



# PEORIA CHARTER TRAVEL

## Black Hills, Mt. Rushmore & More

September 22 – 28, 2025

7 Days / 6 Nights

### Day #1 – Monday, September 22<sup>nd</sup>:

- 5:00 AM** Depart Urbana from Peoria Charter, 1910 N Federal Drive
- 6:00 AM** Depart Normal from Schnuck's off Raab Road, 1750 Bradford Lane
- 6:35 AM** Depart Morton from WalMart, 155 E Courtland Street (behind Culvers)
- 7:15 AM** Depart Peoria from Peoria Charter, 2600 NE Adams after giving folks a chance to use the restroom here in Peoria. Today, our travels take us to Sioux City, Iowa where we'll make our stop for an overnight stay. Dinner is on your own tonight.
- 5:30 PM** Approximate arrival time in Sioux City. We'll get you somewhere for dinner on your own.

### Day #2 – Tuesday, September 23<sup>rd</sup>:

- Breakfast\*** is served at the hotel this morning.
- 8:00 AM** We depart for our destination – Rapid City, South Dakota. We'll make rest and meal stops along the way as needed. ***Note: Don't forget to set your watches back an hour as we enter the Mountain Time Zone.***
- 5:15 PM** We arrive in Rapid City at the **Holiday Inn Downtown\*** for the next 4 nights. **Dinner\*** is included tonight here at the hotel.

### Day #3 – Wednesday, September 24<sup>th</sup>:

**Buffet Breakfast\*** is included this morning before we set out on our tours of the area. Today we'll visit the **Journey Museum & Learning Center for a tour\***. You'll find Black Hills history & Native American Culture as you journey through time from creation to current life. It's one of the museums that focus on subjects such as dinosaurs, early settlement, and past living conditions. Next, we head to **Mt. Rushmore National Memorial\*** for an up close and personal look at this famous monument. You'll have the chance to walk up close and visit the artists studio. Have lunch on your own at Carver's Cave



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Restaurant. Following Mt. Rushmore, we depart for the **Black Hills Gold Factory\*** where you'll see artisans at work creating unique jewelry pieces and then you can purchase your own to take home with you. And finally, we'll visit the **Stav Kirke Norwegian Chapel in the Hills\***. Nestled at the foot of the Black Hills, on the western edge of Rapid City, the Chapel in the Hills is a quiet retreat open to all visitors. The chapel itself is an exact reproduction of the famous Borgund Stavkirke of Laerdal, Norway and was built in 1969. We head back to the hotel where you'll enjoy dinner on your own.

#### **Day #4 – Thursday, September 25<sup>th</sup>:**

**Buffet Breakfast\*** is included again this morning before we depart for the **Holy Terror Mine for a tour\***. The Holy Terror turned out to be one of the richest gold producers in the country. The Holy Terror and the Keystone Mine later merged, their shafts connected by horizontal tunnels. Next, we'll ride the historic **1880's Steam Train\***. You'll hear the bellow of the engine and the whine of the whistle as it winds its way through the scenic hills between Hill City & Keystone. After the train ride, we'll visit the **Homestake Visitor's Center\***. View exhibits of historic Homestake Gold Mine and the National Science Laboratory 5,000 foot below the surface. Our day ends with a **Guided Tour of Deadwood\***. You'll enjoy an orientation tour with narration about the 1876 gold rush and all about Wild Bill Hickock & Calamity Jane. Afterwards we return to the hotel for the evening with dinner on your own.

#### **Day #5 – Friday, September 26<sup>th</sup>:**

**Buffet Breakfast\*** is included before we depart for **Custer State Park\***. Custer State Park is one of the most beloved and diverse parks in the United



States. It features breathtaking natural scenery, diverse wildlife, and a wide range of outdoor activities. Afterward we'll visit the **Arts & Crafts Festival\*** here at the park. At the park you'll experience the buffalo "stampede", watch cowgirls & cowboys as they roundup and drive the herd of approximately 1,300 buffalo. Not only is the roundup a spectacular sight to see, it is also a critical management tool in maintaining a strong and healthy herd. Lunch is on your own at one of the food vendors. This afternoon, we travel to

**Crazy Horse\*** for a tour. Still unfinished, the mountain carving is dedicated to Native Americans. You'll visit exhibits and view the film in the Visitor Center before riding a bus to the base of Crazy Horse Mountain. Before departing, we'll enjoy a **Buffet Dinner\***. We return to the hotel after dinner.

### **Day #6 – Saturday, September 27<sup>th</sup>:**

**Buffet Breakfast\*** is served before we check out and depart for home making rest and meal stops along the way as needed. We travel to Sioux City, Iowa again for another overnight stay. ***Note: Don't forget to set your watches ahead an hour as we re-enter the Central Time Zone.***

### **Day #7 – Sunday, September 28<sup>th</sup>:**

**Breakfast\*** is served.

- 8:00 AM** We check out, board the coach and depart for home making break and meal stops along the way.
- 6:00 PM** Approximate return time to Peoria.
- 6:25 PM** Approximate return time to Morton.
- 7:00 PM** Approximate return time to Normal.
- 8:00 PM** Approximate return time to Urbana.

### **Cost Per Person:**

**Single: \$2625.00 Double: \$2055.00 Triple: \$1825.00 Quad: \$1710.00**

**Tour Includes: Deluxe Motorcoach Transportation, Professional Driver & Tour Hosts, Horel Accommodations, Luggage Handling, All Attractions & Meals in bold print and marked with an asterisk\***

**If you feel the Driver & Tour Hosts have done a good job, it is appropriate and appreciated to tip them. We suggest \$4 per customer per day for the Driver and \$4 per customer per day for the Tour Hosts on this trip.**

### **Hotels: To Be Determined**

