

**St. Charles Parks & Recreation
Mount Rushmore-Crazy Horse Memorial
September 8-17, 2010
Itinerary**

***ALL TIMES ARE APPROXIMATE AND SUBJECT TO CHANGE AS NECESSARY
ALL ROOMS REQUESTED ARE NON-SMOKING ROOMS***

Wednesday, September 8, 2010

7:00am Depart Blanchette Park, St. Charles, MO for Omaha, NE with rest stops and lunch stop in route.

12:30pm Lunch stop (lunch on your own) at Schlotzsky's Deli.

**Schlotzsky's Deli
904 North Belt Highway
St. Joseph, MO 64506
Phone: 816-279-5379**

1:30pm Depart for Omaha, NE.

4:00pm Check into lodging with baggage handling and welcome reception.

**Marriott-Omaha
10220 Regency Circle
Omaha, NE 68114
Phone: 402-399-9000**

5:00pm Depart for dinner

5:30pm-7:00pm Dinner at Upstream Brewing Co.

**Upstream Brewing Co.
514 S. 11th Street
Omaha, NE 68102
Phone: 402-344-0200**

*Menu: Choice of: **1. Chargrilled New York Strip Steak** 8 oz Omaha Steak-New York strip with café d'Paris butter. **2. Raspberry-Glazed Chicken Breast** char-broiled double chicken breast with feta cheese and pine nuts. **3. Pecan Encrusted Rainbow Trout** with honey-bourbon glaze. All entrees come with side salad, beer bread and butter. *Beverage: **Iced Tea, Soda or Coffee** Dessert: **Fresh Fruit Cobbler.** Menu subject to change.**

7:00pm-8:00pm Free time for shopping at "The old City Market".

8:00pm Depart for Marriott Hotel.

Thursday, September 9, 2010

7:00am Bags out the door and Full Breakfast at the hotel.

8:00am Depart for Mitchell, SD with rest stop in route.

12:30pm Arrive at the Corn Palace for short tour and free time for shopping. The world's only Corn Palace is an outstanding structure which stands as a tribute to the agricultural heritage of South Dakota. This "ear"chitecture is decorated each year with thousands of bushels of corn, grains and native grasses. Lunch on your own.

**Corn Palace
604 North Main Street
Mitchell, SD 57301
Phone: 605-996-6223 (Mitchell CVB)**

3:30pm Check into lodging with baggage handling.

Holiday Inn Express-Mitchell

810 E. Spruce Street

Mitchell, SD 57301

Phone: 605-292-9292

5:20pm Depart for dinner

5:30pm-7:00pm Dinner at *The Brig Steakhouse & Lounge* with beautiful views of Lake Mitchell.

The Brig Steakhouse & Lounge

2700 N. Main Street

Mitchell, SD 57301

Phone: 605-996-7444

*Menu: Choice of: 1. **Petite Filet** 5 oz. Tenderloin wrapped in bacon, so tender no knife is needed, served with Baked Potato. 2. **Chicken Breast** Broiled and seasoned, served on a bed of rice pilaf and Baked Potato. 3. **Shrimp Scampi** Ten shrimp sautéed in a blend of butter, wine, garlic, seasoning and Baked Potato. 4. **Walleye Pike Fillet** Our #1 selling fish taste one and see why, served with Baked Potato. All entrees served with a Tossed Salad and choice of dressing. *Beverage: **Iced Tea, Soda or Coffee***
*Dessert: **Deep Fried Cheesecake** Menu subject to change.**

7:00pm-8:30pm Visit the *Dakota Discovery Museum* where, for over 65 years, they have been welcoming cultures from all over the world to a place of imagination. Their inviting environment features numerous historic artifacts from a time when the way of life came from the land itself. The *Dakota Discovery Museum* provides entertaining and educational benefits to everyone who walks through the door.

Dakota Discovery Museum

1300 McGovern Avenue

Mitchell, SD 57301

Phone: 605-996-7444

8:30pm Depart for Holiday Inn Express-Mitchell.

8:40pm Arrive at hotel.

Friday, September 10, 2010

7:00am Bags out the door and Deluxe Continental Breakfast at hotel.

8:00am Depart for Wall, SD with rest stop in route. Move clocks back one hour to Mountain Daylight saving time.

10:30am-12:30pm Visit Wall Drug for shopping and lunch on your own. The Wall Drug Store got its start during the Depression years by offering Free Ice Water to thirsty travelers. From their humble beginning in 1931 to today, the family-owned and run business has evolved into a 76,000 square foot wonderland of FREE attractions that attracts an average of 10,000 visitors per day. This American Experience includes a shopping emporium of 26 stores, The Western Mall, Western Art Gallery and a Restaurant that seats 520—A South Dakota Museum.

Wall Drug Store

510 Main Street

Wall, SD 57790

Phone: 605-279-2175

12:30pm Depart for Badlands National Park. We visit Badlands National Park with breathtaking views of 244,000 acres of sharply eroded buttes, pinnacles and spires that is considered one of the world's

richest mammal fossil beds. A stop will be made at the Ben Reifel Visitors Center in the park to view a short film and observe some amazing archeological exhibits.

Badlands National Park
Ben Reifel Visitors Center
25216 Ben Reifel Road
P.O. Box 6
Interior, SD 57750
Phone: 605-433-5361

4:00pm Check into lodging with baggage handling for a four night stay.

Holiday Inn Express Hotel & Suites I-90
645 E. Disk Drive
Rapid City, SD 57701
Phone: 877-801-9090

5:50pm Depart for dinner.

6:00pm-7:30pm Dinner at Minerva's Restaurant & Bar

Minerva's Restaurant & Bar
2211 LaCrosse Street
Rapid City, SD 57701
Phone: 605-394-9505

*Menu: Choice of: **1. 10 oz. Top Sirloin** served with chef's choice of Potato and chef's selection of Hot Vegetables. **2. Roast Pork Loin** with Mushroom Marsala Sauce served with chef's choice of Potato and chef's selection of Hot Vegetables. **3. Atlantic Honey Pepper Salmon** Atlantic salmon fillet lightly seasoned and drizzled with a honey, lemon and tarragon infused hollandaise sauce served with chef's selection of Potato or Rice and chef's selection of Hot Vegetables. **4. Chicken Breast Supreme** two boneless chicken breasts smothered in our mushroom supreme sauce served with chef's choice of Potato and chef's selection of Hot Vegetables. All entrees served with a fresh Garden Salad and Bistro Roll & Butter. *Beverage: **Iced Tea or Coffee** Dessert: **Chocolate Mousse Parfait** Menu subject to change.**

7:30pm Return to Holiday Inn Express Hotel & Suites I-90.

Saturday, September 11, 2010

7:00am Deluxe Continental Breakfast at hotel.

8:00am Depart for Mount Rushmore National Memorial.

8:45am-12:00Noon Tour Mount Rushmore National Memorial and as we gaze at the sheer beauty of these huge granite carvings, we gain an insight as to why each of these four Presidents were chosen to be a part of this great memorial. The Lincoln Borglum Museum has exhibits on the carving of Mount Rushmore, a 13-minute film "Mount Rushmore—The Shrine," and an information desk for any questions you may have. Also included is an Audio Tour at Mount Rushmore. Lunch on your own at Carvers Café at Mount Rushmore National Memorial.

Mount Rushmore National Memorial
P.O. Box 268
Keystone, SD 57751
Phone: 605-574-2523

12:00Noon Depart for Big Thunder Gold Mine.

12:15pm-1:45pm "Eureka! There's gold in them thar hills!" With the help of an expert guide we explore Big Thunder Gold Mine on an adventure which includes Black Hills gold mining history,

geology and museum curiosities. Conclude the tour with individualized gold panning lessons right next to Battle Creek, where gold was originally discovered in Keystone in the late 1880's.

Big Thunder Gold Mine

P.O. Box 459

Keystone, SD 57751

Phone: 800-314-3917

1:45pm Depart for Black Hills Central Railroad "1880 Train".

2:30pm-3:30pm Ride the "1880 Train" powered by a vintage Steam Locomotive through the beautiful Black Hills countryside from Keystone to Hill City.

Black Hills Central Railroad "1880 Train"

103 Winter Street

Keystone, SD 57751

Phone: 605-574-2222

3:30pm-5:00pm Free time for shopping in downtown Hill City.

5:00pm Depart for Keystone for dinner.

5:45pm-7:15pm Dinner at Ruby House Restaurant.

Ruby House Restaurant

124 Winter Street

Keystone, SD 57751

Phone: 605-666-4404

*Menu: Choice of: **1. Prime Rib** slowly cooked to retain its juices, served with au jus and a baked potato. (All cuts will be medium rare to medium) **2. Fried Chicken** Lightly breaded three piece chicken, served with mashed potatoes and gravy. **3. Trout Almandine** SD game fish sautéed and topped with slivered almonds, served with a side of long grain and wild rice. All entrees served with a side salad and rolls. *Beverage: **Iced Tea, Soda or Coffee** Dessert: **Mint Chip Brownie Sundae****

7:15pm Depart for Mount Rushmore National Memorial for the "Evening Light Show".

8:00pm-8:45pm Enjoy the "Evening Light Show" at Mount Rushmore National Memorial.

8:45pm Depart for Holiday Inn Express Hotel & Suites I-90.

Sunday, September 12, 2010

7:00am Deluxe continental Breakfast at hotel.

8:00am Depart for Crazy Horse Memorial.

9:00am-11:00am Self guided tour of Crazy Horse Memorial. The memorial is the world's largest mountain carving now in progress and is a tribute to all Native Americans; the Lakota leader Crazy Horse is being carved on the mountain as a heroic symbol for honoring all North American tribes. Start the tour by watching the 20-minute video "Dynamite & Dreams" in the Orientation Center Theatre. The visitor complex includes displays illustrating the mountain work in progress and the Indian Museum of North America, one of the foremost collections in the Upper Midwest. Lunch on your own at Crazy Horse Memorial Orientation Center before leaving.

11:00am An expert step-on-guide well versed in the proceedings will board our bus as we traverse down the one mile trek to the memorial site for an up close and personal look at the carving site itself; don't forget your cameras.

Crazy Horse Memorial

12151 Avenue of the Chiefs

Crazy Horse, SD 57730

Phone: 605-673-4681

11:30am Depart for Deadwood, SD.

1:00pm-2:15pm A guided tour of *Tatanka: Story of the Bison*. Tatanka's centerpiece is a larger than life bronze sculpture of 14 bison being chased by three Native American Riders on horseback depicting the "Buffalo Jump". The Museum is located on 1000 acres overlooking the most scenic areas within the northern Black Hills of South Dakota with views of South Dakota, North Dakota, Montana and Wyoming. Through a Native American Interpreter learn the history of the bison and their relationship to the survival of the Lakota people.

Tatanka: Story of the Bison

P.O. Box 503

100 Tatanka Drive

Deadwood, SD 57732

Phone: 605-584-5678

2:15pm Depart for downtown Deadwood, SD.

2:30pm-4:30pm Free time for shopping & browsing in historic downtown Deadwood, SD.

4:30pm Depart for Rapid City, SD

5:45pm-8:30pm Enjoy the Fort Hays Chuckwagon Supper & Cowboy Music Show. Before supper view the original film set of Kevin Costner's hit movie "*Dances with Wolves*" that was filmed on location in the nearby Black Hills area. The dinner bell rings at 6:30pm and supper is served on cowboy tin plates along with tin cups. Enjoy sliced Roast Beef or Chicken along with Chuckwagon Potatoes, Western Baked Beans, Chuckwagon Biscuits & Honey, Applesauce, Old-fashioned Spiced Cake, Cowboy Coffee & Tenderfoot Lemonade. At 7:30pm the Cowboy Music Show begins with a gentry of musicians & comedians covering a wide range of songs and comedy that will have your toes tapping and your head nodding.

Fort Hays Chuckwagon Supper & Cowboy Music Show

P.O. Box 264

Rapid City, SD 57709

Phone: 888-394-9653

8:30pm Depart for Holiday Inn Express Hotel & Suites I-90.

8:45pm Arrive at hotel.

Monday, September 13, 2010

7:00am Deluxe Continental Breakfast at hotel

8:10am Depart for Mt. Rushmore Black Hills Gold Factory.

8:30am-10:00am Enjoy a docent led factory tour of Mt. Rushmore Black Hills Gold and learn the intricate detail that is required to produce these masterful pieces of fine jewelry.

Mt. Rushmore Black Hills Gold Factory

2707 Mt. Rushmore Road

Rapid City, SD 57701

Phone: 877-785-5947

10:00am Depart for The Journey Museum

10:15am-11:45am The Journey Museum take you on an incredible trek through time, from the violent upheaval that formed the mystical Black Hills several billion years ago to the continuing saga of the Western Frontier. Learn how the mystical Black Hills were formed and experience the lives & listen to the legends of the Lakota Sioux.

The Journey Museum
222 New York Street
Rapid City, SD 57701
Phone: 605-394-6923

11:45am Depart for downtown Rapid City, SD.

12:00Noon-1:40pm Free time for shopping and lunch on your own in Historic Downtown Rapid City.

1:40pm Depart for Custer State Park

3:00pm-5:00pm Explore Custer State Park with over 71,000 acres of spectacular terrain and an abundance of wildlife on a “*Buffalo Safari Jeep Tour*”. Get up close and personal with a resident herd of over 1500 bison that roams freely throughout the park, often stopping traffic along the 18-mile Wildlife Loop Road. These majestic animals can weigh as much as 2,000 pounds and historically the animal played an essential role in the lives of the Lakota (Sioux), who relied on the “tatanka” for food, clothing, and shelter.

State Game Lodge
Custer State Park
13389 US Hwy 16A
Custer, SD 57730
Phone: 605-255-4541

5:30pm-7:00pm Following the “*Buffalo Safari Jeep Tour*” tour, enjoy an elegant dinner at the State Game Lodge .

State Game Lodge
Custer State Park
13389 US Hwy 16A
Custer, SD 57730
Phone: 605-255-4541

*Menu: Choice of: 1. **Buffalo Ribs** local raised Buffalo Short Ribs, lightly smoked and braised in a spicy cowboy barbeque sauce on roasted garlic whipped potatoes and glazed carrots. 2. **Rainbow Trout** pan seared Rainbow Trout served with sliced red potatoes, house vegetables, topped with a lemon caper butter sauce. 3. **Grilled Pork Chops** grilled pork chops served with sweet potato puree, house vegetables and an apple demi glaze sauce. 4. **Chicken Breast** Pan seared chicken breast with sundried tomato rice pilaf, house vegetables and an almond cream sauce. 5. **Capellini Pomodora** sautéed garlic with tomato concasse, fresh basil and Parmigiano-Reggiano with capellini pasta. All entrees served with House Salad. Beverage: **Iced Tea, Soft Drink or coffee** Dessert: **Chef’s choice of dessert** Menu subject to change.*

7:00pm Depart for Holiday Inn Express Hotel & Suites I-90

8:00pm Arrive at hotel.

Tuesday, September 14, 2010

7:00am Bags out the door and Deluxe Continental Breakfast at hotel.

8:00am Depart for Hot Springs, SD

9:30am-11:00am The remarkable Mammoth Site is the country’s largest left-as-found mammoth fossil display where large Columbian and woolly mammoths became trapped in a spring fed, slippery-sided sinkhole more than 26,000 years ago. From an overhead walkway, visitors can see bones still in the sediment of this rich and active paleontological dig. The Mammoth Site is not just a window into the past—it’s as close to being a true time machine as you’ll find.

The Mammoth Site
1800 Hwy 18 Truck Route
Hot Springs, SD 57747
Phone: 605-745-6017

11:00am-11:45am Following the Mammoth Site tour, enjoy a catered lunch in the Mammoth Site Hospitality Room at the complex.

Woolly's Mammoth Family Fun (Caterer)
The Mammoth Site
1800 Hwy 18 Truck Route
Hot Springs, SD 57747
Phone: 605-745-6414

11:45am Depart for Scottsbluff, NE with rest stop in route.

4:00pm Check into Lodging with baggage handling.

Hampton Inn & Suites Conference Center-Scottsbluff
301 West Highway 26
Scottsbluff, NE 69363
Phone: 308-635-5200

5:30pm Depart for Dinner.

5:45 pm-7:15pm Enjoy dinner at Whisky Creek Grill.

Whisky Creek Grill
1802 East 20th Place
Scottsbluff, NE 69361
Phone: 308-632-4961

*Menu: Choice of: **1. ½ Slab Baby Back Ribs** "Fallon" off the bone" pork baby back ribs slow cooked, basted in Whiskey Creek Legend BBQ Sauce and finished on the wood fire grill. Served with your choice of two sides. **2. Peppercorn Ribeye** 10 oz. Ribeye basted in peppercorn sauce and served with a side of peppercorn sauce. Served with your choice of two sides. **3. Atlantic Swordfish** Slightly sweet and moist with a firm and meaty texture topped with your choice of pacific rim sauce, corn relish, roasted red pepper sauce or warm pineapple salsa and served with oriental rice. Served with your choice of two sides. **4. Hawaiian Chicken** Grilled chicken breast basted with honey lemon butter and topped with pineapple salsa, served on a bed of chicken-infused rice. Served with your choice of two sides. All entrees come with your choice of House or Caesar Salad. *Beverage: **Iced Tea, Soda or Coffee***
*Dessert: **Peach Cobbler*** Menu subject to change.*

7:15pm Depart for Hampton Inn Conference Center-Scottsbluff

7:30pm Arrive at hotel.

Wednesday, September 15, 2010

6:30am Bags out the door and Deluxe Continental Breakfast at hotel.

7:30am Depart for Grand Island, NE with rest stops and lunch stop in route. Lunch on your own. Move clocks forward one hour to Central Daylight Saving time.

12:30pm-1:30pm Lunch stop at Arby's Restaurant. Lunch on your own.

Arby's Restaurant
1101 S. Dewey Street
North Platte, NE 69101
Phone: 308-532-0890

1:30pm Depart for Grand Island, NE

3:30pm-5:00pm The Stuhr Museum described as a “crossroads in time” is a glimpse of the history & heritage of rural Nebraska communities in early pioneer days. The museum’s many indoor exhibits of period rooms, tools, household articles and furnishings introduce visitors to Nebraska’s history by tracing pioneer lifestyles from 1880 to 1920.

Stuhr Museum
3133 W US Hwy 34
Grand Island, NE 68801
Phone: 308-385-5316

5:00pm Depart for York, NE

6:00pm Check into lodging with baggage handling.

Comfort Inn
3815 S. Lincoln Avenue
York, NE 68467
Phone: 402-362-6555

7:00pm Depart for Dinner

7:15pm-8:45pm Dinner at Chances “R” Restaurant

Chances “R” Restaurant
124 West 5th Street
York, NE 68467
Phone: 402-362-7755

*Menu: Choice of: **1. Petite Top Sirloin** served with Baked Potato with butter & sour cream. **2. Halibut Steak** served with Baked Potato with butter & sour cream. **3. Char-Broiled Pork Chops** served with Baked Potato with butter & sour cream. **4. Country Pan Fried Chicken** three pieces served with Baked Potato with butter & sour cream. All entrees come with Freshly Tossed Salad with choice of dressing passed at table. *Beverage: **Iced Tea, Soda or Coffee** Dessert: **Raspberry Swirl cheesecake***
Menu subject to change.*

8:45pm Depart for Comfort Inn

9:00pm Arrive at hotel.

Thursday, September 16, 2010

7:00am Bags out the door and Deluxe Continental Breakfast at hotel.

8:00am Depart for Wessels Living History Farm.

8:00am-9:30am Step back in time as we visit Wessels Living History Farm, a 145 acre farm complete with house, barn, out buildings and farm equipment as it looked in the 1920’s.—a true memory lane experience.

Wessels Living History Farm
5520 South Lincoln Avenue
York, NE 68467
Phone: 402-710-0682

9:30am Depart for Lincoln, NE

10:30am-12:00Noon Free time for shopping and lunch on your own at the Historic Haymarket of the old warehouse district.

Historic Haymarket
335 N. 8th Street
Lincoln, NE 68508

12:00Noon Depart for Merriam, KS with rest stop in route.

4:00pm Check into lodging with baggage handling.

Drury Inn Shawnee Mission
9009 W. Shawnee Mission Parkway
Merriam, KS 66202
Phone: 913-236-9200

5:20pm Depart for dinner.

5:30pm-7:00pm Dinner at *Yarbrough's Family Restaurant*.

Yarbrough's Family Restaurant
10310 Shawnee Mission Parkway
Shawnee, KS 66203
Phone: 913-248-0500

*Menu: Choice of: **1. Roast Round of Beef** fresh round of beef lightly seasoned, slow roasted 'til tender and juicy, served with green beans, mashed potatoes and homemade beef gravy. **2. Baked Ham** served with green beans, mashed potatoes and gravy. **3. Flame Broiled Tilapia** mild white fish fillet dusted with our own lemon pepper seasoning, flame-broiled 'til flaky and served with green beans, mashed potatoes and gravy. **4. Baked Deluxe Chicken** served with green beans, mashed potatoes and gravy. **5. Roast Pork Tenderloin** fresh cut and tenderized pork loin hand breaded, fried for just a minute then finished on the grill 'til tender, served with green beans, mashed potatoes and cream gravy. All entrees come with a fresh Tossed Salad. *Beverage: **Iced Tea, Soda or Coffee** Dessert: Choice of: **1. Lemon Meringue Pie, 2. Apple Pie** or **3. Devil's Food Cake.** Menu subject to change.**

7:00pm Return to Drury Inn Shawnee Mission.

Friday, September 17, 2010

8:00am Bags out the door and Deluxe Continental Breakfast at hotel.

9:30am Depart for Kansas City, MO

10:00am-11:45am The Arabia Steamboat Museum is home to a true time capsule of frontier life in the 1800's. With over 200 tons of supplies bound for general stores and pioneer settlements, the Arabia was headed up the Missouri River in the fall of 1856 when she struck a tree snag and sank just north of Kansas City. 132 years later, the Steamboat Arabia was discovered buried in a field in Missouri and was laboriously extracted along with its cargo of fine dishware, clothing and even bottled food all preserved in remarkable condition.

Arabia Steamboat Museum
400 Grand Blvd.
Kansas City, MO 64106
Phone: 816-471-1856

11:45am Depart for Concordia, MO for lunch stop.

12:45pm-1:45pm Lunch stop at Biffle's Smokehouse Barbeque. Lunch on your own.

Biffle's Smokehouse Barbeque
NE 2nd Street
Concordia, MO 64020
Phone: 660-463-7232

1:45pm Depart for St. Charles, MO with rest stop in route.

5:00pm Arrive Blanchette Park, St. Charles, MO