park will be your home for the next couple of nights. The Park offers hiking trails and canoe routes for all ability levels. Watch for wildlife too - sightings are plentiful here! Cameras are a must! **110 Miles to Algonquin Provincial Park** ★ Cruise on the RMS Segwun, the oldest operating steamship in the world, based in Gravenhurst. [www.algonquintrails camping.ca](http://www.algonquintrails camping.ca)

**Day 7/8** > Today you'll travel east to the vibrant city of Ottawa, Canada's federal capital. En route, consider white-water rafting near Forester's Falls. Park up at Ottawa's Popular Grove Campsite, 30 minutes southwest of Ottawa and relax after a long drive. You'll need a full day to explore this beautiful city, which is home to many cultural and historical sites, galleries and museums. Take time to cruise, stroll or cycle along the Rideau Canal, a spectacular focal point of the city and a UNESCO World Heritage Site. Meander around ByWard Market in downtown Ottawa and take in the sights, sounds and smells of one of North America's largest and oldest Farmer's Markets. **200 Miles to Popular Grove Campsite** ★ In this incredible city of museums and galleries, don't miss the Canadian Museum of Civilization and National Gallery of Canada. Let your interests guide you - Canadian Museum of Nature, Royal Canadian Mint and more! [www.ottawapoplargrovecamp.com](http://www.ottawapoplargrovecamp.com)



Niagara Falls



Kayaking the Rideau Canal, Ottawa



Algonquin Park



**Day 9** > Travel south along the Rideau Heritage Route and stop off at charming towns and historic locks on your way to the 1000 Islands. Ivy Lea Campsite is perfectly located right in the heart of the 1000 Islands, set amid the granite and greenery of the Frontenac Arch Biosphere Reserve. It's a haven for boating, scuba diving, sailing, kayaking and more. Explore the exquisite beauty of the 1000 Islands on a cruise and sail past tree-clad isles, palatial waterfront homes and quaint island cottages. The historic city of Kingston isn't far away. **175 Miles to Ivy Lea Campsite** ★ Stop off at Fort Henry for the ultimate Canadian historic experience. Once inside the fortification's wooden gates you will enter a marvellous reproduction of 19th century military life. [www.koa.com/campgrounds/ivy-lea](http://www.koa.com/campgrounds/ivy-lea)

**Day 10** > The final leg of your adventure will take you along the shores of Lake Ontario heading west back to Toronto. We recommend that you return your Motorhome early the next morning and spend a night or two in one of the city's many hotels. Your holiday will end on a high in Canada's hip and happening metropolis of cool. This city does not disappoint - everything from world-class arts and culture, shopping, dining 24/7, entertainment and family fun. For the ultimate view of the city and beyond, take the trip to the top of the CN Tower. And take time to wander round the many multicultural neighbourhoods dotted around the city, including six Chinatowns, Portugal Village, Greek Town, Little India and Little Italy.



**190 Miles to Toronto KOA West** ★ If you have time, stop off in Prince Edward County and take a detour along The Taste Trail. Drive bucolic back roads along the self-guided route linking restaurants, artisanal food producers, and wineries. Also home to one of Canada's best beaches, Sandbanks Provincial Park. [www.koa.com/campgrounds/toronto-west](http://www.koa.com/campgrounds/toronto-west)

**Day 11** > Drive approximately 40 miles to return your Motorhome to Cruise Canada in Bolton. Then why not extend your stay in Toronto and really get to explore the city to the max. ★ For the ultimate adrenalin rush, make sure you brave the EdgeWalk! 356m above ground level, step outside and walk the full circumference of The CN Tower.

Muskoka Chairs overlooking Lake of Two Rivers, Algonquin Provincial Park



# Classic Québec

"Best known for its unique cities of Montreal and Québec which combine hundreds of years of history with Gallic charm and superb year round festivals, the Classic Québec tour introduces you to unexpected sites, spectacular scenery and some memorable wildlife and experiences. Each region suggested has a very different feel and lots of character and fun to explore."

## MOTORHOME ITINERARY

**Day 1/2** > Collect your Cruise Canada Motorhome from Montréal and then it is an easy drive to Mont-Tremblant National Park, an ideal place to start your holiday in Québec. Base yourself at the Lac Monroe campground for a couple of days to enjoy the large variety of activities on offer, such as fishing, hiking and the unique Via Ferrata du Diable, a path that allows visitors to cross a sheer rock face. The park is, however, best explored by canoe - be sure to try Les Méandres du Diable, a route perfect for beginners. The nearby resort village of Mont-Tremblant has an activity centre from where activities such as rafting, horse riding, golf, sailing and rock climbing can be booked. **90 miles to Mont-Tremblant National Park** ★ Visit the lively town of Saint-Sauveur en route, for its excellent restaurants, outlet shopping and water park. [www.sepaq.com/pq/mot/](http://www.sepaq.com/pq/mot/)

**Day 3** > Today, a short and scenic drive through unspoiled countryside on routes 125 and 347 via Saint-Donat brings you to the Lanaudière region. Spend the afternoon relaxing at a lakeside campground. **85 miles to Mandeville** ★ For a special treat before you leave Mont-Tremblant, take a helicopter ride to view Québec's vast and pristine forests, at their most vibrant in late September/early October when the maple leaves turn brilliant shades of red, orange and gold. [www.campinglabaie.com/en/acceuil.html](http://www.campinglabaie.com/en/acceuil.html)

**Day 4/5** > La Mauricie National Park of Canada is another exceptional spot to spend a few days in Québec's great outdoors. Try the excursion



Via Ferrata at Cap Jaseux, Saguenay

Photo: Charles-David Robitaille

to Waber Falls - picnic and swim at one of the park's most beautiful waterfalls after travelling on foot and by canoe. Base yourself at Centre d'Aventure Mattawin, an adrenaline activity centre that offers rafting and canyoning, as well as the lesser known sport of hydrolugging. **75 miles to Rivière Matawin** ★ Explore the park by Rabaska canoe, which at 8 meters long holds 10 people and was the traditional mode of transport for the Coureurs des Bois (French Canadian fur traders). [www.centredaventuremattawin.com/](http://www.centredaventuremattawin.com/) (in French only)

**Day 6** > By a backcountry route, today you'll arrive at one of Québec's natural wonders, Lac Saint-Jean. So large it is essentially an inland sea, explore its warm waters, sandy beaches and stunning coastline from the Pointe-Taillon National Park. Be sure to visit Val-Jalbert, a preserved company town from the 1920s and the wildlife park at Saint-Félicien. **170 miles to Saint-Henri-de-Taillon** ★ Cycle the Vélouroute des Bleuets (Blueberry Cycle Route), a paved road that encircles Lac Saint-Jean. [www.campingbelley.com/](http://www.campingbelley.com/) (in French only) or [www.damenterre.qc.ca/index.php?id=1&lang=en](http://www.damenterre.qc.ca/index.php?id=1&lang=en)

**Day 7** > The most southerly fjord in North America, the Saguenay Fjord is characterised by its dramatic rock walls. One of the best views of the fjord can be had from the lovely village of Sainte-Rose-du-Nord. Allow for a full day in the area to sail, cruise or kayak in search of the white beluga whales that call the fjord home. **95 miles to L'Anse-Saint-Jean** ★ Visit Parc Aventure Cap Jaseux to experience the fjord from a canopy ropes course or Via Ferrata. [www.camping4chemins.qc.ca/](http://www.camping4chemins.qc.ca/) (in French only)



Jacques Cartier NP

Photo: Jean-Pierre Huard



Québec City

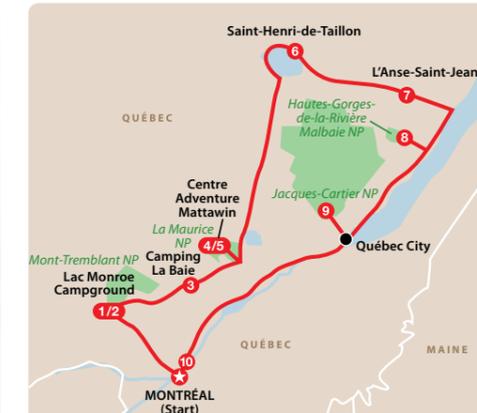
Photo: Claude Bouchard

**Day 8** > Travel south into the Charlevoix region, where the highest rock faces east of the Canadian Rockies afford dramatic views. Spend at least one full day in the Hautes-Gorges-de-la-Rivière-Malbaie National Park to hike the majestic Acropole des Draveurs trail. Visitors can also fish for speckled trout or cycle the 16km route through the park. **105 miles to Hautes-Gorges-de-la-Rivière-Malbaie National Park** ★ Stop en route at Saint-Aimé-des-Lacs for black bear observation. [www.sepaq.com/pq/hgo/](http://www.sepaq.com/pq/hgo/)



Mont-Tremblant village

**Day 9** > Discover the heart of the Charlevoix on the Route des Saveurs, a flavour trail highlighting the region's many gastronomic delights. Stop in Baie-Saint-Paul for lunch and visit one of the many local art galleries. Arrive later at Jacques-Cartier National Park, one of Québec's most spectacular parks, only thirty minutes from the provincial capital. While there, be sure to paddle the incredible



Vallée de la Jacques-Cartier. **150 miles to Jacques-Cartier National Park** ★ Visit the Wendake Hurons Village to learn about Québec's First Nations people. [www.sepaq.com/pq/jac/](http://www.sepaq.com/pq/jac/)

**Day 10** > No visit to the province would be complete without a stop in Québec City. Arguably North America's most charming city, Québec City is the only remaining walled city north of Mexico. Its walls contain charming cobbled lanes brimming with cosy bistros, unusual boutiques and historic sites. We recommend a stop of a minimum of four hours but to better appreciate the atmosphere of the old town, stay a night to enjoy a romantic dinner at one of the city's top restaurants and an evening stroll. **215 miles to Montréal, via Québec City** ★ Visit Place Royale, the citadel and fortifications. [www.koa.com/campgrounds/montreal-south/](http://www.koa.com/campgrounds/montreal-south/)

**Day 11** > After breakfast it is time to return your Motorhome to the Cruise Canada Montréal depot or better still, if time permits, extend your trip in Québec to visit the Gaspésie Peninsula.

# Best of Canada's West

Western Canada is the best place to explore the great outdoors and nature's wonders and this tour includes the heart of it all, the splendour of the Rocky Mountains. There is so much to see and do, enjoy fabulous cosmopolitan Vancouver, experience a wildlife tour or take a soothing soak in hot springs! Then just sit back and take in the glorious views of the majestic snow capped mountains and those pristine turquoise lakes. This tour truly has something to offer visitors of all tastes and ages.

## MOTORHOME ITINERARY

**Day 1** > After picking up your motorhome, head for the great Burnaby Cariboo for your first night. It's not a long drive but our recommended site is the highest rated in British Columbia and the ideal site from which to explore Vancouver. **15 Miles to Burnaby Cariboo RV Park** ★ Visit the city of Vancouver; one of the most interesting and beautiful in the world [www.bcrvpark.com](http://www.bcrvpark.com)

**Day 2/3** > A long but very worthwhile drive will take about 4 ½ hours as you head first along the Transcanada Highway and then turn near the town of Hope for the Okanagan Valley. The scenery of the Valley is out of this world. This area also provides the opportunity to visit many of the Valley's vineyards in Oliver, Penticton, Okanagan Falls, Kelowna... and more. See [www.kelownagolfski.com/okanaganwineries.htm](http://www.kelownagolfski.com/okanaganwineries.htm) for details. We have chosen the Okanagan Lake location, just north of Penticton, for this tour. It has two large campgrounds (North & South Park) which offer lakeside camping on Okanagan Lake. The beautiful



Coal Harbour, Vancouver Photo: Tourism British Columbia



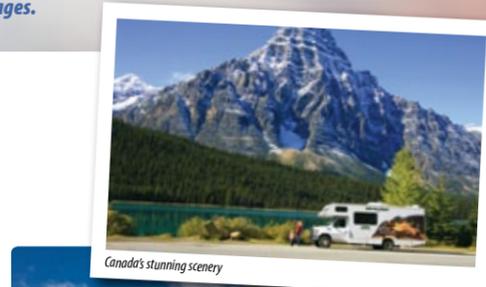
Okanagan Valley Photo: Discover Holidays

beaches are surrounded by ponderosa pines and sagebrush which make the park a perfect spot for swimming and water activities. Alternatively to break up the journey, add another day and stop off and enjoy Harrison Hot Springs. **210 miles to Okanagan** ★ Visit the Othello-Quintette Tunnels, just outside Hope, to see the complicated system of tunnels and bridges that took the old Kettle Valley Railroad through the canyon or/and take a ride on Hell's Gate Airtram over the Fraser River! [www.campokanagan.com](http://www.campokanagan.com)

**Day 4** > A shorter drive today with the chance to visit more of those vineyards! You are heading through to Revelstoke, nestled high in the Monashee Mountains and adjacent to both Mount Revelstoke National Park and Glacier National Park. The year-round playground of Revelstoke has some of the most spectacular scenery in all of Canada. Flanked by the snow-capped peaks of the Selkirk Mountains to the east and the Monashees to the west, Revelstoke was proclaimed *The Capital of Canada's Alps* and was known as *The Mountain Paradise* in the early 1900s. **145 miles to Revelstoke** ★ Visit Salmon Arm, the gateway from the Okanagan located in the heart of the Shuswap Lake recreation area [www.rvcampingrevelstoke.com](http://www.rvcampingrevelstoke.com)

**Day 5/6** > After approx 3 hours you will arrive in Lake Louise and we are suggesting the Lake Louise park campground for your overnight though there are several to choose from on the website. You will return home with stories you will tell over and over again about Canada's iconic Banff/Lake Louise National Park. Your experiences here will probably be passed down through generations in family albums, as the children - then their children - return to the places their parents have talked about for years. It's almost impossible to take a bad picture here! Spend some time exploring Banff. (If you are starting the tour from the Cruise Canada Calgary depot, drive directly to the Lake Louise Campground or you may prefer to stay in Banff.) **145 miles to Lake Louise** ★ Visit the Kicking Horse River where it flows below the Natural Bridge in Yoho National Park. Enjoy a meal or drink at Banff Springs Hotel and take in the spectacular view. Take a trip on one of the gondolas to Sulphur Mountain and then enjoy a soothing soak in Banff Hot Springs. [www.pccamping.ca/parkscanada](http://www.pccamping.ca/parkscanada)

**Day 7/8** > The road towards Jasper is spectacular and framed by peaks rising to over 12,000 feet. We're recommending a choice of campsites



Columbia Icefield Glacier Photo: Brewster Travel Canada

for this stop with either the more rustic sites of Whistlers or Waipiti within Jasper National Park or a full service KOA at nearby Hinton. See websites below. **210 miles to Jasper via Banff** ★ Visit the Athabasca Glacier: the most visited on the North American continent. You can ride out onto the Glacier aboard an Ice Explorer or take a guided hike on the ice [www.pc.gc.ca/pn-np/ab/jasper/visit/visit2\\_e.asp#Camping](http://www.pc.gc.ca/pn-np/ab/jasper/visit/visit2_e.asp#Camping) [www.koa.com](http://www.koa.com)

**Day 9** > Just over 4 hours, again driving through magnificent scenery running alongside Wells Gray Provincial Park to your right and the Columbia Mountains to your left. You'll be headed for Clearwater which is the final stopover on this itinerary before returning to Vancouver. Our recommended campsite is the Birch Island Campground just a few minutes before reaching Clearwater. If you prefer to be nearer the Park and if you can get in (there are only 13 RV spaces available) then book into Helmcken Falls Lodge & RV Park to experience the true outdoor wilderness right at the entrance to Wells Gray Provincial Park. **200 Miles to Birch Island, Clearwater** ★ Visit Clearwater; an interesting town at the gateway to Wells Gray Provincial Park. Enroute to Clearwater be sure to stop off at Blue River to enjoy the River Safari and the chance to spot some bears! [www.birchislandcampground.ca](http://www.birchislandcampground.ca)



**Day 10/11** > 4½ hours drive back to Vancouver and the Burnaby Cariboo. We firmly recommend that you stay at this campground for 3 or 4 nights. Visit [www.bcrvpark.com](http://www.bcrvpark.com). The campground has a bus stop with a half-hourly service into the city right outside the door or you can take a 15 minute walk and catch the Skytrain. Vancouver is one of our favourite cities and it definitely deserves some more of your time. **295 miles to Vancouver** ★ Visit Stanley Park, the Harbour Centre, Granville Island, the Capilano Suspension Bridge, Grouse Mountain and so much more [www.bcrvpark.com](http://www.bcrvpark.com)

**Day 12** > Just fifteen miles back to the Cruise Canada rental location to return your motorhome.



Aerial view of Banff

DEPARTS FROM > VANCOUVER or CALGARY  
DURATION > 12 DAYS  
DISTANCE > 1,235 MILES (1,980 kms)

# Vancouver Island add-on

This short trip would make the perfect ending to your holiday following a Western Canada tour; six or more nights to get that feel of the sea and the lives of people who rely on it. Explore the beaches where seals and sea lions frolic offshore, you might even see killer whale pods and schools of dolphins and porpoises jumping over the cresting waves.

## Ferry crossings

Regarding any ferry crossings: We always recommend you book them on line before you go and always book for our largest motorhome, the 30 footer, even if you have reserved a smaller one with us. If we are able to upgrade you to a larger vehicle, or if force majeure dictates that we must, we want you to have that space on the ferry.

## MOTORHOME ITINERARY

**Day 1** > You need to have checked ferry times and booked for the Tsawwassen-Swartz Bay Ferry, which will take you on a ninety minute trip across the Alaska Marine Highway ([www.bcferries.com](http://www.bcferries.com) and [transcanadahighway.com/BC/Info-Ferries.htm](http://transcanadahighway.com/BC/Info-Ferries.htm)). Allow four hours to get to the Ferry Terminal in case there is traffic and to be in good time to board. The 70 miles drive shouldn't take more than two hours but do leave Burnaby Cariboo RV Resort ([www.bcrv.com](http://www.bcrv.com)) at an appropriate time. Head south for the Transcanada Highway. You are taking the ferry across to Saanich, in south Vancouver Island. When you are off your boat, West Bay Marine Village is just 20 miles.

The West Bay RV Park is unlike any other in Canada. Situated right on Victoria's harbour it has spectacular views of the city. Open year round it offers full service sites with easy access to the city centre. The closest RV Park to Victoria, all the main attractions are a mere five minutes drive away. If you would prefer to not take your vehicle downtown, this is not a problem. The jaunty Victoria Harbour Ferries can take you straight from the park to the heart of the city **60 miles to Saanich** ★ Visit Victoria.



The Fairmont Empress Hotel, Inner Harbour, Victoria Photo: Tourism British Columbia

The waterfront, the architecture the seafood and everything else that makes British Columbia's capital city such a magnet for tourism [www.westbay.bc.ca](http://www.westbay.bc.ca)

**Day 2** > Once you leave the urban/suburban areas on today's drive, the highway climbs over the rugged Malahat highlands, made up of volcanic rock covered by 400 year old Douglas fir trees that in colonial days were common all around Victoria. The rivers in this area have gravel beds, left behind from early glaciers and subsequent erosion, and are home to thousands of salmon. The Malahat Summit provides a number of stunning vantage points for viewing the Saanich Inlet, which is a backwards fjord, facing into the direction of the glacial flow. The lowland valleys have lush farmlands, tree farms and orchards, and the rivers are home to Steelhead trout of up to a metre in length! Still heading north and overlooking the Straights of Georgia, at Rosewell Creek you may want to turn off Hwy 19 on to 19a, through some of the coastal areas, until you reach Campbell River.

Take the short crossing on the Campbell River-Quadra Island ferry north to Quadra Island and on to Ripple Rock RV Park at Browns Bay Resort. Cruise ships on the Discovery Passage go right past Ripple Rock RV Park on their way to Alaska and back. **180 Miles to Campbell River** ★ Visit the wide sandy beaches at Rath Trevor Beach Provincial Park [www.brownbayresort.com/rvpark.htm](http://www.brownbayresort.com/rvpark.htm)

**Day 3** > Located on the northwest tip of Vancouver Island, Port Hardy is "where the highway ends, and adventure begins." You might see killer whale pods and schools of dolphins and porpoises jumping over the cresting waves. Cape Scott Provincial Park, which sits on the northern point of the Island, provides a great opportunity to explore the



Killer whale Photo: Tourism British Columbia

fourteen mile long beach where seals and sea lions frolic offshore. Beachcombers find old Native trade beads or a glass float that has been swept in on the waves across the Pacific Ocean.

Roads only head back south-east from here so head back on Highway 19 for just over 26 miles. Ten miles off the highway towards the coast, you'll find Beaver Cove and Telegraph Cove beyond it. Your RV Park is open all year with all amenities, ocean views and a marina.

**195 miles to Telegraph Cove** including the round trip north to Port Hardy ★ Visit Cormorant Channel Provincial Park on the way to your campsite [www.telegraphcove.ca/tcv/accom/rvpark.cfm](http://www.telegraphcove.ca/tcv/accom/rvpark.cfm)

**Day 4** > You'll still be returning the way you came so, if you missed anything on the way north, this is the opportunity to stop now. Provincial Parks along the way past Campbell River include Morton Lake, Elk Falls and Miracle Beach. You're headed for the Qualicum Bay Resort, by leaving Highway 19 between Qualicum Beach and Fanny Bay. For much of the way between Courtenay and Campbell River the Island Highway runs beside Qualicum Bay, an area rich in seafood. Pullouts beside the road give easy access to the bay's sand and pebble beaches. At several places you can buy fresh seafood, brought to the docks daily from local waters. **185 miles to Qualicum Bay** ★ Visit Little Qualicum Falls. You maybe didn't expect waterfalls around here [www.resortbc.com](http://www.resortbc.com)

**Day 5** > It's only a very short drive today to enjoy Vancouver Island's second city. Nanaimo offers natural beauty at every turn, thanks to its location between Mount Benson and the Strait of Georgia. The thriving local arts and music scene has something happening every day. History enthusiasts will enjoy walking through Nanaimo's winding downtown and checking out historic buildings, many which have been transformed into charming shops, restaurants or museums particularly in the Old City Quarter. There are also abundant shopping opportunities but, for the more energetic, there's bungee jumping, rock



Kwagwilt Artist painting a drum Photo: Tourism British Columbia



Dease Lake Photo: Kurt Ohlhoff, Travel Writer/Photographer

**55 miles to Living Forest** in Nanaimo ★ Visit The Bastion, the Hudson Bay Company's old fortress and stop for a drink at the (colourfully) historic Palace Hotel [www.campingbc.com](http://www.campingbc.com)

**Day 6** > The Horseshoe Bay-Departure Bay Ferry ([www.bcferries.com](http://www.bcferries.com)) is ten minutes from your campground; You will need to have booked the Early Bird Departure Special with Cruise America so you can return your motorhome in the afternoon today. Alternatively, spend a few nights back at Burnaby Cariboo Campground. Your ferry crossing is about two hours and then from Horseshoe Bay drive back to Cruise Canada's office in Delta or, back to Burnaby. **20 Miles Nanaimo to Delta** plus ferry time/30 miles to Cariboo.

DEPARTS FROM > VANCOUVER  
DURATION > 6 DAYS  
DISTANCE > 786 MILES (1,255kms)

# Scenic Splendour of The Maritime Canada

Come and visit the Jewell of Canada that is the maritimes, the 3 provinces of New Brunswick, Nova Scotia and Prince Edward Island each have their own unique cultural identities. The provinces are known for their stunning seacoasts, charming lighthouses and the whale migration.

## MOTORHOME ITINERARY

**Day 1** > After enjoying a couple of nights exploring Halifax (be sure to include a visit to the Maritime Museum of the Atlantic, with its Titanic artefacts) make your way to the Cruise Canada Halifax depot to collect your motorhome. Enjoy a gentle drive along the south shore and be enriched by the amazing ocean views, visit the charming coastal communities of Peggy's Cove, Chester & Mahone Bay before pressing onto the town of Lunenburg that is a UNESCO world heritage site. 95kms to Lunenburg ★ Don't Forget Your Camera, the Peggy's Cove lighthouse is the most photographed lighthouse in Canada! If time permits take a Scenic Boat Tour: Cruise out to see nesting arctic puffins, seals, and the occasional whale!

www.lunenburgns.com/the-lunenburg-board-of-trade-campground.html

**Day 2** > Take a short harbour cruise on the Bluenose racing schooner or similar excursions. By mid-afternoon continue along the south shore before heading inland to Kejimikujik National Park. 115kms to Kejimikujik National Park ★ Whilst in Lunenburg make time to visit the Fisheries Museum of the Atlantic, and learn of the town's importance during the fisheries boom.

www.pc.gc.ca/pn-np/ns/kejimikujik/activ/camping/jeremys.aspx

**Day 3/4** > Spend the day enjoying all that the National Park has to offer from Canoeing to hiking to cycling. The park has an abundance of wildlife and has North America's largest collection of Petroglyphs. By late afternoon continue your journey heading towards Digby. On your second day head to Digby Neck for the opportunity to see the whales of



Enjoying a lobster feast in the Maritimes!



Fundy National Park of Canada

the Bay of Fundy. In summer the bay provides feeding and mating grounds for the Finback, Humpback, Minke & Right Whales. 105kms to Digby ★ Head down to Brier Island via 2 cable ferries to discover first hand the true giants of the ocean! www.jaggarpoint.ca/

**Day 5/6** > This morning take the Bay Ferry over to the neighbouring province of New Brunswick making your way along the Fundy Coast to the Fundy Trail Parkway. Breathtaking vistas, flora, and fauna abound in this multi-use coastal experience hugging New Brunswick's majestic Bay of Fundy – One of the Marine Wonders of the World. As you drive along the 11km coastal roadway take time to stop at the observations decks, you might just catch sight of whales! After enjoying some time here it is time to set off to Fundy National Park. Take advantage of the park's natural setting, explore the forest, and discover the creatures of the inter-tidal zone. 205 kms to Fundy National Park ★ Visit one of the observation areas to catch a sight of whales. Visit the interpretive center at Big Salmon River!

www.pc.gc.ca/pn-np/nb/fundy/activ/camping.aspx

**Day 7/8** > Today you set off to Hopewell Rocks, The Ocean Tidal Exploration Site and home to the world's highest tides! Here you can walk on the Bay of Fundy's ocean floor. The gravitational pull of the sun and moon causes tides that rise and fall up to an incredible 48 ft twice a day – every day! Finally end your journey at Kouchibouguac (Kou-she-boo-gwack) National Park, a fascinating mosaic of bogs, salt marshes, tidal rivers, sparkling freshwater systems, sheltered lagoons, abandoned fields and tall forests. 215 kms to Kouchibouguac ★ Check the tide schedule on the Hopewell Rocks website and

schedule your visit to walk on the ocean floor and/or to kayak around the rocks. Enjoy a lobster cruise with Shediac Bay Cruises. Hire a bike and cycle some of the 60 kms of cycling paths in Kouchibouguac.

www.pc.gc.ca/eng/pn-np/nb/kouchibouguac/activ/ete-summer/avantpays-frontcountry/reservations.aspx

**Day 9/10** > Today you cross over the Confederation Bridge and onto Prince Edward Island, home of Anne of Green Gables. If you have ever read the book and wondered "if it is a real place" you will want to come and visit this magical setting, as millions of fans before you have done. Enjoy one of the three tourist coastal drives which are clearly marked along the way, with colourful signage, no doubt as you enjoy the beautiful scenery you will also spot a few lighthouses the island is so famous for, there are about 50! 235 kms to Charlotte Town ★ Visit the Green Gables Heritage Place in Cavendish. Enjoy one of the scenic coastal drives and visit some of the lighthouses.

www.koa.com/campgrounds/cornwall/

**Day 11** > This morning you arrive by ferry into the town of Pictou know as the birthplace of Nova Scotia. After lunch drive north to Cape Breton Island referred to as a maritime masterpiece before finally ending your day at Lake Ainslie. 250kms to East Lake Ainslie ★ Visit the Hector Heritage centre and step aboard an exact replica of the Ship Hector that brought the first Scottish settlers to Nova Scotia.

www.mackinnonscampground.ca/

**Day 12/13** > This morning take a slight detour to the coastal town of Inverness, known for its warm ocean waters and Mermaids Tears (coloured sea glass that washes up along this coastline) it's a beachcombers dream. Then head north to Margaree Harbour and join the famous Cabot Trail a stunning driving trail that goes from sea-level to a 3,000 foot elevation that runs along two coast lines (the Gulf of St Lawrence and the Atlantic) and through a National Park.



Lighthouse on Prince Edward Island



125kms to Ingonish ★ Spend some time beachcombing at Inverness. Stop and enjoy a hike on one of the 26 trails within the National Park. www.pc.gc.ca/pn-np/ns/cbreton/activ/activ.aspx

**Day 14** > It's a long drive today and your last chance to enjoy the delights of the eastern shore or visit Martinique Beach before your final stop back at the Cruise Canada depot in Halifax, at the KOA. 455kms to Halifax www.koa.com/campgrounds/halifax/

**Day 15** > Having spent the night at the Cruise Canada depot located at the KOA you have the morning to pack before returning your motorhome.



Main image: Kouchibouguac National Park

DEPART > HALIFAX  
DURATION > 15 DAYS  
DISTANCE > 1,800 kms

# Alaska Highlights

Alaska offers profoundly beautiful scenery and fantastic opportunities for wildlife viewing, travelling with a motorhome is an amazing way to explore this vast and remote wilderness which is home to Denali National Park and Mount Mckinley.

## MOTORHOME ITINERARY

**Day 1** > Collect your Cruise America motorhome from the Anchorage depot and drive northeast on the Glenn Highway. You'll pass the townships of Eagle River and Chugiak and continue on towards Palmer, which is about an hours drive from Anchorage. As you head through the Eklutna Flats, enjoy the towering vistas of the Chugach and Talkeetna Mountains, and catch a glimpse of Pioneer Peak, the closest peak in the distance. 45 miles ★ For a closer view of Knick Glacier take an airboat tour by taking the Old Glenn Highway exit and driving to Knick Glacier Adventures about 20 miles from Palmer.

www.mtviewrvpark.com

**Day 2/3** > Today you head from Palmer to Denali National Park continuing on the Parks Highway you drive through the Matanuska-Susitna Valley and Denali State Park. If time permits take a side trip to the small community of Talkeetna. 200 miles ★ Denali is six million acres of wildland, bisected by one ribbon of road. Travellers along it see the relatively low-elevation taiga forest give way to high alpine tundra and snowy mountains, culminating in North America's tallest peak, 20,320' Mount McKinley. Wild animals large and small roam unfenced lands. Solitude, tranquility and wilderness awaits.

www.nps.gov/dena/planyourvisit/campground-riley.htm

**Day 4/5** > Before leaving Denali National Park to head for Fairbanks we suggest you enjoy a 7-hour Tundra Wildlife Tour into Denali National Park. The park is inhabited by lots of different animal species. Mt. McKinley can be seen if the weather is clear that day and a snack



Denali NP, with Mt McKinley in background

Photo: Travel Alaska



Copper River

Photo: Travel Alaska



Prince William Sound

Photo: Travel Alaska

lunch is included. In the afternoon continue on the Parks Highway north to Fairbanks. Accompanied by incredible forest and mountain landscape you drive through the communities of Healy, Nenana and by the community of Ester, an old gold mining camp. 125 miles ★ Enjoy the wildlife tour with some luck you may see bears, caribou, moose, sheep, wolves and a variety of birds.

www.riversedge.net/fairbanks-RV-park.htm

**Day 6** > Today you head to Paxson/Glennallen, following the Richardson until Delta Junction. Just outside of Fairbanks you drive by North Pole, the home of North America's Santa Claus. In Delta Junction take the Richardson Highway and drive south towards Paxson/Glennallen 180 miles ★ The Copper River has world class salmon fishing, if you don't feel like fishing there is hiking, rafting and even flightseeing. www.tolsona.com

**Day 7** > Today you head to Valdez, enjoy the spectacular drive on the Richardson Highway, part of the route parallels the Trans-Alaska Pipeline. Weather permitting stop and enjoy incredible views of the Wrangell Mountains. Drive by Worthington Glacier and through Keystone Canyon with its waterfalls. 185 miles ★ Valdez is a must see on your Alaska itinerary. The crashing glaciers and towering Chugach mountains rising from the sea make Valdez absolutely picturesque. www.bearpawrvpark.com



Matanuska Glacier, Glenn Highway

Photo: Ruth Gloger

**Day 8** > This morning it is all aboard the Alaska Marine Highway Ferry to Whittier travelling through beautiful Prince William Sound. Upon arrival in Whittier drive through the Whittier-Portage Tunnel (one-lane tunnel, open to traffic during certain hours only). Then drive the Seward Highway through scenic landscape to Seward. 85 miles ★ Portage Glacier and the Begich, Boggs Visitor Center is an interesting stop thanks to exhibits that let visitors walk through a simulated ice cave, view live ice worms or touch an iceberg. For a closer look at Portage Glacier, there are hour-long sightseeing boat cruises on Portage Lake or you can hike a number of foot trails that wind near the frozen monument.

www.stoneycreekrvpark.com

**Day 9/10** > Today you are heading back on the Seward Highway to Anchorage but before you do visit Kenai Fjords National Park home to some of most pristine, rugged, breathtaking glacial vistas in North America. The massive Harding Icefield feeds the 38 glaciers of the park. These glaciers, in turn, have been sculpting the fjords making a home for the many species of marine life – mammals, fish and seabird alike. 130 miles ★ Enjoy a Wildlife & Glacier cruise into scenic Kenai



Sea kayaker near Valdez. Photo: Travel Alaska



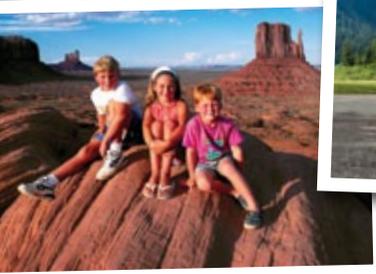
Fjords National Park and maybe even spot a whale.

www.goldennuggetcamperpark.com/photo\_album/photo\_album.htm

**Day 11** > Return your motorhome to the Cruise America depot and have a safe journey home.

DEPART > ANCHORAGE  
DURATION > 11 DAYS  
DISTANCE > 950 MILES





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