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Summer Walking Adventures From Classic Journeys Capture Spirit Of Wild West

Guests spend Memorial Day and Fourth of July on the trail in Montana, Utah & Arizona

March 27, 2009 – La Jolla, CA – Chalk it up to all those John Wayne movies and Louis L'Amour novels; tales of the Old West are a cherished part of our American heritage. Classic Journeys captures that spirit by pairing a selection of walking trips to Western national parks with America's favorite national holidays.

The company's 6-day, 5-night [Montana—Glacier Park Glories](#) Cultural Walking Adventure – as well as its [Glacier Park](#) Family Journey – kick off with a bang (no fireworks necessary) on the Fourth of July. In glorious Big Sky country, guests celebrate our country's independence in a quintessentially American way: a cowboy cookout around a blazing campfire, complete with a songfest under the stars.

From a working ranch in Whitefish, guests hit the trail for Glacier Park, where easy-going hikes showcase wildflower meadows, glistening waterfalls and even a glimpse of an abandoned mine. In the company of expert naturalists, guests train their binoculars on moose, elk, deer, mountain goats, and bald eagles. There's plenty of time on the water, too, including whitewater rafting and cruising pristine mountain lakes.

In the Southwest, the company's 6-day, 5-night [Bryce, Grand Canyon & Zion](#) Cultural Walking Adventure departs on May 24, just in time to celebrate a star-spangled Memorial Day surrounded by fantastical, red-orange rock formations. Guests enjoy scenic walks along canyon rims, a visit to Anasazi ruins, and even a mule ride descending into the heart of the Grand Canyon. The [Zion & Grand Canyon](#) Family Journey – complete with river tubing and a slip-sliding session on the sand

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dunes – departs from St. George, Utah, on June 29, finishing up just in time to enjoy the local festivities on July 4.

“In a challenging economy where value is key, having the logistics of your vacation taken care of by experts is more appealing than ever,” explains Edward Piegza, president and co-founder of Classic Journeys. “All our guests need to supply – besides a great pair of walking shoes – is a spirit of adventure.”

With some of America's most stunning scenery as a backdrop, accommodations at historic timbered lodges, and the opportunity to maximize every minute outdoors, these Wild West itineraries from Classic Journeys will vie for "Most Talked About" for years to come.

For a limited time only, guests will save \$400 per couple (\$200 per person) on any Classic Journeys departure through August 31, 2009. Guests must reserve by April 30, 2009, to take advantage of this offer.

Family Journeys have a built-in incentive of their own. To help keep costs down, the company offers a family-friendly price break: when sharing a room with two full-paying guests, children up to age 16 receive discounts ranging from \$500 to \$1750 off the regular adult price, while kids sharing a room with one full-paying guest receive a discount of \$250.

Readers who want to learn more about the company's small-group adventure tours on tap for this summer throughout the U.S. and Canada may click on www.classicjourneys.com/northamerica, or speak directly with a Guest Services Coordinator at (800) 200-3887.

About Classic Journeys

Classic Journeys offers cultural walking adventures, culinary tours and family journeys in North America, Latin America, Europe, Africa, Asia and the South Pacific. Guests enjoy luxury accommodations and gourmet meals that reflect the best of each region, coupled with soft adventure activities, daily interactions with locals, and native guides who make countries and cultures come alive. Tours are six to 12 days long with two to four hours of easy-going walking per day. Land-only tour prices range from \$2395 to \$6995 per person (with discounts for small groups and children traveling with parents). Average tour size is 10, limited to a maximum of 18 guests per departure. Full details and links to itineraries are available at www.classicjourneys.com.