Dear Michigan State Alumni and Friends,

Join us on this action packed, fun filled & historical adventure to the Wild West featuring 6 Nights at one hotel in Rapid City, South Dakota. The highlights are numerous starting with the incredible Mount Rushmore National Memorial which is centered around a sculpture carved into the granite face of Mount Rushmore in the Black Hills in Keystone, SD. Mount Rushmore was selected because it has the advantage of facing southeast for maximum sun exposure. See the awesome sculptures of Washington, Jefferson, Roosevelt and Lincoln. The Crazy Horse Memorial, still in progress, is a giant mountainside sculpture of the famous Indian Chief astride his pony. Custer State Park is famous as a wildlife preserve featuring a herd of 1,500 free roaming buffalo where you will experience a thrilling Buffalo Jeep Safari in search of some of the herd.

Visit Devil’s Tower National Monument in Wyoming and historic Deadwood, SD, the 1876 rough and tumble gold camp & gambling town where Wild West legends were made like Wild Bill Hickok and Calamity Jane. The Black Hills Wild Horse Sanctuary is a seemingly endless prairie where hundreds of wild mustangs roam free and a 300-year step back into America with Native American petroglyphs. Badlands National Park contains spectacular examples of weathering, erosion, fantastic ridges, cliffs and canyons of variegated color. Enjoy a trip back in time on an authentic narrow-gauge railroad dating back to the Black Hills Gold Rush. The Journey Museum traces the geology of the Black Hills and tells the story of the people who inhabited these lands. Enjoy dinner at the K-Bar S Ranch nestled in the beautiful Black Hills followed by Mt. Rushmore at night to experience this American treasure illuminated in a whole new light to conclude your legendary tour.

Please review the itinerary details and count the extras. With roundtrip airfare included, we hope you can join us and agree this is an amazing trip.

Cheers,

Regina Cross
Director of Alumni Travel
Michigan State University Alumni Office
7 Days  August 12-18, 2020

Daily Itinerary

Day 1: Arrive Rapid City
Today arrive in Rapid City. Enjoy a Welcome Dinner with your traveling companions.
Meal - (D)    Overnight - Rapid City

Day 2: Mount Rushmore - Crazy Horse Memorial
This morning visit Mt. Rushmore featuring the awesome sculptures of Washington, Jefferson, Roosevelt and Lincoln. Each face is 60 feet high and is carved into the rugged granite mountainside with intricate perfection. Continue onto the Crazy Horse Memorial, still in progress. View the giant mountainside sculpture of the famous Indian Chief astride his pony. This afternoon visit Custer State Park famous as a wildlife preserve featuring a herd of 1,500 free roaming buffalo. Experience a thrilling buffalo jeep safari in search of some of the herd. Enjoy dinner at the famous State Game Lodge, built 1920 and listed on the national register of historic places with past guests including Presidents Coolidge & Eisenhower.
Meals - (B,D)    Overnight - Rapid City

Day 3: Devil's Tower - Deadwood
Today journey west into Wyoming to visit Devil's Tower National Monument to view the 867 foot monolith. Return east into South Dakota to visit historic Deadwood, the 1876 rough and tumble gold camp & gambling town where Wild West legends were made like Wild Bill Hickock, Calamity Jane and Seth Bullock. The entire city is a national historic landmark and features an incredibly preserved gold camp & gambling town where Wild West legends were made like Wild Bill Hickock, Calamity Jane and Seth Bullock. Later drive through beautiful Spearfish Canyon, a scenic drive in the Black Hills. Meals - (B)    Overnight - Rapid City

Day 4: Wild Horse Sanctuary
Today visit the Black Hills Wild Horse Sanctuary, a seemingly endless prairie where hundreds of wild mustangs roam free. The sanctuary is a 300-year step back into America with Native American petroglyphs & an authentic Sun Dance site. This afternoon return to Rapid City to enjoy the remnant of the day at your own pace.
Meals - (B)    Overnight - Rapid City

Day 5: Badlands National Park - Fort Hays
Today visit and drive through Badlands National Park, located between the White and Cheyenne Rivers. The area contains spectacular examples of weathering, erosion, fantastic ridges, cliffs and canyons of variegated color. Later explore the unusual and well-known Wall Drug Store, famous for its “Free Ice Water”. This afternoon visit the Fort Hays Dances with Wolves Movie Set to see some of the original buildings used in the Oscar winning film. Later at the same location enjoy a fun filled Chuckwagon Supper & Cowboy Show.
Meals - (B,D)    Overnight - Rapid City

Day 6: 1880 Train - Mt. Rushmore at Night
This morning enjoy a short drive to Hill City to explore Main Street and board the 1880 Train for a rail journey through history & scenery. The 1880 Train is an authentic narrow gauge railroad dating back to the Black Hills Gold Rush. Then visit one of Rapid City’s newest attractions, the city-owned $12 million The Journey Museum which traces the geology of the Black Hills and tells the story of the people who inhabited these lands. The Journey features four museums including the Sioux Indian Museum. Then stop at a Black Hills Gold Factory. Tonight’s special Farewell Dinner is at the K-Bar S Ranch nestled in the beautiful Black Hills just outside Keystone. Following dinner experience Mt. Rushmore at Night to see this American treasure illuminated in a whole new light.
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Day 7: Rapid City - Flight Home
Today depart from Rapid City filled with wonderful memories of your Black Hills, Badlands & Legends of the West Tour.
Meal - (B)

Inclusions
• Roundtrip Airfare- DTW or ORD ($100pp)
• 10 Meals- 6 Breakfasts & 4 Dinners
• Professional Tour Director
• Sightseeing per Itinerary
• Motorcoach Transportation
• Hotel Transfers
• Baggage Handling at Hotels
• 6 Nights Accommodations
• Deluxe Accommodations
• 2/4 Bedroom Suites & 1 Bedroom Condos
• 100% Inclusions - Meals, Lodging, Roundtrip Airfare, Sightseeing, Transfers

Accommodations
• Holiday Inn Rushmore Plaza, Rapid City
• Black Hills & Badlands Resort
• Custer State Park Resort
• Crazy Horse Resort
• Mount Rushmore

Tour Rates
Booking Discount*: $3475 pp double
Regular Rate: $3575 pp double
Single Supplement: +$800

*See Reservation Info for Booking Discount details

Reservation Information
DEPOSIT & FINAL PAYMENT
Deposit of $300 per person is due with Reservation Form to secure reservations. Final Payment Due Date is 75 days prior to departure.

**BOOKING DISCOUNT**
Make your Final Payment by check prior to the Final Payment Due Date & receive $200 per couple/$100 per person Booking Discount!

Initial Deposit can be made by check or credit card to be eligible.

Payments after Initial Deposit are considered part of Final Payment & must be made by check.

ONLINE BOOKING OPTION - Save time, postage & secure your seat for this group departure. Simply type https://res.premierworlddiscovery.com into your web browser & use the Booking Number (Web Code) from this flyer to make your Deposit online in just a few minutes.

No need to submit a Reservation Form if booking online.

Inclusions
• Chuckwagon Supper & Cowboy Show
• K-Bar S Ranch Dinner
• Black Hills Gold Factory
• The Journey Museum
• 1880 Train
• State Game Lodge Dinner
• Custer State Park
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