



Black Hills Buffalo Roundup

6 Days: September 21-26, 2012

This travel package planned and escorted by Clara Hill.



Picture yourself in the Black Hills of South Dakota on a crisp autumn morning. All eyes are focused on a hill in the distance, when suddenly you see hundreds of buffalo emerge on the horizon. The atmosphere is electric with excitement. As the herd of shaggy buffalo comes closer, the ground shakes as they pass. Experience "being there" with NorthLand Travel. We will have our very own wildlife biologist/naturalist with us for the entire trip. He has accompanied us on this trip for several years and adds a great deal of information to this fun and educational adventure.

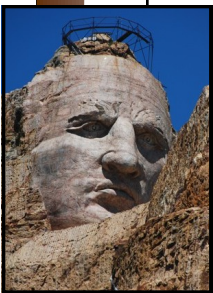


September 21 get to know your traveling companions as we pick up through our scheduled departure cities on our way to South Dakota. After **lunch** we will make our way to Oacoma, SD. Our hotel this evening has a beautiful setting overlooking the Missouri River, and includes an indoor pool and a whirlpool. A restaurant and shopping area are located within walking distance.

September 22 after **breakfast** we head west to **Badlands National Park**. The park preserves 242,756 acres of sharply-eroded buttes, pinnacles and spires blended with the largest protected mixed grass prairie in the United States. Our wildlife biologist will tell us all about this unique and ever-changing landscape. Many different animals live in this wilderness area including the black-footed ferret, the most endangered land mammal in North America. Our lunch stop is Wall Drug, where many choices are available. We then depart for **Custer State Park** to check out the viewing area for Buffalo Roundup. We will take a **driving tour of the park**, which should offer opportunities to observe and photograph wild animals. Our wildlife biologist will provide us with information about the plants and animals that make their home in the park. We stay in downtown Keystone for the next 3 nights.



Tonight we take in the **Fort Hayes Chuck Wagon Supper & Cowboy Music Show**. We will arrive early so you can visit the "Dances with Wolves" movie set, tin shop, rope shop or sawmill. Our **dinner** will include sliced roast beef in mild barbecue sauce, potatoes, western baked beans, biscuits & honey, applesauce, old-fashioned spice cake and coffee or tenderfoot lemonade. Our meal will be followed by a **country music show**. For your comfort the show and meal will be inside.



September 23 after **breakfast** we will make our way to **Deadwood** where a **step-on guide** will take us on a historic tour. This small community has a unique history with many famous people calling it home during the gold rush. Our guide will bring this historical period to life. We continue our tour with a visit to **Lead**, home of the famous **Homestake Mine**, which produced 40 million ounces of gold between 1876 and 2002! Following our tour we will have time for lunch on our own and a little shopping. We will depart Deadwood and drive south thru **Spearfish Canyon**, a beautiful place, which should offer an excellent variety of fall colors. We continue south to visit **Crazy Horse Memorial**, a work in progress for the past 60 years. This popular attraction honors our Native Americans. After viewing a very interesting film about the making of this memorial, you will have time to experience the museum at your own pace. We will board our coach with a **step-on guide** and ride to the base of the Memorial before departing the park. We'll return to our hotel so you can be rested up for the main event tomorrow – the Buffalo Roundup.

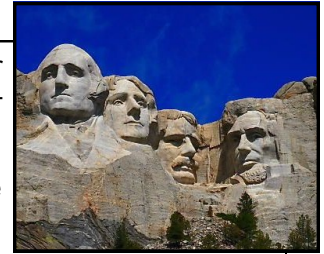
September 24 we are up early, as we don't want to miss a moment of the main event! We start with **breakfast**. We then take our places (camp chairs provided) to feel the thunder as 1,500 head of giant buffalo are rounded and driven into corrals by cowboys, cowgirls and park staff on horseback and in 4-wheel drive vehicles. The annual roundup and auction reduces the herd to prevent overgrazing of the 73,000-acre Custer State Park. Following the roundup we will spend some time near the corral so you can observe these magnificent animals.



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We will have time at the Corral to enjoy **lunch** before departing Custer State Park. Later we visit **Mount Rushmore**, a grand symbol of democracy that took sculptor Gutzon Borglum and his team of 400 men 14 years to carve. You will have time to see the monument and visit the museum. We will return to our hotel to rest, giving you some time to look around and choose a place to have dinner. This evening experience the patriotic **Mount Rushmore lighting ceremony**.



September 25 after **breakfast** we have a short drive to **Bear Country USA**. We will take our bus inside the enclosure and ride in comfort as we see a wide variety of free-roaming wild animals. Bears are clowns by nature and usually show off for an audience. We will tour the **bear nursery** and see young cubs of various sizes. You will have an opportunity to purchase unique items from the gift shop (sorry, no live pets for sale!). We'll stop again at Wall Drug for lunch on your own and a final opportunity to purchase that special gift or souvenir. Tonight we stay in Mitchell with a restaurant close to our hotel.



September 26 after **breakfast**, we travel a short distance to **Hansen Wheel and Wagon**. You will have an opportunity to watch craftsman re-create wagons from the 1800s. They make fantastic reproductions of real working wagons, which are sold all over the world. We will take a short break at the **Corn Palace**. You will have time to take some pictures and see the inside of this special South Dakota landmark. **Lunch** is in Brandon, SD, before we continue to our departure cities.

This trip is not only a lot of fun but also very educational. Our wildlife biologist/naturalist along with the step-on guide in Deadwood add a great deal to this trip. Our wildlife adventure does not involve a lot of rigorous walking. The amount of walking is up to you.

This 6-day package includes: Luxury motorcoach transportation, lodging for 5 nights, luggage handling, all tickets/admissions to bolded attractions, an on-board naturalist, gratuities to step-on guides, 5 breakfasts, 3 lunches and 1 dinner (meals inclusive of tax and gratuity).

\$999 per person, double occupancy
 \$964 per person with 3 or 4 persons sharing 1 room with 2 beds
 \$1,179 single room accommodations

Deposit: \$100 per person, due with reservation. If deposits are not received within 10 business days, reservations may be cancelled without notice.

Cancel by: August 22 for penalty-free cancellation

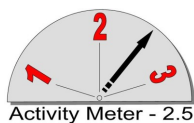
Balance due by: August 22

Delayed reservation fee: after August 22, a reservation for this trip requires an additional \$25 per person.

Peace of Mind Protection: 5% of trip cost, due with deposit or **Travel Insurance** is available at a group rate for this travel package. Please contact our office for more details.

Scheduled Departure Cities: Ames, Cedar Rapids, Clear Lake, Coralville, Decorah, Des Moines, Fort Dodge, Newton and Waterloo

When circumstances arise beyond our control, NorthLand Travel reserves the right to make itinerary changes.



Moderate+ itinerary - some standing or stairs, a few blocks of walking plus options for additional activity/walking



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