

# Black Hills Buffalo Roundup

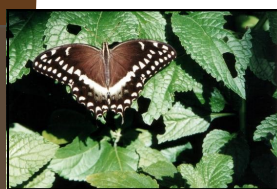
6 Days: September 24-29, 2010



# NORTHLAND TRAVEL

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Picture yourself in the Black Hills of South Dakota on a crisp autumn morning. All eyes are focused on a hill in the distance, when suddenly you see hundreds of buffalo emerge on the horizon. The atmosphere is electric with excitement. As the herd of shaggy buffalo comes closer, the ground shakes as they pass. Experience "being there" with NorthLand Travel. We will have our very own wildlife biologist/naturalist with us for the entire trip. He has accompanied us on this trip for several years and adds a great deal of information to this fun and educational adventure.



September 24 get to know your traveling companions as we pick up through our guaranteed departure cities on our way to South Dakota. After **lunch**, we stop in Sioux Falls to visit **Sertoma Butterfly House** and walk among 700 plus free-flying butterflies in the "Flight Room." You can also [safely] "meet" a scorpion or tarantula, if you wish. We continue to Oacoma, SD, for the night at a hotel with an indoor pool as well as a whirlpool. We have a restaurant nearby.

September 25 after **breakfast** we head west to **Badlands National Park**. The park preserves 242,756 acres of sharply eroded buttes, pinnacles and spires blended with the largest protected mixed grass prairie in the United States. Our wildlife biologist will tell us all about this unique and ever-changing landscape. Many different animals live in this wilderness area including the black-footed ferret, the most endangered land mammal in North America. Our lunch stop is Wall Drug, where many choices are available. We then depart for **Custer State Park** to check out the viewing area for Buffalo Roundup. We will take a **driving tour of the park**, which should offer opportunities to observe and photograph wild animals. Our wildlife biologist will provide us with information about the plants and animals that make their home in the park. We stay the next 3 nights in downtown Keystone. Tonight we take in the **Fort Hayes Chuck Wagon Supper & Cowboy Music Show**. We will arrive early so you can visit the "Dances with Wolves" movie set, tin shop, rope shop or sawmill. Our **dinner** will include sliced roast beef in mild barbecue sauce, potatoes, western baked beans, biscuits & honey, applesauce, old-fashioned spice cake and coffee or tenderfoot lemonade. Our meal will be followed by a **country music show**. For your comfort the show and meal will be inside.



September 26 after **breakfast** we visit **Crazy Horse Memorial**, a work in progress for the past 60 years. This popular attraction honors our Native Americans. If you wish to have an even closer look at the memorial, an optional ride is available to the base. Adventurers who wish to ride to the top for a close-up inspection and a great view can take a different optional excursion. You will be able to visit the memorial at your own pace with plenty of time to have lunch on your own. Later, we drive south to **Spearfish Canyon**, a beautiful place, which should offer an excellent variety of fall colors. We will make several photo stops in the canyon. A **step-on guide** will take us on a historic tour of **Deadwood**. This small community has a unique history with many famous people calling it home during the gold rush. Our guide will bring this historical period to life. We continue our tour with a visit to **Lead**, home of the famous **Homestake Mine**, which produced 40 million ounces of gold between 1876 and 2002! We'll return to our hotel at a reasonable time tonight so you can be rested up for the main event - the Buffalo Roundup.



September 27 we are up early, as we don't want to miss a moment of the main event! We start with **breakfast**. We then take our places (camp chairs provided) to feel the thunder as 1,500 head of giant

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buffalo are rounded up and driven into corrals by cowboys, cowgirls and park staff on horseback and in 4-wheel drive vehicles. The annual roundup and auction reduces the herd to prevent overgrazing of the 73,000-acre Custer State Park. Following the roundup we will spend some time near the corral so you can observe these magnificent animals. A **buffet lunch** will be served at the historic **Coolidge Lodge**. Later we return to Keystone to visit **Mount Rushmore**, a grand symbol of democracy that took sculptor Gutzon Borglum and his team of 400 men 14 years to carve. You will have time to see the monument and visit the museum. We will return to our hotel to rest, give you some time to look around Keystone and choose a place to have dinner. This evening experience the patriotic **Mount Rushmore lighting ceremony**.



September 28 after **breakfast** we have a short drive to **Bear Country USA**. We will take our bus inside the enclosure and ride in comfort as we see a wide variety of free-roaming wild animals. Bears are clowns by nature and usually show off for an audience. We will tour the **bear nursery** and see young cubs of various sizes. You will have an opportunity to purchase unique items from the gift shop (sorry, no live pets for sale!). We'll stop again at Wall Drug for lunch on your own and a final opportunity to purchase that special gift or souvenir. Tonight we stay in Mitchell with a restaurant close to our hotel.



September 29 after **breakfast**, we travel a short distance to **Hansen Wheel and Wagon**. You will have an opportunity to watch craftsman re-create wagons from the 1800s. They make fantastic reproductions of real working wagons, which are sold all over the world. We will take a short break at the **Corn Palace**. You will have time to take some pictures and see the inside of this special South Dakota landmark. **Lunch** is in Brandon, SD, before we continue to our departure cities.



This trip is not only a lot of fun but also very educational. Our wildlife biologist/naturalist along with the step-on guide in Deadwood add a great deal to this trip. Our wildlife adventure does not involve a lot of rigorous walking. The amount of walking is up to you.

**This 6-day package includes:** Luxury motor coach transportation, lodging for 5 nights, luggage handling, all tickets/admissions to bolded attractions, an on-board naturalist, gratuities to step-on guides, 5 breakfasts, 3 lunches and 1 dinner (meals inclusive of tax and gratuity).

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\$929 per person with 3 or 4 persons sharing 1 room with 2 beds  
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**Reservations:** anytime as long as space is available.

**Deposit:** \$89 per person due with reservation

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**Balance due by:** August 25

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