

DEADWOOD AND THE BLACK HILLS (East)

Sept 8-14, 2024



7 DAY tour

PRICING

Includes all applicable taxes

Single Occupancy \$1,660

Double Occupancy \$1,130

Triple Occupancy \$1,055

Quad Occupancy \$1,010

Deposit required: \$200/person Final payment due: July 25, 2024

Activity Level: Low

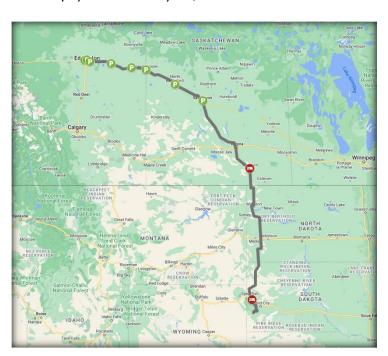
ACCOMMODATIONS

Night 1: Travelodge Weyburn

Night 2-5: Mineral Palace Casino Hotel,

Deadwood

Night 6: Travelodge Weyburn



Let loose in historic Deadwood in the Black Hills of South Dakota where legends like Wild Bill Hickok and Calamity Jane were part of Wild West history.

Experience live entertainment and check out how the West was really won in our gaming halls, saloons, and casinos.

Enjoy optional side trips to see Mount Rushmore, Crazy Horse Monument and Devils Tower.



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Day 1 – Sat, Sept 2

Home Cities to Weyburn, SK

Meals Included: None

Today is a travel day as we pick up passengers at their scheduled pick-up locations. You will learn about the areas we travel through and there may be a game or two played as we journey from Alberta to Saskatchewan.

After coffee in Lloydminster and lunch in Saskatoon, we will head south and arrive in Weyburn, SK our destination for today.

Overnight: Travelodge Weyburn

Day 2 – Sun, Sept 3

Weyburn, SK to Deadwood, SD Meals Included: Breakfast

This morning you will board the coach as you travel south to the U.S.A. where you cross into the state of **South Dakota** at the Port of Fortuna (unfortunately, no Duty-Free).

Lunch and coffee stops will take place along the way as you continue your travels south to **Deadwood**, where <u>The Mineral Palace Hotel</u> will be your home for the next 4 nights.

Enjoy your free evening.

HISTORY OF THE MINERAL PALACE

The beginnings of the present-day Mineral Palace extend to Deadwood's early days. In 1876 a shrewd and cunning entrepreneur named Al Swearengen arrived in rowdy Deadwood and the following year he established The Gem Theatre on the site now occupied by the Mineral Palace. It seems that the term "theatre" was loosely used because the Gem was actually a house of prostitution. Always packed with fortune-hunters, the Gem survived fires, floods, and wild patrons to become one of Deadwood's most venerable and longest-operating entertainment

establishments. Legend has it that in its prime the Gem was an immensely profitable venture, taking in at least \$5,000 on most nights, and \$10,000 on some. Unfortunately, Al Swearengen died penniless. He departed Deadwood soon after an 1899 fire and was killed not long after that while trying to hop a train in Denver's rail yard.

In 1990, not long after gambling was legalized in Deadwood, the community's Ford dealership was transformed into a complex of three casinos named Cousin Jacks, The Livery and Carrie Nation's. Together, the three were collectively known as "Three Of A Kind."

Construction on the grand and gracious Mineral Palace began in 1992, and a formal opening was held in March 1993. The 75-unit hotel combined with the Gem Steakhouse and Saloon and the three casinos was called Mineral Palace Hotel and Gaming. The facility also offers a liquor store, gift shop and free on-site parking.

Overnight: Mineral Palace Casino Hotel



Day 3 - Mon, Sept 4

Slot Tournament and free afternoon in Deadwood Meals Included: None

This morning you're encouraged to sign up and partake in the free slot and blackjack tournaments. You can enjoy a free afternoon and evening to explore all that the old Wild West of Deadwood has to offer.



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Do some shopping at the many stores like **DEADWOOD'S** WILD BILLS TRADING **POST** wh ere you will find a "Wild Bill exhibit, antique guns, antique gambling items, souvenirs, gifts, general antiques, items of historic interest", or stop in at **Mustang Sally's** which is "a sports bar and grill, with the best burgers in town"

Take in the live entertainment at Mainstreet Shows & Shoot Outs starts a 1:45 pm and continues every half hour till 7:45 pm. This then moves to the Trial of Jack McCall which is at 8 pm at the Masonic Building Mainstreet.

Or take the **Original Deadwood Tour**, which is a narrated tour of Deadwood, Tatanka and Mt. Moriah Cemetery. The most informative, entertaining, hourlong tour of Deadwood and Mt. Moriah Cemetery you'll find! Departing from Midnight Star daily 10:20 a.m., 11:30 a.m, 1:30 p.m. and 3:30 p.m. (times may vary). (\$)

Overnight: Mineral Palace Casino Hotel

Day 4 – Tue, Sept 5

Optional tour to Mount Rushmore & Crazy Horse Monument, or free day in Deadwood

Meals Included: None

This morning after breakfast, you can enjoy an entertaining optional add on (2024 \$ TBA) day trip through the Black Hills to Mount Rushmore and the Crazy Horse Monument. During your visit, you will have time to take pictures and have lunch before boarding your coach back to Deadwood. You will learn many interesting histories about the area. And if this doesn't suit your tastes, feel free to stay back and enjoy more of the amenities that Deadwood has to offer.

Crazy Horse Monument

Crazy Horse Memorial started in 1948 to honour the Native American culture in the Black Hills of South Dakota. The sculptor, Korczak Ziolkowski, chose the legendary Oglala Sioux leader, Chief Crazy Horse.

After unexpectedly dying 34 years into the project, Ziolkowski's wife, Ruth, and their family (in conjunction with the Crazy Horse Memorial Foundation) continues the project. Currently, the Crazy Horse Memorial is the world's largest mountain carving in progress.

Mount Rushmore National Memorial

The story of Mount Rushmore National Memorial begins in 1923 when South Dakota historian Doane Robinson envisioned creating an attraction so big it would bring people from all over the world to the Black Hills. He dreamed of sculptures of Wild West heroes carved into the granite needles of the Black Hills.

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Day 5 – Wed, Sept 6

Optional tour to Devils Tower WY, or free day in Deadwood

Meals Included: None

Today you can choose to enjoy Deadwood at your leisure or join us this morning as we visit **Devils**Tower in Wyoming as an optional add-on tour (2024 \$ TBA). Devils Tower is a butte, possibly laccolithic, composed of igneous rock in the Bear Lodge Ranger District of the Black Hills, near Hulett and Sundance in Crook County, northeastern Wyoming, above the Belle Fourche River. It rises 1,267 feet above the Belle Fourche River, standing 867 feet from summit to base.

The afternoon is free to do as you choose.

Overnight: Mineral Palace Casino Hotel



Day 6 – Thurs, Sept 7

Deadwood, SD to Weyburn, SK

Meals Included: Breakfast

The journey back to Saskatchewan begins today. After a stop at the Duty-Free, and crossing back into Canada, it's back to Weyburn for our last evening.

Overnight: Travelodge Weyburn

Day 7 - Fri, Sept 8

Weyburn, SK to Home Cities

Meals Included: None

Travel day back to your drop-off locations today with a retracement of our journey on Day 1.

You will stop in **Saskatoon** for coffee and **Lloydminster** for a late lunch before returning home with fond memories of your historic Deadwood tour.



WHAT'S INCLUDED

- Transportation on an air-conditioned, washroom-equipped motorcoach with a professional driver
- Services of an experienced Tour Director from Pro Tours
- Onboard entertainment
- 6 nights accommodations
- Meals included: 2 breakfasts
- Free blackjack & slot tournaments with cash prizes

- Welcome Reception in Deadwood
- Transportation for the optional tours to Mount Rushmore and Crazy Horse Monument (2024 \$TBA)
- Transportation for optional tour to Devils Tower Wyoming (2024 \$TBA)
- Casino vouchers \$10/day loaded on your players club card in Deadwood (Subject to Changes)
- Miles of Smiles!

PICK UP LOCATIONS

• St Albert: St. Albert Inn & Suites - 156 St Albert Trail

• Edmonton: Lowes Home Improvement – Edmonton (9603 – 165 Ave NW)

Sherwood Park: Super 8 Hotel - 26 Strathmoor Drive

Vegreville: Garden Inn - 6401 50th Ave
Vermillion: Super 8 Hotel - 5108 47th Ave
Lloydminster: Arby's - 5019 44th Street
North Battleford: Tropical Inn - 1001-SK16

Saskatoon: Lawson Heights Mall – 134 Primrose Dr Saskatoon

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