



Traveling Bearkats presents

Black Hills and Badlands

featuring 6 Nights at One Hotel in Rapid City

7 Days **August 25-31, 2027**



BOOKING DISCOUNT!

Save \$100 Per Person
\$200 Per Couple*

*See Reservation Info for
Booking Discount details

NO RISK DEPOSIT NO CHANGE FEES

Book Now and your Deposit is
Risk Free with No Change Fees
until Final Payment Due Date!
See Res Form for details**

Dear Alumni and Friends,

Join us on this action packed, fun filled & historical adventure to the Wild West featuring six nights at one hotel in Rapid City, South Dakota. The highlights are numerous starting with the incredible Mount Rushmore National Memorial which is centered around a sculpture carved into the granite face of Mount Rushmore in the Black Hills in Keystone, SD. Mount Rushmore was selected because it has the advantage of facing southeast for maximum sun exposure. Here see the awesome sculptures of Washington, Jefferson, Roosevelt and Lincoln. Then visit Crazy Horse Memorial, still in progress, a giant mountainside sculpture of the famous Indian Chief astride his pony. Custer State Park is famous as a wildlife preserve featuring a herd of 1,500 free roaming buffalo where you will experience a thrilling Buffalo Jeep Safari in search of some of the herd.

Visit Devil's Tower National Monument in Wyoming and historic Deadwood, SD, the 1876 rough and tumble gold camp & gambling town where Wild West legends were made like Wild Bill Hickok and Calamity Jane. Enjoy a visit to The Mammoth Site, a working paleontological site and museum containing the largest concentration of Columbian and Woolly mammoths ever found in their primary context (where they died). Explore Badlands National Park containing spectacular examples of weathering, erosion, fantastic ridges, cliffs and canyons of variegated color.

Enjoy a trip back in time on an authentic narrow-gauge railroad dating back to the Black Hills Gold Rush. The Journey Museum traces the geology of the Black Hills and tells the story of the people who inhabited these lands. Enjoy dinner at the K-Bar S Lodge nestled in the beautiful Black Hills followed by Mt. Rushmore at Night to experience this American treasure illuminated in a whole new light to conclude your legendary tour.

Please review the itinerary details and count the extras. With roundtrip airfare included, we hope you can join us and agree this is an amazing trip.

Cheers,

Charlie Vienne

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Associate VP for Alumni Relations & Annual Giving
Executive Director of the SHSU Alumni Association





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Highlights

- Mount Rushmore
- Mount Rushmore at Night
- Devil's Tower Nat'l Monument
- Crazy Horse Memorial
- Fort Hays
- Badlands National Park
- Wall Drug Store
- Custer State Park
- Buffalo Jeep Safari
- State Game Lodge Dinner
- 1880 Train
- Deadwood
- The Mammoth Site
- The Journey Museum
- K Bar S Lodge Dinner
- Chuckwagon Supper & Cowboy Show



Inclusions

- Roundtrip Airfare - IAH**
- 10 Meals: 6-Breakfasts & 4-Dinners
- Two Beer & Wine Receptions
- Professional Tour Director
- Sightseeing per Itinerary
- Motorcoach Transportation
- Hotel Transfers
- Baggage Handling at Hotel

Accommodations

- 6 Nights Accommodations
- Doubletree by Hilton Rapid City
- Downtown Convention Center, Rapid City



On some dates alternate hotels may be used

Tour Rates

Booking Discount*:	\$3974 pp double
Regular Rate:	\$4074 pp double
Single Supplement:	+\$925

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****Other gateways are available. For more information and pricing, please call Premier World Discovery at 877-953-8687.**

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Daily Itinerary

DAY 1: ARRIVE RAPID CITY

Today arrive in Rapid City & check into your hotel for a 6 night stay. This evening enjoy a **Beer & Wine Reception** followed by a **Welcome Dinner** with your traveling companions.

☒ (D) Overnight: Rapid City

DAY 2: MOUNT RUSHMORE - CRAZY HORSE MEMORIAL

This morning visit **Mt. Rushmore** featuring the awesome sculptures of Washington, Jefferson, Roosevelt and Lincoln. Each face is 60 feet high and is carved into the rugged granite mountainside with intricate perfection. Continue onto the **Crazy Horse Memorial**, still in progress. View the giant mountainside sculpture of the famous Indian Chief astride his pony. This afternoon visit **Custer State Park** famous as a wildlife preserve featuring a herd of 1,500 free roaming buffalo. Experience a thrilling **Buffalo Jeep Safari** in search of some of the herd. Enjoy dinner at the famous **State Game Lodge**, built 1920 and listed on the national register of historic places with past guests including Presidents Coolidge & Eisenhower.

☒ (B,D) Overnight: Rapid City

DAY 3: DEVIL'S TOWER - DEADWOOD

Today journey west into Wyoming to visit **Devil's Tower National Monument** to view the 867 foot monolith. Return east into South Dakota to visit historic **Deadwood**. Meet your local guide and explore the 1876 rough and tumble gold camp & gambling town where Wild West legends were made like Wild Bill Hickok, Calamity Jane and Seth Bullock. The entire city is a national historic landmark and features an incredibly preserved Main Street. Later drive through beautiful Spearfish Canyon, a scenic drive in the Black Hills.

☒ (B) Overnight: Rapid City

DAY 4: THE MAMMOTH SITE - THE JOURNEY MUSEUM

This morning travel to **The Mammoth Site** in Hot Springs, the museum features the greatest concentration of mammoth remains in the world. As of 2016, the remains of 61 mammoths including 58 North American Columbian and 3 Woolly mammoths had been recovered. Mammoth bones were found at the site in 1974, and a museum and building enclosing the site were established. Next visit one of Rapid City's newest attractions, the city-owned \$12 million **The Journey Museum** which traces the geology of the Black Hills and tells the story of the people who inhabited these lands. The Journey features four museums including the Sioux Indian Museum. Enjoy the remainder of the day at your own pace.

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DAY 5: BADLANDS NATIONAL PARK - FORT HAYS

Today visit and drive through **Badlands National Park**, located between the White and Cheyenne Rivers. The area contains spectacular examples of weathering, erosion, fantastic ridges, cliffs and canyons of variegated color. Later explore the unusual and well-known **Wall Drug Store**, famous for its "Free Ice Water". This afternoon visit the **Fort Hays Dances with Wolves Movie Set** to see some of the original buildings used in the Oscar winning film. Later at the same location enjoy a fun filled **Chuckwagon Supper & Cowboy Show**.

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DAY 6: 1880 TRAIN - MT. RUSHMORE AT NIGHT

This morning enjoy a short drive to Hill City to explore Main Street and board the **1880 Train** for a rail journey through history & scenery. The 1880 Train is an authentic narrow gauge railroad dating back to the Black Hills Gold Rush. Tonight meet your fellow Alumni travelers for a **Beer & Wine Reception** followed by a special **Farewell Dinner** at the **K Bar S Lodge** nestled in the beautiful Black Hills just outside Keystone. Following dinner experience **Mt. Rushmore at Night** to see this American treasure illuminated.

☒ (B,D) Overnight: Rapid City

DAY 7: RAPID CITY - FLIGHT HOME

Today depart from Rapid City filled with wonderful memories of your Black Hills and Badlands travel experience.

☒ (B)

Reservation Information

DEPOSIT & FINAL PAYMENT

Deposit of \$400 per person is due with Reservation Form to secure reservations.
Final Payment Due Date is 90 days prior to departure.

*BOOKING DISCOUNT

Make your Final Payment by check prior to the Final Payment Due Date
& receive **\$200 per couple/\$100 per person Booking Discount!**

*Land Only/Own Air bookings receive \$100 per couple/\$50 per person Booking Discount

•Initial Deposit can be made by check or credit card to be eligible.

•Payments after Initial Deposit are considered part of Final Payment & must be made by check.

ONLINE BOOKING OPTION - Save time, postage & secure your seat for this group departure.

Simply type **<https://res.premierworlddiscovery.com>** into your web browser & use the Booking Number (Web Code) from this flyer to make your Deposit online in just a few minutes.
No need to submit a Reservation Form if booking online.

Reservation Form

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Booking #223858 (Web Code)

Make Checks Payable to:

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Phone: 877.953.8687 Fax: 310.372.0637

Email: bookings@pwd.travel

Website: <https://res.premierworlddiscovery.com>

Enclosed find a Deposit in the amount of \$ _____ (\$400 per person) to secure reservations for _____ # of people.

Premier's Travel Protection Plan (TPP): *(TPP must be purchased with initial deposit)*

☐ Yes, I (we) wish to purchase travel protection (TPP)

☐ No, I (we) decline travel protection (TPP)

Enclosed find payment in the amount of \$ _____ (\$425 per person) to secure the Premier's Travel Protection Plan (TPP).

Total Payment \$ _____

DEPARTURE AIRPORT _____ **ROOMMATE'S DEPARTURE AIRPORT** _____

see tour details panel for included group airport/departure city. Supplements may apply for other departure airport requests.

To avoid change fees, submit full legal names (first/mid/last) **exactly as they appear on the government issued ID** used for travel **(REAL ID/PASSPORT)**

Legal Name: _____
First Name(s) Middle Name(s) Last Name(s)

REAL ID/Passport does not include middle name(s) ☐

☐ *Check if Roommate's address is the same*

DOB (MM/DD/YY) ____/____/____ Gender ☐ M ☐ F

Roommate's Legal Name: _____
First Name(s) Middle Name(s) Last Name(s)

REAL ID/Passport does not include middle name(s) ☐

DOB (MM/DD/YY) ____/____/____ Gender ☐ M ☐ F

Your Address _____

City _____ State _____ ZIP _____

Tel # _____ Mbl # _____

Email Address _____

Emergency Contact/Tel # _____

Other Notes _____

Cardholder Name *(if paying by credit card)* _____

Amount to be charged \$ _____ ☐  ☐  ☐  ☐ 

Credit Card #: _____ Exp. Date: ____/____ CVV# _____

Cardholder Billing Address: ☐ *Check if address is the same as above* _____

Signature Required _____ **Today's Date:** _____

(for credit card use & acceptance of terms):*

**I (We) agree to pay according to the credit card issuer agreement. I understand and accept the cancellation fees/policy and other terms.*

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PREMIER'S TRAVEL PROTECTION PLAN (TPP) \$425 per person

(must purchase with Initial Deposit)
Part A – Cancellation Waiver provided by PWD
I. Trip Cancellation Waiver (TCW) – Guarantees full refund on all payments, except the Trip Cancellation Waiver Fee itself in case of cancellation up to the time and date of departure due to the passenger's personal illness or death of an immediate family member. Medical/official documentation required.
II. Premier "Any Reason" Cancellation Waiver (ARCW) – Reimburses 75% of the cancellation fees in the form of a future travel credit certificate (FTCC) valid for 1 year, if you cancel more than 48 hours prior to scheduled departure for any reason not eligible for cash refund under the TCW (Part A – I). FTCC is non-transferable, may not be redeemed for cash and does not include any credit for the Trip Cancellation Waiver Fee. **The Trip Cancellation Waiver Fee must be paid for with Initial Deposit and is refundable until 180 days prior to departure.** The Trip Cancellation Waiver does not cover any single supplement charges due to an individual's traveling companion canceling prior to departure. The Trip Cancellation Waiver is non-transferable and valid for each applicant only. The Trip Cancellation Waiver does not cover any services such as airline tickets not purchased through PWD. Cancellations, Refunds & Inquiries under Part A will be handled by PWD. Certain Exclusions and Restrictions apply.
Part B – Post Departure Travel Protection Plan* provided by USI
Includes coverage for: Trip Interruption (\$1,000); Trip Delay (\$100/Day+Max \$500); Baggage & Personal Effects (\$2,000); Baggage Delay (\$500); Emergency Accident/Sickness/Medical Expense – excess coverage (\$30,000); Emergency Evacuation/Repatriation (\$150,000); Accidental Death & Dismemberment (\$25,000); Non-Insurance and Emergency Travel Assistance Services** (24/7). Claims & Inquiries under Part B will be administered by USI.
For full Part A and Part B plan details visit: premierworlddiscovery.com/TPP
All Benefits described on this page are for general information basis only. There are certain restrictions, exclusions and limitation that apply to all insurance coverages. Plan benefits, limits and provisions may vary by state jurisdiction.

****NO RISK DEPOSIT - NO CHANGE FEES**

Deposits & TPP payments for any Bookings made for this tour are fully refundable until 180 days prior to departure, should your plans change inside of 180 days you can use the full value (Future Travel Credit**) of your Deposit or TPP on a different program as long as you change plans or let us know prior to the Final Payment Due Date.
****FTC's are valid for 12 mos from dep date & non-transferable.**

CANCELLATION FEES**

Cancellations not covered by the Travel Protection Plan (TPP) or if the TPP is not purchased, are subject to the following per person fees:
- Cancel more than 180 days prior to departure: Full Refund
- Cancel 179-90 days prior to departure: Deposit or TPP* is Retained**
- Cancel 89-60 days prior to departure: 25% of total price
- Cancel 59-30 days prior to departure: 50% of total price
- Cancel 29-15 days prior to departure: 75% of total price
- Cancel 14 days or less prior to departure/no shows: No refunds
*if purchased **Future Travel Credit issued for Deposit or TPP* value

RESPONSIBILITY

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IMPORTANT CONDITIONS/NOTES

Itinerary and hotels are subject to change.
AIR NOTE/SEAT REQUESTS/AIRLINE BAG FEES:
Air Schedules may not be available until Final Trip Documentation is received. Airline baggage fees & seat assignment fees are not included in tour rates. Many airlines do not provide advance seat assignments until check-in at the airport. If specific seat requests or airline choice is extremely important to your reservation, we recommend you book land only and make your own air reservations. Please make this adjustment to land only/own air at time of tour reservation.

