

# Great Day! Scheduled Tour Summary

**MOUNT RUSHMORE, BADLANDS – 8-DAY**

**SUN-SUN JULY 9-16, 2023**

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



We are pleased to once again be offering this expanded 8-day tour to Mount Rushmore, with the Badlands and Crazy Horse Memorial. This package includes considerably more than any 7-day packages you may have seen, more meals and great lodging accommodations; three nights of rooms are included at the same South Dakota Inn while we “hub and spoke” near these attractions so there are fewer check-ins and check-outs.

This tour combines even more interesting features, and our staff has included 15 meals for 2023, two more than past years at virtually the identical pricing!

**SUNDAY**– Resort on the Mississippi -- We will travel to Bettendorf, Iowa, for a late-afternoon check-in at the beautiful Isle Resort, located on the banks of the Mississippi River; a leisurely dinner is included. The largest complex of its type in Iowa, it offers 24-hours-a-day casino action for those interested. **(D)**

**MONDAY** – Amana Colonies & Omaha – Breakfast is included before we depart for the Amana Colonies (Amana, Upper Amana, Lower Amana). After our narrated tour where we learned about one of America’s longest-lived communal societies that dates back to 1714 in the villages of Germany, we’ll be enjoying a family-style midday dinner at the Ox Yoke Inn, being served fried chicken, oven-baked steak and some of their freshly baked dessert.

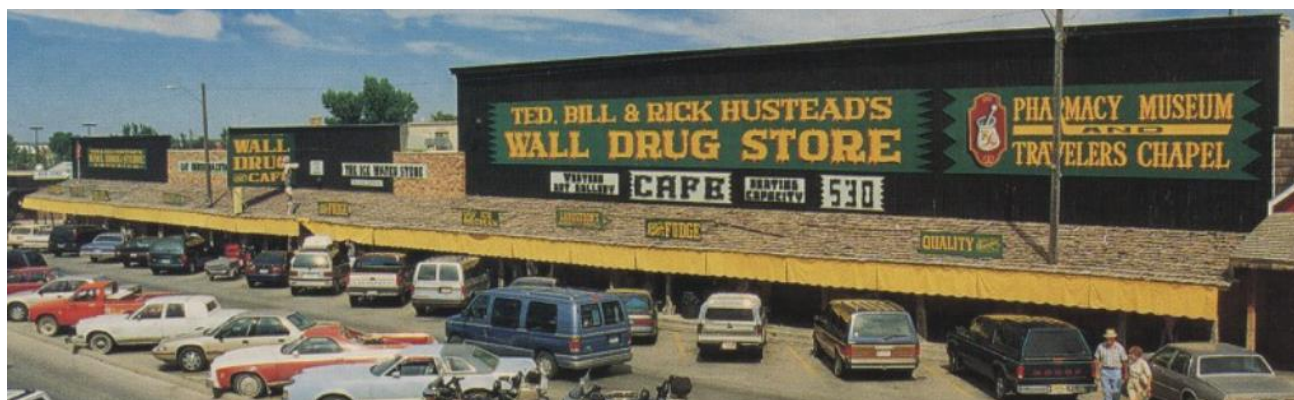


We will have time to explore the local shops afterwards, and then depart for tonight’s accommodations in Omaha, Nebraska. **(B, D)**

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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 AM and 8 AM with the exact time shown on the itinerary you will receive approximately one to two weeks prior to the tour departure. Most tours return about 8 PM to 10 PM, although this may vary.

**TUESDAY** – Enroute to Rapid City, South Dakota, we will be stopping at one of the world’s most unusual drug stores, in Wall. It grew to its current size when the wife of a druggist came up with a very successful “marketing idea”, in 1931, by advertising “free ice water” along the highway that was constructed and skirted the previously prosperous town . . . and she did not spare putting signs all along the highway announcing this “freebie”. The rest is history for what is now a “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 dining, activities, gifts, souvenirs, visitor information and, of course, “free ice water”.



This roadside attraction is more than just the drug store that it started out as. It is a collection of cowboy-themed stores, including a gift shop, several restaurants, and various other stores, as well as an art gallery and an 80-foot brontosaurus sculpture. We bet you’ve never seen this at any local drug store you may patronize.

In Rapid City, South Dakota, we’ll check into our home for the next three nights, the Hampton Inn & Suites that just opened up last year. We will be enjoying dinner on arrival. **(B, D)**

**WEDNESDAY** – After breakfast, we will depart with our Local Guide who will be taking us on



a fist of two day-long tours that includes Mount Rushmore and the Crazy Horse Memorial. Be sure to remember your camera today as there will be so many great sights along the way. This National Memorial has been carved into the granite face of Mount Rushmore in the Black Hills, near Keystone, South Dakota. Sculptor Gutzon Borglum created and worked on the sculpture’s design and carving from 1927 to 1941. This enormous task has four heads, each about 60 feet in height, of George Washington, Thomas Jefferson, Theodore Roosevelt and Abraham Lincoln. Mr. Borglum

selected these presidents to represent the nation's birth, growth, development, and preservation.

Also located in the Black Hills, the Crazy Horse Memorial is unbelievably large at 641 feet long and 563 feet high, it is the world's largest mountain carving. Depicting the warrior, Crazy Horse is riding a horse and pointing out in the distance, construction began in 1948 on private land considered sacred by the Oglala Lakota Indians. During our last visit, we were told that the final work will probably not be completed in our lifetimes. While we already mentioned that the heads on Mount Rushmore were about 60 feet tall, contrast that to the head of Crazy Horse which is 87 feet high. If it is completed as originally designed, it will become one of the world's tallest statues, second only to the Statue of Liberty. 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 Cowboy Music 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 which won Best Picture and six more awards. Bon Appetit, or whatever they say in the area! **(B, D)**



**THURSDAY** – Today's visits will be in addition to those in our former seven-day tours as we drive through Sturgis, hearing about historic Fort Meade; built in 1878 as a cavalry fort, with a mission to protect the new settlements in the Northern Black Hills, especially the nearby gold mining area around Deadwood. We will be driving through Spearfish Canyon and, afterwards, we will be traveling through the town of Lead. You'll have time on your own for lunch in Deadwood, with some time to visit the shops along Main Street, before we take the Deadwood Tour, which includes Mount Moriah Cemetery to see the burial sites of Wild Bill Hickock and Calamity Jane. After the cemetery, we will arrive at the reenactment of the "*Shooting of Wild Bill Hickok in Saloon # 10*". This evening, we've included yet another dinner. **(B, D)**





**FRIDAY** - Badlands National Park – We will be enjoying 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 again included the Corn Palace in Mitchell, South Dakota, which has served as a monument to agriculture for over a hundred years. We will be overnighing in Sioux Falls, where dinner awaits us this evening. **(B, D)**

**SATURDAY** – We travel east along I-90, passing near Austin, Minnesota, most known for Spam®, the meat product produced here. We will be stopping at the Spam Museum for a most interesting visit. This evening we will be enjoying an upscale dinner or a dinner with live entertainment. **(B, D)**

**SUNDAY** – Following breakfast, we depart for home. One of our stops today will be for a mid-afternoon dinner in Indiana, as we travel homeward with oh-so-many memories. **(B, D)**

### **MOUNT RUSHMORE, CRAZY HORSE & BADLANDS 8-DAY – JULY 2023**

**This eight-day package includes 15 meals**

**\$1984 per person in a double**

**\$1949 per person in a triple**

**\$1914 per person in a quad**

**\$2634 per person in a single**

*Almost identical to 2022 pricing!*

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

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