

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 and a visit to a Oglala Lakota Living History Village. 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.

Escorted Tour

Highlights

- Mount Rushmore
- Oglala Lakota Living History Village
- Badlands National Park
- · Wall Drug · Deadwood
- Choice on Tour: Adams Museum or Story of the Bison Interpretive Center
- High Plains Heritage Center
- Off-Pond Jeep Safari at Custer State Park
- Crazy Horse Memorial
- Devils Tower National Monument

Your Tour Includes:

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

Must-See Inclusions:

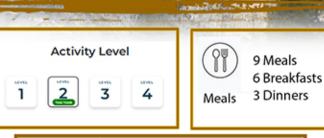
- Search for buffalo and other wildlife in Custer State Park on an exciting off-road Jeep safari.
- Visit epic Mount Rushmore.
- Travel to the otherworldly Badlands National Park.

Cultural Experiences:

- Learn about the history of the Sioux Nation at the Oglala Lakota Living History Village.
- Explore Deadwood, a National Historic Landmark that pays tribute to the ways of the Wild West.
- · Enjoy time to explore at the lofty Devils Tower.

Culinary Inclusions:

Delight in local flavors during a Western dinner show.







Hyatt Place Rapid City Nights 1-6





Pre-Night Option

Day: 1 Rapid City, South Dakota-Dinner Hyatt Place Rapid City -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.

Day: 2 Rapid City - Mt. Rushmore - Rapid City-Breakfast Hyatt Place Rapid City-Learn the history of enterprising Westerners at the Chapel in the Hills. Start the day at 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. Continue to the Chapel in the Hills to learn the history of enterprising Westerners. This evening, return to Mount Rushmore for the nighttime lighting ceremony. *

Day: 3 Rapid City - Badlands - Wall - Rapid City -Breakfast Hyatt Place 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.

Day: 4 Rapid City - Deadwood - Rapid City-Breakfast & Dinner Hyatt Place 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 and explore dynamic exhibits that shine a light on Deadwood's legends and outlaws -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 Wild Bill Hickok and Calamity Jane are buried. This evening, enjoy a dinner and Western show at the High Plains Heritage Center.

Day: 5 Rapid City - Custer - Crazy Horse - Rapid City - Breakfast Hyatt Place 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. This afternoon, visit Crazy Horse Memorial and delve into the story of the largest, still-in-progress mountain sculpture. Take time to explore the Indian Museum of North America, the Native American Cultural Center, the sculptor's studio, orientation center and theaters.

Day: 6 - Rapid City - Devils Tower National Monument, Wyoming - Rapid City-Breakfast & Dinner Hyatt Place 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.

