



## OzLeisure Traveller episode 8

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**North Dakota, Wyoming and Montana – 26<sup>th</sup> February 2008**

### **Hosts**

Richard Maguire from OzLeisure.com.au in Melbourne, Australia

### **Guests**

Marlee Iverson, Group travel manager, Montana tourism

James Scoon, Travel trade program manager, Wyoming travel & tourism

Fred Walker, North Dakota department of commerce, tourism division

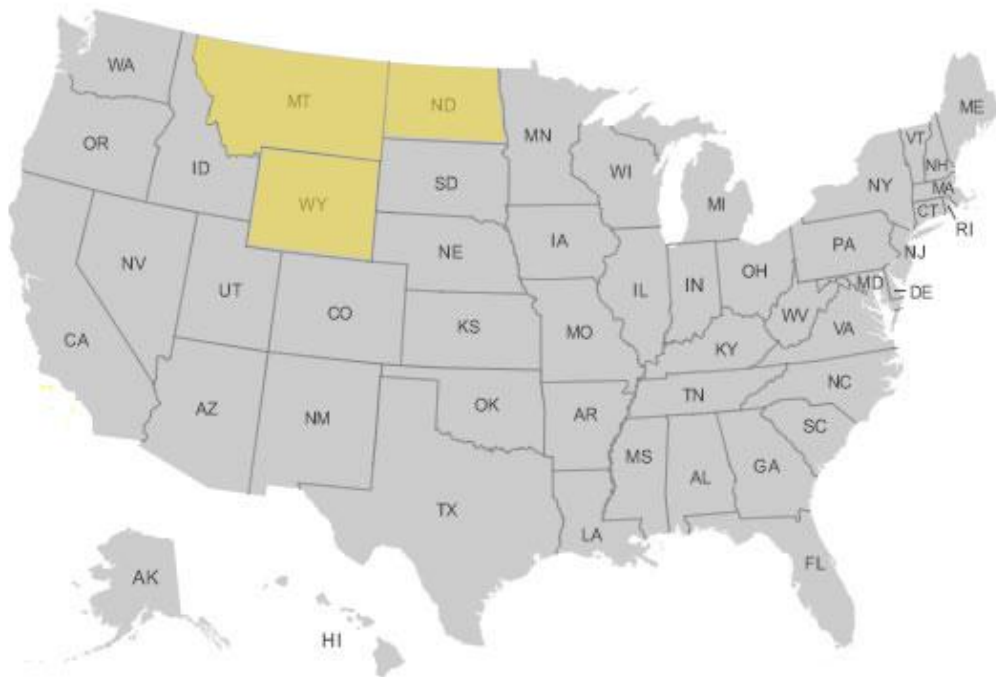
### **General information**

We were fortunate enough to be able to catch up with Marlee, Fred and James here in Melbourne while they were on a trade visit, and seeing as they all represent states that are situated around the Rocky Mountains, we have compiled them all into a single episode for you.

All three states offer international visitors the chance to experience the western way of life, with rodeos and working farms a-plenty. There is also a vast amount of natural beauty to the states which encompass some of the world's most well-known national parks.

This episode is jam-packed with information, so be sure to check out the links below for the details. Also, take a look at the items that we did not get to cover in the show, some of which are also listed below.

## Region covered



## Items mentioned

**Montana tourism**

<http://www.visitmt.com>

**North Dakota tourism**

<http://www.ndtourism.com/>

**Wyoming tourism**

<http://www.wyomingtourism.org>

## Wyoming items

Cheyenne Frontier days rodeo

<http://www.cfdrodeo.com>

Grand Teton national park

<http://www.nps.gov/grte/>

Medicine wheel

<http://www.byways.org/explore/byways/2164/>

Museums

<http://www.wyomingtourism.org/cms/d/museums.php>

National Historic Trails Interpretive Center

<http://www.wyomingtourism.org/planning/do/moreinfo.php?ID=2261&detail=attr>

Old Faithful geyser

<http://www.nps.gov/archive/yell/oldfaithfulcam.htm>

Snake river

[http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Snake\\_River](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Snake_River)

Trails

[http://www.wyomingtourism.org/cms/d/historic\\_trails.php](http://www.wyomingtourism.org/cms/d/historic_trails.php)

Working farms / guest ranches

[http://www.wyomingtourism.org/cms/d/guest\\_dude\\_ranches.php](http://www.wyomingtourism.org/cms/d/guest_dude_ranches.php)

Wyoming state fair

<http://www.wystatefair.com/>

Yellowstone national park

<http://www.nps.gov/yell/>

## Montana items

Bob Marshall wilderness area

<http://www.wilderness.net/index.cfm?fuse=NWPS&sec=wildView&wname=Bob%20Marshall>

Cultural museums

<http://visitmt.com/tripplanner/wheretogo/cultural.htm>

Glacier national park

<http://www.nps.gov/glac/>

Glacier national park camping

<http://home.nps.gov/applications/glac/cgstatus/cgstatus>

Going to the sun highway	<a href="http://visitmt.com/categories/moreinfo.asp?IDRRRecordID=9646">.cfm http://visitmt.com/categories/moreinfo.asp?IDRRRecordID=9646</a>
Guest ranch stays	<a href="http://www.montanadra.com/">http://www.montanadra.com/</a>
Lewis & Clark	<a href="http://www.lewis-clark.org/">http://www.lewis-clark.org/</a>
Matchbox 20	<a href="http://www.matchboxtwenty.com/">http://www.matchboxtwenty.com/</a>
Philipsberg	<a href="http://philipsburgmt.com/">http://philipsburgmt.com/</a>
Powwows	<a href="http://visitmt.com/categories/primaryresults.asp?SiteTypes=Pow+Wow&amp;SiteID=1">http://visitmt.com/categories/primaryresults.asp?SiteTypes=Pow+Wow&amp;SiteID=1</a>
Rodeos	<a href="http://visitmt.com/tripplanner/thingstodo/west.htm">http://visitmt.com/tripplanner/thingstodo/west.htm</a>
Sapphires	<a href="http://www.gemmtn.com/">http://www.gemmtn.com/</a>
State fair – Billings	<a href="http://www.montanafair.com/index.asp">http://www.montanafair.com/index.asp</a>
State fair – Great falls	<a href="http://www.montanastatefair.com/">http://www.montanastatefair.com/</a>
<u>North Dakota items</u>	
College football	<a href="http://www.ncaafootball.com/">http://www.ncaafootball.com/</a>
International peace garden	<a href="http://www.peacegarden.com/">http://www.peacegarden.com/</a>
Lakota Sioux Tribe	<a href="http://www.lakota.com/">http://www.lakota.com/</a>
Missouri river tribes	<a href="http://www.mnisose.org/map.html">http://www.mnisose.org/map.html</a>
North Dakota heritage center	<a href="http://www.nd.gov/hist/hcenter.htm">http://www.nd.gov/hist/hcenter.htm</a>
Red Hawks (semi-pro baseball team, Fargo)	<a href="http://www.fmredhawks.com/">http://www.fmredhawks.com/</a>
Rodeo	<a href="http://www.ndrodeo.com/">http://www.ndrodeo.com/</a>
The Badlands	<a href="https://www.dmr.nd.gov/ndgs/ndnotes/ndn12.htm">https://www.dmr.nd.gov/ndgs/ndnotes/ndn12.htm</a>
Theodore Roosevelt National Park	<a href="http://www.nps.gov/thro/">http://www.nps.gov/thro/</a>
Turtle mountains	<a href="http://www.turtlemountains.org/">http://www.turtlemountains.org/</a>

## **NORTH DAKOTA - TOP EVENTS - 2008**

April 5 - April 13, 2008

### **2008 World Men's Curling Championship**

The 2008 World Men's Curling Championship will bring together the best curlers from around the world. Twelve men's teams, all national champions from the United States, Canada, Europe and the Pacific Rim, will vie for the title of "World Champion."

Medora Musical – June 1<sup>st</sup> through August 31<sup>st</sup>

Medora - This Broadway-style musical show is staged in the spectacular Burning Hills Amphitheatre. The surrounding hills resound with music and laughter at this fast paced, song-and-dance professional extravaganza.

Norsk Høstfest – September 30<sup>th</sup> - October 4<sup>th</sup>

Minot - The Northern Plains' largest ethnic festival draws thousands of people to Minot for Scandinavian and American entertainment, Scandinavian delicacies, arts and crafts exhibits and dignitaries representing Sweden, Norway, Denmark, Iceland and Finland. Big-name entertainment nightly.

United Tribes International Powwow – September 4<sup>th</sup> – 7<sup>th</sup>

Bismarck - Contest powwow attracts hundreds of American Indian dancers, dozens of drum groups, showcase of American Indian culture, home of the champions.

Buggies-n-Blues June 7<sup>th</sup> & 8<sup>th</sup>

Mandan - Main Street -Various business activities, dance at Burlington Northern Park, concession and beer garden. Classic car show. Approximately 500 vehicles, music, food, and beer garden.

[www.buggies-n-blues.org](http://www.buggies-n-blues.org)

Fort Union Trading Post Rendezvous - June 19<sup>th</sup> – 22<sup>nd</sup>

Near Williston - 19th century fur trade fair, includes a variety of historic period arts, crafts and music.

[www.nps.gov/fous](http://www.nps.gov/fous)

Fort Seward Wagon Train – June 29<sup>th</sup> – July 5<sup>th</sup>

Embarks every year from Fort Seward Site in Jamestown on a trek through history. The wagon train is dedicated to recreating a time in our state's - and our nation's - history for anyone who wants to experience it. <http://covered-wagon-train.com>

Mandan Rodeo Days Celebration - July 1<sup>st</sup> – 4<sup>th</sup>

Celebrating its 130th year, this Wild West show attracts more than 30,000 spectators who gather to watch determined cowboys pitted against bucking bulls and broncos, as well as cowgirls manoeuvring trained barrel-racing horses, rodeo clowns and chuck-wagon races.

[www.mandanrodeo.com](http://www.mandanrodeo.com)

### Roughriders Days Fair and Expo – July 3<sup>rd</sup> - July 5<sup>th</sup>

Dickinson - Rodeos, fireworks, parade, X-treme power sport show, demolition derby, concerts and drag races are all held during this Independence week along with horseshow, commercial and livestock exhibits. [www.roughriderdaysfair.com](http://www.roughriderdaysfair.com)

### 85<sup>th</sup> Annual Killdeer Mountain Roundup Rodeo - July 3-4

The oldest PRCA rodeo in the state includes parade, barbecue, street dances and other events for all ages. [www.killdeer.com](http://www.killdeer.com)

### Spirit of the West – August 1<sup>st</sup> - 3<sup>rd</sup>

Beach - Three days of great music, rodeo action, kids activities, street dances, golf tourney, 5K walk/run, pitchfork fondue, talent show and big name concert. Event includes the Champions Ride Saddle Bronc Match, Sentinel Butte. [www.spiritofthewest.us](http://www.spiritofthewest.us)

### Little Shell Powwow, New Town - August 8<sup>th</sup> - 10<sup>th</sup>

Little Shell Powwow held at the powwow grounds 4 miles west of New Town. Traditional dancing.

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