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# Spotlight on South Dakota

September 18 – 24, 2026



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**7 Days • 9 Meals:** 6 Breakfasts, 3 Dinners

**HIGHLIGHTS...** Mount Rushmore, Badlands National Park, Wall Drug, Deadwood, Off-Road Jeep Safari at Custer State Park, Crazy Horse Memorial, Devils Tower National Monument

#### ITINERARY AT A GLANCE

Days 1 – 6 Hyatt Place Rapid City, Rapid City, South Dakota

*On some dates alternate hotels may be used.*

#### **Day 1: Friday, September 18, 2026 Rapid City, South Dakota**

Welcome to the West. Your tour opens in Rapid City, long known as the gateway to the Black Hills. As travelers arrival times vary greatly, we have no group activities planned during the day. 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. (D)

#### **Day 2: Saturday, September 19, 2026 Rapid City - Mt. Rushmore**

**- Rapid City** Learn the history of enterprising Westerners at the Chapel in the Hills. Continue to Mount Rushmore to 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.\* (B)

#### **Day 3: Sunday, September 20, 2026 Rapid City - Badlands -**

**Wall - Rapid City** This morning, visit the Oglala Lakota Living History Village. The Oglala Lakota are one of the seven tribes that make up the Great Sioux Nation. In their own voices, hear about their history, relationship to the land and modern-day culture. Then, 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. (B)

#### **Day 4: Monday, September 21, 2026 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 and explore dynamic exhibits that shine a light on Deadwood's legends and outlaws **-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. (B, D)

#### **Day 5: Tuesday, September 22, 2026 Rapid City - Custer - Crazy**

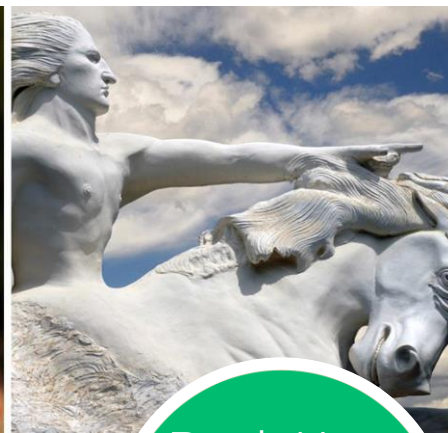
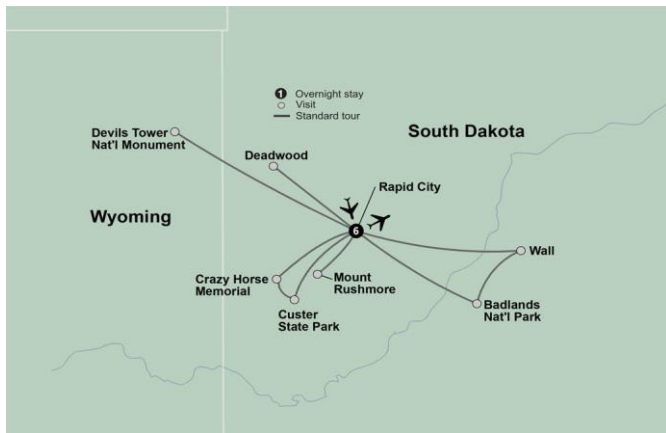
**Horse - Rapid City** Head to Custer State Park and keep your eyes peeled for bighorn sheep or wandering elk. Take in the lush landscape, rocky outcrops, and grazing animals as you make your way through South Dakota's first state park. Venture off road with an exciting Buffalo Safari, cruising deep into the park in an open-air jeep and searching for herds of roaming buffalo. This afternoon, visit Crazy Horse Memorial and delve into the story of the largest, still-in-progress mountain sculpture. Take time to explore the Indian Museum of North America, the Native American Cultural Center, the sculptor's studio, orientation center and theaters. (B)

#### **Day 6: Wednesday, September 23, 2026 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. (B, D)

#### **Day 7: Thursday, September 24, 2026 Rapid City - Tour Ends**

Say goodbye to Rapid City as your tour comes to a close today. (B)



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\* All Rates are Per Person and are subject to change, based on air inclusive package from AUS

**IMPORTANT CONDITIONS:** Your price is guaranteed once deposit is received and booking confirmed by Collette. Your price is not subject to increase after the deposit is received and booking confirmed, except for charges resulting from increases in government-imposed taxes or fees. **(See registration form for consent.)**

### Important Tour Information:

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**The overall activity level of this tour is a level 2.** This means you like a balanced approach to travel. Walking two to three miles over the course of a day is no problem for you. You can handle a variety of terrains, from cobblestone streets to moderate hills with relative ease and without assistance. You can climb two flights of stairs with ease. Expect some full days balanced with free time to recharge or set out on your own adventure. You can handle altitudes up to 6,000 feet. While this level is appropriate for travelers that require mobility assistance devices, there could be times when you may have to sit out on some of the included activities.

**Travel with an average of 37 people (maximum of 44).**

If you require any special assistance while on tour, please make us aware at time of reservation so the necessary request form can be sent to your attention.

\*Mount Rushmore Lighting Ceremony is available May 22 - September 25, 2026.

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.

Single accommodations are limited and are available on a first-come, first-served basis. Single rate subject to change based on availability.

To complete your tour, we include round-trip 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.

For air-inclusive reservations, the name provided at time of booking must match your government-issued ID that will be used during travel. Name changes are subject to penalties.

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.

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

### Travel Requirements:

#### IDENTIFICATION

Travel within USA

A Real ID compliant form of identification must be presented both at the time of booking air travel with Collette and upon checking in at the airport to board any flight. State-issued driver's licenses and IDs that are not REAL ID compliant are no longer accepted as valid forms of identification at

### 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.

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