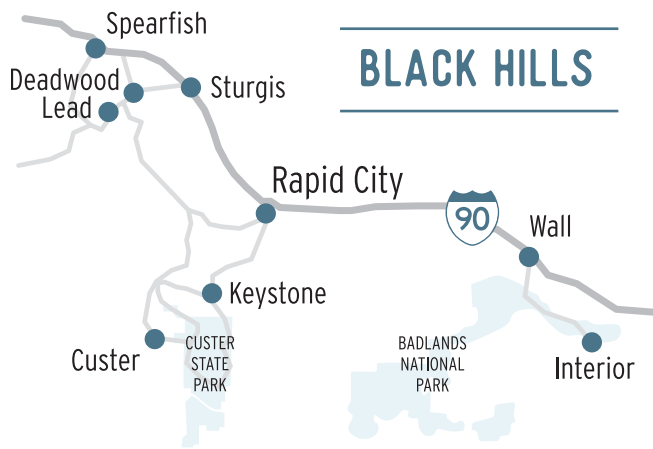


BLACK HILLS ITINERARY

PARKS, MONUMENTS AND MEMORIALS

From the presidential faces carved on Mount Rushmore to the giant herds of wild buffalo that call Custer State Park home, the Black Hills region contains many truly monumental places. Travelers can easily enjoy a wide variety of activities and attractions all within short driving times.



RAPID CITY

Arrive in the City of Presidents, known for the life-size bronze sculptures of former US presidents in the downtown area. With a well served regional airport, Rapid City is a great place to start your Black Hills journey.

MUST SEE STOPS:



THE JOURNEY MUSEUM & LEARNING CENTER

The Journey Museum & Learning Center brings together five major prehistoric and historic collections to tell the complete story of the wild and complex Western Great Plains.



BEAR COUNTRY USA

Drive through the conservation wildlife park viewing more than 20 species of mammals including black bears, elk, mountain lions, and more in their natural environment.



MOUNT RUSHMORE BLACK HILLS GOLD FACTORY

Take a fascinating free tour through the factory to watch and learn how regional inspired Black Hills jewelry is made by skilled artisans.



TRAVEL PLANNER TIP: Take time to enjoy one of the over 300 events that occur yearly at Main Street Square, located in Downtown Rapid City.



BADLANDS NATIONAL PARK

WALL/INTERIOR

Continue one hour east on interstate 90 to discover the small and quirky towns of Wall and Interior. Both offer great access into Badlands National Park and the Minuteman Missile National Historic Site.

MUST SEE STOPS:

WALL DRUG STORE

Welcoming travelers since 1931, the Wall Drug Store has evolved into a 76,000 square foot wonderland. Guests can spend hours enjoying the many shops filled with authentic South Dakota souvenirs before grabbing a bite at the restaurant, which can serve over 520 guests at one time.

BADLANDS NATIONAL PARK

Cruise the Badlands Loop Scenic Byway and enjoy spectacular views of color changing canyons, pinnacles, spires, and abundant wildlife. The park includes 15 scenic overlooks, hiking trails, and the Ben Reifel Visitors Center.

MINUTEMAN MISSILE NATIONAL HISTORIC SITE

The Minuteman Missile National Historic Site consists of three sites along a 15-mile stretch of Interstate 90. Explore the visitor center and Delta-09 missile silo before taking an underground tour of the Delta-10 Launch Control Facility.



TRAVEL PLANNER TIP: Grab a dozen of Wall Drug Stores famous donuts to snack on while on the road.

KEYSTONE

Located just minutes from Mount Rushmore, the city of Keystone offers visitors a variety of souvenir boutiques, cafes and unique lodging.

MUST SEE STOPS:



MOUNT RUSHMORE NATIONAL MEMORIAL

America's Shrine of Democracy, Mount Rushmore National Memorial features the 60-foot faces of four great American presidents who represent the birth, growth, development and preservation of this country.



NATIONAL PRESIDENTIAL WAX MUSEUM

The museum features the works of world-famous wax artist Katherine Stubergh, the museum displays more than 100 life-sized wax sculptures of some of the most iconic figures in American history.



RUSH MOUNTAIN ADVENTURE PARK & RUSHMORE CAVE

A Rushmore Mountain Coaster, Soaring Eagle Zipline, Ride Gunslinger 7-D Interactive Ride, stalactite-filled caverns, and more all await visitors at Rush Mountain Adventure Park.



TRAVEL PLANNER TIP: For the best photos of Mount Rushmore National Memorial, visit in the morning hours when the sun is shining directly on the faces.

CUSTER

For visitors that are up for an adventure, Custer is only minutes-not-miles from great climbs, trails, and family fun in the Southern Black Hills.

MUST SEE STOPS:



CUSTER STATE PARK

Few truly wild places remain in this country. Custer State Park is one of them. Located in the Southern Black Hills, the park spans over 71,000 acres and is home to a variety of wildlife including 1,400 wild buffalo.



BLACK HILLS AERIAL ADVENTURES

Visitors looking to get a unique view, Black Hills Aerial Adventures offers flightseeing tours over the breathtaking Black Hills and Badlands.



JEWEL CAVE NATIONAL MONUMENT

With a name derived from the crystals that line its walls, Jewel Cave National Monument is even more significant as the third-longest cave in the world.



TRAVEL PLANNER TIP: Each September Custer State Park hosts the Buffalo Roundup, where cowboys and cowgirls herd 1,400 wild buffalo by horseback across the landscape.

DEADWOOD/LEAD

Historic Deadwood is a town known for its rough and tumble past. Gamblers and gunslingers like Wild Bill Hickok and Calamity Jane made legends for themselves on the tough and dusty streets.

MUST SEE STOPS:



DAYS OF '76 MUSEUM

The museum includes over 50 authentic horse-drawn vehicles. Visit to learn more about the early days in Deadwood as well as the history of rodeo in the area.



SANFORD LAB HOMESTAKE VISITOR CENTER

Learn about Lead's amazing past, present and future through the Homestake Mine and the Sanford Underground Research Facility.



BROKEN BOOT GOLD MINE

Visitors can pan for gold and tour an authentic gold mine where miners once dug for treasures by candlelight.

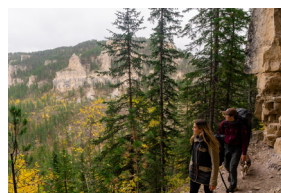


TRAVEL PLANNER TIP: Check out the Deadwood Alive reenactments during the summer months on historic Main Street.

SPEARFISH

This beautiful mountain town located in the Northern Black Hills gives visitors everything they need as well as easy access to outdoor adventures.

MUST SEE STOPS:



SPEARFISH CANYON SCENIC BYWAY

Built on top of an ancient rail bed, the highway affords visitors views of towering limestone cliffs and pine trees. The Scenic Byway has several hiking spots for scenic overlooks.



ROUGHLOCK FALLS NATURE AREA

Roughlock Falls is spectacular to view and photograph. Designated walking paths and hiking trails provide the opportunity to explore the area.



TERMESPHERE GALLERY

Dick Termes, an internationally known local artist, paints on spheres which have been published in books all over the world. These globular canvases hang from ceiling motors.



TRAVEL PLANNER TIP: During the fall season visit the Spearfish Area Chamber of Commerce website for a daily Fall Canyon Color Report to see when the best time for an autumn drive would be.