THE BLACK HILLS AND BADLANDS
A WESTERN ADVENTURE IN SOUTH DAKOTA!

AUGUST 15 - 21, 2021
7 DAYS AND 6 NIGHTS

The Black Hills and Badlands of Western South Dakota - Where seeing is believing!
The history of this area will capture your imagination as you gaze at expansive landscapes, roaming buffalo and hillsides carved into magnificent images.
Join us as we visit Mt. Rushmore and the Crazy Horse Monument, as well as Custer State Park where you learn about the Custer Expedition of 1874!
Spend a day in Deadwood and hear the colorful history of Wild Bill Hickok, Calamity Jane and Poker Alice! Marvel at the stark beauty of the Badlands with its unique and beautiful buttes, plateaus and spires! Ride an authentic 1880 Steam Train on a historic trip through the Black Hills, and visit an active Mammoth dig that is the largest in the world.
This is a perfect way to enjoy South Dakota, made all the more so since you're staying in just one lodge! The K Bar S Lodge is nestled in the scenic Black Hills National Forest. No packing and unpacking - just relaxed mornings with a glimpse of Mt. Rushmore and perhaps marshmallows roasting on the fire in the evening. What a delightful way to experience the laid back lifestyle of Western South Dakota!

Itinerary

August 15, 2021 - Your Journey Begins!
Your Western adventure begins as you arrive in Rapid City, gateway to the Black Hills, the Badlands and Mt. Rushmore. A representative will meet you and assist with your hotel transfer to Keystone, SD, near the base of Mt. Rushmore. Here you'll unpack for your entire vacation! The K Bar S Lodge is the perfect mix of style and comfort, secluded in the heart of the beautiful Black Hills. Tonight at Fort Hays, you'll see buildings used in the filming of “Dances with Wolves,” and enjoy a hearty Chuckwagon Dinner complete with entertainment. A true South Dakota Welcome!
Overnight: K Bar S Lodge, Keystone (D)

August 16, 2021 - Historic Deadwood!
This morning, head out for historic Deadwood. Along the way, you'll hear stories of the gold seekers who made their way to the Black Hills during the Gold Rush of 1876. Deadwood became a notorious town, and you'll visit legendary Boot Hill and see the graves of Wild Bill Hickok and Calamity Jane. The history of this booming gold mining camp will come to life as your guide recounts Deadwood’s colorful history. Continue up to nearby Lead, home of the Homestead Gold Mine where more than 1.2 million kilograms of gold were extracted. Closed since 2002, it’s now home to a scientific research lab on dark matter particles. Dinner is included tonight before returning to the Lodge.
Overnight: K Bar S Lodge, Keystone (B/D)

August 17, 2021 - Magnificent Mt. Rushmore & The 1880 Train!
Today after breakfast, you'll depart for a ride on the 1880 Steam Train! Enjoy magnificent vistas, see mining encampments and enjoy some good old fashioned fun! Follow the original route of the Chicago/Burlington Railroad laid down in the 1880s, servicing mines between Hill City and Keystone. After this scenic and historic ride, you'll get free time to explore the town of Hill City, where the quaint shops make it a great place to stroll main street and enjoy lunch on your own. Later this afternoon you'll depart for Mt. Rushmore, set in the natural beauty of the Black Hills. The faces of Thomas Jefferson, George Washington, Theodore Roosevelt and Abraham Lincoln come to life in the granite rock. Mt. Rushmore truly symbolizes the courage, strength, preservation and growth of the United States. Dinner tonight is included at Mt. Rushmore National Monument.
Overnight: K Bar S Lodge, Keystone (B/D)

August 18, 2021 - Black Hills Gold and Rapid City!
This morning after breakfast, you'll depart for Rapid City. Your first stop will be at the Mt. Rushmore Black Hills Gold factory. You'll learn how the famous Black Hills gold jewelry is made and see the new diamond cutting process as well! To be considered Black Hills Gold, items must be designed in traditional tri-color gold with a grape leaf motif, and be manufactured in the Black Hills of South Dakota. Your day continues with a visit to the Journey Museum which traces the history of this area from prehistoric times to the Great Plains of the American West. You'll travel through 300 years of history as you watch the epic story of the Lakota nation unfold and come to understand the historic events that forever changed the Lakota homeland. You'll have time in Rapid City for lunch on your own and a bit of shopping. As you wander the streets and sidewalks, you'll find a series of life-size bronze statues of our nation's past presidents, a project honoring the legacy of the American presidency. Dinner tonight is on your own in Keystone.
Overnight: K Bar S Lodge, Keystone (B)
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spectacular scenery and grew in popularity when sheep and wild burros also make this their home. The park is famous for continue to

Sculptor Korczak Ziolkowski and Lakota Chief Henry Standing Bear world’s largest sculpture when you visit the August 19, 2021

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Call today to reserve your space!!! Reservations for “The Black Hills and Badlands” are accepted on a first come/first served basis. An initial $650.00 deposit is required to hold space on this tour. This deposit is fully refundable up to May 7, 2021. Final payment is due in the TRIPS office on or before May 7, 2021. Therefore, please make sure that that payment is submitted at least 10 days prior to this date. 100% non-refundable as of May 7, 2021.

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