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“JEWELS OF THE AMERICAN WEST”

By Jarda Tusek

In cooperation with the International Leadership Institute, Karel Prihoda of Prague is organizing a group of friends and acquaintances for the “Jewels of the American West” Travel-and-Learn program in May, 2009.

The program will visit at least ten well-known national parks, including Grand Canyon National Park in Arizona, Yellowstone National Park in Wyoming and Montana, Rocky Mountain National Park in Colorado, and Zion National Monument in Utah.

The major purpose of the program is to explore the wide-open lands of the American West, from the magnificent Rocky Mountains to the rainbow-painted deserts, with air so thin and dry and the sunlight so full of color that distant mountain peaks seem to be standing close by.

The International Leadership Institute

- Was founded in 1985 in Princeton, NJ
- Remains dedicated to leadership development
- Has run more than 70 educational programs in the US and Europe, for more than 900 participants
- Has partnered with the US Department of State, the University of North Florida, the Jacksonville Chamber of Commerce and more than 700 other businesses, universities, religious organizations, private citizens and government agencies

Also on the program are the lands of the Native Americans: the homes of the Hohokans, Navajo, Apache and other legendary tribes. With their spectacular canyons and impressive forests, these lands have been inhabited by the Natives for centuries and still retain much of their wild and untamed power. Here is the true American West of legend.



The Program Itinerary

The Grand Canyon
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Using as a basis the first “American West” Travel-and-Learn” program in 1991, which took participants to Colorado, Montana and Wyoming, the Institute has planned a full-scale “Jewels of the American West” program for May 2009.

Participants will arrive by air in the designated airport (most likely Denver, Colorado). The specific itinerary is still flexible at this point and will be developed in accord with participants’ choices of options.

The American West is blessed with an unparalleled number of magnificent natural parks and monuments. Parks to be visited, in addition to those mentioned above, may include the Grand Tetons, Dinosaur National Monument, Mesa Verde, Bryce Canyon, Canyonlands, Arches, Zion, the Black Canyon of the Gunnison, and Glen Canyon.

All of these areas provide breathtaking scenery, intriguing historical importance and the opportunity for outdoor recreation such as hiking, canoeing and camping.



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Program Dates

The working dates are May 4-24, but are still to be confirmed, within the next two months. Earlier and later arrivals and departures may be arranged with the Institute’s assistance.

Program Costs

The Institute is beginning the logistical preparations for this “Travel-and-Learn” program. As in all “Travel-and-Learn” programs, I will personally accompany the group as Program Director during the entire program, providing an historical, geographical, economic and social commentary on the areas we visit.

To accommodate the various requirements and wishes of the program participants, the Institute will coordinate the logistical arrangements in the US: ground transportation, accommodations, meals and sightseeing visits for the participants. The Institute will charge a base flat fee of \$500.00 per participant to cover the Program Director’s services and these logistical arrangements.

As the participants will have several options as to all the logistical arrangements, each person will cover his or her own expenses for the transportation and accommodation arrangements he or she chooses, including airfare to and



Moose in Yellowstone National Park

from Europe/US. Thus the cost of the program will be determined by the choice of options, which will be charged individually to each participant.

All incidental expenses, including meals, souvenirs, postage, phone usage and photography, will be paid by the participant.

For more information, please email the Institute at tusek@fdn.com. I look forward to hearing from you if you’d like to join us for the “Jewels of the American West” program!



Cesta Tam Update

by Jarda Tusek

During the month of October, I spent four weeks in the Czech Republic, visiting friends and continuing to investigate possible locations for the Institute’s headquarters when we relocate there in June 2010. We’ve decided that the city of Prague is our first choice for our relocation, given the relationships we’ve already established with so many fine people there.

As the time to move grows closer, Sara and I are growing more excited, and more grateful to God for His guidance in our business and Christian activities in the Czech Republic. For more details of the planned relocation, please see the November 2008 *Servant Leaders* newsletter. Our book *Cesta Tam*, which fully explains the mission and goals of our “Cesta Tam” Christian ministry, will be published in April 2009 by ILIPH.