

# **Black Hills & Our Ice Age Past**

6 Days / 5 Nights

Departure Date: July 17-22

Tour Code: BH0191

## **DAY ONE**

Off we go to a scenic and untamed vacation to South Dakota. Our travels take us through Wisconsin and across Minnesota to Sioux Falls, SD for our first overnight at the Hampton Inn.

## **DAY TWO CB**

This morning, experience the famous Mitchell Corn Palace. Every year the palace is covered with corn cobs arranged in amazing new designs and outlined with grasses and grains. The afternoon is filled with a scenic sojourn to Badlands National Park. This area is noted for its sharply eroded buttes and pinnacles framed against an expansive sky.

This evening, check into your accommodations in Hill City, SD for an unhurried stay. After we're settled in, we take a ride to nearby Mount Rushmore for an inspiring evening illumination of this awesome monument. For the next three nights we're guests of the Baymont Inn & Suites in Keystone, SD.

## **DAY THREE CB, L D**

Our day starts with a visit to the Crazy Horse Memorial to witness the unbelievable skills and tenacity required to carve a mountain. Lunch will be included here at Laughing Waters before our ride on the 1880 Black Hills Central Railroad steam engine train that follows the original route used by prospectors, miners and early settlers. This evening tap your toes and lick your fingers during the Fort Hays western dinner and show.

## **DAY FOUR CB**

This morning glimpse America as it was in the late Ice Age 2.6 million years ago. Walk the edge of a sinkhole where woolly mammoths became trapped, leaving an ancient treasure trove of fossil remains. This actively working excavation site features the fossils of over 60 mammoths and 87 other Ice Age animals.

Moving from ancient to living wildlife we make tracks for Bear Country USA, the largest private collection of black bear in the world. From the comfort of our coach, watch these clowns of nature climb trees, frolic in their pool and look back in amazement at us through the coach windows. A guide will accompany us on this 3-mile drive explaining the operation of the park.

## **DAY FIVE CB, L**

Today we begin our journey eastward. During our travels we make a necessary stop at world-famous Wall Drug Store for a tall glass of ice water and last minute souvenirs. Lunch will be at Al's Oasis, a legend in these here parts. Our final overnight stay will be in Fairmont, MN at the Holiday Inn Express.

## **DAY SIX CB**

We bid farewell to our traveling companions as we recall tales of the Black Hills & Wild Mustangs.

## **PER PERSON PRICING:**

\$1,377 Double | \$1,282 Triple | \$1,143 Quad | \$1,517 Single

Deposit: \$200 per person within 7 days of making reservation. Final payment is due 60 days prior to departure. Luggage handling is included for one suitcase.