Five-day South Dakota Road Trip

Highlights:

- Natural Discovery:
 - Badland National Park (hiking & mesa terrain sightseeing)
 - Wind Cave National Park
 - Wildlife watch scenic drive
- Cultural Exploration:
 - Mt. Rushmore & Crazy Horse monuments
 - Indian reservation heritage
 - Historic wild west -- Deadwood
- Leisure & Entertainment:
 - SPA (at Hot Springs)
 - Skiing (at Terry Peak)
 - Fine dining (at Sioux Falls and Rapid City)

Notes:

■ https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=bRjDJWeypUM

(video about the beauty of South Dakota & Badlands)

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=VH9RqM6LhAc

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=68zB8xM8GLo&index=38&list=PLpz7cLJ1_TwSnUf7XGZAQci-c3omf5Ept

Optional for Day 2: Pine Ridge (1 hr 30 min drive from Badlands National Park)

■ historic headquarter of Oglala Lakota and the monument of Wounded Knee Massacare

https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Pine_Ridge_Indian_Reservation

https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Oglala_Lakota

Day 1 March 13th Minneapolis – Badlands National Park

Departure: 7:00 am

Lunch: Sioux Falls (3hr 30 min drive)

Cathedral & Falls Park
 http://visitsiouxfalls.com/things-to-do/falls-park/

■ Pettigrew Home & Museum

Late afternoon: arrival at Badlands National Park (3hr drive)

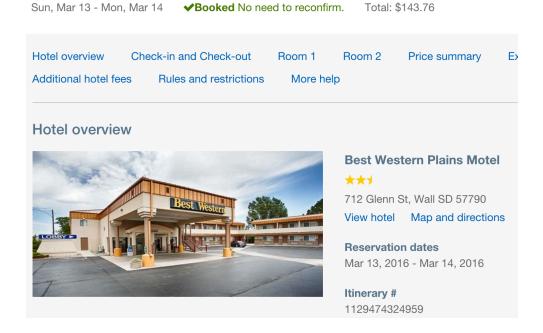
http://www.nps.gov/badl/planyourvisit/brochures.htm (official website)
http://www.tripadvisor.com/Attractions-g143012-Activities-Badlands_National_Park_South_Dakota.html
http://travel.nationalgeographic.com/travel/national-parks/badlands-activities/ (activities in Badland)

- Hiking
- Sunset view in Conata Basin & Roberts Prairie Dog Town & Sage Creek Basin

Night: stargazing in Badlands National Park!!

Hotel: (2 rooms booked & breakfast):

Best Western Plains Motel, Wall



Day 2 March 14th Badlands - Wind Cave - Hot Springs

Sunrise & Morning: hiking & sightseeing

■ Pinnacles Overlook & visitor center & door trail & medicine root trail & castle trail

Lunch: Rapid City (1 hr drive)

Afternoon:

■ Wind Cave National Park (1 hr 30 min drive) & Wind Cave Tour (3:00 pm)

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Visitor Center	Open daily 8:00 am - 4:30 pm
Cave Tour	Garden of Eden Cave Tour - 10:00, 1:00, and 3:00 daily except Thanksgiving Day, December 25, and January 1

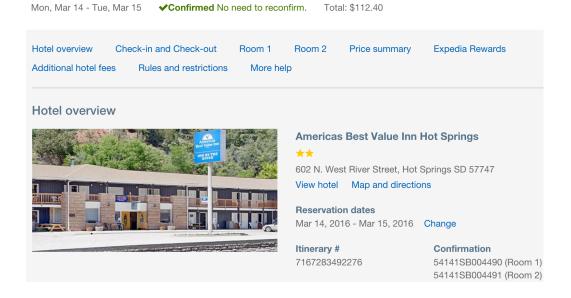
■ Buffalo Roundup & scenic wildlife loop drive sunset view

Late Night:

- Arrival at Hot Springs
- Sightseeing in the historic town & Dinner & SPA in Red Rock River Resort

Hotel (2 rooms booked & breakfast):

Americas Best Value Inn Hot Springs, Hot Springs



Day 3 March 15th Mammoth Site – Mt Rushmore – Crazy Horse – Custer State Park – Deadwood

Morning:

- Mammoth Site http://mammothsite.com/ (9:00 a.m)
- Mount Rushmore National Monument (Sightseeing & hike the presidential trail) (1 hr drive)

 http://www.nps.gov/moru/planyourvisit/hours.htm
- Crazy Horse Memorial & museum https://crazyhorsememorial.org/
 - o **Lunch:** Buffalo stew in Crazy Horse

Afternoon: http://www.goinmobyle.com/cms/custer-state-park-wildlife-loop/ (custer sate park)

Safari tour (booked: 2:00 pm at State Game Lodge; 30 min drive from Crazy Horse)

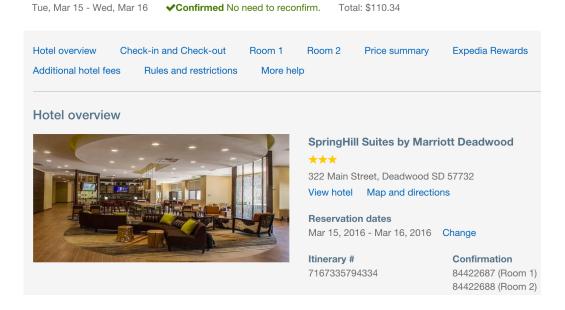
Late Afternoon: Arrival at Deadwood (1 hr drive):

- Gold mine tour & sightseeing in the historic old town & underground chinatown tour

 http://www.deadwoodmagazine.com/article.php?read_id=111
- Dinner

Hotel (booked & breakfast included):

SpringHill Suites by Marriott Deadwood, Deadwood



Day 4 March 16th Deadwood - Rapid City

Morning: Skiing at Terry Peak or Hiking in Harney Peak

■ Sanford Lab Homestake Mining Tour

Late Afternoon: arrival at Rapid City (1 hr drive):

- Reptile Garden
- Prairie Edge Trading Co. & Galleries & Hotel Alex Johnson and downtown
- Watiki Waterpark

Hotel (2 rooms paid & breakfast included): Howard Johnson Inn & Suites - Rapid City, Rapid City



Day 5 March 17th Rapid City - Sioux Falls - Minneapolis

Noon: arrival at Sioux Falls (5 hr drive)

■ Lunch at Minerva's

Dinner: arrival at Minneapolis (3 hr 30 min drive)