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How to Travel the U.S. and Learn English

Listening Script

L: Ok hi everyone I'm Lindsay and I'm here with Vin and we are talking about traveling in the United States. So our students mostly live in Boston and New York and maybe some of our students have been to Washington D.C. and other parts of the East Coast but what about the West. Have you ever been out West? I recommend you try traveling in the West because it's beautiful and I'm here with Vin and I'm gonna ask Vin- what's different about the West? What's different about the people and the atmosphere there?

V: Well it used to be called the "Wild Wild West." It has big, wide open spaces. People are very relaxed and I think people are just...a slower pace of life and they are just much more tuned in to nature and the

opportunities that the land really offers for people out there. A fun...great fun place to go.

L: Absolutely so you'll definitely enjoy the people when you go out West. So the first place I would recommend is San Francisco. I love San Francisco because it's diverse. A lot of different cultures are there. There are some great restaurants and wonderful food and a lot of things to see like the Golden Gate Bridge, for example. And..um..Vin do you have any other ideas?

V: Oh, one of my favorites is the Redwood Forest. It's in Northern California. They have some of the absolute tallest trees in the world. Some of the trees are up to 115 meters high, 26 feet or 7.9 meters in diameter. You can drive your car and sit your car in the trunk of some of these trees. You can do camping. You can do hiking. You can do canoeing. There are so many opportunities there.

L: Yeah I love the Redwood Forest. I went there back in 2002 and it was great. Also another place that I like is Yellowstone National Park and that's in Wyoming...and...it's just... the nature there is incredible. You can see wildlife like bears, wolves and birds. You can go hiking and camping, biking, fishing and it really just takes your breath away. And...um..anything else?

V: Well you forgot to mention Old Faithful in Yellowstone. That's an amazing geyser. It pretty much takes off once every hour and has for

millennia. My other personal favorite is the Grand Canyon in Arizona. It is one of the Seven Wonders of the World. It is 365 kilometers long and 1.6 kilometers deep. Some of the most beautiful rock formations you have ever seen have been carved by the Colorado River for thousands of years. You can hike. You can explore. You can take a mule and go up and down the canyon walls. White water rafting is an especially exquisite way to see it. It's real nature at its best.

L: There ya go! So there we have four great ideas of things you can see in the western United States so enjoy your travels. Thank you!

V: Thank you!

Vocabulary Words

1. **To be tuned in**-to be interested and engaged in something

To learn this skill you need to tune in and pay attention.

2. **Geyser**- a natural spring that ejects water intermittently

We arrived just in time to see the geyser erupt.

3. **To take one's breath away**- to surprise or shock someone (usually in a good way)

The incredible view took our breath away.

4. **Mule**- an animal that is a mix of a male donkey and a female horse

Mules are used by people who want to explore the inside of the Grand Canyon.

5. **Exquisite**- Something of special beauty or charm, elegance, rare excellence

The sushi at the expensive restaurant in Tokyo was exquisite.

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