

Discover South Dakota

Featuring Mount Rushmore & The Badlands

May 25 - 31, 2018

**Registration Opens
Wednesday, May 31, 2017**

* Walk-in registration begins at 8:30 a.m.

* Telephone registration begins at 9:00 a.m.



Osher Lifelong Learning Institute



**SAGINAW VALLEY
STATE UNIVERSITY**



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Discover the spirit of the American West. Travel to the legendary Black Hills and see the American prairie as it was 300 years ago. Explore the legends of the city of Deadwood, home to Wild Bill Hickok and Calamity Jane. Travel the backcountry of Custer State Park and along the impressive Needles Highway lined with famous granite spires. Visit magnificent Mt. Rushmore. See Crazy Horse Memorial, the world's largest mountain sculpture still in progress. Journey through the natural beauty of Badlands National Park by coach or take a guided hike on one of its trails. Discover the fascinating history and stories of the Lakota and Sioux through a Native American chronicler.

Pre-Trip Dinner at SVSU

We will offer a pre-trip dinner about two weeks prior to departure. This is a great opportunity for you to meet OLLI members that you will be traveling with. You will receive your travel documents, enjoy a nice meal, and we will go over trip logistics.

Travel Providers

Collette Vacations is a third generation, family-owned company headquartered in Pawtucket, Rhode Island with offices in Toronto and Vancouver, Canada; and London England. Collette's employees are travel experts who are passionate about travel and who strive daily to make your vacation worry-free, fun and memorable. They offer more than 150 expertly designed, escorted tours spanning 50-plus countries on all seven continents. Founded in 1918, they are the oldest major U.S. tour operator.

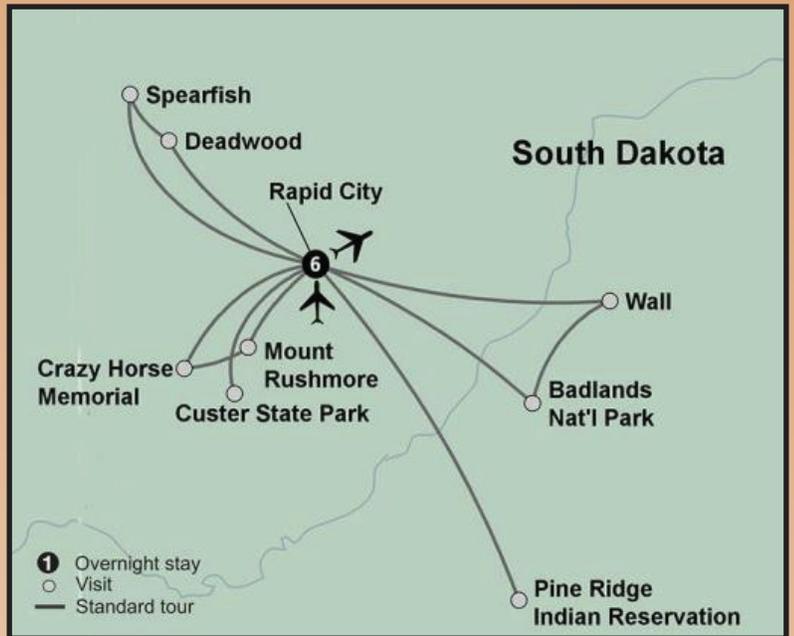


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About Our Lodging



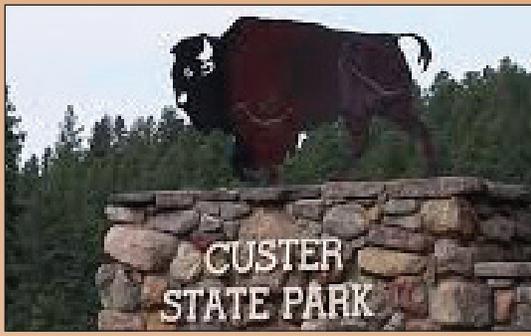
We will stay in first class accommodations handpicked to ensure quality and comfort. The "single hotel stay" that our provider uses for this tour is the Hilton Garden Inn, Rapid City, South Dakota.



This Seven - Day Trip Includes:

- Round-trip air transportation from Detroit to Rapid City, South Dakota, air transfers, and ground transportation from SVSU to the Detroit airport.
- Six nights lodging in a "single hotel stay" in Rapid City, South Dakota
- Breakfast daily, and 3 dinners.
- Guided sightseeing and entrance fees as outlined in the brochure. Highlights include Mount Rushmore, Deadwood, Pine Ridge Indian Reservation, Black Hills Gold, Badlands National Park, Wall Drug, Needles Highway, Custer State Park, Crazy Horse Memorial.
- Collette's cancellation waiver and insurance, valued at \$240 per person
- Pre-trip dinner at SVSU approximately two weeks prior to departure.





Trip Itinerary

Day 1 Friday, May 25, 2018 Rapid City, South Dakota

Welcome to the West. Your tour opens in Rapid City, long known as the gateway to the Black Hills. Tonight, you and your fellow travelers gather for a welcome dinner featuring a Native American chronicler who shares stories about the Lakota and Sioux way of life. (D)

Day 2 Saturday, May 26, 2018 Rapid City/Keystone/Rapid City

Follow in the footsteps of some enterprising westerners during a visit to the Chapel in the Hills and the log cabin of a gold prospector. Next, we head for mighty Mount Rushmore. Spend some time with the epic figures of Washington, Jefferson, Roosevelt and Lincoln. Stroll along the Presidential Trail which offers the closest access to the iconic sculpture. Later, we'll visit downtown Rapid City (America's most patriotic city) to enjoy this great little western town. We'll be sure to make a stop at the Prairie Edge, a favorite local shop filled with authentic Lakota items. This evening, return to Mount Rushmore to see the spectacular nighttime lighting ceremony. (B)

Day 3 Sunday, May 27, 2018 Rapid City/Deadwood/Rapid City

Are you ready for Deadwood? This morning, we explore one of the Old West's most iconic settlements. This National Historic Landmark comes alive – it is as if you've stepped onto the set of an old-fashioned western. Perhaps you'll fulfill your childhood cowboy dreams. Faithful recreations of turn-of-the-century streetlamps light the way as you make your way through accurately restored architecture. A local guide introduces you to the history of the city on a tour that includes a visit to Mount Moriah Cemetery, the final resting place of Wild Bill Hickok. We will also make a stop at Kevin Costner's Tatanka: Story of the Bison. This interpretive center features large, awe-inspiring sculptures depicting the relationship of bison and the Lakota. Then, enjoy some time to ramble through Deadwood where gold, gambling and gunpowder were once the order of the day. (B,D)

Day 4 Monday, May 28, 2018 Rapid City/Pine Ridge Indian Reservation/Rapid City

This morning, an alumnus of the Red Cloud Indian School on Pine Ridge Indian Reservation joins us for a cultural discussion. Learn more about the school's mission, the reservation and the challenges faced by the Lakota people. Afterwards, we continue this special day at the Heritage Center. Later, learn more about Black Hills gold on a tour through Riddle's Black Hills Gold and Diamond Factory. See skilled artisans handcraft South Dakota's official state jewelry and enjoy time to shop for some handcrafted items. (B)

Day 5 Tuesday, May 29, 2018 Rapid City/Badlands/Wall/ Rapid City

Today is all about wide-open spaces. Explore the larger-than-life Badlands National Park. After we get orientated at the visitor center, the stage is set for a classic adventure. It's your choice! Will you take a guided hike along one of the Badlands' many trails? Or will you drive the Badlands Loop Road, a marvel of vibrant colors and rock formations? Afterwards, we will enjoy a stop at timeless Wall Drug, a store that remains much as it was in 1936. Take some time for lunch, sit at the soda fountain and do a little browsing. (B)

Day 6 Wednesday, May 30, 2018 Rapid City/Custer/Rapid City

The Needles Highway is calling your name. Travel through 14 miles of magnificent rock formations, curving tunnels and steep spires. Later, we continue our road trip through Custer State Park where you just might spot a buffalo, a band of bighorn sheep or a herd of majestic elk. Visit Crazy Horse Memorial and learn the story behind the world's largest mountain sculpture still in progress. The memorial includes the Indian Museum of North America, the Native American Cultural Center, the sculptor's studio, and an orientation center and theaters. Many Native American artists and craftspeople work at the memorial and welcome the chance to share how their culture influences their art. This evening, it's our final roundup. Join your fellow travelers at a western dinner show. (B,D)

Day 7 Thursday, May 31, 2018 Rapid City - Tour Ends

After enjoying your last breakfast in Rapid City, and checking out of the hotel, we will head to the airport for our flight to Detroit. You will be transferred from the Detroit airport to SVSU by motorcoach (B)

General Information

Information and Reservations

Call the SVSU-OLLI at (989) 964-4475 or come in the OLLI office C-111, for further information or to Make your deposit. Registration for this trip begins on:

Wednesday, May 31, 2017

Walk-in registration begins at 8:30 a.m.

Telephone registration begins at 9:00 a.m.

Tour Activity Level

This tour requires average physical activity. You should be in good health, able to climb stairs and walk reasonable distances, up to two miles per day, possibly over uneven ground and cobblestoned streets.

Trip Insurance

Collette's cancellation waiver and trip insurance is included in the price of the trip.

Travel Worry-Free Cancellation

Collette cancellation waiver offers travelers a full cash refund for the price of the tour, right up to the day prior to departure, minus the small cost of the waiver. Find out more about Collette's terms & conditions on their website:
www.gocollette.com/en/about-collette/terms-and-conditions

Cancellation

All cancellations must be made in writing to the OLLI office. Collette's cancellation policies will prevail.

Air Details

Our package includes round-trip air from Detroit, air taxes and fees/surcharges. Specific flight information will be provided at a later date. If our flight is scheduled early, we may stay the night prior to departure in Detroit. If this is the case, there will be an added cost per person and these details will be forwarded to you closer to departure.

Weather Projection

Daytime temperatures should range between 60-73 degrees in this region during the later part of May.

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1. Name _____
(as it appears on your drivers license)

Date of Birth _____ Citizenship _____

2. Name _____
(as it appears on your drivers license)

Date of Birth _____ Citizenship _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Email _____

Home phone _____ Cell _____

Trip Costs: (until 11/1/2017)

- \$2,519 OLLI Member (double) includes insurance
- \$2,579 Non-member (double) includes insurance
- \$500 Single supplement

(Non-member cost includes OLLI membership for 2017-18)

All prices increase after November 1, 2017. There may also be an additional charge for airline imposed tax and fuel surcharges.

Deposit & Payment Schedule

A \$540 deposit will hold a spot for an OLLI member, or \$600 for non-members. This deposit includes \$240 for Collette's cancellation waiver & trip insurance. All prices will increase by \$50 after November 1, 2017. Your final balance for this trip is due by March 1, 2018.

Payment Method

Check (payable to SVSU) Amount Enclosed _____

Credit Card: MasterCard Visa Discover American Express

Card Number _____

Cardholder's Name _____ Expiration Date _____

Three Ways to Register:

- Call 989-964-4475
- Walk-in registrations should go to C111
- Mail form with payment to:
OLLI of SVSU
Curtiss 111
7400 Bay Road
University Center, MI 48710