

# South Dakota, The Black Hills, Mount Rushmore, Crazy Horse Monument, Deadwood, The Badlands

6 Days – 5 Nights --- August 17-22, 2015

**Day 1** Depart WKVI Studios in Knox early morning. Parking is available.

We'll drive across the "Driftless Plains" of Illinois, their steep hills and valleys and across the *Mighty Mississippi River* into the rolling hills of *Northern Iowa*. Stop at the "*Little Brown Church in the Vale*." All meals are on your own today.

Then on to *Blue Earth, MN* to have your picture taken with the 55-ft tall "*Jolly Green Giant Statue*." *Hol!Hol!Hol!* We stay overnight in *Sioux Falls, SD* in comfortable reserved rooms at the *Best Western Ramkota Hotel*.

**Day 2** After an included breakfast at the hotel, we continue our journey west to the "*World's Only Corn Palace*" in *Mitchell, SD*. More than 3,000 bushels of corn are used to create the murals that decorate the exterior. Travelling west, we'll make a stop at *The Wall Drug Store*, an internationally famous drug store, where since 1931, a cup of coffee is still only 5-cents and ice water is still free. It's a great place to shop and to eat. **Shopping!** There's something for everybody!

We hope to visit *Badlands National Park* late this afternoon; that's the best time to see the moon-like terrain and the pink and brown bands of sandstone and sedimentary layers laid down by long-expired rivers and volcanic ash. The skeletons of ancient camels, three-toed horses, saber-toothed cats and giant rhinoceros-like creatures are among the many fossilized species found here. Living creatures abound as well. Buffalo, mule deer, pronghorn, coyotes, and prairie dogs have the run of the park and can often be seen by visitors. We'll drive on to *Rapid City, SD* for our comfortable reserved-room for 3-nights stay at the *Best Western Ramkota Hotel*. Two meals are on your own today. (over >>>>)

**Day 3** After an included breakfast at the hotel, we start our visit to the breathtaking, pine-laden **Black Hills**. Our first stop will be at **Mount Rushmore** to see the 60-foot faces of four U.S. Presidents, **George Washington, Thomas Jefferson, Theodore Roosevelt and Abraham Lincoln** gaze out over those hills. Finished in 1941, after 14 years of work, they stand as a symbol of American democracy. **Gift Shop**. Lunch on our own.

Later in the day we will travel to **Crazy Horse Memorial**, the world's largest mountain carving. Still in progress, work was started in 1948. When finished, this carving-in-the-round will stand 563 feet high and be 641 feet long. **Crazy Horse**, born in 1840, a warrior, military leader and folk hero, was an Oglala Sioux Indian Chief who fought against removal to a reservation. He was united with **Chief Sitting Bull** for the **Battle of the Little Bighorn** in June of 1876. He died a year later after he was bayoneted in the kidneys in an U.S. Army fort in Nebraska.

An included dinner tonight at the **State Game Lodge** in **Custer State Park**. Listed on the **National Register of Historic Places** the Lodge was the summer home of **Presidents Calvin College in 1927 and Dwight Eisenhower** in 1953. **The largest herd of publicly-owned buffalo** can often be seen in the park.

We will return to our reserved rooms in Rapid City for the night.

**Day 4** After an included breakfast at the hotel, we will have a day of **options**. You may choose to spend the day in **Historic Deadwood**, (not far from where **Kevin Costner** filmed a portion of "**Dances with Wolves**") or visit **Devils Tower National Monument in Wyoming**.

The entire community of **Deadwood** is designated as a National Historic Landmark. Old fashioned brick streets, period lighting and old-fashioned trolleys provide an exciting transportation and an opportunity to step back in time. There are 40 restaurants from which to choose your own lunch and lots of opportunities to walk where **Wild Bill Hickok, Calamity Jane** and **Poker Alice** walked. There are opportunities to visit **Boot Hill, Adams Museum, a gold mine, Mount Moriah Cemetery**, (that's where most of them are buried) or a number of other entertaining establishments. The motor coach will go to **Devils Tower** and return in the afternoon to pick up those choosing to stay in **Deadwood** today. (more >)

***Devils Tower*** raises 1,267 feet above the ***Belle Fourche River*** in northeastern ***Wyoming***. Northern Plains tribes have worshipped near this remarkable geologic formation for thousands of years. In 1906, President Theodore Roosevelt established Devils Tower as our nation's first national monument. Rain and the river continue to erode the Tower. Piles of rubble, broken columns, small rocks and stones lie at the base of the Tower, indicating that it was, at some time in the past, larger than it is today. ***Eventually, at some far time in the future, even Devils Tower itself will erode away. You might not get back to Wyoming before its gone!*** Lunch on your own.

This evening we will return to the Rapid City area for an included dinner and entertainment at the ***Fort Hays Chuckwagon Supper & Cowboy Music Show***. We will visit the ***"Dances With Wolves"*** movie set and then come inside for an evening of fun and entertainment. We'll have a western meal served with tin plates and cups, just like the cowboys, around the campfire. After supper we'll enjoy hand-clappin', foot-stoppin', belly shakin' laughter!

Then it's back to our hotel for the evening.

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## South Dakota Brain Busters

Millions of years of erosion have carved the prairies of western South Dakota into what?

Which town in the Black Hills earned the reputation for being the wildest gold camp in the west?

Which National Monument took 14 years and almost \$1-million to create?

Which of these famous people were not born in South Dakota?

L. Frank Baum \_\_\_\_ Hubert Humphrey \_\_\_\_ Cheryl Ladd \_\_\_\_ Laura Ingalls Wilder \_\_\_\_

**Day 5** After that big day on Day 4, we'll try to sleep in a little this morning. An included breakfast is at the hotel and then we turn our motor coach eastward, toward home.

We'll have lunch and dinner on our own today. Make final stops for South Dakota gifts and then stop at ***Pipestone National Monument (Native American Peace Pipes)*** in Minnesota, before returning to the ***Best Western Ramkota Hotel*** in Sioux Falls, SD for Friday night.

During our visit in South Dakota we will see many Native Americans, so, since we are a peaceful people (in 1990 South Dakota Governor George S. Michelson and the representatives of the state's nine tribal governments declared ***a year of reconciliation***), we will visit a significant site for many American Indian cultures, ***Pipestone National Monument***. It is still considered a sacred place by many who come to quarry or visit. Today, as in the past, it is a place treated with reverence and respect. The quarry sites are not just relics of the past but are part of the continuing traditions of quarrying and ***pipe making***. While this site is probably the best quality and the best known pipestone deposit in the world, there are quarries in at least six other states. A wide variety of pipestone crafts are available in the ***Gift Shop***.

**Day 6** After an included breakfast at our hotel, we'll head for Knox, hoping to be home by dark this evening, with fond memories of sights and scenes and good friends that will last a lifetime. Lunch (and perhaps dinner) on your own.

**\$971** per person Double    6 days    **\$886** per person Triple

**\$845** per person Quad    5 nights    **\$1282** per person Single

***Send \$100 per person deposit with registration form***

***Balance due July 15, 2015***

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L. Frank Baum and Laura Ingalls Wilder were NOT born in South Dakota

# South Dakota - Black Hills - Mount Rushmore

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**P.O. Box 10**

**KNOX, IN 46534**

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This tour requires moderate walking. Comfortable shoes are a good idea, as is appropriate clothing for outdoor wear in the South Dakota Summer weather as well as for air conditioning on the motor coach, and in venues such as museums and restaurants.

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