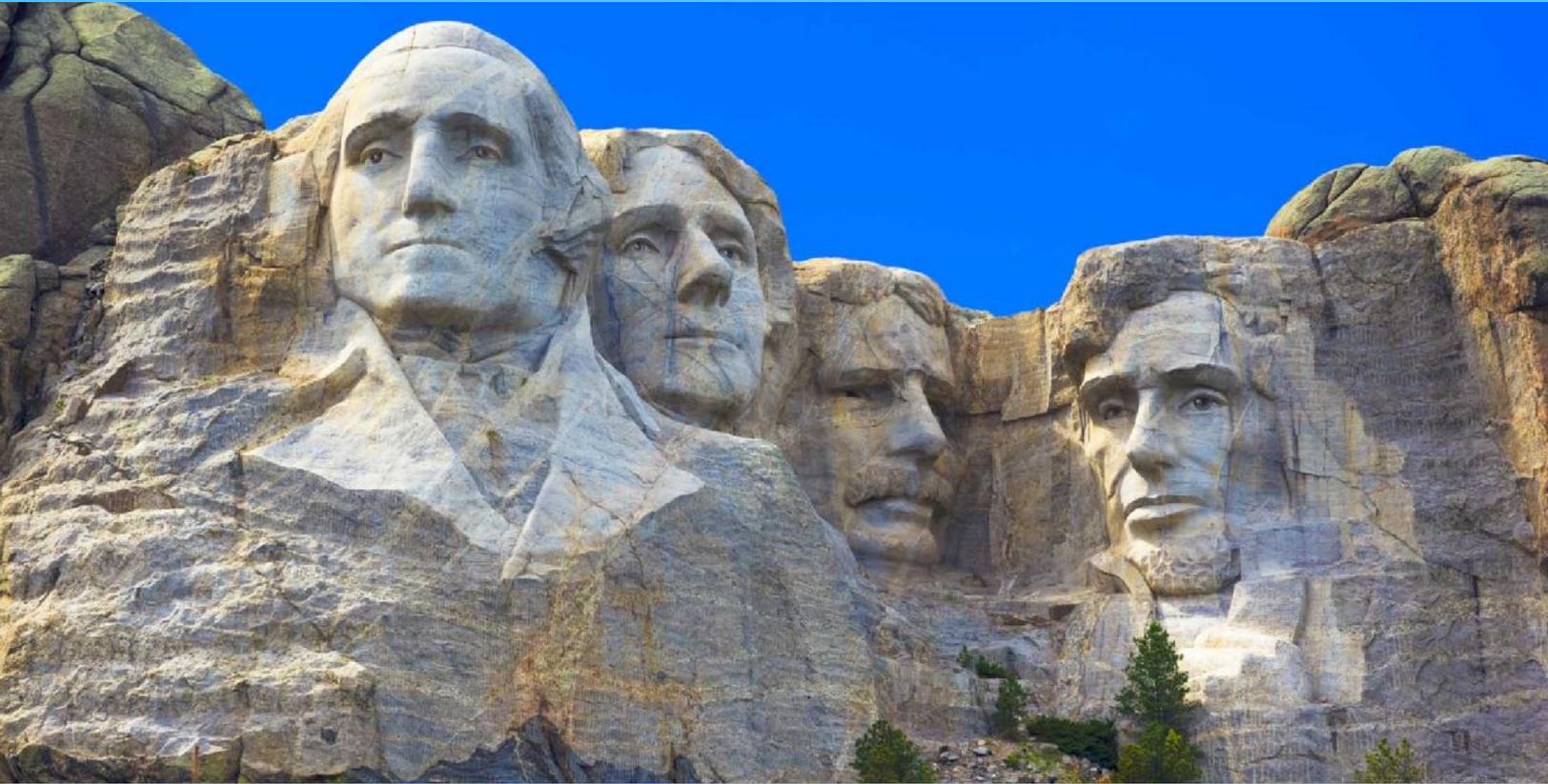


Mt. Rushmore and The Badlands



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
High Plains Western Heritage Ctr.
Deadwood, SD City Tour
Crazy Horse Memorial
1880 Train and Museum
Devil's Tower
Nine Meals

Lodging:

Alex Johnson Hotel
(A Hilton Curio Collection)

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Day One – Rapid City, SD – The Alex Johnson (or similar)

Welcome to South Dakota where the tour starts in Rapid City, the gateway to the Black Hills and known as The City of Presidents. A series of life-sized bronze statues of our nation's past presidents greet guests in the downtown area. These statues are a tribute to America's heritage and a historic reminder of the legacy our nation's presidents have created. This week our accommodations will be at the historic Alex Johnson Hotel. Tonight, we will get to know our fellow travelers at our welcome dinner reception. **(Dinner)**

Day Two – Rapid City, SD – The Alex Johnson (or similar)

This morning we are off to Badlands National Park. Its striking landscapes span layered rock formations, steep canyons and towering spires. Wildlife abounds in the park's 244,000 acres and can often be seen while driving the Badlands Loop State Scenic Byway. 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! Following lunch on our own, we are off to the Minutemen Missile National Historic Site. Dinner on own this evening with great restaurants nearby. **(Breakfast)**

Day Three – Rapid City, SD – The Alex Johnson (or similar)

After our morning breakfast, we'll start off with some shopping and a tour at the Riddles Gold and Diamond Factory which is famous for "Black Hills Gold." Next, it's off to "Chapel in the Hills." Created by Dr. Harry R. Greagerson, it is a replica of the famous Borgund stavkirke of Laerdal, Norway. Our next stop is 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 Game Lodge where lunch is on own and we begin our Buffalo Safari Jeep Tour and Chuck Wagon Feast! **(Breakfast & Dinner)**

Day Four – Rapid City, SD – The Alex Johnson (or similar)

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. Next, it's Deadwood, SD where we'll walk in the footsteps of historic Old West legends like Wild Bill Hickok and Calamity Jane. Here we'll enjoy lunch on our own in one of the bars and saloons where the food is served in an old west atmosphere. After our Old West tour of the town, we will enjoy dinner and a show at the High Plains Western Heritage Center. **(Breakfast & Dinner)**

Day Five – Rapid City, SD – The Alex Johnson (or similar)

We start the morning with a visit to the Mount Rushmore National Memorial. Gazing over the Black Hills, four U.S. presidents stand for hope, determination and the spirit of our nation. Completed in 1941, Gutzon Borglum and 400 workers sculpted the colossal faces of George Washington, Thomas Jefferson, Theodore Roosevelt and Abraham Lincoln to represent the first 150 years of the great experiment in democracy that is America. After some shopping and lunch time in Keystone we board the 1880 train for Hill City! This narrated 20-mile trip takes us through vistas of Harney Peak, mining encampments and the scenic hills following the original route of the Chicago Burlington and Quincy Railroad laid down in the late 1880's. Next, it's Crazy Horse Memorial. This is a mountain monument under construction which will depict a Lakota warrior, riding a horse and pointing to his tribal land. The monument has been in progress since 1948 and is far from completion. Take time to enjoy this monument in progress while learning about the Native Americans who once ruled this land. Our farewell dinner will include some wine tasting at the Prairie Berry Winery & Restaurant in Hill City. After dinner our final stop will be the lighting of Mount Rushmore National Memorial! We will be able to see the sun set on Mount Rushmore as they light this great monument. **(Breakfast & Dinner)**

Day Six – Rapid City, SD – Home - Memories of majestic peaks and mighty presidents will be with us as we head off to the airport this morning for our departure home. **(Breakfast)**