

## 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:

[http://store.usgs.gov/b2c\\_usgs/b2c/productdetail/\(xcm=r3standardpitrex\\_prd&layout=0\\_1\\_3&uiarea=1\)/.do?productkey=00000000000206946&scenario=basket&detailScenario=basket](http://store.usgs.gov/b2c_usgs/b2c/productdetail/(xcm=r3standardpitrex_prd&layout=0_1_3&uiarea=1)/.do?productkey=00000000000206946&scenario=basket&detailScenario=basket) (**National Park Annual Pass**)

#### ■ <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](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/Pine_Ridge_Indian_Reservation)

[https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Oglala\\_Lakota](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://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

Sun, Mar 13 - Mon, Mar 14 ✔Booked No need to reconfirm. Total: \$143.76

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### Hotel overview



#### Best Western Plains Motel

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712 Glenn St, Wall SD 57790

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#### Reservation dates

Mar 13, 2016 - Mar 14, 2016

#### Itinerary #

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## 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)

<http://www.nps.gov/wica/planyourvisit/guidedtours.htm>

Visitor Center	Open daily 8:00 am - 4:30 pm
Cave Tour	<a href="#">Garden of Eden Cave Tour</a> - 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

Mon, Mar 14 - Tue, Mar 15 ✔Confirmed No need to reconfirm. Total: \$112.40

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#### Americas Best Value Inn Hot Springs

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602 N. West River Street, Hot Springs SD 57747

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#### Reservation dates

Mar 14, 2016 - Mar 15, 2016 [Change](#)

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#### Confirmation

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## 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/>
  - **Lunch:** Buffalo stew in Crazy Horse

**Afternoon:** <http://www.goingmobile.com/cms/custer-state-park-wildlife-loop/> (custer state 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](http://www.deadwoodmagazine.com/article.php?read_id=111)
- Dinner

### Hotel (booked & breakfast included):

#### SpringHill Suites by Marriott Deadwood, Deadwood

Tue, Mar 15 - Wed, Mar 16 ✔Confirmed No need to reconfirm. Total: \$110.34

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#### SpringHill Suites by Marriott Deadwood

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322 Main Street, Deadwood SD 57732

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#### Reservation dates

Mar 15, 2016 - Mar 16, 2016 [Change](#)

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#### Confirmation

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## 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

Wed, Mar 16 - Thu, Mar 17    **✓Confirmed** No need to reconfirm.    Total: \$108.16

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Rules and restrictions

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**Howard Johnson Inn & Suites - Rapid City**  
★★★  
950 North St, Rapid City SD 57701  
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**Reservation dates**  
Mar 16, 2016 - Mar 17, 2016  

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## 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**)