

## Spotlight on South Dakota *featuring Mount Rushmore & The Badlands*

### Highlights...

Crazy Horse Memorial • Mount Rushmore • Badlands National Park • Wall Drug • Deadwood • Choice on Tour • High Plains Heritage Center • Off-Road Jeep Safari at Custer State Park • Devils Tower National Monument



7 Days • 7 Meals: 5 Breakfasts • 2 Dinners

#### Collette experiences

- Search for buffalo and other wildlife in Custer State Park on an exciting off-road Jeep safari.
- Stroll past 150 years of American history on the Presidential Trail.
- Enjoy time to explore at the lofty Devils Tower.

#### Must-see inclusions

- Travel to the otherworldly Badlands National Park.
- Visit epic Mount Rushmore.
- Explore Deadwood, a National Historic Landmark that pays tribute to the ways of the Wild West.

#### Culinary inclusions

- Delight in local flavors during a Western dinner show.

#### Day 1: Rapid City, South Dakota - Tour Begins

Welcome to the West. Your tour opens in Rapid City, long known as the gateway to the Black Hills. Tonight, you and your fellow travelers gather for a welcome dinner featuring a Native American chronicler who shares stories about the Lakota and Sioux way of life. *Today dinner will be included.*

#### Day 2: Rapid City - Crazy Horse - Mt. Rushmore - Rapid City

Learn the history of enterprising Westerners at the Chapel in the Hills. Visit Crazy Horse Memorial and delve into the story of the largest, still-in-progress mountain sculpture. Visit the Indian Museum of North America, the Native American Cultural Center, the sculptor's studio, orientation center and theaters. Continue to Mount Rushmore. Spend time with the epic figures of Washington, Jefferson, Roosevelt, and Lincoln as you stroll along the Presidential Trail, offering the closest view of this iconic sculpture. This evening, return to Mount Rushmore for the nighttime lighting ceremony.\* *Today breakfast will be included.*

#### Day 3: Rapid City - Badlands - Wall - Rapid City

Embrace the allure of wide-open spaces and explore the larger-than-life Badlands National Park. At the visitor center, the stage is set for your adventure, with informative exhibits, displays and video to introduce you to the area. Travel the Badlands Loop Road, home to vibrant colors and rock formations created by mineral deposits. Visit the legendary Wall Drug, a store barely changed since 1936. Do a little browsing, have a seat at the soda fountain, and perhaps grab a bite for lunch. *Today breakfast will be included.*

#### Day 4: Rapid City - Deadwood - Rapid City

Get ready for Deadwood, where gold, gambling, and gunpowder were once the order of the day. This morning, **it's your choice!** Take a guided tour of the Adams Museum, dedicated to preserving Deadwood's history **-OR-** visit Kevin Costner's Tatanka: Story of the Bison, sculptures depicting the relationship between bison and the Lakota. This afternoon, this National Historic Landmark comes alive as if you've stepped onto the set of an old-fashioned Western. A local guide shows you the town, including where Wild Bill Hickok and Calamity Jane are buried. This evening, enjoy a dinner and Western show at the High Plains Heritage Center. *Today breakfast and dinner will be included.*

#### Day 5: Rapid City - Custer - Rapid City

Head to Custer State Park and keep your eyes peeled for bighorn sheep or wandering elk. Take in the lush landscape, rocky outcrops, and grazing animals as you make your way through South Dakota's first state park. Venture off road with an exciting Buffalo Safari, cruising deep into the park in an open-air jeep and searching for herds of roaming buffalo. *Today breakfast will be included.*

#### Day 6: Rapid City - Devils Tower National Monument, Wyoming - Rapid City

Get your bearings at the Geographic Center of the Nation, marking the middle of the US. Cross into Wyoming and view the first national monument - Devils Tower. Stand in awe before this lofty monolith, perhaps hiking the 1.3 mile Tower Trail around the base. Although famous as the backdrop in *Close Encounters of the Third Kind*, the tower is also sacred to many local tribes. This evening, join your fellow travelers for dinner as the end of your South Dakota adventure draws near. *Today breakfast and dinner will be included.*

#### Day 7: Rapid City - Tour Ends

Say goodbye to Rapid City as your tour comes to a close today. *Today breakfast will be included.*

#### Experience It! Crazy Horse Memorial

Crazy Horse Memorial, the world's largest mountain sculpture now in progress, is located in the Black Hills of South Dakota. The nine-story-high face of Crazy Horse, a visionary leader committed to preserving the traditions and values of the Lakota way of life, was completed in 1998 when work shifted to the 22-story-high massive horse's head. The work was begun in 1948 by sculptor Korczak Ziolkowski at the request of Native Americans, and Ziolkowski determined that the memorial would be more than just a sculpture – it would be a humanitarian project, whereby the stories of Native American peoples would be relayed to present and future generations through the collection and preservation of

Indian culture and heritage. Visitors to the memorial can view the progress of the sculpture, as well as tour an Indian museum, cultural center, the sculptor's studio, and orientation center. Although Ziolkowski died in 1982, his wife, Ruth, and their family continue to work on the project in collaboration with the Crazy Horse Memorial Foundation.

### Your itinerary at a glance

Days 1 – 6      Residence Inn Marriott, Rapid City, SD

On some dates alternate hotels may be used.

**Single-hotel Stays:** Unpack just once and explore the world's most iconic cities during Spotlights' single-hotel stays. The leisurely pace offers you the chance to get to know these destinations like a local. Must-see cultural highlights are always included, plus there's plenty of time to explore independently, creating your own unique adventure.

## Please Note:

Economy air rate and schedule are applicable for groups of 10 or more traveling on the same flights and dates.

\*Mount Rushmore Lighting Ceremony is available May 27 - September 30, 2022.

Single accommodations are limited and are available on a first come, first served basis.

To complete your tour, we include roundtrip airport-to-hotel transfers when purchasing our airfare with your tour. If you have arranged for your own air, we are pleased to provide you the option of *purchasing* these transfers. Please note that all transfers will leave at pre-scheduled times.

When reserving a triple room, please note it will have two double beds. Due to fire safety regulations, a rollaway bed cannot be brought into the room.

Please be advised many airlines do not provide advance seat assignments until check-in at the airport. Advance seating will be subject to the airline's terms and conditions.

### IDENTIFICATION

#### Travel within USA

For travel completed by May 2, 2023, all airlines will ask for identification when you check in. It is recommended that you carry a passport if you have one. A driver's license (with a photo I.D.) is also acceptable for domestic flights.

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**The overall activity level of this tour is a level 2.** This means you like a balanced approach to travel. You feel confident walking at least 30-45 minutes at a time over a variety of terrains – from cobblestone streets to easy pathways; a couple of hills or a few flights of stairs. You're comfortable walking a few city blocks at a time, but need some time to unwind and relax.

## Important reservation information:

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**\*Airfare:** For your convenience, we offer airfare for purchase with all vacation packages. If you purchase an air inclusive program, your airfare will be quoted inclusive of all fuel, taxes and fees. Your rates are subject to change until paid in full. Preassigned seats are limited and may not be available on every flight or departure date.

**Checked Baggage Charges:** Some airlines may impose additional charges if you choose to check any baggage. Please contact your airline or refer to its website for detailed information regarding your airline's checked baggage policies.

**Cancellation Charges for this tour:** After your seat reduction date has passed, a non-refundable deposit will be retained. For Cancellation between 60-16 days prior to departure: cancellation fee of 30% of total price. For cancellation between 15-1 days prior to departure: cancellation fee of 50% of total price. For cancellation on the day of departure and after: 100% of total price. For Ocean Cruises: For cancellation between 90-61 days prior to departure: cancellation fee of 35% of total price. For cancellation between 60-31 days prior to departure: 60% of total price. 30 or fewer days prior to departure: 100% of total price. For River Cruises: including Europe, Russia, Egypt and China, 90-61 days prior to departure: cancellation fee of 50% of total price. For cancellation between 60-31 days prior to departure: cancellation fee of 85% of total price. For cancellation 30 or fewer days prior to departure: cancellation fee of 100% of total price. For Galapagos and Antarctica: A cancellation fee of 60% will apply for cancellation between 120-90 days prior to departure; A cancellation charge of 100% will apply for cancellation less than 90 days prior to departure. Cancellation protection is highly recommended and must be purchased at time of deposit. Air rates are subject to change until tour is paid in full. If Travel Protection Plan has not been purchased and a reservation is cancelled for any reason prior to departure - Air is 100% non-refundable once paid in full. Cancellation charges also apply to reservations made for "pre" and "post" night accommodations. Payment of a Per Person Travel Protection Plan Fee guarantees a full refund of all payments (including deposit), except the Travel Protection Plan Fee itself, made to Collette for travel arrangements in case of cancellation of your travel plans for any reason prior to the day of departure. The Travel Protection Plan Fee with Air only covers airline tickets you have purchased from Collette. Exception: If you originally purchased nonrefundable airline tickets, Part B of the Travel Protection Plan may provide a refund for the airline tickets, taxes, or fees in the event of a cancellation for a covered reason (see Part B for more details). The Travel Protection Plan Fee does not cover any single supplement charges which arise from an individual's traveling companion electing to cancel for any reason prior to departure. However, the Part B travel insurance includes a single supplement benefit of \$1,000 for certain covered reasons as detailed in Part B. In this case, the single supplement will be deducted from the refund of the person who cancels. Division of this charge between the two passengers involved is solely their responsibility. If insufficient funds are deducted from the canceling client, the traveling client will be charged the remaining portion of the single supplement. Cancellation waiver protects you from penalties in the event you have a need to cancel your entire inclusive tour package up to the day prior to departure. Cancellation waiver does not indemnify you from penalties if you chose to cancel partial tour components or air. If you chose to partially cancel your vacation, you will be responsible for a revision fee as well as any penalties that are incurred at the time of the cancellation. Upon cancellation of transportation or travel services where you, the customer, are not at fault and have not canceled in violation of the terms and conditions above, you will be refunded 100%. Please see your sales agent for more information, or review our brochure for details.

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