

Mt. Rushmore in South Dakota



Tour: NKP20



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Single supplement \$1,099
Triple Reduction \$275
Prices are *per person*,
with a minimum of 16 participants

Majestic Mountains & More - National Parks Tour

May 27 – June 3, 2020
8 days, 7 nights

ESCORTED BY:
Neelie and Neils

TOUR HIGHLIGHTS:

- ★ Mt. Rushmore
- ★ Winery Tour and Tasting
- ★ Crazy Horse Monument
- ★ Custer State Park
- ★ Wildlife Jeep Safari
- ★ Badlands National Park
- ★ Western town of Deadwood
- ★ Fountain Paint Pots
- ★ Yellowstone National Park
- ★ Grand Teton National Park
- ★ Scenic Float trip on Snake River
- ★ SHOPPING!!!

TOUR INCLUSIONS:

- ★ Double occupancy accommodations as listed or similar
- ★ Deluxe motorcoach transportation for touring and airport transfers
- ★ Meals as indicated in itinerary
- ★ Admission to all activities indicated in the itinerary
- ★ Services of a professional tour guide
- ★ Luggage handling for 1 piece
- ★ All taxes and tips for provided services except coach driver and tour guide

Day 1: Wednesday, May 27, 2020 – Arrive Rapid City

Upon arrival at the Rapid City Airport today we meet our tour director and transfer to our downtown Rapid City hotel. After some free time to settle in and freshen up, we enjoy a welcome dinner followed by a wonderfully patriotic and inspiring event as we attend the Mt. Rushmore Evening Lighting Ceremony! We overnight in the **K-Bar S Lodge** or similar. **D**

Day 2: Thursday, May 28, 2020 – Black Hills

Today we enjoy sightseeing of the Black Hills as we return this morning to Mt. Rushmore National Memorial for a morning view of this magnificent monument. Next, we take a short drive to

Hill City and enjoy a Winery Tour and Tasting at a local winery followed by an included lunch. After lunch, make our way to Crazy Horse Monument for sightseeing of the yet unfinished mountain carving and insight into the Lakota culture. Later in the afternoon, we travel to Custer State Park and the historic State Game Lodge. Here we get up close and personal with the residents of this park as you head out on a Wildlife Jeep Safari to view the buffalo herds and much more. We return to the State Game Lodge and enjoy a fun cookout dinner. After a full day, return to Rapid City for overnight. **B, L, D**

Day 3: Friday, May 29, 2020 – Badlands, Deadwood

After breakfast, we take a short drive to Badlands National Park for sightseeing.

Non-refundable deposit of \$250 per person to reserve your space (plus insurance); Final payment due 90 days prior to departure. 3% fee if paying by Credit Card.

Optional travel insurance is available and recommended!



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**Day 6: Monday, June 1, 2020 –
Yellowstone, Grand Teton**

The morning, we return to Yellowstone National Park for another inspiring day. We travel the upper loop to Mammoth Hot Springs for a walk through the colorful terraced formations of calcium carbonate. Then we climb over Dunraven Pass on your way to Canyon Village for lunch on our own. Next we visit the impressive Grand Canyon of the Yellowstone, to see the magnificent 309 foot Lower Falls. We continue south as we follow the Yellowstone River through Hayden Valley, home to large herds of North American Bison (Buffalo). Once again we pass by Yellowstone Lake and West Thumb as you depart Yellowstone through the south gate and enter Grand Teton National Park for an afternoon of unsurpassed scenic beauty. We travel through the Tetons and see America's youngest and most rugged mountains piercing the clouds in majestic splendor with picture stops along the way. We arrive in the Old West town of Jackson, check in for a two-night stay. We overnight in the **Jackson Lake Lodge or similar, Jackson, WY. B**

**Day 7: Tuesday, June 2, 2020 –
Snake River, Grand Teton**

We start our day early as we return to Grand Teton National Park and enjoy a Scenic Float Trip on the Snake River. With this giant mountain range as a backdrop, we see the wildlife, the flora, and the sheer magnitude of nature. Our river guide will point out wildlife, explain the geology of the area and tell stories about local history and folklore. It will be a morning to remember. We take in additional sightseeing of Grand Teton and a stop for lunch and last minute shopping on our own along the way. Later in the afternoon, we return to Jackson after an amazing day in the Tetons! Our afternoon is free to explore all that Jackson has to offer. We enjoy a farewell dinner at a local restaurant in the heart of town. **B, D**

**Day 8: Wednesday, June 3, 2020 –
Departure Home**

After breakfast, transfer to the Jackson Airport for our departure flights home. **B**

The famous park consists of nearly 243,000 acres of sharply eroded buttes, pinnacles and spires blended with the largest, protected mixed grass prairie in the United States. After touring the park, we visit the Minuteman Missile National Historic Site, where we learn about these powerful weapons hidden under the plains. Then, it's on to the world-famous Wall Drug with free time to explore 76,000 sq ft of everything from state souvenirs and kitsch to fine art work and top of the line western wear. After lunch on our own, we take a beautiful drive through the Black Hills on your way to Deadwood for sightseeing of this rough and tumble western town famous for outlaws, gunslingers and lawmen alike. We take a sightseeing tour of the town before checking into our hotel located in the heart of the action. The rest of the evening is free to explore the shops of this historic town and have dinner on your own. **Holiday Inn Express Deadwood, or similar. B**

**Day 4: Saturday, May 30, 2020 –
Devil's Tower - Cody**

This morning we depart Deadwood and travel west returning to Wyoming for sightseeing of the nation's very first National Monument, Devil's Tower. Here we will have a chance to learn a little more of the history, geology, and folklore surrounding this spot that is a sacred place to Native Americans. The vast

prairie lands of Wyoming open before us as we travel to the small town of Buffalo and stop for lunch on our own. After lunch, take a scenic drive over the Bighorn Mountains as we travel to Cody for overnight. Cody was named for the man who made this region famous, William Cody, better known as Buffalo Bill. Tonight includes a western food and entertainment at the Cody Cattle Company with a chuckwagon style dinner, traditional cowboy music and some laughs. **Overnight in The Cody Hotel or similar. B, D**

**Day 5: Sunday, May 31, 2020 –
Cody, Yellowstone**

We start the day with touring the Buffalo Bill Center Of The West which includes 5 museums (and amazing gift shops) under one roof. Then we depart Cody and enter the world's first national park, Yellowstone National Park. We begin our Yellowstone experience by skirting the crystal-clear Yellowstone Lake. After time for lunch on our own, we make our way to Yellowstone's famous landmark, Old Faithful. There will be plenty of time to enjoy the geyser's regular display and explore the area. Then we visit Fountain Paint Pots on our way to West Yellowstone for overnight. The evening is free to explore West Yellowstone on our own. We overnight at the **Old Faithful Inn, Yellowstone. B**