PEORIA CHARTER TRAVEL

Roosevelt's North Dakota

September 5 – 13, 2028

9 Days / 8 Nights

Day #1 – Tuesday, September 5th:

6:00 AM Depart Urbana from Peoria Charter, 1910 N Federal Drive.

7:00 AM Depart Normal from Schnuck's off Raab Road, 1750 Bradford Lane.

7:35 AM Depart Morton from Wal Mart, 155 E Courtland Street, behind Culvers

8:00 AM We arrive in Peoria at Peoria Charter where we'll make a 15 minute rest stop to use the facilities.

8:15 AM Depart Peoria Charter, 2600 NE Adams Street headed for our home for the night in Council Bluffs, Iowa. We'll make rest and meal stops along the way as needed.

5:00 PM We arrive in Council Bluffs at our hotel for the night. Dinner is on your own tonight.

Day #2 – Wednesday, September 6th:

Breakfast* is included this morning before we strike out for our next overnight stop in Fargo, ND. We'll make rest and meal stops along the way as needed.

Day #3 – Thursday, September 7th:

Breakfast* is included this morning before we head west across North Dakota to Medora. On July 4th, 2026 – America's 250th birthday – the **Theodore Roosevelt Presidential Library*** opened in Medora, North Dakota, as a call to adventure in the Badlands. Step into a museum where the participant is the hero – and leave inspired to live RT's values of leadership, citizenship and conservation. Our overnight accommodations will be in Medora, ND. Tonight, we'll enjoy a **Pitchfork Fondue Dinner*.** Every evening chefs load steaks onto pitchforks and fondue them western style. Savor your stead and the rest of your dinner as you overlook the picturesque Badlands from atop a bluff at the Tjaden Terrace. The **Medora Musical*** is a musical revue produced each summer at the open-air Burning Hills Amphitheater near Medora.

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Day #4 – Friday, September 8th:

Breakfast* is included this morning. Then our first stop is a visit to the **Theodore Roosevelt National Park – South Unit*.** Named for the 26th President, it memorializes his contribution to conservation. North Dakota Badlands provide the scenic backdrop to this park. The loop drive provides a view of buffalo, deer, elk, bighorn sheep, wild horses, mule deer and prairie dog towns. The park can be entered through Medora and is home to Reddy Rossevelt's first ranching cabin, the Maltese Cross Ranch. He stated several times, "I never would have been President if it had not been for my experiences in North Dakota". Next, we drive north to the **North Unit.** The fist half of the road traces the bottom of the Badlands. Midway through, it crawls up out of the canyon to the North Unit's most iconic view – River Bend Overlook. From here, it's an easy drive along the rim of the badlands to Oxbow Overlook at the road's end. Bison are often visible from the scenic drive at all hours of the day, while mule deer usually make appearances around dawn & dusk. Careful observers my spot bighorn sheep on or near steep cliff edges. Next, we arrive in Watford City where you'll stop at the **Long X Trading Post Visitor's Center,** which showcases the ranching and trail driving lifestyle of the 1880's. The Long X Trail was named for the Long X Ranch, which was the end of the trail for the cattle drives from Texas that ended in the area. The Visitor's Center features North Dakota's largest fossil. The petrified bald cypress tree stump, weighing approximately 25,000 lbs. and measuring approximately 6 feet in diameter and 8' tall was discovered in the Badlands south of Watford City during an archaeological dig in 2001. We'll overnight in Watford City and enjoy and included **Dinner*** at a local restaurant.

Day #5 – Saturday, September 9th:

Breakfast* is served this morning before we drive to Washburn, ND. The **Lewis & Clark Interpretive Center*** stands at the crossroads of culture and commerce on the Northern Plains. When Lewis & Clark arrived at the Mandan and Hidatsa villages in 1804, they simply became the most famous of many people who visited in search of knowledge and trade. Today's visitors will experience engaging exhibits, hundreds of period artifacts, world-class art collections and friendly interpreters who tell the story of the Lew is and Clark Expedition like never before. After lunch on our own, we'll meet a **Local Guide*** who will board the coach for a **guided tour of Bismarck* - the State Capital of North Dakota.** Then we'll check into a local Bismarck hotel for the next 2 nights and enjoy an evening **Lewis & Clark Dinner Cruise*.** A savory catered meal is served while cruising the historic Missouri River in Central North Dakota.

Day #6 – Sunday, September 10th:

Breakfast* is included this morning and then we're off for a morning visit to **Fort Abraham Lincoln State Park*.** Experience life at the Fort in 1875 at the Custer House. Tour the home of the General & Mrs. George Custer. Walk across the parade grounds to the barracks of the 7th Cavalry, the Commissary store and visit the horses at the stables. Our next stop will be at the **North Dakota Heritage Center & State Museum*.** This museum features four museum galleries tracing the state's rich history from its earliest geologic formation 600 million years ago today. Then **Dinner*** is included at a local restaurant before returning to the hotel.

Day #7 – Monday, September 11th:

Breakfast* is served before we make our travel day across the states to Sioux Falls, South Dakota, where we'll overnight. We'll make rest & meal stops along the way as needed.

Day #8 – Tuesday, September 12th:

Breakfast* is included before we have another travel day towards home. We'll overnight near Iowa City, Iowa tonight. We'll make rest and meal stops along the way as needed.

Day #9 – Wednesday, September 13th:

Breakfast* is served.

8:00 AM	We check out and finish our journey towards home today making rest & meal stops as needed along the way.
12:30 PM	Approximate arrival time back in Peoria. We'll take a 15-minute time to use the facilities before continuing on.
1:15 PM	Approximate arrival time back in Morton.
2:00 PM	Approximate arrival time back in Normal.
3:00 PM	Approximate arrival time back in Urbana.

Cost Per Person:

Single: $3825.00 Double: $2905.00 Triple: $2560.00 Quad: $2390.00

Tour Includes: Deluxe Motorcoach Transportation, Professional Driver & Tour Hosts, Hotel Accommodations, All Attractions & Meals in bold print & marked with an asterisk*.

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

Hotels:
To be determined