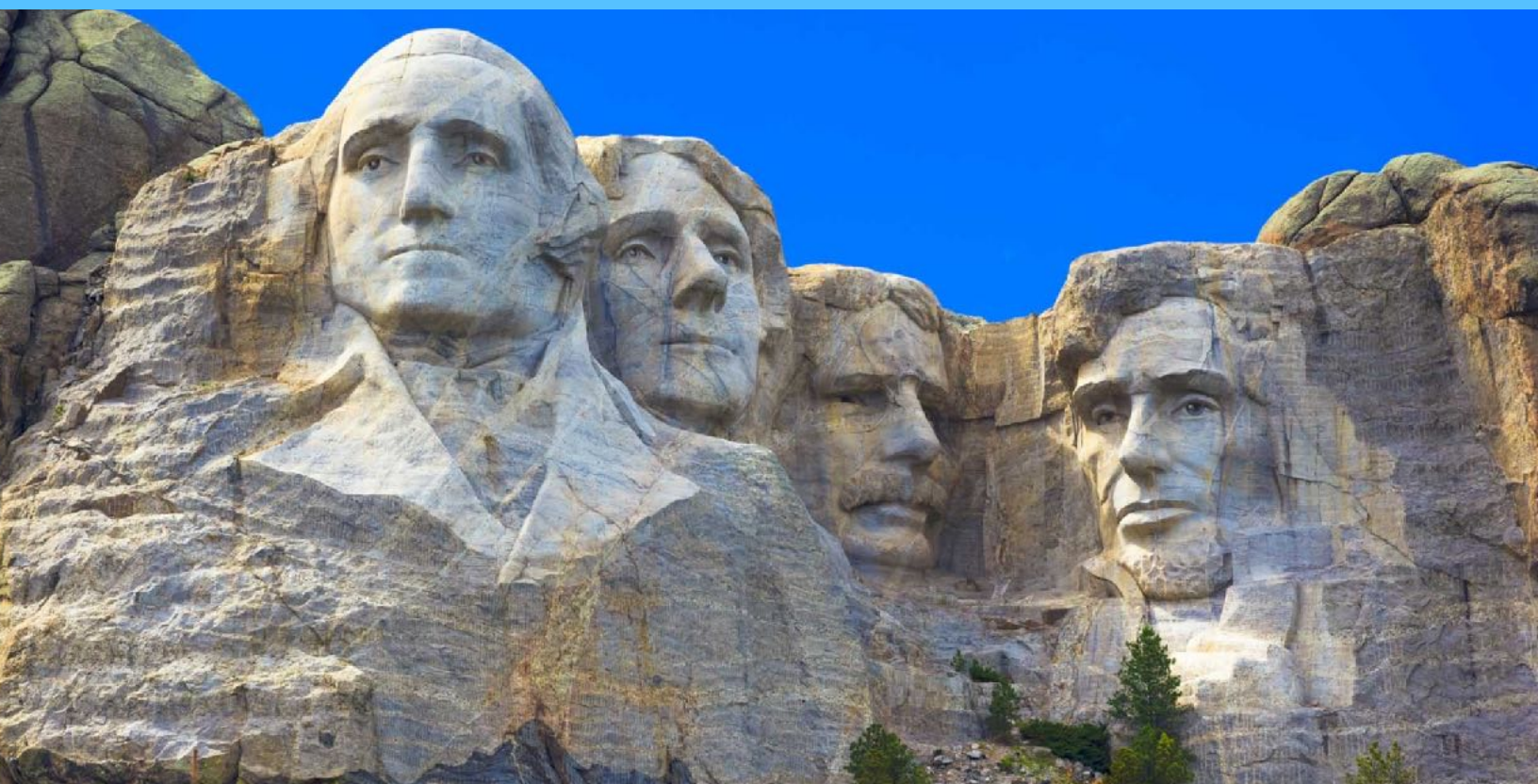


# Mt. Rushmore and The Badlands

## September 10th-15th, 2021



The Black Hills of South Dakota are home to many truly monumental places. From the four president's faces carved high on Mount Rushmore, the Cathedral Spires of Custer State Park, to the rugged Badlands in the east and Devils Tower in the west you will be amazed at the pure beauty found here. Covering more than five million acres of forest and mountain lands, an oasis in a sea of prairie, in the Black Hills you'll also find rich western history, abundant natural beauty and meaningful adventure.

### **Some Highlights:**

**Mount Rushmore National Monument**  
**Badlands National Park**  
**Wall Drug**  
**Minutemen Missile Silo's**  
**Chuckwagon Cookout**  
**Custer State Park & Needles Highway**  
**Tatanka: Story of the Bison**  
**Deadwood, SD City Tour**  
**Crazy Horse Memorial**  
**1880 Train and Museum**  
**Devil's Tower**

### **Lodging:**

**Alex Johnson Hotel (Five Nights)**

### **Price includes:**

**Fully Escorted Tour & Ten Meals,  
Luggage Handling, Photo Book of Tour,  
Tour Gratuities (including gratuities for  
Driver, included meals and guides)**

**For Registration & Detailed Itinerary:**

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**\$2095 PP Dbl (Plus Air)**

**\$495 single supplement**

**Optional Travel Insurance Available**

### **Day One – Rapid City, SD – Hotel Alex Johnson**

Welcome to South Dakota where your tour starts in Rapid City, the gateway to the Black Hills and known as The City of Presidents. This week our accommodations will be at the historic Hotel Alex Johnson. Tonight we will get to know our fellow travelers at our welcome dinner reception. **(Dinner)**

### **Day Two – Rapid City, SD – Hotel Alex Johnson**

This morning we are off to the Badlands National Park. Its striking landscapes span layered rock formations, steep canyons and towering spires. Get your camera's ready for when we stop at some of the best overlooks along the way. We'll leave the park and head to Wall Drug, America's grandest roadside attraction, where free ice water and 5 cent coffee is still available! Next, it's we are off to the Minutemen Missile Silos, then dinner this evening will be at The Firehouse Brewing Company, one of Rapid City's most unique landmarks. After dinner, feel free to walk back to our hotel which is right around the corner from "The Firehouse." **(Breakfast & Dinner)**

### **Day Three – Rapid City, SD – Hotel Alex Johnson**

After our morning breakfast, we'll start off with some shopping and tour at the Riddles Gold and Diamond Factory. Next, we stop at "Chapel in the Hills" and then the Visitor Center at Custer State Park. The center explores one iconic species of the prairie, the bison! Sit back and enjoy the 20 minute movie in the 100-seat theater. Then, we're off to the lodge to begin our Jeep Tour of Needles highway! The Needles Highway which is located at the western edge of Custer State Park is a beautiful 14-mile drive through pine and spruce forests with stunning geological formations surrounding the route. From Needles our jeeps will take us through the park's beautiful backroad to a mountain meadow canyon for a chuck wagon feast. Along with some live entertainment which adds a western flair to the event, we will have a delicious chuck wagon dinner experience. At the end of the evening, it is time to head back to the hotel for a good nights rest. **(Breakfast & Dinner)**

### **Day Four – Rapid City, SD – Hotel Alex Johnson**

After a hearty breakfast, we'll head into Wyoming to view Devils Tower. This butte was the first U.S. national monument, established in 1906 by President Theodore Roosevelt. We will leave there and head to Deadwood, SD where we'll walk in the footsteps of historic Old West legends like Wild Bill Hickok and Calamity Jane. As you explore the town, enjoy lunch on your own in one of the bars and saloons where the food is served in an old west atmosphere. Following lunch, we will journey through an authentic Lakota encampment at Kevin Costner's Tatanka: Story of the Bison, which was created after he filmed the movie "Dances with Wolves." Next, we will enjoy a city tour of Deadwood to experience the rich history of this "Wild West" town. Dinner tonight will be at the Deadwood Grill before returning to our hotel.. **(Breakfast and Dinner)**

### **Day Five – Rapid City, SD – Hotel Alex Johnson**

We start our last full day with the Crazy Horse Memorial. Next, we take a ride on the 1880 Narrow Gauge Train to Keystone, SD to shop and enjoy lunch on our own. After our lunch break, we will board the train and head back to Hill City where we explore railroad history of the Black Hills at the South Dakota State Railroad Museum. Next, we will have the chance to sample a few wines, as well as, enjoy a delicious dinner at Prairie Berry Winery in Hill City. Our final stop: the lighting of Mount Rushmore National Memorial. Gazing over the Black Hills, four U.S. presidents stand for hope, determination and the spirit of our nation. We will be able to see the sun set on Mount Rushmore as they light this great monument. Following the lighting of the memorial, we will head back to the hotel for a good nights sleep. **(Breakfast & Dinner)**

**Day Six** - This morning we will head to the airport and travel home with some unforgettable memories. Breakfast Included