

Great Day! Scheduled Tour Summary

MOUNT RUSHMORE, BADLANDS – 8-DAY

SUN-SUN JULY 7-14, 2024

Departures, as applic: Beachwood/Orange, Independence, Parma/Cleve.West, Middleburg Hts, Elyria, Sandusky.

We are pleased to be offering this ever-popular tour to Mount Rushmore, with both the Badlands and Crazy Horse Memorial. It includes so much more than any seven-day tour with more meals and great lodging accommodations; three nights of rooms are included at the same South Dakota Inn while we *“hub and spoke”* so there are fewer check-ins and check-outs. This tour combines many interesting features, and 15 meals for 2024!

Sunday - We will check-in at Bally’s Quad Cities Casino & Hotel where dinner awaits us. With a combined total of 874 slots and table games, plus a poker room, you are sure to find something to do, if you are so inclined. **(D)**

Monday - We arrive in the Amana Colonies. After our narrated tour where we’ll hear about America’s longest-lived communal societies that dates back to 1714 in the villages of Germany, enjoy a family-style dinner at the Ox Yoke Inn, with fried chicken, oven-baked steak and a freshly baked dessert.

After some shopping we will head to Omaha, Nebraska. **(B, D)**



Tuesday - Enroute to Rapid City, South Dakota, we’ll visit a most unusual drug store, in Wall. It grew in size when the wife of a druggist came up with a successful “marketing idea”, by advertising *“free ice water”* along the new highway that skirted the previously prosperous town. The rest is history for this “thriving oasis”, attracting over two million travelers each year. After all, who would think you could travel to a place originally described as “the *“geographical center of nowhere”* for all it has to offer including souvenirs and, of course, *“free ice water”*, *not to mention that it now* includes a collection of cowboy-themed stores, gifts, an art gallery and an 80-foot brontosaurus sculpture. In Rapid City, we’ll check into our home for the next three nights, the Hampton Inn & Suites that recently opened. **(B, D)**



Wednesday - Our Guide will be taking us on the first of two days of touring that includes Mount Rushmore and the Crazy Horse Memorial. Be sure to remember your camera as there will be many great sights. The faces of Washington, Jefferson, Roosevelt and Lincoln have been carved into the granite cliffs. Work, under the direction of Gutzon Borglum, an artist and sculptor, began in 1927.

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All tour details are anticipated at the time that the Scheduled Tour Brochure was prepared and specific stops and/or other inclusions are subject to change or elimination without notice. Tours typically depart between 6:40 AM and 9 AM with the exact time shown on the itinerary you will receive approximately two weeks prior to the tour departure. Most tours return about 7 PM to 9:30 PM, although this may vary.

Also in the Black Hills, the Crazy Horse Memorial is unbelievably large, 641 feet long and 563 feet high, making it the world's largest mountain carving, depicting the warrior Crazy Horse riding a horse and pointing out in the distance. Construction began in 1948 on the land of the Oglala Lakota Indians but will probably not be completed in our lifetimes. If this trip is like our previous tours, we will be seeing a herd, or two, of buffalo as we travel through Custer State Park. Tonight, there is a Chuck Wagon Supper with a show starring the "Fort Hays Wranglers". *"The supper bell rings out loud to call all cowboys and cowgirls to bring their appetite to the chow line."* It's a popular destination since it was the set for the movie "Dances with Wolves". View the original buildings used in the Academy Award-Winning Movie. Bon Appetit, or whatever they say in the area! **(B, D)**



Thursday - Enroute to Sturgis, you'll hear about historic Fort Meade; built in 1878 as a cavalry fort, to protect the new settlements in the Northern Black Hills, especially the gold mines around Deadwood. We will be driving through Spearfish Canyon and the Town of Lead. You'll have time in Deadwood for lunch or to visit the shops. The Deadwood Tour includes Mount Moriah Cemetery to see the burial sites of Wild Bill Hickock and Calamity Jane. Don't miss the reenactment of the "Shooting of Wild Bill Hickok in Saloon # 10". **(B, D)**

Friday - Enjoy the beauty of the Badlands where thirty-seven million years of wind and water erosion have carved an eerie sight from the prairies of Western South Dakota. We've included the Corn Palace, which has served as a monument to agriculture for over a hundred years. Dinner awaits us this evening in Sioux Falls. **(B, D)**

Saturday - Austin, Minnesota, is most known for Spam®, the meat product produced here, so we have included a stop at the Spam Museum for a most interesting visit, with some tastings, before reaching our hotel and the upgraded meal we have planned for you. **(B, D)**

Sunday - Following breakfast, we depart with a mid-afternoon dinner in Indiana, with so many great memories that we have from this popular eight-day tour! **(B, D)**

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This tour package includes 15 meals

\$2084 per person in a double

\$2049 per person in a triple

\$2014 per person in a quad

\$2734 per person in a single

Deposit to book, \$100 per person; we accept most all major credit cards and checks.

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