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## **Transcontinental Journey 2009**

### ***Westbound – St. Louis to Portland, OR***

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**Dates:** From Monday, August 3<sup>rd</sup> – Friday, August 14<sup>th</sup>, 2009

**Duration:** 12 days / 11 nights

**Total Distance:** 1,960 nautical miles



**Highlights:** For many adventurous pilots, crossing the United States is an adventure they would like to do but would prefer to share with other motivated pilots like themselves while discovering some unusual parts of the country. Join us on this unique experience that brings the pilots, their family and friends, over some of the world's most spectacular scenery.

**Cost:** \$ 3,650 per person (double occupancy)  
\$ 675 registration fee  
Single supplement available upon request

**Recommended:** Instrument rating

# Itinerary

## Day 1 - Monday, August 3: St. Louis

Air Journey will welcome you at the Marriott Union Station where all participants will meet for introductions and to attend a briefing. The St. Louis Marriott is located at Historical Union Station, a Saint Louis landmark. The hotel radiates with architectural elegance and is recognized as a historic hotel.

We'll visit the Gateway Arch Riverfront and take the tram to the top of the 630-foot-tall Arch. At the highest point in downtown St. Louis, you'll experience unforgettable views of the city and the Mississippi River.

We'll end the day with a riverboat dinner cruise on the Mississippi River with magnificent views of the breathtaking St. Louis skyline by night and musicians performing riverboat style jazz.

Hotel: Marriott Union Station  
*Dinner included*



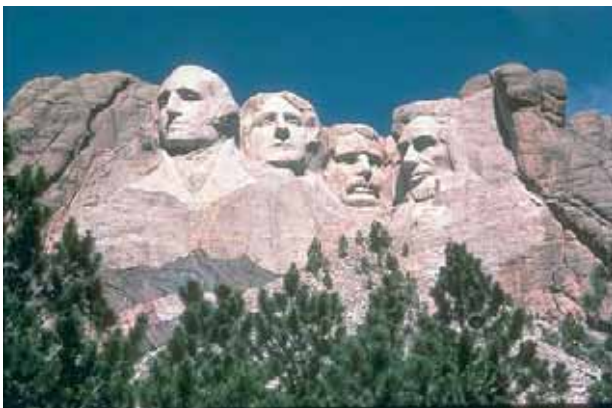
## Day 2 - Tuesday, August 4: St. Louis → Omaha, NE (289 NM) → Rapid City, SD (357 NM)

As we fly west today, we will get our first view of the America's vastness while flying across the Midwest with its immense fields and agricultural areas. We will make a stop at Omaha, Nebraska for lunch and to refuel. Our arrival in the Black Hills offers enough daylight to be able to clearly see Mt. Rushmore before landing.

Hotel: Holiday Inn Express  
*Breakfast and Dinner included*

## Day 3 - Wednesday, August 5: Rapid City, South Dakota

Our tour today begins with a visit to the Borglum Historical Center in Keystone where you will see the art work and life story of Mount Rushmore sculptor Gutzon Borglum. You will then see amazing Mount Rushmore National Memorial, our "Shrine of Democracy." The carvings of former president's George Washington, Thomas Jefferson, Theodore Roosevelt, and Abraham Lincoln on the side of a granite mountain are simply incredible.



After lunch, we'll visit the Crazy Horse Memorial. This is the world's largest mountain carving. It is a work in progress. Work began on the Crazy Horse Memorial in 1948, and this amazing project of sculptor Korczak Ziolkowski has been carried on by his wife Ruth and his children since Me. Ziolkowski's death in 1982. Korczak Ziolkowski worked with Gutzon Borglum on Mount Rushmore, and then he was recruited by Lakota Chief Henry Standing Bear to produce a sculpture of Crazy Horse in the Black Hills of South Dakota. Crazy Horse is the world's largest sculpture...641-feet long and 563-feet high. Crazy Horse is ten times the size of Mount Rushmore!

Our tour continues through the famous Needles Highway and Iron Mountain Road which winds through some of the most breathtaking granite formations in the world. You will see Custer State Park, home of the largest buffalo herd and other protected animals, and you will visit beautiful Harney Peak, the highest elevation east of the Rockies.

Hotel: Holiday Inn Express  
*Breakfast, Lunch and Dinner included*

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**Day 4 - Thursday, August 6: Rapid City → Jackson, WY (334 NM)**

Our adventure over the Spectacular American West begins!

Upon entering Wyoming, we will fly by Devil's Tower and Bighorn Canyon before flying above Yellowstone National Park to get a beautiful view of the vivid multicolor slopes and waterfalls of the Yellowstone River followed by the incomparable approach along Grand Teton National Park before landing at Jackson Hole.

Hotel: The Inn at Jackson Hole  
*Breakfast and Dinner included*



**Day 5 - Friday, August 7: Jackson Hole**

Today will be yours to select among several great adventures: horseback riding, hiking, driving an ATV on dirt trails, river rafting or simply relaxing while overlooking the Grand Tetons. We highly recommend the 10-mile scenic raft trip on the Snake River where you'll see some of North America's most spectacular mountain scenery.



Hotel: The Inn at Jackson Hole  
*Breakfast and Dinner included*

**Day 6 - Saturday, August 8: Jackson Hole and Yellowstone at leisure**

We'll have another day to relax and discover Yellowstone National Park. The most renowned and oldest National Park with over 10,000 hot springs, thundering waterfalls, astonishing water pools and multicolored grounds, is the location of 2/3's of the world's geysers and a place where one quickly realizes that he / she is less than a mile from the world's furnace, as the land below slowly floats over immense magna fields.

Spend time observing magnificent wildlife including buffalo (bison), elk, moose, antelope, coyote, eagles and maybe the elusive bear and wolf.

Hotel: The Inn at Jackson Hole  
*Breakfast and Dinner included*

**Day 7 - Sunday, August 9: Jackson → Kalispell, MT (318 NM)**

Fly to Kalispell, our gateway to Glacier National Park. At over 1 million acres, the Park is a uniquely wild and beautiful American treasure. Explore its Alpine natural beauty with abundant wildlife, over 700 miles of hiking trails, pristine lakes, spectacular waterfalls, towering 10,000 foot peaks and over 20 active glaciers.

Hotel: Hampton Inn Kalispell  
*Breakfast and Dinner included*

**Day 8 - Monday, August 10: Kalispell**

Today is at leisure to explore the park or enjoy an optional activity. Late in the afternoon we'll experience a beautiful and romantic mountain ride atop The Going-to-the-Sun Road in one of Montana's historic Red Buses. As the sun begins its slow descent behind Glacier National Park's famous Rocky Mountains, it is the optimal time to view some of Glacier's most reclusive wildlife. Truly an unforgettable experience!

Hotel: Hampton Inn Kalispell  
*Breakfast and Dinner included*



**Day 9 - Tuesday, August 11: Kalispell → Lewiston, ID (162 NM)**

The Lewis-Clark Valley is located 465 river miles from the Pacific Ocean at the confluence of the Snake and Clearwater Rivers. The twin cities of Lewiston, Idaho and Clarkston, Washington, named in honor of the Corps of Discovery explorers, Meriwether Lewis and William Clark, serve as a regional service center for the Inland Northwest. Lewiston is the site of Idaho's first capital, which was later moved to Boise. Lewiston is also the site of Idaho's only seaport, one of three port facilities serving the Lewis-Clark Valley.

Hotel: Quality Inn and Suites  
*Breakfast and Dinner included*

**Day 10 - Wednesday, August 12: Lewiston**

We'll experience an 86 mile round trip on the Snake River to the official entrance of the Hells Canyon National Recreation Area just below the Oregon-Washington border. Visit Cache Creek Ranch a 6,556-acre ranch that is an important habitat for elk, deer, eagle, bear and bighorn sheep, among others. The history of Hells Canyon dates back to prehistoric times. Museums in the area contain historic and prehistoric artifacts from the surround areas. Proof of early canyon inhabitants can be found within the canyon, as ancient petroglyphs can be seen along the river cliffs. Nez Perce Indian history and the Lewis and Clark expedition are among the most prevalent historical subjects in the Hells Canyon area. Remains of settlers' homes can be see in and around the canyon.

Hotel: Quality Inn and Suites  
*Breakfast and Dinner included*



**Day 11 - Thursday, August 13: Lewiston → McMinnville, OR (266 NM) → Astoria, OR (66 NM)**



We will fly to Astoria, OR where the mighty Columbia River meets the Pacific Ocean and where Lewis and Clark ended their westward journey in the fall of 1805.

We will make a stop in McMinnville to visit the Evergreen Aviation and Space Museum. The centerpiece or "crown jewel" of the Evergreen Aviation Museum is a plane known around the world as the "Spruce Goose". "The Hughes H-4 Hercules ("Spruce Goose"), dubbed "The Edsel of Aviation" is an aircraft which was designed and built by Howard Hughes. Its first and only flight took place in 1947". The museum has many other exciting aircraft to see.

Hotel: Hotel Elliott  
*Breakfast and Farewell Dinner included*

**Day 12 - Friday, August 14: Astoria → Portland, OR (72 NM)**

After breakfast, we will embark on the last leg of our journey which will take us to Portland where our Journey together comes to an end.

*Breakfast included*

# Landing Points, Airport Codes, Elevation and Runway Lengths

Airport	Code	Elevation	Runway Length
St. Louis	KSUS	463'	7,485'
Omaha	KOMA	984'	9,502'
Rapid City	KRAP	3,204'	8,700'
Jackson Hole	KJAC	6,451'	6,300'
Kalispell	KGPI	2,977'	9,007'
Lewiston	KLWS	1,437'	6,500'
McMinnville	KMMV	163'	5,420'
Astoria	KAST	15'	5,796'
Portland, OR	KTTD	39'	5,399'

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# Terms & Conditions

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## Our land program includes:

- All accommodations in hotels listed or similar categories based on double occupancy
- All meals as specified in itinerary
- All sightseeing, hotel taxes, gratuities and guide services as in indicated in itinerary
- All entrance fees in museum and other activities listed in the itinerary
- All transfers from hotel to airport
- A full time Air Journey escort

## Our land program does not include:

- Travel Insurance (available, call us for details)
- Airport departure taxes
- Beverages
- Cost of obtaining passport or visas and or inoculations
- Lunch boxes on flight day
- Personal expenses such as laundry, room service, communication charges and other incidentals

Please note that hotel accommodations and sightseeing are subject to change due to unforeseen circumstances. Air Journey reserves the right to amend the order of sightseeing as necessary. Every effort will be made to operate tours as planned, but alterations may occur after the final itinerary has been issued.

Air Journey has quoted this itinerary with a minimum participation of 7 airplanes.

## The Registration fee includes:

- Extensive Navigation log (airports, route, frequencies, information of airspace, nav-aids, reporting points, international flight plan) tailored for each aircraft
- Flight bag and collared, cotton shirt for the pilot with his name and aircraft tail number embroidered on the upper front. Additional shirts are available for passengers and crew at an additional cost.

## Cancellation, refunds:

- a) **Cancellation by the client:** Is always required in writing and is subject to the following schedule of dates, whereby some or all moneys paid will be retained:
- i) Given outside of 30 days of departure: AJ retains only the plane registration fee
  - ii) Between 30 and 15 days of departure: AJ retains 50% of the tour cost
  - iii) Between 14 and 5 days of departure: AJ retains 75% of the tour cost
  - iv) 4 days or less or No show of departure: AJ retains 100% of the tour cost
- b) **Cancellation by AJ:** Should AJ cancel the tour after deposits have been received due to fewer than the minimum participants required, the full deposit will be refunded. Should AJ cancel the tour at any time due to factors beyond their control (including war, flood, force of nature, riot, civil action), they will refund the client whatever portion of moneys are reimbursed by ground operators and accommodation suppliers.

**Survival equipment** is available for rental on a daily basis and will be waiting for you at our departure point. Contact us for details. Life vests are mandatory. A life raft is recommended but is not mandatory.