

**USTOA TOUR OPERATOR MEMBERS MARK NATIONAL PARK SERVICE CENTENNIAL
WITH NEW ITINERARIES, INSIDER ACCESS, SPECIAL OFFERS AND MORE**



Bryce Canyon National Park (photo credit: Trafalgar)

NEW YORK – March 7, 2016 – This August marks the 100 year anniversary of the United States National Park Service which today embodies 410 natural sites spanning 84 million acres of protected area. To honor the milestone, the members of [United States Tour Operators Association](#) (USTOA) are offering new itineraries, added departures and special offers throughout 2016 that go beyond sightseeing to immerse travelers in a deeper exploration of the natural beauty of the United States.

“Our members offer a wide range of National Park experiences from kayaking in Grand Teton National Park and stargazing in Yosemite, to Navajo cookouts at the Grand Canyon and traditional carriage rides along historic roads in Acadia National Park,” added Terry Dale, president and CEO of USTOA. “It’s the insider access, adventures, activities, and culinary exploration that make USTOA member itineraries truly unparalleled.”

Following is a sample of itineraries from USTOA member tour operators to explore a variety of pristine National Park landscapes throughout the year-long centennial festivities. For more examples of USTOA member packaged travel itineraries to National Parks, visit www.ustoa.com/blog/national-parks/ or search by destination within the “Find Your Dream Vacation” section of the [USTOA homepage](#).

- For the first time, **Globus**, an official partner of the National Park Foundation, is offering an unparalleled 103-day tour that takes travelers to 35 National Parks from Hawaii to Maine. Travelers on the “[Centennial Celebration: 100 Days of GoParks!](#)” journey will engage in local experiences such as a buffalo safari near Custer State Park, wine tasting in Washington’s wine country and time with a naturalist in Denali National Park and Preserve. The tour begins July 7, 2016 in Honolulu and ends on October 17, 2016 in Las Vegas. It is priced from \$30,405. For

travelers who can't commit so much time, Globus offers 24 other GoParks! Tours and a percentage of revenue from each is donated to the National Park Foundation.

- **Go Ahead** offers nine tours that visit U.S. National Parks – five of which are new – and is offering \$200 off all when reserved by March 31, 2016 with the promo code 16USTOA. On the 11-day “[National Parks: Canadian Rockies, Glacier & Yellowstone](#)” journey for instance, guests marvel at cascading waterfalls in Yellowstone National Park, drive along the scenic Going-to-the-Sun Road in Glacier National Park and explore the Grand Tetons, where human history dates back 10,000 years. Price for this tour starts at \$2,249 with discount code: www.goaheadtours.com/ustoa-national-parks.
- National Parks have always been at the core of **Austin Adventures'** programs and to mark this year's centennial anniversary, the company has expanded its roster of trips and departures. Additionally, as an advocate of the Every Kid in the Park initiative from the National Park Foundation and the White House, Austin Adventures is waiving trip fees for all fourth graders traveling on any National Park adventure in 2016. Finally, as a participant in the NPS Centennial Tour Operator Program, the company will donate two dollars from each guest booked on one of its National Park trips in 2016 to Tourism Cares, Inc. to aid restoration projects at five National Parks. Guests can choose the six-day “[Oregon – Crater Lake National Park](#)” itinerary from \$2,798 and the new six-day “[Glacier National Park](#)” itinerary from \$2,898, among others.
- With horseback riding, fly fishing, ziplining, stargazing and other outdoor adventures on a dude ranch in Big Sky, the new seven-day “[Montana: Big Sky & Yellowstone National Park](#)” from **Adventures by Disney** will fulfill every cowboy's dreams. Guests will also “glamp” at Yellowstone National Park, hike to the Norris Geyser Basin and visit Old Faithful. Available over select dates in summer 2016, prices start at \$3,919 per adult.
- **Trafalgar** offers nine National Parks itineraries, including the 15-day “[Scenic Parks Explorer](#)” with visits to Zion National Park, Bryce Canyon National Park, Yellowstone National Park, Grand Teton National Park, Arches National Park, Mesa Verde National Park, Grand Canyon National Park, Jackson, Denver, Monument Valley and Las Vegas. The adventure includes off-the-beaten path experiences including an exclusive behind-the-scenes talk at the Buffalo Bill Center of the West, a complex of five western museums in Wyoming, and an unequalled view of the Grand Canyon at sunrise. With 45 departure dates from May to October, prices start at \$3,895 per person, land only.
- **Cox & Kings'** eight-day “[Southwestern Spa and Healing Immersion](#)” private journey is the perfect respite for travelers wanting to disconnect from daily cares, reconnect with nature and rejuvenate at renowned spas. In addition to marveling at the Grand Canyon and hiking in Petrified Forest National Park, guests will receive a privately guided tour of the UNESCO World Heritage Site of Taos from a Native American healer, take part in a hands-on cooking experience with a Native American chef and scholar, and relax at the natural hot springs of Ojo Caliente. Available throughout 2016, prices start at \$8,950 per person. Save \$250 per person based on double occupancy for travel by Labor Day weekend.

For more information on USTOA, visit www.ustoa.com.

About USTOA:

Representing more than \$13.5 billion in revenue, the member companies of U.S. Tour Operators Association provide tours, packages and custom arrangements that allow nearly 8 million travelers annually unparalleled access, insider knowledge, peace-of-mind, value and freedom to enjoy destinations and experiences across the entire globe. Each member company has met the travel industry's highest standards, including participation in the USTOA's Travelers Assistance Program, which protects consumer payments up to \$1 million if the company goes out of business.

As a voice for the tour operator industry for more than 40 years, USTOA also provides education and assistance for consumers and travel agents.

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