

South Dakota

The Black Hills & Badlands

Highlights...

- 1880 Steam Train Mt. Rushmore • Custer State Park Crazy Horse Memorial
- The Journey Museum Wall Drug Store • Badlands National Park * Deadwood



Day 1: Rapid City, South Dakota

Rapid City is the gateway to some of the most intriguing and beautiful attractions in America. Experience the authentic west when you visit the inspirational memorials of spectacular Mt. Rushmore and visionary Crazy Horse. Delight in the tranquility of the Black Hills, Badlands and Custer State Park. *(D)*

Day 2: Rapid City - Keystone - Custer - Rapid City

Travel back to a time when steam locomotives and railroads were the primary form of transportation in America. Your journey between Hill City and Keystone, South Dakota on an 1880's train transforms you into an early American riding the rails in hopes of finding a new future. **HLater, a short ride brings you to Mount Rushmore, whose four figures carved in stone represent the first 150 years of American history.** Stroll along the Presidential Trail, providing the closest access to the sculpture. Then travel through 14 miles of magnificent rock formations on the Needle Highway. Its curving rock tunnels and steep rock spires provide a breathtaking backdrop en route to Custer State Park. Upon arrival into the park, take an exciting Buffalo Safari Jeep ride into the backcountry, where a band of bighorn sheep, or a herd of majestic elk or buffalo, may be sighted! **HTop off your day with a Chuck Wagon BBQ at a secluded canyon featuring cowboy hospitality, good food and western entertainment.** *(B, D)*



Day 3: Rapid City - Crazy Horse - Hot Springs - Rapid City

This morning, trace the continuing saga of the western frontier at the Journey Museum. Then, visit Crazy Horse Memorial, the world's largest sculpture still in progress. The memorial includes the Indian Museum of North America, Native American Cultural Center, the sculptor's studio, and an orientation center and theaters. Many Native American artists and craftspeople create their works at the memorial and are on hand to discuss the influence of their culture on their art. **HLater today, travel to the Black Hills Wild Horse Sanctuary, where you can view America as it was 300 years ago. Experience a guided tour through part of this endless prairie of 11,000 acres, where over 400 wild horses run free.** You'll also see Indian petroglyphs over 10,000 years old, a prairie dog town, an authentic Native American Sun Dance site and the movie set from the classic, Crazy Horse. *(B)*

Day 4: Rapid City - Wall - Badlands - Rapid City

Learn about Black Hills Gold on a tour through Mt. Rushmore Black Hills Gold & Diamond Factory, and watch skilled artisans handcraft South Dakota's official state jewelry. Next, stop at Wall Drug, an authentic store from 1936, where there is time for lunch and browsing their interesting facility. Upon entering into Badlands National Park, stop at the visitor's center to view its informative exhibits and displays and watch a video introducing you to the area. The Badlands loop is a marvel of vibrant colors and rock formations caused by mineral deposits. **HThis evening, enjoy a wonderful dinner at the K Bar**

S Lodge, nestled in the woods of Keystone. The comforts of home and warm hospitality combine with fine food, good drink and plenty of interesting conversation with your hosts. H (B, D)

Day 5: Rapid City - Deadwood

Before departing Rapid City, stop at Prairie Edge, a Plains Indian store and museum filled with native art, crafts and jewelry.. Created by hand, their work remains faithful to the Plains Indian spirit and tradition. Continue to Deadwood, where the entire city is a national historic landmark. Authentic recreations of turn-of-the-century street lamps light the way through accurately restored architecture. After an included lunch, a local guide will introduce you to the history of the city including a visit to Mount Moriah Cemetery and Kevin Costner's TaTanka: "Story of the Bison", an interpretive center that depicts the relationship of bison and man through interactive exhibits. Journey through an authentic Lakota Encampment where everything, from tepees to live Lakota interpreters, offers a snapshot of Indian life during the height of the buffalo culture in 1840. **(B, L)**

Day 6: Deadwood

Your day is at leisure to follow the footsteps of Wild Bill Hickok and Calamity Jane as you explore the beauty and history of this one-of-a-kind Wild West town. **HThis evening, dinner is included prior to an outdoor performance of the Black Hills Passion Play.H** The play tells the story of the last seven days in the life of Jesus of Nazareth, and represents a unique art form in the development of classical theatre. The performances are presented on a grand scale, with the structure and context of the play dating back to the traditions of medieval Germany. **(B, D)**

Day 7: Deadwood - Rapid City - Tour Ends

Today you travel back to Rapid City where your tour ends. **(B)**

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