



Good Times Travel

Black Hills, Badlands & Buffaloes

Single-Hotel Stay in Rapid City, Badlands & Wind Cave Nat'l Parks, Mt. Rushmore Monument, Custer State Park, Deadwood
September 27–October 2, 2025 – 6 Day Tour

Tour Highlights

- ◆ Enjoy a 5-night, single-hotel stay at an upscale hotel situated in the heart of Rapid City's charming and walkable downtown
- ◆ Extensive sightseeing with a local guide in the Black Hills of South Dakota including Mount Rushmore National Memorial, Crazy Horse Memorial, the Wild West town of Deadwood, Tatanka – Story of the Bison, Bear Country U.S.A. drive-thru wildlife park, and a ride aboard the historic *1880 Train* to Hill City
- ◆ Explore Custer State Park including a visit to the State Game Lodge, a guided buffalo "safari" and a chuckwagon dinner
- ◆ Join a local guide and explore both Wind Cave National Park and Badlands National Park with a visit to the famous Wall Drug in Wall, South Dakota
- ◆ Extensive sightseeing in the Rapid City area including Chapel in the Hills, The Journey Museum, Black Hills Gold factory tour and the Fort Hays Chuckwagon Supper & Music Variety Show



Custer State Park Buffalo "Safari"



Badlands National Park



Wind Cave National Park



Crazy Horse Memorial

Itinerary

Journey through South Dakota's legendary Black Hills and Badlands on this spectacular 6-day tour that features a single-hotel stay. Stand in awe before the monumental majesty of Mount Rushmore and the inspiring vision of Crazy Horse Memorial. Step back in time on the historic streets of Deadwood, experience the thrill of buffalo "safari" in Custer State Park, and marvel at the stark, yet dramatic beauty in Wind Cave and Badlands National Parks on this itinerary that features some of the West's most iconic sites!

Day 1 – Welcome to Rapid City!

Optional transfers from our departure points will have us at LAX this morning for a flight arriving in **Rapid City, South Dakota** this afternoon. *Those guests making their own flight arrangements can request the group's flight schedule (subject to change) to coordinate a flight arrival time that would allow them to be included on the complimentary transfer to the hotel.* Upon arrival, we'll board a deluxe motorcoach and travel to downtown Rapid City – one of the most charming and patriotic cities in America, featuring life-sized bronze statues of our nation's presidents. After a brief orientation tour of Rapid City, we'll check-in to an upscale, full-service, centrally-located hotel to begin a five-night stay. This evening we'll experience the **Fort Hays Chuckwagon Supper & Show** and begin with time at leisure to explore the *Dances With Wolves* film set. When the supper bell rings, grab your handmade tin plate for the best chuckwagon in the West while the Fort Hays Wranglers take the stage for the Black Hills' most popular variety show. (Dinner)

Day 2 – Rapid City, Deadwood

This morning we'll be joined by a local guide and travel to the historic mining town of **Lead, South**

Tour Inclusions

- ◆ 5 Nights deluxe hotel accommodations
- ◆ 9 Meals – 3 dinners, 1 lunch, 5 breakfasts
- ◆ Services of a professional GTT tour director
- ◆ Comprehensive sightseeing with a local guide
- ◆ Admissions per the itinerary
- ◆ Transportation aboard a deluxe motorcoach
- ◆ Airport-hotel transfers (with purchase of group air)
- ◆ Luggage handling throughout the tour

Tour Prices

Double Occupancy: \$1,999 per person
 Single Occupancy (no roommate): Add \$500
 Roundtrip group airfare from \$595 per person

Reservations



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Accommodations

- ♦ Nights 1-5 **The Rushmore Hotel**,
Rapid City, SD

Optional Roundtrip Airfare

Airfare is available as an optional add-on as advertised on the front of this brochure. Because airfare generally increases closer to departure, it's best to purchase airfare as soon as possible to lock in the lowest price and best schedule.

Optional Airport Transfers

Roundtrip airport transfers are available from our departure points in these cities for \$129 p.p.

- ♦Fountain Valley ♦Laguna Hills
- ♦Long Beach ♦Seal Beach

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- ♦ Full payment due at time of booking
- ♦ Payment may be made by mailing a check to the above address or by making a credit card payment at www.goodtimestravel.com

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Tour Pace & Activity Level



Visit our website for further explanation of what each of these designations means to assist you in determining which tour is right for you based on your physical abilities and the pacing you prefer.

Itinerary

Dakota and visit the **Sanford Underground Research Facility Visitor Center**. We'll learn about this dedicated science facility (housed in a former gold mine) and the world-class research that is occurring nearly 5,000 feet underground! This afternoon we'll enjoy sightseeing and time at leisure in the Wild West town of **Deadwood** where on August 2, 1876 Wild Bill played his last hand of poker – aces and eights – and ever since it's been known as the “Dead Man's Hand.” Later, we'll visit **Tatanka – Story of the Bison**, featuring a larger-than-life bronze sculpture featuring 14 bison pursued by three Native Americans riders. We'll visit **Chapel in the Hills**, the unique chapel built in 1969 as an exact reproduction of the Borgund Stavkirke in Laerdal, Norway which was built in 1150. Set in a beautiful natural setting, the chapel museum showcases how Scandinavian immigrants lived and features a gift shop housed in an authentic Norwegian Stabbur. We return to the hotel with the balance of the evening at leisure with a variety of restaurants within walking distance of the hotel. (Breakfast)

Day 3 – Black Hills, Wind Cave, Custer State Park

This morning we'll be joined by a local guide and travel into the famed **Black Hills of South Dakota**. We'll stop to admire **Crazy Horse Memorial** – referred to as “the Eighth Wonder of the World in Progress.” Later this morning we'll arrive in **Wind Cave National Park**, where bison, elk and other wildlife roam the rolling prairie grasslands and forested hillsides of one of America's oldest national parks. We'll enjoy time at leisure to explore the exhibits within the visitor center, and if available once the cave tour schedule is released in the coming months, we'll also experience an “easy,” ranger-guided cave tour during our visit. *Note that all cave tours are 60-75 minutes in length and require a minimum of 150-300 stairs – both up and down – along a 1/2 to 2/3-mile route. Visitors with limited mobility may find the cave tours too strenuous. Should cave tours be unavailable for any reason, we'll instead enjoy an in-depth visit to Crazy Horse Memorial.* This afternoon we'll visit **Custer State Park** and the historic **State Game Lodge** – the summer White House for President Calvin Coolidge. We'll board a jeep and get an up-close view of some of the Park's 1,400 free-roaming buffalo, as well as possible sightings of elk, wild burros, and golden eagles while on a guided **buffalo “safari.”** This evening we'll enter one of the Park's mountain meadow canyons for an included **chuckwagon cookout**. (Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner)

Day 4 – Rapid City, Wall, Badlands National Park

This morning we'll be joined by a local guide and visit **Black Hills Gold** for a fascinating factory tour to see how Black Hills gold is cast, shaped, ground, polished, soldered, cleaned, wriggled and engraved by skilled artisans. We'll travel to Wall, South Dakota and visit the world-famous **Wall Drug** with time at leisure to browse this fascinating complex of shops, art galleries and restaurants that has been serving road-worn travelers since 1931 with their famous, free ice water. We'll continue to **Badlands National Park** – a study in contrast of nature's chaos and wild beauty. We'll stop at the visitor center and make several photo stops at scenic outlooks along the Loop Road to admire the dramatic landscape here that features layered rock formations, steep canyons and towering spires. Late this afternoon we'll return to the hotel with the balance of the evening at leisure. Or, take advantage of an optional free excursion to experience the **Evening Lighting Program at Mount Rushmore**. This patriotic and inspirational program in the outdoor amphitheater includes a ranger talk, short film and the lighting of the memorial. (Breakfast)

Day 5 – Black Hills, Rapid City

With our local guide onboard, this morning we'll turn back the clock to Dakota territorial days as we enjoy a ride aboard the **1880 Train** from **Keystone** to **Hill City**. This vintage steam train will ramble through Black Hills back-country and climb several “I-think-I-can” grades. We'll continue to **Mount Rushmore National Memorial** – where American history is alive in stone. Enjoy time at leisure to explore the **Lincoln Borglum Visitor Center** and the **Sculptor's Studio**. A stroll along the **Presidential Trail** provides more intimate views of the 60-foot faces and perhaps some of the area's wildlife. We return to Rapid City and visit the **Prairie Edge Gallery** and the Dahl Arts Center where we'll enjoy an included dinner amongst the Cyclorama Mural of American History. (Breakfast, Dinner)

Day 6 – Rapid City, Journey Home

This morning we'll visit **The Journey Museum**, an interactive museum that provides an incredible trek through time – from the violent upheaval that formed the mystical Black Hills over 2 billion years ago to the continuing saga of the Western Frontier. After time at leisure for lunch on your own in downtown Rapid City, we'll visit **Bear Country USA** – a unique drive-through wildlife park where we'll see black bear, elk, reindeer, cougars, bighorn sheep and buffalo up-close. After time at leisure for lunch on your own in downtown Rapid City, we'll continue to the Rapid City Airport for a return flight arriving in Los Angeles this evening. *Those guests making their own flight arrangements can request the group's flight schedule (subject to change) to coordinate a similar flight departure time that would allow them to be included on the complimentary transfer to the airport.* Back in Los Angeles, those guests with pre-arranged transfers will be returned to their respective drop-offs. (Breakfast)