

Exploring the Dakotas

June 15 - 23, 2022
(9 days - 8 nights)



Wednesday, June 15

Liberal, KS

With much excitement in the air our motorcoach will take us northward through the panhandle of Texas, across a small portion of Oklahoma and into Kansas.

Thursday, June 16

Valentine, NE

Today we continue across the Sunflower State and into Nebraska, a land with rugged pioneer history. It is said to be a 77,000-square-mile museum without walls. We will overnight in a town that brings romantic thoughts to mind, Valentine, NE.

Friday, June 17

Rapid City, SD

As we enter the Badlands National Park of South Dakota you will see the result of 37 million years of wind and water erosion that have carved saw-edged spires and multi-colored grassy-topped buttes out of the vast prairies. A refreshing stop will be in Wall, SD at the world-famous Wall Drug. Built in 1931, the world's largest drugstore survived the depression by advertising free ice water to travelers. Rapid City was founded in 1876, 2 years after gold was discovered in the Black Hills, and will be our home for the next 2 nights. This evening we travel through



Highlights Include:

- North Dakota, South Dakota and Nebraska
- Mount Rushmore National Memorial
- Black Hills
- Crazy Horse Memorial
- Wall Drug
- Badlands National Park
- Deadwood
- Tatanka: Story of the Bison
- Medora Musical
- Pitchfork Fondue
- South Dakota Cultural Heritage Center
- Great Platt River Road Archway Monument

Keystone, with its origins in 1883 as a mining town, and on to Mount Rushmore National Memorial for the evening lighting ceremony, weather permitting.

Saturday, June 18

Rapid City, SD

Today will be a day to remember as we return to Mount Rushmore where the heads of four American Presidents have been carved in granite. Continuing through the Black Hills we will also visit the Crazy Horse Memorial to check on its progress. When finished it will be the world's largest mountain carving at 563 feet high and 641 feet long.

Sunday, June 19

Medora, ND

Before leaving the state we have included a visit to Deadwood, a town with only one main street—all that space permits on the floor of Deadwood Gulch. It is filled with reminders of its lively past as a gold rush boomtown and haven for well-known gunfighters and gamblers. Legalized gambling returned to Deadwood in 1988 and you will have time to try your luck, if so desired. A stop is planned at Tatanka,

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the Story of the Bison. With larger than life bronze sculptures featuring 14 bison pursued by 3 Native American horseback riders, the foundation was begun by Kevin Costner. Traveling to the north we enter North Dakota, a state with river valleys, huge ranches and vast prairies. We will overnight in Medora with its population of 100, near the ranch Theodore Roosevelt established in 1883 and now preserved in the Theodore Roosevelt National Park. This evening enjoy a Pitchfork Fondue dinner prior to the Medora Musical.



Monday, June 20 **Pierre, SD**
 Moving eastward across the state will soon have us arriving in Bismarck. From a distance you will be able to see the 19-story State Capital Building, known as the "skyscraper of the prairie". This afternoon we return to South Dakota to overnight in Pierre, the capital of the state.

Tuesday, June 21 **Kearney, NE**
 This morning we visit the South Dakota Cultural Heritage Center to learn more of the state's history and discover stories of the American Indians. The center is nestled into a bluff just north of the capital building and is located on the Lewis and Clark National Historic Trail. Returning to Nebraska we overnight in Kearney whose motto is "The Heart of Nebraska".

Wednesday, June 22 **Liberal, KS**
 Before leaving Kearney we will stop at the Great Platt River Road Archway Monument, built over I-80, where visitors relive America's Trailblazing yesterdays. The pioneer's westward journey is re-created with a variety of interactive exhibits.

Thursday, June 23 **Return home**
 As we board our motorcoach this morning we realize our tour is rapidly coming to an end. It will be a time to sit back and reminisce of the natural and diverse beauty we have experienced and the new friendships made. Everyone will long remember our tour featuring North Dakota, South Dakota and Nebraska.

**Thank you for traveling with
 Bilbrey Tours!**

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- Roundtrip motorcoach transportation from: **Abilene, Big Spring, Midland and San Angelo**
- 8 nights accommodations
- Baggage handling for one piece of luggage
- Admission to included attractions per itinerary
- Meals: 8 continental breakfasts, 6 lunches or dinners
- Services of a tour escort
- Gratuity for motorcoach driver

Cost:	<u>Ins.</u>
\$2399 per person (2 people per room)	\$187
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\$50 deposit due upon booking

Final payment due April 5, 2022

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