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# THE BLACK HILLS AND BADLANDS

## A WESTERN ADVENTURE IN SOUTH DAKOTA!

**AUGUST 11 - 17, 2019**

The Black Hills and Badlands of Western South Dakota - Where seeing is believing! The history of this area will capture your imagination as you gaze at expansive landscapes, roaming buffalo and hillsides carved into magnificent images. Join us as we visit Mt. Rushmore and the Crazy Horse Monument as well as Custer State Park where you learn about the Custer Expedition of 1874! Spend a day in Deadwood and hear the colorful history of Wild Bill Hickok, Calamity Jane and Poker Alice! Marvel at the stark beauty of the Badlands with its' unique and beautiful buttes, plateaus and spires! Ride an authentic 1880 Steam Train on a historic trip through the Black Hills and visit an active Mammoth dig that is the largest in the world.

This is a perfect way to enjoy South Dakota, made all the more so, since you're staying in just one lodge! The K Bar S Lodge is nestled in the scenic Black Hills National Forest. No packing and unpacking - just relaxed mornings with a glimpse of Mt. Rushmore and perhaps marshmallows roasting on the fire in the evening. What a delightful way to experience the laid back lifestyle of Western South Dakota!

### Itinerary

#### August 11, 2019 - Your Journey Begins!

Your Badlands adventure begins as you arrive in **Rapid City**, gateway to the Black Hills, the Badlands and Mt. Rushmore. A TRIPS representative will meet you and assist with your hotel transfer to Keystone, SD, near the base of Mt. Rushmore. Here you unpack for your entire vacation! The **K Bar S Lodge** is the perfect mix of style and comfort, secluded in the beautiful Black Hills. Tonight, travel to the locale where **Dances with Wolves** was filmed, Fort Hayes. Here, you enjoy a **Chuckwagon Dinner** complete with entertainment. A true South Dakota Welcome!  
Overnight: K Bar S Lodge, Keystone (D)

#### August 12, 2019 - Historic Deadwood!

This morning, head for historic **Deadwood**. Along the way, you'll hear stories of the gold seekers who made their way to the Black Hills during the Gold Rush of 1876. Deadwood became a notorious town and you visit legendary **Boot Hill** and see the graves of **Wild Bill Hickok** and Calamity Jane. The history of this gold mining town will come to life as your guide recounts the colorful history of the town. Continue to **Lead**, home of the **Homestake Gold Mine** where more than 1.2 million kilograms of gold were mined. Closed since 2002, it is now home to a scientific research lab on dark matter particles. Dinner is included tonight before returning to the Lodge.  
Overnight: K Bar S Lodge, Keystone (B/D)

#### August 13, 2019 - Magnificent Mount Rushmore & The 1880's Train!

Today after breakfast, visit the **Borglum Historical Center** for a self guided tour. Learn about the stubborn, insistent, temperamental and proud Gutzon Borglum and his quest to build Mt. Rushmore. Originally envisioned as a monument to heroes of the American West, Borglum

"thought big and talked big" and was given the artistic freedom to carve what he saw fit. The result, a national monument! Then, depart for a ride on the **1880 Steam Train!** Enjoy magnificent vistas, see mining encampments and enjoy some good old fashioned fun! Follow the original route of the Chicago/Burlington Railroad laid down in the 1880s, servicing mines between Hill city and Keystone. Enjoy this scenic and historic ride followed by free time to explore the town of **Hill City** on your own and have lunch. The quaint shops make this a great place to stroll main street and have lunch on your own. Later this afternoon, depart **Mt. Rushmore**, set in the natural beauty of the Black Hills. The faces of Thomas Jefferson, George Washington, Theodore Roosevelt and Abraham Lincoln come to life in the granite rock. Mt. Rushmore truly symbolizes the courage, strength, preservation and growth of the United States. As the sun begins to set, watch the **lighting ceremony** bringing a whole different perspective to this magnificent monument. Dinner is included at Mt. Rushmore National Monument.

Overnight: K Bar S Lodge, Keystone

(B/D)

#### August 14, 2019 - Black Hills Gold and Rapid City!

This morning after breakfast, depart for **Rapid City**. Your first stop will be at the Mt. Rushmore **Black Hills Gold** factory. You'll learn how the famous Black Hills gold jewelry is made and see the new diamond cutting process as well!. To be considered Black Hills Gold, items must be designed in a traditional tri-gold, grape leaf motif and be manufactured in the Black Hills of South Dakota. Your day continues with a visit to the **Journey Museum** which traces the history of this area from prehistoric times to the Great Plains of the American West. You'll travel through 200 years of history as you watch the epic story of the Lakota nation unfold and come to understand the historical events that forever changed the Lakota homeland. You'll have time in **Rapid City** for lunch on your own

and a bit of shopping. As you wander the streets and sidewalks, you'll find a series of **life-size bronze statues of our nation's past presidents**, a project that honors the legacy of the American presidency. Dinner tonight is on your own in Keystone.

Overnight: K Bar S Lodge, Keystone (B)

**August 15, 2019- Crazy Horse and Custer!**

This morning visit the 'work in progress' of what will become the world's largest sculpture when you visit the **Crazy Horse Memorial**. Sculptor Korczak Ziolkowski and Lakota Chief Henry Standing Bear officially started the memorial in 1948 with the mission of honoring the culture, tradition and living heritage of North American Indians. After stopping for lunch, you'll continue to the **Mammoth** dig site in Hot Springs for a guided tour. This active dig site boasts the largest concentration of mammoth remains in the world, currently numbering 61! Discovered in 1974 during excavation for a housing development this is now a world-renowned center for Pleistocene studies. After your tour, continue to **Custer State Park** covering over 71,000 acres and home to a herd of **1500 free roaming bison**. Elk, deer, mountain goats, bighorn sheep and feral burros also make this their home. The park is famous for spectacular scenery and grew in popularity when **President Calvin Coolidge** made it his 'summer White House'. You'll enjoy dinner at **Custer State Park**

**Lodge** where he famously announced he wouldn't seek a second term. After a full day, return to the K Bar S.

Overnight: K Bar S Lodge, Keystone (B/D)

**August 16, 2019 - Mystical Badlands!**

Today, you'll head out in a different direction as you explore the **Badlands!** This area of deep canyons and rounded buttes is eerie and haunting, and must have been quite a challenge for early settlers as they made their way across the region on their way to the Black Hills. Nature has sculpted the Badlands into a magnificent and strange landscape where you'll find **bighorn sheep, bison** and fox roaming the **grass prairies**. This scenic drive will surely leave you in awe! And no visit to the Badlands is complete without a stop at **Wall Drug!** Back in 1931, Wall Drug opened as a small drug store and began offering free water to their customers. It was quite a sales pitch, and today, Wall Drug is an institution in this part of South Dakota! Dinner is included this evening before returning to your lodge.

Overnight: K Bar S Lodge, Keystone (B/D)

**August 17, 2019 - Parting is such Sweet Sorrow!**

You depart after breakfast this morning for the Rapid City airport and your flight home. Memories of the natural beauty and bountiful history of the **Black Hills and the Badlands are sure to last a lifetime!** (B)

**Inclusions**

- Round trip airfare to Rapid City, South Dakota (does not include checked baggage fee)
- Breakfast Daily (6)
- 6 nights lodging at the K Bar S Lodge in Keystone, South Dakota
- Five dinners including a Chuck Wagon dinner
- Ticket for the 1880 Train
- Admissions including the Journey Museum, Custer State Park, Crazy Horse Memorial, Boot Hill Tour of Deadwood, Mammoth dig site, Homestake Gold Mine and more
- Visit Badlands National Park
- Mt. Rushmore visit including the Lighting Ceremony
- Services of a TRIPS escort while in South Dakota
- Portage of one suitcase per person
- Government taxes and fees



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**\$2,998.00**

per person/double occupancy

Single Supplement \$798.00

**Trip cancellation/interruption Travel Protection is available and strongly suggested.**

Check with your club representative for details.

**Call today to reserve your space!!!**

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An initial **\$500.00** deposit is required to hold space on this tour.

This deposit is fully refundable up to May 2, 2019.

**Final payment is due in the TRIPS office on or before May 2, 2019.**

**Therefore, please make sure that payment is submitted to your club erector at least 10 days prior to this date.**

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