

# Montana - Big Sky Country

August 12 - 19, 2025 | 7-Day program

*Montana has a way of capturing the imagination and stealing hearts, and yet it means something different to everyone. Some come for the untouched wilderness and wildlife. Others want to experience the culture of the old west. Be mesmerized by the soaring peaks and electric blue lakes of Glacier National Park, where you feel like you've stepped into a postcard, discovering Montana all while meeting the friendly Hutterite's and even a real-life horse Wrangler in the wilderness. As you journey from dramatic mountains to sweeping prairies, you'll see that Big Sky Country is more than just a nickname: It's really the only way to describe the endless wonders of this incredible state.*



## August 12 | Pre-night in Sioux Falls

This afternoon you'll travel to Sioux Falls and check in to your airport hotel.

**Overnight: Sioux Falls**

## August 13 | Welcome to Montana!

Welcome to Montana! The name Montana comes from the Spanish word montaña, which in turn comes from the Latin word montanea, meaning "mountain," or more broadly "mountainous country." Today you arrive at Missoula airport, where you'll be greeted by your Universal Travel representative and assisted with your luggage to your luxury motor coach. Once boarded, you'll transfer a short distance to your hotel. Take some time to freshen up, and you'll meet your fellow travelers for a welcome to Montana dinner at a local restaurant.

**Overnight: Missoula**

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## August 14 | Travel Day to the Flathead Valley

After breakfast, you'll travel north into the Flathead Valley, a land of forests, cattle, and alfalfa, with velvet-green valley floors, green and granite mountains, and, on a sunny day, a dramatic view of the Rocky Mountains. Tucked into the northwest corner of Montana, the Flathead Valley lies between Glacier National Park and Flathead Lake, the largest natural freshwater lake west of the Mississippi. Enjoy an included lunch before you arrive in Whitefish, which was just recently named one of the 11 best small towns in America by Travel and Leisure magazine. This afternoon check into the Grouse Mountain Lodge for a comfortable 3-night stay. Tonight's dinner will be served in the hotel dining room.

**Overnight: Whitefish**

(B,L,D)

## August 15 | Conrad Mansion | Bigfork & Cowboy Ranch

This morning you'll depart for Kalispell. Kalispell has a notable Old West charm that effortlessly coincides with its lively arts and cultural scene. Upon arrival in town, you'll tour the Conrad Mansion museum and explore the lovely gardens. Built in 1895 by Missouri River freighter and trader Charles Conrad, the Conrad Mansion is a 13,000 sq. ft. family home. Complete with electricity, indoor plumbing,

and central heat, the Conrad Mansion was an extremely modern and comfortable home for this pioneer family of five. Over 90% of the artifacts on display are original to the Conrad family. From here travel a short distance to beautiful Bigfork. Surrounded by mountains and forest, Bigfork hugs the short Bigfork Bay on Flathead Lake. Formed millions of years ago by glacial action, the clear, cold waters of the lake offer hundreds of acres of watery playground and provide the perfect climate for growing the famous Flathead Cherries. Enjoy ample time on your own for lunch and to browse the unique shops and world-class art galleries on Main Street. Later this afternoon get ready for a fun filled visit to an authentic Montana working Guest Ranch. Here, bring the "Old West Back in Time," with good old western hospitality, horseback riding, a cowboy BBQ dinner, and live entertainment! Take in the peace and serenity of the guest ranch and its animals such as buffalo, horses, corriente cattle, cats, dogs, rabbits, and wild turkeys. For those trying out their "horse legs," experienced wranglers and well-trained trail horses will take you out on a 30min. trail ride during your visit.

**Overnight: Whitefish**

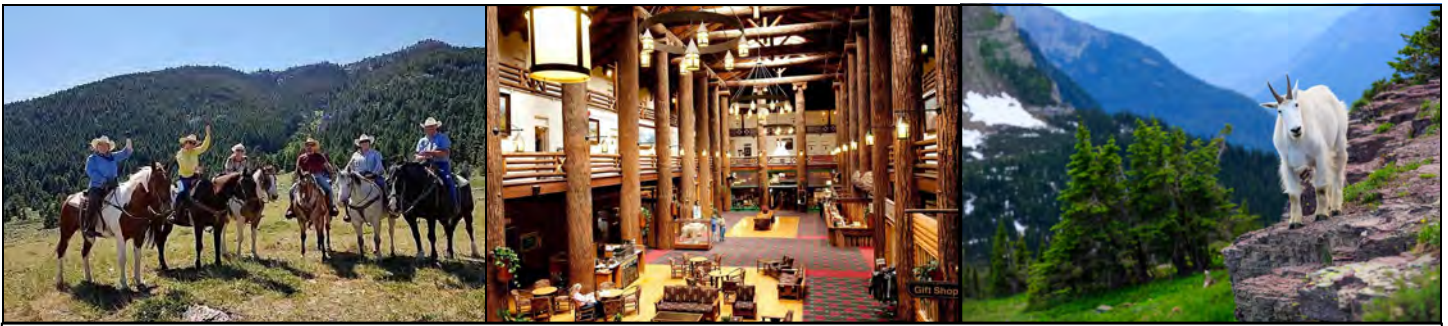
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## August 16 | Big Mountain & Whitefish

After a leisurely breakfast, set off for another spectacular day in the Rockies as you travel a short distance to Big Mountain, home to Whitefish Mountain Resort. Here enjoy a scenic lift ride to the top of Big Mountain. Choose from an enclosed gondola or an open chairlift, then sit back and enjoy the mountain scenery and views of Whitefish Lake, the Flathead Valley, Glacier National Park, and even the Canadian Rocky Mountains! Next, you will be going "Downhill" on an Alpine Slide, a 1/3 mile journey down a beautiful hill. Ride a sled down dips, around banked turns, under bridges, and through a tunnel, while controlling your speed with a hand brake. An adventure for all ages you won't want to miss! The remainder of the day is at your leisure to explore downtown Whitefish on your own. This small resort town is known for its quaint boutiques, specialty stores, and bustling restaurants.

**Overnight: Whitefish**

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**August 17 | Glacier National Park & Red Buses**  
 Early this morning you'll depart for Lake McDonald Lodge, located on the westside of Glacier National Park Lake. Built in 1914, the Lodge is nestled on the shores of the largest lake inside the Park. After some free time at the Lodge, board your pre-reserved and private Red Bus. Since much of the park's scenery is vertically oriented, the roll-back tops are perfect for providing full views of the stunning mountains and the area's signature Big Sky. The guides are seasoned park veterans who are here because they love the park and enjoy sharing the park with you. The fleet of 33 buses in Glacier is widely considered to be the oldest touring fleet of vehicles anywhere in the world! Your tour starts at Lake McDonald Lodge, and soon you will find yourself on the famous Going-to-the-Sun Road, a spectacular 50-mile road that winds over passes, crosses the Continental Divide at Logan Pass, and travels through incredibly varied terrain from glacial lakes to jagged cliffs. Early this afternoon, you'll arrive at St. Mary, which marks the eastern end of the Going-to-the-Sun Road. Here you'll have some free time at the St. Mary Visitor Center. The Exhibits at the center highlight the rich Native American history associated with Glacier National Park. This afternoon you'll check in to East Glacier Park Lodge, the first hotel built by the Great Northern Railway and completed in 1913. Inside the historic hotel, Douglas Fir logs tower 40 feet high over the lobby and a fire crackles in the stone fireplace. Instead of television you'll find beautiful mountain views, and instead

of air conditioning you'll breathe fresh Montana mountain air. Enjoy an included dinner in the hotel dining room.  
**Overnight: East Glacier Park Lodge (B,D)**

**August 18 | Hutterite Colony & Helena**  
 This morning you are at your leisure to enjoy the "Big Tree Lodge" before you check out and travel East-bound, leaving the Rockies behind you. In time for lunch, you'll arrive at a Hutterite Colony. Here you will have the opportunity to learn about their history and what daily life within the colony looks like. The term Hutterite comes from the name of the founder of the group, Jakob Hutter, a hat maker by trade. Hutterite people live in colonies located primarily throughout rural Montana, South Dakota, and the Canadian Provinces of Alberta, Saskatchewan and Manitoba. Each adult has assigned responsibilities to sustain the colony. Enjoy an included lunch in the colony's dining room before the ladies take you to their homes. This afternoon your journey continues to Helena, the capital of Montana. After check in at your hotel, and some time to freshen up, you'll meet your fellow travelers for a farewell dinner.  
**Overnight: Helena (B,L,D)**

**August 19 | Departure for home**  
 After breakfast, you'll travel to the Missoula airport and check in for your flight home, taking many beautiful memories with you!  
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**\*itinerary is subject to change**

**Inclusions:**

- Roundtrip transfer to the Sioux Falls Airport
- Roundtrip air from Sioux Falls to Missoula (checked bag fees are not included)
- Seven days motor coach transportation
- Professional Tour Director
- Six nights accommodations
- Six breakfasts
- Two lunches
- Five dinners
- Admission to Conrad Mansion museum
- Big Mountain Gondola Ride & Alpine Slide
- Fun filled evening at the Lonesome Dove Ranch incl. horseback trail ride and entertainment
- Admission to Glacier National Park including Red Bus ride on the "Highway to the Sun Road"
- Visit of a Hutterite Colony
- Hotel taxes; meal taxes and gratuities
- All gratuities for drivers, guides, step-on guides

**\$4,899.00**

per person

**\$999.00**

Single add on

Cash or Check payment

**\$800.00 deposit due to confirm the reservation**

Final payment due Mar 26, 2025  
 No penalties until Mar. 31, 2025

**Cancellation:**

50% non-refundable Apr. 1, 2025  
 100% non-refundable May. 1, 2025



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An optional Travel Protection plan is available with coverage for trip cancellation/interruption, see enclosed product flyer for more information.





Group tours are an exciting way to explore the world, and a Travelex travel protection plan can help ensure that you stay safe during your next tour. Our 360° Group Premier plan provides maximum travel protection for all ages at competitive group rates. Benefits include trip cancellation and interruption, emergency medical coverage, and 24/7 travel assistance services.



## 360° Group Premier | Group Travel Protection

### Plan highlights

- Trip cancellation/interruption benefit includes:
  - Sickness, injury, or death<sup>1</sup>
  - Inclement weather & natural disasters
  - Financial insolvency<sup>2</sup> & labor strike
  - Involuntary unemployment
- Primary coverage, no deductibles<sup>3</sup>
- Medical evacuation
- 5-hour travel delay benefit
- 3-hour missed connection benefit
- 12-hour baggage delay benefit
- Fast online claims<sup>4</sup>

### 360° Group Premier plan rates<sup>3</sup>

Trip cost	0-59	60-74	75+
\$0	\$36	\$47	\$64
\$1 - \$250	\$44	\$58	\$81
\$251 - \$500	\$57	\$74	\$105
\$501 - \$1,000	\$86	\$114	\$168
\$1,001 - \$1,500	\$109	\$143	\$211
\$1,501 - \$2,000	\$149	\$191	\$215
\$2,001 - \$2,500	\$191	\$245	\$277
\$2,501 - \$3,000	\$234	\$300	\$338
\$3,001 - \$3,500	\$276	\$354	\$400
\$3,501 - \$4,000	\$319	\$409	\$461
\$4,001 - \$4,500	\$361	\$463	\$523
\$4,501 - \$5,000	\$404	\$518	\$584
\$5,001 - \$5,500	\$446	\$572	\$646
\$5,501 - \$6,000	\$489	\$627	\$707
\$6,001 - \$6,500	\$531	\$681	\$769
\$6,501 - \$7,000	\$574	\$736	\$830
\$7,001 - \$8,000	\$638	\$818	\$923
\$8,001 - \$9,000	\$723	\$927	\$1,046
\$9,001 - \$10,000	\$808	\$1,036	\$1,169
\$10,001 - \$11,000	\$893	\$1,145	\$1,292
\$11,001 - \$12,000	\$978	\$1,254	\$1,415
\$12,001 - \$13,000	\$1,063	\$1,363	\$1,538
\$13,001 - \$14,000	\$1,148	\$1,472	\$1,661
\$14,001 - \$15,000	\$1,233	\$1,581	\$1,784
\$15,001 - \$16,000	\$1,318	\$1,690	\$1,907
\$16,001 - \$17,000	\$1,403	\$1,799	\$2,030
\$17,001 - \$18,000	\$1,488	\$1,908	\$2,153
\$18,001 - \$19,000	\$1,573	\$2,017	\$2,276
\$19,001 - \$20,000	\$1,658	\$2,126	\$2,399

### 360° Group Premier plan benefits<sup>3</sup>

Benefits	Coverage
Trip cancellation	100% of trip cost (up to \$20,000)
Trip interruption	150% of trip cost (up to \$30,000)
Trip interruption—return air only <sup>5</sup>	\$1,000
Travel delay	\$1,000 (\$250/day)
Missed connection	\$1,000
Baggage & personal effects	\$1,500
Sporting equipment delay <sup>3</sup>	\$600
Baggage delay	\$250
Emergency medical expenses <sup>6</sup>	\$50,000
Emergency dental expenses <sup>6</sup>	\$500
Emergency evacuation & repatriation	\$250,000
Accidental death & dismemberment	\$10,000
Travel assistance services <sup>7</sup>	Included

<sup>1</sup>Of you, a traveling companion, family member, or business partner. <sup>2</sup>Coverage when plan is purchased at or before the final trip payment. <sup>3</sup>All coverage per insured up to the limits listed. Pre-existing medical conditions waiver may vary by state. Coverages may vary and may not be available in all states. Please see the policy for details, or call +1.888.574.7026. Rates are subject to change. <sup>4</sup>Based on industry average. Fastest payment on approved claims is based on electronic payment of claim. <sup>5</sup>Coverage for trip interruption and trip interruption—return air only cannot be combined. <sup>6</sup>\$50 deductible in CT, IN, KS, MO, MT, VT, and WA. <sup>7</sup>Provided by the designated provider listed in the policy. 10.23 GRPFLY3





## Questions about plan benefits?

Call +1.888.574.7026 and use Plan GPZ-1023, or email [360Group@travelexinsurance.com](mailto:360Group@travelexinsurance.com).

### Trip cancellation & trip interruption

Protect travel investments and recover nonrefundable prepaid costs if your trip is canceled or interrupted for a covered reason. Popular covered reasons include:

- Sickness, injury, or death<sup>1</sup>
- Residence or destination uninhabitable
- Strike
- Inclement weather
- Cancel for business reasons
- Traffic accident en route
- Quarantine
- Jury duty/subpoena
- Military duty
- Financial insolvency<sup>2</sup>
- Terrorist incident
- Theft of passport/visa
- Involuntary termination

### Travel delay

Reimbursement for reasonable additional costs — such as accommodations, local transportation, and meals — if travel is delayed five hours or longer.

### Baggage & personal effects

Reimbursement for personal articles and expenses if bags are lost, stolen, or damaged.

### Baggage delay

Reimbursement for reasonable additional personal articles and expenses if bags are delayed for 12 hours or more.

### Emergency medical & dental expenses<sup>6</sup>

Emergency medical treatment if sickness or injury occurs while traveling.

### Emergency medical evacuation

Includes emergency medical evacuation to the nearest suitable medical facility, help returning home if medically necessary, and repatriation expenses.

### Accidental death & dismemberment

Reimbursement for permanent loss of life, limbs, or sight from a covered accidental injury during travel.

### Pre-existing medical condition exclusion waiver<sup>3</sup>

Pre-existing medical conditions are eligible for coverage when:

- The traveler is medically able to travel at the time of plan purchase
- The plan is purchased at or before the final trip payment

A pre-existing condition is an injury, sickness, or other condition (excluding any condition from which death ensues) of an insured, traveling companion, or family member traveling with the insured within the 60-day period immediately preceding the insured's plan purchase date.

### Plan details

View policy at [policy.travelexinsurance.com/GPZ-1023](http://policy.travelexinsurance.com/GPZ-1023)

Unless otherwise stated in the plan, this plan will not pay for any loss arising directly or indirectly out of, or as a result of, or from, or that occur to, or are as a result of the actions of, the insured or the insured's family member, or traveling companion, or business partner for the following: suicide, attempted suicide, or intentionally self-inflicted injury, while sane or insane (while sane in CO and MO); mental, nervous, or psychological disorders; being under the influence of drugs or intoxicants, unless prescribed by a physician; normal pregnancy, resulting childbirth, and elective abortion; participation as a professional in athletics while on a covered trip; participation in organized amateur or interscholastic athletic or sports competition or related practice events; riding or driving in any motor competition; off-road driving, whether as a driver or as a passenger; declared or undeclared war, or any act of war; civil disorder; service in the armed forces of any country; nuclear reaction, radiation or radioactive contamination; operating or learning to operate any aircraft, as pilot or crew; mountain climbing, bungee jumping, snow skiing, skydiving, parachuting, free falling, cliff diving, B.A.S.E. or base jumping, hang gliding, parasailing, travel on any air-supported device other than on a regularly scheduled airline or air charter company, or extreme sports; mountaineering where ropes or guides are commonly used including ascending and descending a mountain requiring specialized equipment, including but not limited to anchors, bolts, carabiners, crampons, lead/top-rope anchoring equipment and pick-axes; scuba diving if the depth of the water exceeds 75 feet; the insured's commission of or attempt to commit a felony; elective medical or holistic treatment or procedures; failure of any tour operator, common carrier, other travel supplier, person or agency to provide the bargained-for travel arrangements/services; a loss that results from a sickness, disease, or other condition, event, or circumstance that occurs at a time when this policy is not in effect for the insured; a diagnosed sickness (if insurance is purchased after such diagnosis) from which no recovery is expected and that only palliative treatment is provided and that carries a prognosis of death within 12 months of the effective date of the applicable coverage under this policy; sickness, injury or death if the plan is purchased after entering a hospice facility or receiving hospice treatment; any trip taken outside the advice of a physician; or a pre-existing medical condition, including death, that results therefrom (within the stated look-back period within your insurance policy). Additionally, this plan will not pay for any loss arising directly or indirectly out of, or as a result of, or from, or that occur to, or are as a result of the actions of, the following that occur to the insured: any amount paid or payable under any worker's compensation, disability benefit or similar law; a loss or damage caused by detention, confiscation, or destruction by customs; or medical treatment during a covered trip, or arising from a covered trip undertaken for the purpose or intent of securing medical treatment. The following additional exclusion applies to accidental death and dismemberment benefits: We will not pay for loss caused by or resulting from sickness of any kind. Please refer to your plan documents for a complete list of plan exclusions and limitations, as well as the definitions of capitalized terms used herein. The purchase of this product is not required in order to purchase any other travel product or service. 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Any inquiry regarding claims may be directed to Zurich Travel Assist at [claims@zurichtravelassist.com](mailto:claims@zurichtravelassist.com), P.O. Box 968019, Schaumburg, IL 60196-8019; +1.800.501.4781. Inquiries regarding new, existing, or denied claims and any other claims questions may also be directed to this address. Consumers in California may also contact the California Department of Insurance Hotline +1.800.927.4357 or +1.213.897.8921. Travelex Insurance Services, Inc. CA Agency License #0D10209. Consumers in Maryland may contact the Maryland Insurance Administration +1.800.492.6116 or +1.410.468.2340. Insurance coverages underwritten by Zurich American Insurance Company, a New York domiciled company with its principal place of business at 1299 Zurich Way, Schaumburg, IL 60196 (NAIC # 16535). The terms and conditions of the policy described in this brief summary are governed by the individual policy document that contains the complete terms. In the event of any discrepancy between the information in this brief summary and the policy, the policy document shall govern. This is intended as a general description of certain types of insurance available to qualified customers, provided solely for informational purposes. Policy Form Series #U-TIIV-100-A CW, #U-TIIN-100/110-A CW, #U-TIGV-100-A CW, #U-TIGV-100-A CW; in DC #U-TIIV-100-A DC & #U-TIGV-100-A DC; in IN #U-TIIN-100/110-A IN & U-TIGV-100-A IN; in KS U-TIIN-110-A KS; in MN #U-TIIV-100-B MN & #U-TIGV-100-B MN; in MO U-TIIN-110-A MO; in MT #U-TIIN-100/110 MT & U-TIGV-100-A CW; in NH # U-TIIV-100-A NH; #U-TIIV-101-B NY, #U-TIIN-100 NY; in OR #U-TIIV-100-A OR; in VA #U-TIIV-100-A VA and #U-TIGV-100-A VA; in VT #U-TIIN-100/110-A VT. 10.23 GRPFLY3



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Please complete the reservation form (one per person for tours including air) and return it to your FirstPartners Advisor or mail along with your deposit and insurance payment to:

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Phone: (605) 995-7910 (605) 770-3290 cell  
email: [frrietveld@firstdakota.com](mailto:frrietveld@firstdakota.com)

Name of Tour \_\_\_\_\_ Today's Date: \_\_\_\_\_

**PLEASE PRINT**

Legal Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Street Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City/State/Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone number (with area code): Home: \_\_\_\_\_ Cell \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail: \_\_\_\_\_

Birth date: \_\_\_\_\_ Gender: \_\_\_\_\_ Male \_\_\_\_\_ Female  
(Month/day/year Ex: May 9, 1965)

Roommate's name, if applicable: \_\_\_\_\_

Please indicate your room/cabin preference: \_\_\_\_\_ One Bed/type or \_\_\_\_\_ Two Beds/type

Do you have any food restrictions? (Diabetic, gluten free, etc) \_\_\_\_\_

Notate if your birthday or anniversary occur during the tour: \_\_\_\_\_

Occasion \_\_\_\_\_ Date of celebration \_\_\_\_\_

**IF THIS TRIP INVOLVES AIR – COMPLETE THIS SECTION**

Name “**EXACTLY**” as it appears on your identification: \_\_\_\_\_  
(A Passport is required for all travel outside of the U.S. – a current Driver's License is acceptable within the U.S.) Please send in **COPY** of identification being used for flight.

Passport #: \_\_\_\_\_ Issue Date: \_\_\_\_\_ Expiration Date: \_\_\_\_\_  
Passport *must* be valid for six months beyond the date of departure (month/day/year Ex: May 9, 2030)

Do you need wheel chair assistance in the airport? \_\_\_\_\_

Airline frequent flyer # / TSA# \_\_\_\_\_

## CANCELLATION POLICY

**This policy must be signed before your tour reservation is accepted.**

First Dakota National Bank recommends Trip Interruption and Cancellation Insurance for all participants. The insurance provides certain refund rights in the event you are unable to attend a FirstPartners Travel event due to medical emergency or other defined reasons. An insurance policy is provided and additional information regarding the insurance, its coverage, exclusions, and limitations is available upon request.

First Dakota National Bank reserves the right to take photographs of tour participants that may or may not be used in newsletters or FirstPartners and First Dakota Travel publications.

- I agree First Dakota National Bank is not liable for any losses, financial or otherwise.
- I ACCEPT the optional travel protection plan and have paid the premium of \$\_\_\_\_\_
- I DECLINE the optional travel protection plan and in doing so realize I may lose all or part of my trip payment if I have to cancel after the cancellation date noted on the trip flier. I also realize I will be 100% responsible for all expenses incurred due to cancelled or delayed flights; if I become sick, injured, or die while on the trip; or if I must leave the tour to return home. I will also not have coverage for lost or damaged luggage, additional lodging or meals if delayed or for any unused portion of the tour.
- I am an independent traveler and can care for myself.
- My emergency contact has a valid passport.

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

