

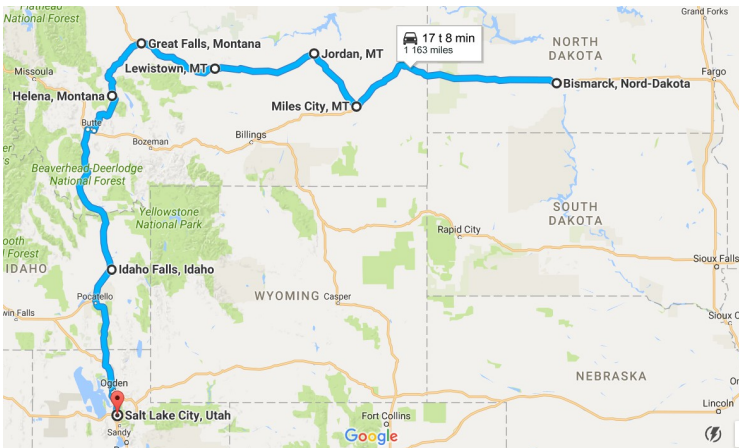
## USA – Coast to coast 22. September – 12. October



September 30th was a visit on [Norsk Høstfest](#) in [Minot](#) on the agenda. [Scandinavian Heritage Park](#) should also be visited. We did not participate on this part of the tour. We relaxed in the hotel instead.



On October the 1<sup>st</sup> the rest of the group continued with the bus. The group was to run the same route as we did in May, so instead of making the trip again, we rented a car at Enterprise to run our own route.



We had planned to drive this route.



Lakes.



Straight roads.



Small village like [New Salem](#).



Large open spaces.



Scattered dwellings.



Typical landscape in this area.



Extremely long freight train.





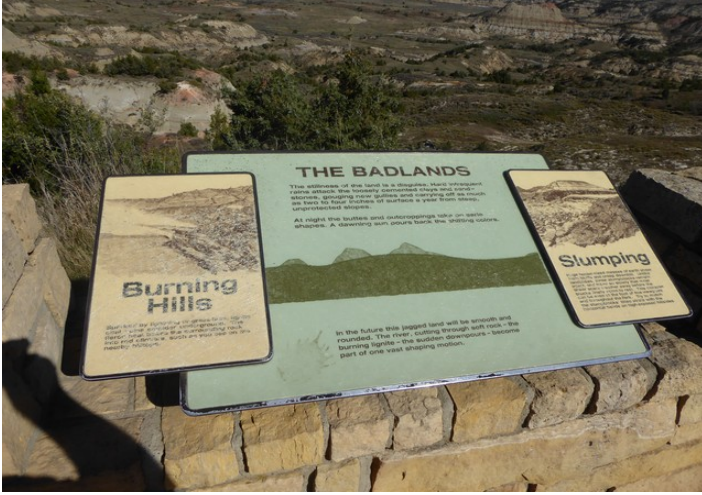
We stopped at [Theodore Roosevelt National Park](#).



Here was someone who went out to ride.



Here we see [Painted Canyon](#).

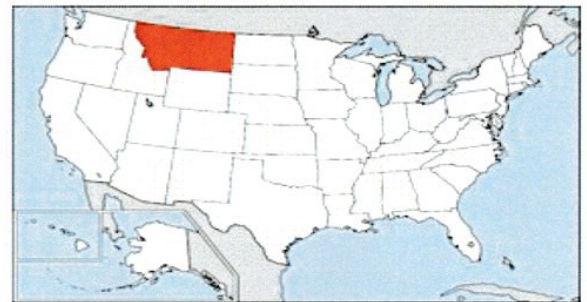
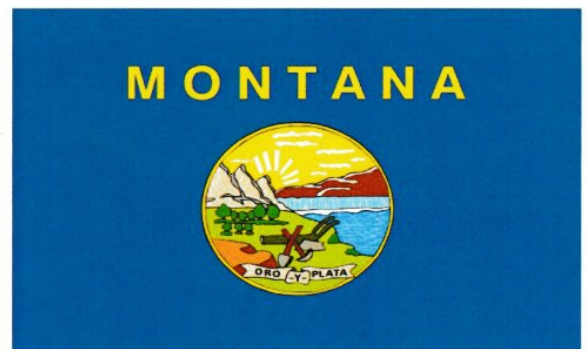


It was getting a little more hilly.



# Montana

**Hovedstad:** Helena  
**Største by:** Billings  
**Areal:** 380 838,07 km<sup>2</sup>, nr 4  
**Befolkning:** 989 415  
**Tetthet:** 2,6 innb./km<sup>2</sup>  
**Kallenavn:** The Treasure State  
**Tidssone:** UTC -7/-6  
**Innlemmet:** 1889, nr 41  
**Kjent for:** Rocky Mountains  
**Forkortelse:** MT



Montana er mest kjent for sin flotte natur, og den kjente fjellkjeden Rocky Mountains går igjennom den vestre delen av Montana. Høye og forholdsvis tørre sletter dominerer i østre Montana. Mye av Montanas landskap er preget av tidligere isbreer som har laget brede U-formede daler og forandret elveløpene. Både storfe og kornproduksjon er viktige næringer i Montana. Staten har store gårdsbruk, og er den tredje fremste hvete-staten, etter Nord-Dakota og Kansas.



 *Solgruppen* ★ amerikabussen

Kilde: Wikipedia

We drove into [Montana](#) between Bismarck and Miles City.



We came to the valley where [Yellowstone River](#) flows.



Here we go across the river.



Then we drive along the river until we get to Miles City.



We had booked at [Comfort Inn](#) in [Miles City](#).



Outside the hotel, we see the car we rented.



The next day, on October the 2<sup>nd</sup> we drove on through Miles City.



Then we drove over Yellowstone River again. Here we look toward the south.



Here we look toward the north.



This day we drove a stretch of almost no settlements.





It seemed to be grazing land, and we saw cows in some places.







Here we are approaching [Jordan](#) with 380 inhabitants.



We took to the left towards Lewistown.



There is little traffic here. No cars behind us.



No cars in front of us either.





This sign tells about special geological formations in this area, [Bearpaw Shale](#).



This tells of a disused resettlement, [Kercheval City](#).



This tells us about [Fort Musselshell](#).



This house stood by the signs.



The sign on the car we drove.



Here came a car behind us.



It drove right past.



An information sign about [Fort Maginnis](#).



Then we arrived at [Lewistown](#), a small city with 6000 inhabitants.



This is the main street through town.



The main street is long and straight.



In Lewistown we had booked room at [Super 8](#).



The next day, on October the 3<sup>rd</sup>, it was raining.



Sometimes it was raining pretty heavy.



It was that we just took pictures through the car window that day.



Sometimes it was not easy to see to drive.





New information board. This tells us that the value of agriculture had become bigger than silver mining in 1910.



There is planted a few trees around this board.



Cattle on pasture.



This board stands at [Lewis & Clark Portage Route](#). Lewis and Clark led a [ekspedition](#) in the years 1804-1806 from Saint Louis to the expiry of the Columbia River.

[Description Map](#)



Right afterwards we drive past [Malmstrom Airforce Base](#).



Then we drive through [Great Falls](#).



From Great Falls we drove south.



It was a little more hilly eventually.





We drove along [Missouri River](#).



We saw the river many times.





We passed the outskirts of [Rocky M ountains Front Range](#).



Then we came down to the valley where Helena is.



In [Helena](#) we had booked at [Best Western](#).  
Helena is the capital of Montana.