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Spotlight on South Dakota

featuring Mount Rushmore & The Badlands

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About This Tour

Discover the spirit of the American West and come to know the legends of the past. Discover the stories of the Lakota and Sioux through a Native American chronicler. See Crazy Horse Memorial, the world's largest mountain sculpture still in progress. Visit iconic Mt. Rushmore. Journey through the natural beauty of Badlands National Park and stop to browse at Wall Drug. Explore historic Deadwood, the former home of Wild Bill Hickok and Calamity Jane. Choose how you delve into the local history, with a tour of the Adams Museum in Deadwood or at the exhibit Tatanka: Story of the Bison. Travel the backcountry of Custer State Park on a Jeep safari. Marvel at Devils Tower, the country's first National Monument. Rapid City is your gateway into wild landscapes and historical landmarks.





Your Tour Includes

- 1 Handpicked Accommodations
- 8 Meals
- 2 Choice on Tour Options

Included Highlights

- Crazy Horse Memorial
- Mount Rushmore
- Badlands National Park
- Wall Drug

Your Tour at a Glance

Stay 	6 Days 5 Nights
Meals 	8 Meals 5 Breakfasts 3 Dinners
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Itinerary

Day 1: Rapid City, South Dakota - Tour Begins

Welcome to the West. Your tour opens in Rapid City, long known as the gateway to the Black Hills. Tonight, you and your fellow travelers gather for a welcome dinner featuring a Native American chronicler who shares stories about the Lakota and Sioux way of life.

Hotel	Culinary
Residence Inn	Dinner
Rapid City Marriott	

Day 2: Rapid City - Crazy Horse - Mt. Rushmore - Rapid City

Learn the history of enterprising Westerners at the Chapel in the Hills. Visit Crazy Horse Memorial and delve into the story of the largest, still-in-progress mountain sculpture. Visit the Indian Museum of North America, the Native American Cultural Center, the sculptor's studio, orientation center and theaters. Continue to Mount Rushmore. Spend time with the epic figures of Washington, Jefferson, Roosevelt, and Lincoln as you stroll along the Presidential Trail, offering the closest view of this iconic sculpture. This evening, return to Mount Rushmore for the nighttime lighting ceremony.*

Hotel	Culinary
Residence Inn	Breakfast
Rapid City Marriott	

Day 3: Rapid City - Badlands - Wall - Rapid City

This morning visit the Oglala Lakota Living History Village. The Oglala Lakota are one of the seven tribes that make up the Great Sioux Nation. In their own voices, hear about their history, relationship to the land and modern-day culture. Then, embrace the allure of wide-open spaces and explore the larger-than-life Badlands National Park. At the visitor center, the stage is set for your adventure, with informative exhibits, displays and video to introduce you to the area. Travel the Badlands Loop Road, home to vibrant colors and rock

formations created by mineral deposits. Visit the legendary Wall Drug, a store barely changed since 1936. Do a little browsing, have a seat at the soda fountain, and perhaps grab a bite for lunch.

Hotel

Culinary

Residence Inn

Breakfast

Rapid City Marriott

Day 4: Rapid City - Deadwood - Rapid City

Get ready for Deadwood, where gold, gambling, and gunpowder were once the order of the day. This morning, it's your choice! Take a guided tour of the Adams Museum, dedicated to preserving Deadwood's history -OR- visit Kevin Costner's Tatanka: Story of the Bison, sculptures depicting the relationship between bison and the Lakota. This afternoon, this National Historic Landmark comes alive as if you've stepped onto the set of an old-fashioned Western. A local guide shows you the town, including where Wild Bill Hickok and Calamity Jane are buried. This evening, enjoy a dinner and Western show at the High Plains Heritage Center.

Hotel

Culinary

Residence Inn

Breakfast & Dinner

Rapid City Marriott

Day 5: Rapid City - Custer - Rapid City

Head to Custer State Park and keep your eyes peeled for bighorn sheep or wandering elk. Take in the lush landscape, rocky outcrops, and grazing animals as you make your way through South Dakota's first state park. Venture off road with an exciting Buffalo Safari, cruising deep into the park in an open-air jeep and searching for herds of roaming buffalo.

Hotel

Culinary

Residence Inn

Breakfast

Rapid City Marriott

Day 6: Rapid City - Devils Tower National Monument, Wyoming - Rapid City

Get your bearings at the Geographic Center of the Nation, marking the middle of the US. Cross into Wyoming and view the first national monument - Devils Tower. Stand in awe before this lofty monolith, perhaps hiking the 1.3-mile Tower Trail around the base. Although famous as the backdrop in Close Encounters of the Third Kind, the tower is also sacred to many local tribes. This evening, join your fellow travelers for dinner as the end of your South Dakota adventure draws near.

Hotel

Residence Inn
Rapid City Marriott

Culinary

Breakfast & Dinner

Day 7: Rapid City - Tour Ends

Say goodbye to Rapid City as your tour comes to a close today.

Hotel

Culinary

Breakfast

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