

Mount Rushmore

GOOD TIMES TRAVEL

BLACK HILLS & BADLANDS

FEATURING A SINGLE-HOTEL STAY - MT. RUSHMORE - BADLANDS NAT'L PARK - CUSTER STATE PARK - CRAZY HORSE

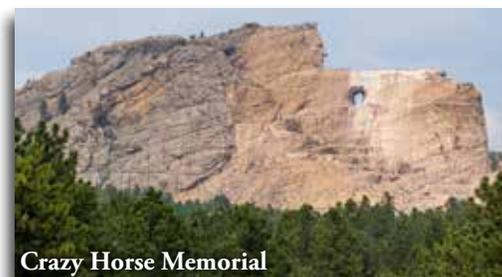
AUGUST 14-19, 2022 ~ 6 DAY TOUR

TOUR HIGHLIGHTS

- ◆ Enjoy a 5-night, single-hotel stay at the premier hotel in downtown Rapid City
- ◆ Join a local guide for extensive sightseeing in the Rapid City area to include the Chapel in the Hills, the Museum of Geology, the Journey Museum, the Black Hills Gold factory tour and the Fort Hays Chuckwagon Supper & Music Variety Show
- ◆ Extensive sightseeing with a local guide in the Black Hills of South Dakota including Mount Rushmore National Memorial, Crazy Horse Memorial, Bear Country U.S.A. drive-thru wildlife park, and a ride aboard the historic 1880 Train from Keystone to Hill City
- ◆ Visit the Wild West town of Deadwood and witness the thrill of a Main Street shootout and the re-enacted shooting of Wild Bill
- ◆ In Custer State Park visit the State Game Lodge and enjoy both a buffalo "safari" jeep tour and a hayride with chuck wagon dinner
- ◆ Tour Badlands National Park with a local guide and visit the famous Wall Drug Store



Custer State Park Buffalo "Safari"



Crazy Horse Memorial



Badlands National Park



1880 Train

ITINERARY

Embark on a spectacular journey featuring some of the West's most unique sites and famous monuments. From the magnificence of the Mount Rushmore and Crazy Horse memorials, to the wild west atmosphere of Deadwood, to a buffalo "safari" in Custer State Park and the dramatic landscape in Badlands National Park, this unique itinerary not only includes the best of the Black Hills and Badlands region of South Dakota but features a single-hotel stay in the heart of downtown Rapid City.

DAY 1 – WELCOME TO RAPID CITY!

Optional transfers from our departure points will have us at LAX for a morning flight arriving in **Rapid City, South Dakota** this afternoon. *Those guests making their own flight arrangements can request the group's flight schedule to coordinate a flight arrival time that would allow them to be included on the complimentary transfer to the hotel.* Upon arrival, we'll board a deluxe motorcoach and travel to downtown Rapid City where we'll enjoy a five-night stay at the premier, full-service hotel. Enjoy the balance of the evening at leisure with a variety of restaurants within walking distance of the hotel.

DAY 2 – RAPID CITY, BLACK HILLS

Following an included breakfast, we'll join our local guide and travel to the **Chapel in the Hills**. Built in 1969, this unique chapel is an exact reproduction of the Borgund Stavkirke in Laerdal, Norway which was built in 1150. Set in a beautiful natural setting, the chapel museum shows how Scandinavian immigrants lived and features a gift shop located in an authentic Norwegian Stabbur. We continue into the famed **Black Hills** of South Dakota and visit **Mount Rushmore National Memorial** – where American history is alive in stone. Enjoy time at leisure here to explore the **Lincoln**

TOUR INCLUSIONS

- ◆ 5 Nights deluxe hotel accommodations
- ◆ 8 Meals – 3 dinners, 5 breakfasts
- ◆ Services of a professional tour director
- ◆ Comprehensive sightseeing with a local guide
- ◆ Admissions per itinerary
- ◆ Transportation aboard a deluxe motorcoach
- ◆ Airport-hotel transfers (with purchase of group air)

TOUR PRICES

Double Occupancy: \$1,799 per person
Single Occupancy (no roommate): Add \$500
Roundtrip group airfare from \$645 per person

RESERVATIONS



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ACCOMMODATIONS

- ◆ Nights 1-5 **The Rushmore Hotel**
Rapid City, SD

DEPARTURE INFORMATION

Roundtrip LAX transfers are available from our departure points in these cities for \$89 p.p.

- ◆Fountain Valley ◆Laguna Hills ◆Long Beach

PAYMENT INFORMATION

- ◆ Full payment due at the time of booking
- ◆ Payments can be made by mailing a check to the above address or by credit card on our website

CANCELLATION/TRAVEL PROTECTION

A travel protection policy (which includes cancellation protection and other benefits) is highly recommended and available through a third-party. A travel protection brochure will be provided with your payment receipt and invoice. Regardless of the reason, cancellations, credits and transfers of paid bookings require us to retain an administrative fee (ranging from \$25-\$200 depending on the date of cancellation) in addition to all non-recoverable fees paid to our tour suppliers on your behalf. Those guests who have purchased travel protection and must cancel for a covered reason, will be reimbursed by the travel protection company the balance of any non-refunded or credited monies (minus the premium itself). Visit www.goodtimestravel.com or see our tour catalog for our full cancellation policy and other terms and conditions.

HEALTH & WELLNESS

To better ensure the health and wellness of all guests, this tour requires all guests to wear face masks where required, provide proof of COVID-19 vaccination and complete a Wellness Pledge on the day of departure.

TOUR PACE & ACTIVITY LEVEL



Visit our website for further explanation of what each of these designations means to assist you in determining which tour is right for you based on your physical abilities and the pacing you prefer.

ITINERARY CONTINUED...

Borglum Visitor Center and the **Sculptor's Studio**. A stroll along the **Presidential Trail** provides more intimate views of the 60-foot faces and perhaps some of the area's wildlife. We return to Rapid City for a brief area tour featuring the **Prairie Edge Gallery** and **The City of Presidents Walk**. One of the most patriotic cities in America, downtown Rapid City features a series of life-sized bronze statues of our nation's presidents. We continue to the **Journey Museum**, an interactive museum that provides an incredible trek through time – from the violent upheaval that formed the mystical Black Hills over 2.5 billion years ago to the continuing saga of the Western Frontier. This evening we arrive at **Fort Hays** and the **Chuckwagon Supper & Music Variety Show**. First, enjoy time browsing the *Dances With Wolves* film set and the Fort Hays workshops. When the supper bell rings, grab your handmade tin plate for the best chuckwagon in the West! After supper, the Fort Hays Wranglers take the stage to entertain you with the Black Hills' most popular music variety show. (Breakfast, Dinner)

DAY 3 – BLACK HILLS, CUSTER STATE PARK

Following an included breakfast, we'll join our local guide and head to **Black Hills Gold** for a fascinating factory tour where you can see how each piece of gold is cast, shaped, ground, polished, soldered, cleaned, wriggled and engraved by skilled artisans. After time at leisure for lunch on your own in **Hill City**, we'll visit the **Crazy Horse Memorial** – considered The Eighth Wonder of the World...in progress. Started in 1948, this tribute to the Lakota leader will be 563 feet high and 641 feet wide, making it the largest sculpture in the world when completed. Enjoy time at leisure here to browse the **Indian Museum of North America** which houses the sculptor's home and workshop. We continue to **Custer State Park** and the historic **State Game Lodge** – the summer White House for President Calvin Coolidge. We'll board a jeep and get an up-close view of some of the Park's 1,400 free-roaming buffalo, as well as possible sightings of elk, wild burros, and golden eagles while on a guided **buffalo "safari."** This evening we'll enter one of the Park's mountain meadow canyons and enjoy a **chuckwagon feast** and live entertainment with a western flair. (Breakfast, Dinner)

DAY 4 – RAPID CITY, WALL, BADLANDS NATIONAL PARK

After an included breakfast, we'll join our local guide and visit the campus of the South Dakota School of Mines & Technology and the **Museum of Geology** which features extensive exhibits focused on paleontology and mineralogy. We continue east to Wall, South Dakota and the world-famous **Wall Drug Store**. Enjoy time at leisure for lunch on your own and browsing this fascinating complex of shops, art galleries and restaurants that has been serving road-worn travelers since 1931 with their famous, free ice water. We continue to **Badlands National Park** – a study in contrast of nature's chaos and wild beauty. The dramatic landscape here features layered rock formations, steep canyons and towering spires. We'll make several photo stops at scenic outlooks along the Loop Road before we return to Rapid City. Enjoy the balance of the evening at leisure or partake in an optional excursion to experience the **Mt. Rushmore Evening Program** for an additional \$45 per person (paid on tour, with minimum number of guests). This patriotic and inspirational program in the outdoor amphitheater includes a ranger talk, short film and the lighting of the memorial. (Breakfast)

DAY 5 – BLACK HILLS, DEADWOOD

After an included breakfast, we'll join our local guide and turn-back the clock to Dakota territorial days as we take a ride aboard the **1880 Train** from **Keystone** to Hill City. This vintage steam train will ramble through Black Hills back-country and climb several "I-think-I-can" grades. This afternoon we'll visit **Tatanka – Story of the Bison**, featuring a larger-than-life bronze sculpture featuring 14 bison pursued by three Native Americans riders. We continue to the Wild West town of **Deadwood** and witness the thrill of a Main Street shootout and the re-enacted shooting of Wild Bill Hickock. Yep, it was in Deadwood on August 2, 1876 that Wild Bill played his last hand of poker – aces and eights – and ever since it's been known as the "Dead Man's Hand." Enjoy time at leisure browsing this old west town followed by an included dinner at a locals' favorite. (Breakfast, Dinner)

DAY 6 – RAPID CITY, JOURNEY HOME

After an included breakfast, we'll visit **Bear Country USA** – a unique drive-through wildlife park where we'll see black bear, elk, reindeer, cougars, bighorn sheep and buffalo up-close. After time at leisure for lunch on your own in downtown Rapid City, we'll continue to the Rapid City Airport for a return flight arriving in Los Angeles this evening. *Those guests making their own flight arrangements can request the group's flight schedule to coordinate a flight departure time that would allow them to be included on the complimentary transfer to the airport.* Back in Los Angeles, those guests with pre-arranged transfers will be returned to their respective destinations. (Breakfast)

While we make every effort to operate our tours as outlined in the itinerary, we ask for your patience, understanding and flexibility and to retain a sense of adventure while traveling with us. Situations may arise that necessitate changes to the itinerary. Should we need to adjust the itinerary either prior to or while on tour, these changes will be communicated to you and only done when absolutely necessary.