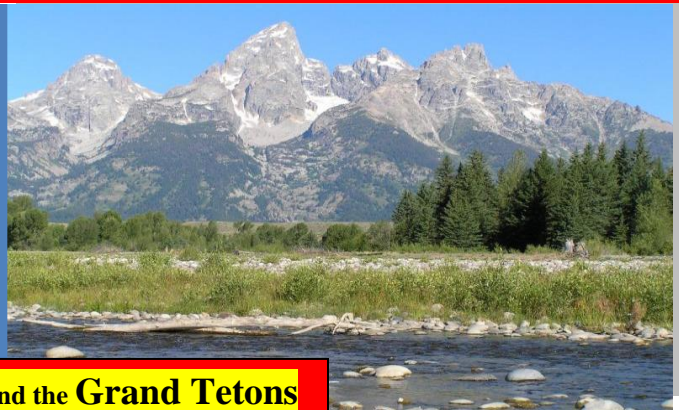


Geology Prof. **Richard D. Little** (Earth View LLC) invites you to join our small group in **2019**

FANTASTIC LANDSCAPES TOUR to two spectacular National Parks...



Yellowstone and the Grand Tetons



Salt Lake City, UT and the Great Salt Lake

EXPERIENCE THE WORLD'S BEST GEYSERS plus **INCREDIBLE VOLCANIC AND FAULTED MOUNTAINS,**
and dramatic **RIVER** and **GLACIER LANDFORMS.**

**Includes 4 Nights at Old Faithful Geyser's "Snow Lodge" in Yellowstone National Park and
4 Nights with Mt. Views at the shore of Jackson Lake in Grand Teton National Park**

\$ 4000* pp/do (+ AIR) <> **JUNE 29 - JULY 12, 2019**

ITINERARY**

+ *trip limited to 14 participants* +

1. Sunday, June 28 Salt Lake City Arrival. Next two nights at hotel near Temple Square.
2. Monday, June 29 Free day to explore Salt Lake City,
3. Tuesday, June 30 excursion to Antelope Island in the Great Salt Lake .
4. Wednesday, July 1 final explorations of the Salt Lake City area
5. Thursday, July 2 Travel day to GRAND TETONS NATIONAL PARK
Lodging in the Park at Sentinel Mountain Lodge, on the shores of Jackson Lake
with views of the Grand Tetons.....very special!
6 – 7 – 8 . Hikes and/or other activities in the Grand Tetons. Rent a boat option. Tram Ride to the top of the Tetons plus
explore the town of Jackson and the famous Wildlife Art Museum. Float trip on the Snake River. Wildlife explorations and stand in
the footsteps of Ansel Adams for famous photo locations.
9. Travel day into YELLOWSTONE NATIONAL PARK, lodging for the next 4 nights at Old Faithful in the new Snow Lodge.
**You will be alone with the geysers! The crowds have to travel a ways to get here,
so they don't arrive till mid day and are mostly gone by dinner.**
- 10 Free Day to Explore. Walk the extensive boardwalks, tour the new Visitors' Center. ...
- 11 – 12 We will drive to other sections of this extensive park: the Grand Canyon of the Yellowstone, Mammoth Hot Springs, other
Geyser Basins, and Yellowstone Lake. Wildlife and wildflowers abound.
13. TRAVEL DAY, return to Salt Lake City. 14. depart for home or further explorations on your own.

*** Itinerary subject to change based on weather, safety, or other considerations * adjustment may occur due to final lodging costs*

ABOUT THE TOUR

This Fantastic Landscapes Tour will take you from the desert to the mountains, illustrating the many unique features of the Rocky Mountains, the Basin and Range, and the Columbia Plateau regions of the American West. This is a leisurely paced tour, allowing you to learn, explore, hike, etc., at your own pace. We will have daily itineraries that will investigate the scenic and colorful geologic story of the rocks and landscape, utilizing our mini-vans with two-way radios to stay in touch as we travel along scenic byways. There will be many short nature walks and hikes along the well-maintained Park Service trails, and with our mini-vans, we can arrange individual activities as much as possible. For example, do you want to do sunrise wildlife viewing or photography, or perhaps climb a challenging mountain? We can accommodate you!

One of the gems of this excursion is Yellowstone, the world's premiere National Park with the world's best and most numerous

geysers, and one of the world's most explosive volcanic areas, with viscous magma churning a few miles below. The effects of incredibly violent events are very evident in the story told by the rocks and landscape! The beauty is diverse and sublime....really indescribable.

We will stay four nights at the Old Faithful geyser area! It's a central point for numerous hiking / nature trails for all abilities....we can avoid the inevitable mid-day crowds, and experience this unique, amazing, and breath-taking landscape at our leisure during the quiet morning and evening times while doing other activities during mid-day.

In the Grand Tetons, one of the most dramatic mountain ranges in the world, we will see quite a contrasting geologic and scenic "style". The rocks are old...over 2 billion years, but they have been prominently faulted upward quite recently in geologic terms (including faults that are still active) to create great peaks and a deep lake along the faultline. Great glaciers, combined with the meandering Snake River, have added their sculpting touches to this land. Once again we will stay at a special lodge in the National Park, at the shoreline of the lake with spectacular mountain views.

Other notable places include the scenic and strange Great Salt Lake, once one of the biggest lakes in North America. You will have time to see the sights of Salt Lake City and the Mormon Church's center at Temple Square. The wildflowers will be in full bloom in early summer and the mountains will still have a scenic cap of snow. The waterfalls will be full and gushing. So, join us for an amazing, fun, and informational journey through some of the world's most unique "Fantastic Landscapes".

If you have questions or want to see a video of a previous tour, call Earth View at (413) 527-8536 or via email.

- Tour is limited to 14 participants **THE COST: \$4000*** (airfare additional) **INCLUDES**
- <> **FIRST CLASS LODGING** including the Snow Lodge at Old Faithful and Jackson Lake-Teton view rooms <>
 - <> **TRANSPORTATION VIA RENTAL VANS** for flexible itineraries <>
 - <> **EXPERIENCED GEOLOGIST / EDUCATOR TOUR LEADER** <>
 - <> **GUIDEBOOK** <> **PRE- and POST - TRIP MEETINGS** <> **VIDEO RECORD OF TRIP** <>

What's *not* included: air fare, food, gas, entrance and parking fees, optional activities.

*note: adjustment may occur due to final lodging costs and availability.

TO SAVE YOUR SPACE: SEND \$100 PER PERSON deposit (fully refundable) to
"EARTH VIEW LLC" c/o Prof. Richard Little, 6 Grand View Ln, Easthampton, MA 01027

Payment Schedule: deposit: \$100; February 1, 2019: \$2000; May 1, 2019: Balance due
Cancellation policy: after Feb.1, 2019: \$50 per person. After May 1st \$100 per person unless space can be filled. No refunds 30 days or less prior to tour. (Consider travel insurance.)

Who is your tour leader? Prof. Richard Little, began "Earth View" Tours in 1981 after the eruption of Mt. St. Helens, as a way to have small groups see and appreciate the great wonders of our Earth. In the past decades he has planned and guided "Fantastic Landscapes" tours from Alaska to Hawaii, Iceland, and Scotland. He has taught geology and oceanography at Greenfield Community College since 1969, and also has taught at Deerfield Academy's Elderhostel program and at Antioch New England Graduate School in Keene. He has degrees from Clark University and the University of Southern California, and is the author of two books and two videos about Connecticut Valley geology. He was recently inducted into the Mass. Science Educator Hall of Fame. Spouse Suzanne, who loves identifying plants, has degrees in biology & education and clinical social work, and is now retired after working with veterans at the VA Medical Center.

OTHER QUESTIONS and comments **Who goes on these "Fantastic Landscapes" Tours?** While our average age of participants is probably mid 50's, we have had a variety of folks, from families to eighty-something. **How strenuous is the "hiking"?** If you like "nature walks" you'll love our outings. We have a great variety of options. Some people plan more strenuous activities than others, and our daily activities are geared to *meet everyone's goals, as much as possible.* **Where do we stay?** We book high quality, medium to small lodgings (usually), in scenic, convenient settings. **Who does the driving?** We use rental mini vans and full-size cars with volunteer drivers. We buy the maximum extra liability insurance and we have 2-way radios for communication. **I don't know any geology! Should I go on this tour?** Yes! If you have an interest in nature, come and learn how to read the "record in the rocks the history in a grain of sand". **Travel with a geologist** to unlock the secrets of the rocks and landscapes. Your tour leader has decades of experience. Go with our small group and **get away from the crowd**, but still have a helpful group of friends to share with. You will have flexibility to stop for that great view, smell the flowers, pick up an incredible rock, have a romantic dinner. The cost is LOW for what you get! (*check out other tours and see*)

Participants' comments: See our web site for more plus we can give you names of past participant to talk to.
"The trip was superb...we have been singing you praises across the land...." "It certainly was a fantastic trip, for us also the moonlight walk in the dunes was a sublime experience. We will certainly tell our friends about the great time we had, and thank you again for being such wonderful and caring leaders!"



Grand Tetons



Grand Canyon of the Yellowstone

