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ROYAL ASTRONOMICAL SOCIETY OF CANADA
Presents



**The Great American
Grand Tetons & Yellowstone
Total Solar Eclipse**

August 14-23, 2017

The Great American Total Eclipse Tour

The 2017 total solar eclipse path crosses some of North America's most rugged and most beautiful landscapes. Take a ride on the river-of-no-return as you jet boat through Hells Canyon down the Snake River and white water raft a full day on the Salmon River. Explore America's greatest parks: Grand Tetons and Yellowstone.

The team of astronomical lecturers will guide you through the USA northwest night sky as you travel the Old West with hip cowboy roundups, rushing rivers and stunning National Parks.

No background in science is expected.

Your Tour Includes:

- *Round trip airport transfers on days 1 and 10
- *Meals: Breakfast daily, 3 lunches, 6 dinners
- *First Class Accommodations
- *Boise Trolley Guided Tour
- *Jet boat ride on the Snake River through Hells Canyon
- *Salmon River whitewater rafting
- *Craters of the Moon lava fields and craters
- *Full day at Yellowstone National Park
- *Rockefeller Memorial parkway and Grand Teton National Park
- *Lewis and Clark Museum of Idaho
- *Shoshone Falls
- *Covered Wagon BBQ & Show
- *Document Packet
- *Astronomical program with lectures and stargazing

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Monday, August 14, 2017 Hometown - Boise, ID

Upon arrival in Boise, you are met and transferred to the hotel. Later this afternoon, board the Boise Trolley to explore the sights of the Idaho State Capitol, parks along the Boise River, impressive residential neighborhoods and the Old State Penitentiary Historic Site. Boise is also home to a large Basque community. Enjoy a special Basque Welcome Orientation Dinner. D

Tuesday, August 15, 2017 Hells Canyon Jet Boat Riggins, ID

Today we take a jet boat ride on the river-of-no-return, Snake River, through Hells Canyon National Recreation Area. North America's deepest river gorge, the steep black basalt walls reach a maximum depth of 7,913 feet. Our "Wild Sheep Tour" departs just north of the Hells Canyon Dam, and includes a delightful riverside lunch buffet.

Your journey resumes with a two-night stay in Riggins, spectacularly situated at the confluence of the Salmon and Little Salmon Rivers. B/L

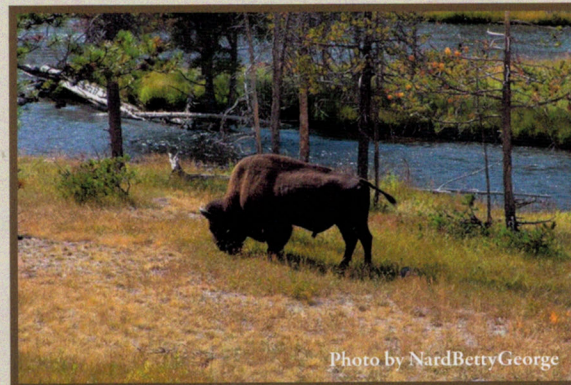


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Wednesday, August 16, 2017 Salmon River Whitewater Rafting

One of the highlights of our trip is sure to be the splendid, full-day white water-rafting excursion through pristine wilderness backcountry on the Salmon River. A picnic lunch will be served on the riverbank. A special treat this evening will be a barbecue cookout dinner overlooking the rivers. B/L/D

Thursday, August 17, 2017 Sun Valley, Idaho

The scenic drive through McCall, Cascade, Stanley and Sawtooth National Recreation Area offers breathtaking panoramic vistas at Banner and Galena Summits. B

Friday, August 18, 2017 Craters of the Moon - Yellowstone

After breakfast, continue to the extraordinary Craters of the Moon National Monument, home of some of the nation's most awe inspiring lava fields, craters, cinder cones and lava tubes, the result of intense volcanic activity more than 2,000 years ago. Arriving in magnificent Yellowstone National Park this afternoon, you'll be guests for the next two nights at a park lodge. B

Saturday, August 19, 2017 Yellowstone

A full day of sightseeing in Yellowstone, the world's first national park, features outstanding natural spectacles, including renowned geysers and thermal basins. Our tour begins with the awesome 1,200 foot-deep Grand Canyon of Yellowstone, and views from Inspiration and Lookout Points. Next travel through Dunraven Pass and Tower Junction to the terraced formations of Mammoth Hot Springs. Finally, we'll explore Norris Geyser Basin, filled with an incredible variety of steam vents, mud pots, geysers and hot springs, before returning to your park lodge for dinner this evening. B/D

Sunday, August 20, 2017 Grand Teton Jackson Hole, WY

After breakfast you'll head for Old Faithful Geyser, named for its regular eruptions every 80 and 90 minutes for some 150 years. Then, traveling along Rockefeller Memorial Parkway into beautiful Grand Teton National Park, you'll see Jackson and Jenny Lakes, the Chapel of the Transfiguration, and the rugged, towering Teton Mountains. We'll reach Jackson Hole this afternoon, where two overnight accommodations await in this picturesque community.

After check-in and refreshing, join the Astronomical Team for Preparation for tomorrow's eclipse. B/D

Monday August 21, 2017 Great American Eclipse

Preparations for viewing the total eclipse.

Transfer to the specially selected eclipse-viewing site.

Tonight put on your best cowboy/cowgirl gear and giddy-up for the Grand Teton Covered Wagon Bar-B-Que and

Entertainment. Return to the hotel for overnight. B/L/D

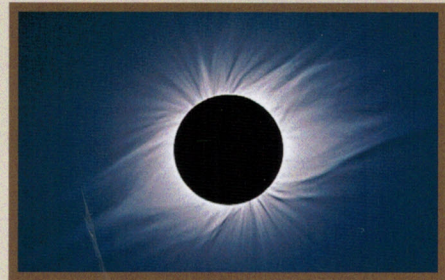


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Tuesday, August 22, 2017 Jackson Hole - Twin Falls, ID

After breakfast we will check-out and head to Twin Falls where we will visit the Museum of Idaho, documenting milestones in history of the first white explorers, Lewis and Clark in 1805-06.

Following an afternoon stop at spectacular Shoshone Falls, known as the "Niagara of the West," we'll arrive at nearby accommodations in Twin Falls. Tonight savor a delicious Farewell Dinner at the Canyon Crest Dining Center overlooking the Snake River Canyon. B/D

Wednesday, August 23, 2017 Boise, ID - Home

Filled with memories of an exceptional astronomical, travel experience, transfer back to Boise International Airport for flights homeward. Or, extend your stay with the variety of offers. B