

GREAT LODGES OF THE NATIONAL PARKS Program Description

GREAT LODGES OF THE NATIONAL PARKS, a four-part, four-hour documentary, explores the grand lodges in the western National Parks, showcasing a pivotal era of American craft and design. *GREAT LODGES* defines what makes each lodge unique: masterful architecture that blends with its natural surroundings and the artistic features that reflect the history and special characteristics of the region. Surrounding the lodges is the sheer majesty and breathtaking beauty of the National Parks, highlighting the dramatic vistas, impressive rivers and lakes and abundant wildlife. *GREAT LODGES* airs on Wednesdays, July 10-31st at 8 p.m. (check local listings).

Grand Lodges tells the story of Yellowstone Park's Old Faithful Lodge, the first of the grand park lodges, and of Yosemite's Ahwahnee Hotel, considered by many to be the park system's most luxurious.

Canyon Lodges features Great Lodges located in some of the most dramatic landscapes in the U.S. El Tovar, at the South Rim, is in Grand Canyon National Park. El Tovar's architecture captures the social transition of the era—part Victorian resort and part rustic log cabin. The program also features Zion Lodge in Utah's Zion National Park, Bryce Canyon Lodge in Bryce Canyon National Park and the Grand Canyon Lodge on the North Rim of the Grand Canyon.

Glacier Lodges features three Great Lodges and a smaller mountain chalet in Glacier National Park, high in the mountains of northwestern Montana. The astonishing Glacier Park Lodge, with its massive three-story atrium, is modeled after early Christian basilicas in Rome. Lake McDonald Lodge, smaller and more intimate, is like a rustic hunting lodge nestled on the edge of a deep-blue glacial lake. Many Glacier Lodge, perched in a glacial cirque immediately below three glaciers and two walls of jagged rock, is the most Alpine of the park's lodges. Newly re-opened after years of renovation, the elaborate hiking huts at Sperry Chalet reward those on horseback or hardy trekkers at the end of daylong backcountry hikes.

Lodges of the Pacific Northwest showcases the spectacular Great Lodges in Washington and Oregon. Located in Mount Rainier National Park, the magnificent Paradise Inn, standing at tree line on a massive white volcanic cone, vies for attention with Mount Rainier itself. Timberline Lodge on Oregon's Mount Hood is perhaps the ultimate expression of 1930s New Deal cultural and artistic idealism. Also featured are the Oregon Caves Chateau

at Oregon Caves National Monument; and the newly restructured Crater Lake Lodge at Crater Lake National Park.

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A GREAT LODGES OF THE NATIONAL PARKS Web site will be accessible through pbs.org and there is an official companion book, *Great Lodges of the National Parks*.