



The Friendship Force of Derbyshire

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**Derbyshire and All-UK 30th Anniversary Exchange
to the
US Rocky Mountains (Greater Denver and Cheyenne)
and
Yellowstone National Park
8-30 August 2012
(Version 3 - 20/12/11)**



This exchange, which celebrates the 30th Anniversary of the founding of the Friendship Force of Derbyshire in 1982, will consist of one week (8-15 August) hosted by the Friendship Force of Greater Denver, Colorado, followed by a second week (15-22 August) hosted by the Friendship Force of Cheyenne, Wyoming. Denver, known as the 'mile high city' because its official elevation is exactly one mile (5280 feet) above sea-level, is the capital of Colorado and is situated only twelve miles from the foothills of the Rocky Mountains; it is reputed to have over 300 days of sunshine every year. Cheyenne is the capital of Wyoming and is even higher than Denver at a little over 6000 feet above sea-level. It is known as the 'Magic City of the Plains' and is situated at the western edge of the Great Plains close to the eastern foothills of the Rocky Mountains; it is famous for the Cheyenne Frontier Days – the largest outdoor rodeo in the United States.

Our two exchanges will be followed by an optional one-week tour of North-Western Wyoming, including four days in the Yellowstone and Grand Teton National Parks and one day in Cody, where we will attend the famous Cody Nite Rodeo. This optional tour will end at Denver International Airport after a final night in Cheyenne.

Final prices are not yet available for some aspects of the optional post-exchange tour. However **the estimated cost for the full three-week trip is around £1900 per person**, based on shared occupancy of hotel rooms during the Yellowstone tour, or £2200 for single occupancy.

A maximum of 20 places are available for the exchange and the subsequent post-exchange tour, and these have now all been taken.

There is a small waiting list in case any of those who have already booked a place on the exchange have to drop out.

Any questions about the exchange should be directed to the Exchange Director, Miles Ellis, who can be contacted as follows:

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A more detailed provisional programme for the exchange is as follows:

- Wed August 8 Fly from UK to Denver, Colorado
(BA219 LHR dep 1605 DEN arr 1850)
- August 8-15 Exchange visit to the Friendship Force of Greater Denver
- Wed August 15 Travel by coach from Denver to Cheyenne (ca 100 miles)
- August 15-22 Exchange visit to the Friendship Force of Cheyenne
- Wed August 22 Travel by coach to Jackson (ca 430 miles) for a 3 night stay
- Thu August 23 Explore Jackson and the Grand Teton National Park, or
Fri August 24 partake in other individual activities in/around Jackson
- Sat August 25 Travel through the Grand Teton National Park into
Yellowstone National Park; explore the southern Grand
Loop, including Old Faithful
Stay in Yellowstone overnight
- Sun August 25 Explore the northern Grand Loop of Yellowstone National
Park, including Mammoth Hot Springs and the Grand
Canyon of the Yellowstone
Continue to Cody for a 2 night stay
- Mon August 27 Visit Buffalo Bill Historical Center (5 museums!) and/or
other points of interest in the Cody area
Attend Cody Nite Rodeo
- Tue August 28 Travel by coach to Cheyenne (ca 390 miles)
Home hosting overnight
- Wed August 29 Travel by coach to Denver International Airport
Fly home to UK
(BA218 DEN dep 2040 LHR arr 1230)
- Thu August 30 Arrive back in UK
(12.30 p.m. London Heathrow)

More detailed (estimated) costs of the exchange are as follows:

Although exact hotel charges for the relevant dates are not yet available, the following table shows the anticipated (approximate) costs per person for this exchange and optional tour.

Hosting and FFI Fees (\$450)	£300	
Air Fares (London-Denver)	£823	
Coach transfer to Cheyenne	£5	
Wyoming Tour Coach Fees	£120	
Cody Nite Rodeo	£13	
Buffalo Bill Historical Center	£12	
National Parks Entrance Fee	£9	
Hotels in Wyoming	£300	
Administration Fee	£20	
Contingency	£50	
Total Estimated Cost	£1652	
Total Estimated Cost without optional Yellowstone Tour	£1250	plus cost of individual travel from Cheyenne to Denver Airport

The above figures have used an exchange rate of £1=\$1.50 which is rather lower than the current rate, but allows for some flexibility. The Contingency Fee will be refunded if not required.

The flight shown above is by British Airways direct to Denver. Slightly cheaper flights are available using other airlines but will involve at least one change of planes at a US airport, and have far less convenient departure times. Flights from/to Manchester via Heathrow, connecting with the same flights to/from Denver can be arranged at a cost of about £40 more than the flight from London.

The coach used for both the transfers from Denver to Cheyenne and the optional post-exchange tour is driven by two members of the Cheyenne Friendship Force (actually the EDs for our exchange!) and the cost of travel is based on the estimated fuel cost plus the hotel and other expenses of the two drivers. It is based on 15 ambassadors taking the tour. If there are, for example, 20 on the tour then the coach fee would reduce to £90.

Hotel costs are based on twin occupancy. Since US hotel costs are by the room, the cost for single occupancy will be approximately twice that for shared occupancy, adding around £300 to the overall cost.

The above costs do not include meals during the optional tour, as these will be payable on the spot. They could amount to around £250 per person.