

# I-29 ITINERARY

## ART & HISTORY ALONG INTERSTATE 29

South Dakota is a state full of history and culture. A wide variety of opportunities for historical and cultural engagement can be found while traveling along Interstate 29. The history of the prairie, incredible works of art, breathtaking sculptures and some of the world's most treasured musical instruments await travelers.



## SISSETON

Begin your South Dakota adventure in Sisseton, a town rich in Native American and immigrant culture, situated on the Coteau des Prairies (hills of the prairie).



### MUST SEE STOPS:

#### FORT SISSETON HISTORIC STATE PARK

The historic 1864 fort is a picturesque state park that tells of the area's past. Visitors can explore the park and see inside the barracks and other buildings once used by officers and guards of the U.S. Army.

#### STAVIG HOUSE MUSEUM

Stories of Scandinavian immigration are told through a collection of letters and historical photographs in this authentic Victorian home built by Norwegian immigrant, Andrew Stavig, in 1916.



**TRAVEL PLANNER TIP:** Each summer the annual Sisseton-Wahpeton Oyate Wacipi is one of the longest running powwows in the country.

## WATERTOWN

A quick drive south one hour brings visitors to Watertown a beautiful city with an abundance of outdoor sportsman recreation and a unique art scene.

### MUST SEE STOPS:

#### MELLETTTE HOUSE

The Mellette House was once the home of South Dakota's first governor, Arthur Calvin Mellette. Today, visitors can tour the home to view the spectacular Italianate architecture and see what life was like in the late 1800s.

#### TOWN PLAYERS THEATER

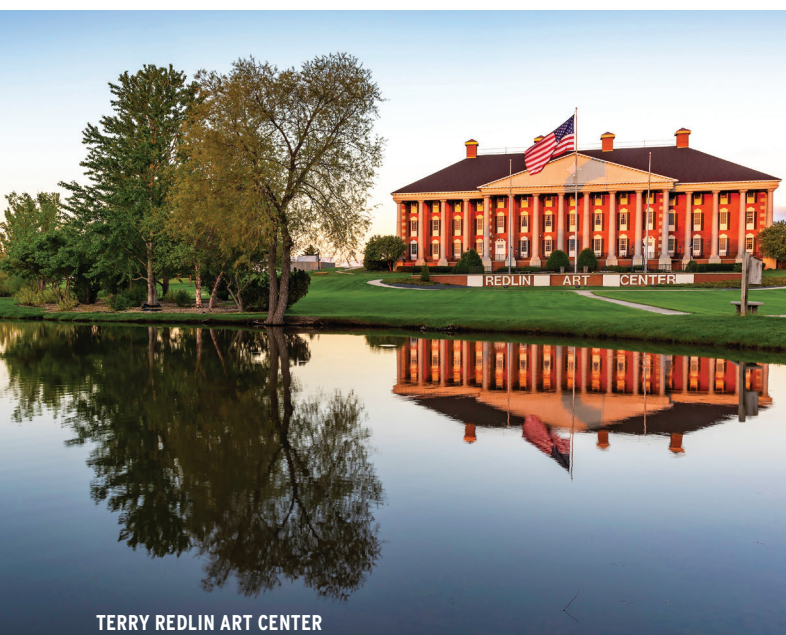
With a variety of exciting shows, the Town Players will captivate visitors with live entertainment at its finest.

#### TERRY REDLIN ART CENTER

Terry Redlin captured on canvas images of nature and small town America. Visitors can enjoy more than 160 original oil paintings, shop three exclusive gift shops and stroll the 30-acre Conservation Park.



**TRAVEL PLANNER TIP:** Watertown has the longest 4th of July parades in South Dakota followed by a large firework display!



TERRY REDLIN ART CENTER

## BROOKINGS

Home of the largest university in South Dakota, Brookings has attractions for any age to enjoy.

### MUST SEE STOPS:



#### SOUTH DAKOTA ART MUSEUM

Boasting over 7,000 works of art the galleries showcases dynamic exhibits from regional, national and international artists.



#### MCCRORY GARDENS

The gardens feature more than 25 acres of flowers, trees, shrubs and grasses, and an additional 40-acre arboretum offers a unique and beautiful place for scientific study and public exhibition.



#### SOUTH DAKOTA AGRICULTURAL HERITAGE MUSEUM

Dedicated to preserving the history of South Dakota's top industry, the museum walks visitors through the evolution of agriculture.



**TRAVEL PLANNER TIP:** Stop by for a delicious scoop of South Dakota State University ice cream.

## DE SMET

Made famous in the Little House on the Prairie books and TV series, De Smet celebrates the life of the Ingalls family in South Dakota.



### MUST SEE STOPS:

#### INGALLS HOMESTEAD

Visitors can enjoy life on the prairie through hands-on activities in a picturesque country setting where Laura Ingalls Wilder's family homesteaded.

#### LOFTUS STORE

Visitors can stop by the original 1800s Loftus Store for little house on the prairie books, souvenirs, and nostalgic candy and treats.



**TRAVEL PLANNER TIP:** Held every year during the month of July, the Laura Ingalls Wilder Pageant attracts visitors from around the world.

## SIoux FALLS

South Dakota's largest city, Sioux Falls has a variety of cuisine, entertainment, and recreational opportunities for visitors.

### MUST SEE STOPS:



#### FALLS PARK

The namesake of the city, Falls Park offers a natural beauty to an urban setting. Visitors can enjoy a wide view of the triple tier waterfall from the five-story viewing tower, before grabbing a bite at the Falls Overlook Cafe.



#### SCULPTURE WALK

Enjoy over 55 unique and changing sculptures that make up the Sculpture Walk in Downtown Sioux Falls in an urban outdoor setting among shops and restaurants.



#### GOOD EARTH STATE PARK AT BLOOD RUN

The site itself is one of the oldest sites of long-term human habitation in the United States. Good Earth offers prime opportunities for education as well as birding and hiking.



**TRAVEL PLANNER TIP:** Visit the Arc of Dreams sculpture which stretches over the Big Sioux River in Downtown Sioux Falls. The majestic sculpture is lit up every night in bright lights.

## VERMILLION

Nestled along the banks of the Missouri River, Vermillion is home to many beautiful nature parks and historic attractions.

### MUST SEE STOPS:

#### NATIONAL MUSIC MUSEUM

With over 15,000 fine and historic instruments from many cultures and historical periods, this world-renowned collection attracts visitors from around the globe.



**TRAVEL PLANNER TIP:** Vermillion is home to the South Dakota Shakespeare Festival held each year in June, which includes a full-length production, live music, food and more!

## YANKTON

Located 20 miles west of Vermillion is Yankton, the first capital of the Dakota Territory, which in the 1860s included South Dakota, North Dakota, Wyoming and Montana.

### MUST SEE STOPS:

#### MERIDIAN BRIDGE

The Meridian Bridge, which spans over the Missouri River, is the longest double-decker pedestrian bridge connecting two states, Nebraska and South Dakota.



**TRAVEL PLANNER TIP:** Every August visitors can enjoy live music, local food and art at Riverboat Days in Riverside Park.