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# Exploring the Black Hills & Mount Rushmore Wednesday, April 15 – Saturday, April 19, 2025 (Escorted Small Group Tour)\*

Spring has arrived and the call to travel is strong. Come along to "pull a handle" or just get away on this 5-day/4-night trip tour to the Black Hills. Known for its Gold Rush history, Deadwood, South Dakota contains memories of Wild West figures like Wild Bill Hickok and Calamity Jane.



## **INCLUSIONS:**

- Roundtrip transportation from Windsor Gardens (Activity Center parking lot)
- 4 nights at the Hampton Inn Deadwood at Tin Lizzie Gaming Resort Located on Historic Main Street, and attached to the Tin Lizzie Gaming Resort, this Hilton hotel features casual rooms in a contemporary setting. Hotel amenities include:
  - An adjacent casino, to include 209 slot machines and 8 gaming tables
  - Hot breakfast served each morning
  - Restaurants and Bars/Lounges onsite (Paddy O'Neill's Irish Pub, Pizza Hut, Snitches and Starbucks)
  - o Coffee and tea in common areas
  - o Smoke-free hotel
  - Fitness Center (open 7am 10pm)
  - o 24-hour Business Center and ATM
  - Rooms include a 37-inch LCD TV, mini-refrigerator, black out drapes/curtains, tea/coffee maker, microwave, hairdryer, bath amenities, air conditioning, safe and iron and ironing board. Free WiFi in some public area. Internet access available in rooms.

### > Entrance to the Mount Rushmore National Memorial

- Lincoln Borglum Visitor Center
  - Learn about this amazing site sculpted by Gutzon Borglum and Lincoln Borglum. The majestic figures of George Washington, Thomas Jefferson, Theodore Roosevelt and Abraham Lincoln rise high on the mountainside.

### Entrance to the Crazy Horse Memorial

- $\circ$   $\,$  3 Museums, Orientation film, Viewing from the verandah
- o Bus ride to the base (time & weather permitting)

#### Visit to Tatanka: Story of the Bison

• Featured in Kevin Costner's "Dances with Wolves," the centerpiece is Ta'Tanka, the 3<sup>rd</sup> largest bronze sculpture in the world. Journey into the world of Lakota riders and bison.

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#### Entrance to The Days of '76 Museum

 The Days of '76 celebration began in 1924 as a way to honor Deadwood's first pioneers the prospectors, miners, muleskinners, and madams who poured into the Black Hills in 1876 to settle the gold-filled gulches of Dakota Territory. This museum highlights a legendary annual event with a historic parade and an award-winning PRCA rodeo. It is a repository of horse-drawn wagons, stagecoaches, carriages, clothing memorabilia and archives generated by the celebration.

#### Visit to Custer State Park

South Dakota's first and largest state park dates back to 1897, just eight years after South Dakota joined the union. They introduced 36 Bison in 1914 and 12 pronghorn in 1912. The Civilian Conservation Corps worked tirelessly on roads and multiple projects. President Calvin Coolidge and his wife were guests to the Game Lodge. The pronghorn sheep are estimated at 1300 living in the park today. With only an estimated 1,000 Bison sustainable in the park, a "Buffalo Roundup" is held every year. Quite a sight to see!

#### > Buffalo Safari Jeep Ride at Custer State Park

 Dress warmly as the open-air Buffalo Safari Jeep Ride through Custer State Park takes us around the Wildlife Loop Road and off-roading into the buffalo herd. All while the knowledgeable driver shares interesting and educational facts about the park and its wildlife.

Drive through Needles Highway (dependent on weather)

- Completed in 1924, this 14-mile scenic byway in Custer State Park is known for its granite spires, sharp turns and narrow tunnels.
- 4 Breakfasts, 2 Dinners and 1 Lunch
- A "Mystery Activity!
- Driver and Guides gratuities
- > Tour Manager escorts group from Denver
- > Optional Travel Insurance Available (request a quote).

## **GETAWAY PRICING:**

\$1,175 per person double occupancy (with 2 Queen beds or 1 King Bed) \$1,375 per person single occupancy (with 2 Queen beds or 1 King Bed)

This trip is limited to 20 travelers.

## **PROPOSED ITINERARY:**

**Tuesday, April 15, 2025** – Board the transportation and travel north through Cheyenne, Lingle, Lusk and New Castle to Deadwood. Changes in scenery along the way will have you imagining covered wagons with their challenges making the same trek. After check-in, relax, unpack, and explore the hotel and casino or stroll through downtown Deadwood. Four nights at the **Hampton Inn Deadwood at Tin Lizzie Gaming Resort –** Located on Historic Main Street and attached to the Tin Lizzie Gaming Resort.

Wednesday, April 16, 2025 – Enjoy the included breakfast at the hotel. Next, let's explore history with a visit to Tatanka. Inspired by Keven Costner's time with the Lakota People while filming "Dances with Wolves, Ta'Tanka focuses on the symbiotic relationship between the Lakota Nation and the North American Plains Bison. From their beginnings at Wind Cave through the eradication of the bison and into the present day, the museum tells the story of resilience, rebirth, and perseverance of not just an animal, but also a culture. Next we will explore the Days of '76 Museum. In the afternoon take advantage of the Deadwood shops with antiques, vintage and trendy clothing, Black Hills Gold jewelry, artwork, fine pottery, glassware and Native American art and gifts. Hungry? Restaurants nearby include Mustang Sally's, Snitches, and Deadwood Miners. Thirsty? The Belle Joli Winery Tasting Room, Deadwood Distilling Company Shop, and/or Naked Winery beckon. An optional "Brothel Tour will be available for \$20, but does require climbing 15 stairs). Back at the hotel try your luck at the casino or just relax in the magic of the Black Hills. Dinner included.

Thursday, April 17, 2026 – Enjoy the included breakfast at the hotel. Next, we visit Mount Rushmore **National Memorial**, an iconic sculpture that shares with us the majestic figures of George Washington, Thomas Jefferson, Theodore Roosevelt, and Abraham Lincoln. Surrounded by the beauty of the Black Hills of South Dakota, they tell the story of the birth, growth, development, and preservation of this country. From the history of the first inhabitants, to the diversity of America today, Mount Rushmore brings visitors face to face with the rich heritage we all share. The Visitor's Center shares how Gutzon Borglum selected these four presidents, as they represented to him the most important events in the history of the United States. And they remain icons of liberty and freedom unto this day. The observation plaza allows us to experience this great work of history, and you might want to take a stroll on the nearby trails. Next, we will check the ongoing "work in progress" of Crazy Horse Memorial, a tribute to the Native Americans. As a Lakota war leader of the Lakota Oglala band tribe, Crazy Horse took up arms again the US government to fight encroachment by White American settlers on Native American territory, and to preserve the traditional way of the life of the Lakota people. This enormous sculpture is a testament to his "fighter" memory, as no government money has been taken for this project. We return to the hotel for a relaxing evening filled with whatever and wherever your thoughts lead. Lunch will be included at the Laughing Water Restaurant at Crazy Horse.

**Friday, April 18, 2025** – Enjoy the included **breakfast** at the hotel we venture out for a **"Mystery Activity"** before visiting **Custer State Park**. Board the **Buffalo Safari Jeep Tour** to explore the Wildlife Loop and travel amount the buffalo. Return to the hotel to relax, wander the town, or try your hand at the tables. **Dinner included.** 

**Saturday, April 19, 2025** - After check-out we will start the drive back to Denver, with memories and stories you can share with Windsor Gardens friends.



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To book on the tour:

1) Complete a Registration Form (see attached) and return it to American International Travel and Tours <u>OR</u> register online at <u>www.americaninternationaltravel.net</u>. Click on Adult Tours, find the tour and click on the Registration Form.

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- 2) After registering you will receive an invoice for the tour by email or post (if you do not note an email). A link in the invoice allows you to pay online by credit card or E-Check. The deposit is \$100.
- 3) Payment in full is due January 15, 2025.

*The deposit is refundable until the final payment date. Cancellation penalties\* apply at that time.* 

\*Optional Travel Insurance is available – Please request a quote.



♦ Contact your Travel Advisor for more information ♦ Coral Lynne-Arnold

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#### **EXPLORING THE BLACK HILLS & MOUNT RUSHMORE 2025**

#### **TRAVELER REGISTRATION FORM**

First Name	Middle Name	Last N	Last Name	
Mailing Address	City	State	Zip	
Contact Phone #	Birthdate (MM/DD/YYY)	Y) Mal	e/Female	
Email Address for invoices	and correspondence			
Single Room Doub	le Room Roommate's Nan	ne:		
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