ROAD TRIP · UNITED STATES

# Cowboys and ranches in Wyoming

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

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

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| **Salt Lake City** | Day 13 | **20** |

# Day by day

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

**1,750 km · 22 h 30 min behind the wheel · on average 220 km a driving day**

*Kilometres and drive times by road (OSRM, OpenStreetMap), without stops: plan generously.*

# The route




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## ON THE ROAD

| | |
|---|---|
| **Day 1** | Land at Denver (DEN), drive to Denver · About 40 km (30 mi), 40 min |
| **Day 2** | Denver, drive to Cheyenne · About 160 km (100 mi), 1 h 50 min |
| **Day 3** | Cheyenne, drive to Sheridan · About 520 km (320 mi), 5 h 20 min |
| **Day 6** | Sheridan, drive to Cody · About 240 km (150 mi), 3 h 10 min |
| **Day 9** | Cody, drive to Canyon Village · About 150 km (90 mi), 2 h 40 min |
| **Day 11** | Canyon Village, drive to Jackson · About 180 km (110 mi), 3 h 20 min |
| **Day 13** | Jackson, drive to Salt Lake City · About 440 km (270 mi), 5 h 30 min |

# Well prepared

### ESTA

Dutch and Belgian travellers need no visa for a holiday of up to 90 days, but do need an approved ESTA before boarding. It costs about $40, is valid for two years (or until your passport expires) and is applied for online. Apply at least 72 hours before you fly, and only on the official site.

esta.cbp.dhs.gov

### Passport

An electronic passport (with the chip symbol), valid for the whole stay. Children need their own passport and ESTA.

nl.usembassy.gov

### Driving licence

Your Dutch driving licence is accepted for renting and driving a car as a visitor. An international driving permit next to it helps with police and some rental desks.

anwb.nl

### Renting a car

The renter is the main driver and pays with a credit card in their own name (no debit or prepaid card); the deposit is held on it. Usually from 21, and from 21 to 24 you pay a young-driver fee of about $25 a day. Book from home with insurance included (CDW/LDW and extra liability, SLI) and an extra driver if you want to take turns. Returning the car elsewhere (a one-way trip) costs extra. Fuel is sold by the gallon (3.8 litres); fill it up yourself before you bring it back.

### Driving in the USA

Keep right; speeds are in miles an hour (65 mph is 105 km/h). Turning right on red is allowed after stopping, unless a sign says no. At a 4-way stop, whoever stopped first goes first. For a stopped yellow school bus with flashing lights you stop in both directions. Toll roads are often electronic only: ask your rental company about its toll pass. On remote stretches (parks, desert) there's little signal and a long way to the next pump: fill up at half and download the map.

### Renting an RV

You can rent an RV from about 21 with an ordinary car licence. On top of the rent, count on mileage (often per mile), a kit with bedding and kitchen things, cleaning and the campsite: in the popular parks you book those months ahead on recreation.gov. Big RVs aren't allowed on every park road. Take photos of the RV when you pick it up: damage and missing items are the most heard complaint.

recreation.gov

### National parks

Most big parks charge per car. Visitors from abroad pay $100 a person extra at 11 popular parks; the annual pass for non-residents is $250. Some parks need a timed-entry reservation in high season.

nps.gov

### Money and tipping

Prices are without sales tax, which is added at the till. In restaurants a tip of 15 to 20% is usual. Cards are accepted almost everywhere; at the pump you may be asked for a ZIP code, so pay inside.

### Travel insurance and health

Care in the USA is very expensive: take travel insurance with worldwide medical cover, and check whether your health insurance covers the USA. Cancellation insurance covers the trip if you can't go; insure the rental car with the rental company (see Renting a car). Take medicines in their original packaging, with a prescription in English. Emergency number: 911.

### Power, phone and time

110 volt with flat two-pin plugs (type A/B): bring an adapter. A US eSIM is cheaper than roaming. The mainland has four time zones, Arizona mostly without daylight saving time.

### Customs

Fresh food, meat and fruit may not be brought in. Declare food you carry.

# Packing list

- [ ] Passport (valid for the whole trip)
- [ ] ESTA, printed
- [ ] Driving licence (and an international one)
- [ ] Credit card in the driver's name
- [ ] Travel and cancellation insurance
- [ ] Confirmations: flights, car, hotels
- [ ] America the Beautiful pass for the parks
- [ ] Plug adapter for type A/B (110 volt)
- [ ] Car charger and phone holder
- [ ] eSIM or offline maps
- [ ] Sunscreen, sunglasses and a cap
- [ ] Water bottles for the desert
- [ ] Hiking shoes
- [ ] Layers: the coast and the nights get cold
- [ ] Medicines, in your hand luggage
- [ ] A pen, for this booklet

**DON'T FORGET**

# Notes



DAY 1

# Denver CO

*Arrive*

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

**1 night**

DENVER · DAY 1

## HOTEL

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

## NOTES



DAY 2

# Cheyenne WY

*The cowboy capital*

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

**1 night**

CHEYENNE · DAY 2

## HOTEL

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

## NOTES




DAYS 3–5

# Sheridan WY

*A dude ranch in the Bighorn Mountains*

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

**3 nights**

SHERIDAN · DAYS 3–5

## EXCURSIONS

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

## HOTEL

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

## NOTES



DAYS 6–8

# Cody WY

*A rodeo every summer night, and the Buffalo Bill Center*

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

**3 nights**

## EXCURSIONS

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

## HOTEL

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

## NOTES




DAYS 9–10

# Canyon Village WY

*Yellowstone*

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

**2 nights**

## CANYON VILLAGE · DAYS 9–10

### HOTEL

Name, address, confirmation number:

### NOTES



DAYS 11–12

# Jackson WY

*On horseback in Grand Teton*

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

2 nights

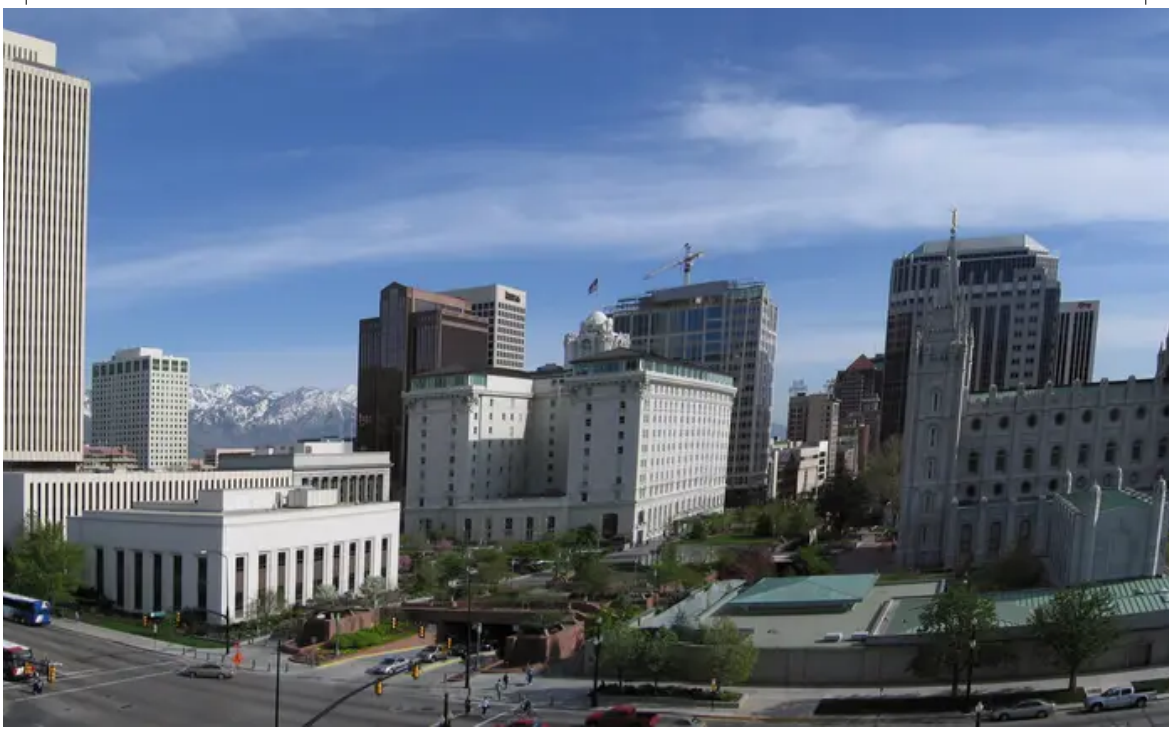
## EXCURSIONS

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

## HOTEL

- [ ] Inn on The Creek · 3★
  295 N Millward Street
- [ ] The Rockwell Inn · 3★ — roughly €350
  285 North Cache
- [ ] Cowboy Village Resort · 3★ — roughly €190
  120 S Flat Creek Dr
- [ ] Homewood Suites by Hilton Jackson · 3★
  260 N Millward
- [ ] The Jackson SouthTown · 3★ — roughly €150
  600 S Highway 89

## NOTES



DAY 13

# Salt Lake City UT

*Back to the airport*

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

1 night

SALT LAKE CITY · DAY 13

## HOTEL

- [ ] Hampton Inn & Suites Salt Lake City-University/Foothill Drive · 3★ — roughly €120
  1345 Foothill Dr
- [ ] SpringHill Suites by Marriott Salt Lake City Sugar House · 3★ — roughly €260
  2206 SOUTH 1300 EAST
- [ ] Crystal Inn Hotel & Suites - Midvalley · 3★ — roughly €90
  818 E Winchester St
- [ ] Hilton Garden Inn Salt Lake City Downtown · 3★ — roughly €100
  250 W 600 S
- [ ] Crystal Inn Hotel & Suites - Salt Lake City · 3★ — roughly €110
  230 W 500 S

## NOTES

# What it costs

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

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

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

# Notes

# About this booklet

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