

Good Times in the Badlands

Day 1 - Fly into Rapid City (unless you are continuing from the National Parks tour).

Welcome to South Dakota! You will be met by the coach and transferred to our hotel.

Day 2 - First, we will drive to north to Deadwood, SD, an old western town and National Historic Landmark where gold, gambling and gunpowder were once the order of the day. After lunch, we will spend time at the iconic Mt. Rushmore National Monument where we'll marvel at the colossal granite heads of four US presidents: Washington, Jefferson, Roosevelt & Lincoln. Next we will visit the new Crazy Horse Memorial that is currently in progress. We will watch as artisans carve the likeness of the famous Lakota warrior. We'll stop for a fun chuckwagon dinner show at Fort Hays, before returning to our hotel.



Day 3 - Today we will visit Custer State Park and drive the Wildlife Loop Road to view the park's herd of approximately 1,500 bison! Majestic landscapes await on our scenic drive through the Black Hills, where rock formations feature granite spires called "needles" that cut a jagged skyline. Time permitting we will visit Wind Cave National Park, home to one of the world's largest known caves. Currently over 142.75 miles of passages have been mapped making it the third longest cave in the U.S. and the sixth longest cave in the world.



Day 4 - Badlands National Park, South Dakota Air & Space Museum and Wall Drugstore.

Today we'll explore Badlands National Park. Upon arrival, we will stop at the visitor center to set the stage for the day with informative exhibits, displays and video. The Badlands Loop Road is a marvel of vibrant colors and rock formations created by mineral deposits. Next, enjoy a stop at Wall Drug, an authentic store from 1936.

Day 5 - Scenic drive to Omaha and the Hansen Wheel & Wagon Shop.

Day 6 - Fly home (or continue ride home with overnight in Mt. Vernon, IL).

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