



## Western North Dakota Tour

Where the Badlands, Good Times, and Friends Are Met!

### **Arrival Day – Welcome to North Dakota**

Arrive at Williston Basin International Airport with service available on United Airlines, Delta Airlines, and seasonal Sun Country Airlines. Upon arrival, enjoy lunch or dinner at local favorites including 701 Chophouse or Applebee's Restaurant before checking into your comfortable accommodations for the evening.

### **Day 1 – Frontier History & Tribal Traditions**

Travel from the Williston area to New Town and Watford City along scenic North Dakota highways. Begin the day exploring several fascinating historic attractions located near one another, including Fort Union Trading Post National Historic Site, once the center of the fur trade along the upper Missouri River. Continue to the Missouri-Yellowstone Confluence Interpretive Center to learn about the Lewis and Clark Expedition, then visit Fort Buford State Historic Site, where Sitting Bull surrendered in 1881 and Buffalo Soldiers once served.

Continue to the Fairview Lift Bridge and Cartwright Tunnel, a unique structure originally designed for both rail and vehicle traffic. Later, experience the culture and traditions of the Three Affiliated Tribes with visits to Earthlodge Village and the MHA Nation Interpretive Center. Optional gaming and entertainment are available at 4 Bears Casino and aboard the River Willow Riverboat.

Dining options include a traditional meal at the Ceremonial Earthlodge, the buffet at 4 Bears Casino, Stonehome Brewing Company, or 6 Shooters Showhall & Café. Overnight in Watford City.

### **Day 2 – Theodore Roosevelt National Park & Medora**

Begin the morning with a coffee stop at Door 204 before traveling through the breathtaking North Unit of Theodore Roosevelt National Park. Enjoy scenic overlooks, prairie dog towns, the dramatic Oxbow Overlook, and the Edge of Glacier Pullout while taking in the rugged beauty of the North Dakota Badlands.

Later, continue to the charming western town of Medora for a two-night stay surrounded by spectacular scenery and Old West hospitality.



### **Day 3 – Medora & Western Heritage**

Spend the day exploring the legendary town of Medora and its surrounding attractions. Visit the Theodore Roosevelt Presidential Library, Theodore Roosevelt National Park, Chateau de Mores State Historic Site, and the North Dakota Cowboy Hall of Fame.

Enjoy classic Medora experiences including the popular Gospel Brunch and an entertaining Theodore Roosevelt Dinner featuring reprisor Joe Wiegand. This evening, experience the nationally known Medora Musical and the famous Pitchfork Steak Fondue overlooking the Badlands.

### **Day 4 – Native Heritage & Lake Sakakawea**

Depart Medora and travel east to Stanton for a visit to Knife River Indian Villages National Historic Site, where Lewis and Clark met Sakakawea and the Mandan and Hidatsa people lived in the mid-1800s.

Continue to Garrison for a fun and uniquely North Dakota “Walking Tacos” experience, also known as Taco in a Bag. Enjoy a trolley ride, visit beautiful Lake Sakakawea State Park, and stop for photos with Wally the Walleye.

This evening, arrive in Minot with time to explore the downtown district before overnight accommodation.

### **Day 5 – Scandinavian Heritage & Aviation History**

Discover Minot’s rich culture and attractions beginning with the Dakota Territory Air Museum, home to more than 50 aircraft and thousands of aviation artifacts. Continue to Scandinavian Heritage Park, where the traditions of five Nordic countries are celebrated through architecture, monuments, and exhibits.

Enjoy time for downtown shopping and dining while discovering Minot’s public art installations, selfie spots, breweries, and local attractions. This evening, gather for a farewell dinner and wrap-up celebration. Overnight in Minot.

### **Departure Day – Journey Home**

Enjoy breakfast and free time before transferring to Minot International Airport for departure flights home.