

# **Black Hills & Badlands**

Mount Rushmore → Crazy Horse → Badlands National Park
July 24 - 28, 2020

# Friday, July 24 (D)

This morning, we transfer to the airport for our flight to **Rapid City, South Dakota**. Upon arrival we will check into the **K Bar S Lodge** in **Keystone**, **SD** for a four-night stay. The Lodge is situated on 31 serene, secluded acres surrounded by the Black Hills National Forest. Tonight we'll be greeted with a wine and hors d'oeuvres reception before enjoying dinner at the lodge. After dinner, relax and enjoy the beautiful lodge setting.



A deluxe continental breakfast, including two hot dishes is served at the lodge before we depart on a day of history, natural and man-made beauty and fun! Our first stop is Deadwood. This entire community is designated as a National Historic Landmark. Our colorful local guide will lead us "back in time" as we take a one-hour tour of this fascinating town and learn about the wild characters who once lived there. After the tour, there is time for you explore some of Deadwood's infamous places. Next, we'll drive along the beautiful Spearfish Canyon Scenic Byway surrounded by breathtaking scenery of giant Black Hills spruce, tall canyon walls and waterfalls. We will enjoy lunch at the charming Latchstring Inn at the Spearfish Canyon Resort. Our day continues with a stop at a special project commissioned by Kevin Costner called Tatanka, meaning bison. Tatanka, a larger than life bronze sculpture, is the dramatic depiction of Native Americans hunting a stampeding herd of buffalo. There will be an opportunity to stroll through the interactive museum to learn about this unique project. Then we are off to the Sanford Lab Homestake Gold Mine, for a guided tram tour which follows the mining process through hoisting, crushing and milling the ore. Inside the visitors center, you can wander through the exhibits displaying exciting information about the Sanford Underground Research Facility, historic photographs and a 3-D model of the underground, from the surface down to the 8,000 foot level! From the deck, you can view the 1,000-foot-deep Open Cut, an iconic landmark in the Black Hills, and see the many varieties of rock that created this unique landscape. Tonight we will enjoy dinner at the **Stampmill Restaurant**, a local favorite.

## Sunday, July 26 (B, D)

After a tasty breakfast at the lodge, we head out for an exciting open-air jeep tour along the Wildlife Loop in Custer State Park! Ride through the park in search of pronghorns, elk, and the noble buffalo. Along the way, the guides will share historical and educational facts about the park and wildlife. Next, we will visit the majestic Crazy Horse Monument and Visitors Center. Upon arrival a guide will board our coach and take us to the base of the sculpture for an amazing up-close view! We'll view a 20-minute video entitled, "Dynamite and Dreams," which tells the fascinating story of this immense project and the amazing family behind it. See the massive carving in progress and visit the Indian Museum of North America, which houses one of the region's foremost collections of Native American artifacts and art. There is time for you to enjoy lunch on the deck and admire the view.











That first sight of **Mt. Rushmore** is awe-inspiring! During our time here you can stroll along the **Trail of Presidents** and visit the **Lincoln Borglum Visitor Center and Museum**. We'll return to the lodge to relax before dinner at the historic **Ruby House Restaurant**. After dinner we will go back to **Mt. Rushmore** for the **Evening Lighting Program**. This patriotic program includes a ranger talk, a film, the playing of the National Anthem and the illumination of the sculpture.

# Monday, July 27 (B, D)

Enjoy breakfast at the lodge before we travel eastward to **Badlands National Park**. Millions of years of wind and water erosion have carved an eerie sight over these 244,000 acres of primordial landscape. We'll first stop at the **Ben Reifel Visitor Center** and then take the **Badlands Loop Road** for an amazing ride with picture stops along the way. Next, we'll arrive in **Wall**, home of the famous **Wall Drug**. Browse through this block-long emporium and find some special gifts to take home. Enjoy lunch on your own before our coach departs for **Rapid City**. Visitors to this historic downtown area are greeted by a series of life-size bronze statues of our nation's past presidents along the city's sidewalks and streets. You'll have time to explore the local boutiques, gift stores and art galleries for a special reminder of your South Dakota trip. This evening we'll have a delicious steak dinner at the charming **Alpine Inn**.



# **Tuesday, July 28** (B)

We'll start the morning with breakfast at the lodge, then board the coach for another fun day! In **Hill City**, it's "All Aboard" for a nostalgic **one-hour excursion** on the vintage **1880's train** through the **Black Hills** along tracks that were laid to service the mines and mills in the

area. Have your cameras ready for spectacular mountain scenery, including vistas of **Black Elk Peak**, (formerly Harney Peak) the highest point between the Swiss Alps and the Rocky Mountains. Our next stop is **Mt. Rushmore Black Hills Gold Factory** for a **tour** to see how Black Hills Gold jewelry is made. Afterwards, you have time to shop in the outlet store, which has hundreds of beautiful hand-crafted pieces at great prices. The time has come to head to the airport for our flight home, we'll be taking with us wonderful South Dakota memories!

Tour Price\* per person: \$2,398 Double \$2,870 Single \$2,238 Triple

\*Price of the tour is based on an estimated airfare of \$450. Passengers will be notified prior to final payment and cancellation date of any change in the tour cost based on actual airfare secured.

### **Tour Includes:**

- ♦ Round-trip local airport transfers
- ♦ Round-trip airfare
- ♦ Deluxe motor coach transportation in South Dakota
- ♦ Four night's hotel accommodations
- ♦ Baggage Handling

- Four breakfasts, one lunch and four dinners
- ♦ Admissions and activities as listed in the itinerary
- ♦ All tour related taxes and gratuities
- ♦ Services of a **Destinations with Nadine** representative
- ♦ Services of a **Cruises and Tours Worldwide** tour manager

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Deposit: \$100 per person Balance Due: April 17, 2020

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