

Dakotas Showcase

JUNE 10-17, 2025

Featuring the Theodore Roosevelt Experience in Medora and a full day tour of the Black Hills

See the American Frontier as it was in the times of Teddy Roosevelt, Crazy Horse, and Wild Bill Hickock. With museums, guided tours, national parks, and a musical, experience the very best of what these states have to offer as you journey through the Great Plains.

DAY 1: OMAHA

Saddle up for our Dakota Adventure! Fly to Omaha and take a short drive to Sioux Falls, SD for dinner and an overnight stay. *D*

DAY 2: SIOUX FALLS

Sioux Falls, the largest city in South Dakota, is our first stop in the Dakotas. Take a guided tour of the U.S.S. South Dakota Battleship Memorial, commemorating the lead ship of her class in the United States Navy from 1942 to 1947. After a visit to the triple waterfall at Falls Park and lunch at the Falls Overlook Cafe, visit the largest collection of art by renowned American artist Terry Redlin at the Redlin Art Center. *B*, *L*

Medora Musical
and Theodore Roosevelt
National Park named best
"things to do" in North Dakota
by Midwest
Living.

DAY 3: BISMARCK

Tour the Hjemkomst Interpretive Center in Moorhead, MN including a Hopperstad Stave Church replica and the Hjemkomst Viking Ship. Journey across North Dakota to the capital city of Bismarck. Experience the state's 600 million years of geologic past during a visit to the North Dakota Heritage Center. Head west into the North Dakota Badlands for a two-night stay at the historic Rough Riders Hotel in the heart of downtown Medora. *B*, *D*

DAY 4: EXPLORING MEDORA

Join our local expert for a guided tour of Theodore Roosevelt National Park, a habitat for bison, elk and prairie dogs where the Great Plains meet the rugged Badlands.



Mt. Rushmore



Spend afternoon leisure time in the authentic Old West town of Medora. Enjoy the nationally-acclaimed Pitchfork Steak Fondue dinner before we mosey over to the Burning Hills Amphitheatre for a live performance of the musical variety show, *Medora Musical. B, D*

DAY 5: DEADWOOD

Journey south into Deadwood, South Dakota and see firsthand where legendary Wild Bill Hickok, Calamity Jane and other gold rush characters made their name in the historic town that puts the "wild" in Wild West. Visit "Tatanka, Story of the Bison" to learn about the symbiotic relationship between the Lakota Nation and the iconic animal of the Great Plains. B, D

DAY 6: BLACK HILLS

Enjoy spectacular close-ups as we take a jeep tour amidst herds of bison and elk through the rolling hills of Custer State Park. After lunch at the State Game Lodge, learn about the heritage of the plains Sioux at Crazy Horse Memorial and visit the iconic Mt. Rushmore National Monument. *B, L*

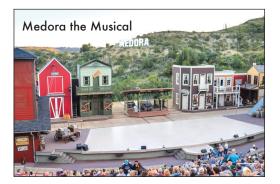
DAY 7: BADLANDS NATIONAL PARK

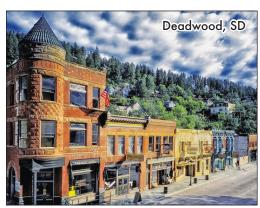
Experience the rugged beauty of Badlands National Park on a morning drive. Look for bighorn sheep and prairie dogs as you wind through the colorful geological formations that contain one of the world's richest fossil beds. Visit the Minuteman Missile National Historic Site and Delta-9 Silo, where a missile from the Cold War arms race sits beneath the prairie. Continue to Oacama, where Lewis & Clark camped on the banks of the Missouri River, for a comfortable stay at the Arrowwood Cedar Shore Resort. *B*, *D*

DAY 8: OACOMA

Explore the Akta Lakota Museum, where the history, culture, legends, and art of the Lakota people of the Dakotas are preserved and displayed. Before departing the land of the Sioux, visit the brand-new Dignity of Earth and Sky, a towering Native American sculpture overlooking the Missouri River. Return to Omaha for a return flight home. B, D *









TOUR DETAILS

8 Days • 15 Meals
Jun 10-17, 2025
Price Per Person:
DB \$3,099, TP/QD \$2,799, \$G \$3,899

Depart/ Return:



Edwardsville

HIGHLIGHTS

- See a full-scale Hjemkomst Viking Ship
- Walk where Teddy Roosevelt found adventure and inspiration
- Learn about North Dakota's rich heritage and history
- View animals and scenery iconic of the American West
- Go behind the scenes of the Delta-09 missile silo
- Foster learning about the American pioneer experience

INCLUSIONS

- Meals as indicated (B=breakfast, L=lunch, D=dinner)
- Accompanied by a professional tour director throughout your vacation
- Baggage handling at most hotels
- On board refreshments on travel days
- Activities as indicated
- Roundtrip airfare from STL airport
- Transportation from/to Edwardsville to STL airport

ACCOMMODATIONS

Night 1: Holiday Inn Express, Sioux

Falls, SD (or similar)

Night 2: Best Western Plus Kelly Inn & Suites

Nights 3-4: Rough Riders Hotel

Night 5-6: Comfort Inn & Suites

Night 7: Cedar Shore Resort, Oacoma