

Itinerary

Theodore Roosevelt's North Dakota

Saturday, Oct. 7 - Wednesday, Oct. 11, 2023

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Saturday, October 7th

Independent arrivals into Bismarck, meet at the **Radisson Hotel Bismarck**

- 6:00 p.m. (CT) Welcome & Group Dinner in the hotel, Van Gogh Remington Room <u>Menu</u>: Garden Salad served with Dinner Rolls & Butter. Preselected Choice of: 1) Chicken Kiev: Chicken Breast stuffed with Garlic Butter Sauce, breaded & baked, accompanied by Chardonnay Cream Sauce; 2) Lemon Grass Seared Salmon: 8 oz Fillet of Salmon accompanied by Lemon Tomato Beurre Blanc. Each served with Wild Rice Pilaf and Green Beans Almondine.
 3) Ratatouille: Layers of Yellow Squash, Zucchini, Eggplant & Tomato, Roasted Tomato & Garlic Sauce. Chef's Choice of Dessert. Coffee, Tea, Water, Red & White Wine.
- 7:00 p.m. Presentation with your study leader (approx. 45 minutes)

Sunday, October 8th

Breakfast at the hotel

<u>Menu</u>: Scrambled Eggs with Spinach & Heirloom Tomato; Turkey Sausage; Oatmeal with Honey; Assorted Individual Yogurts; Fresh Seasonal Fruit; Bran Muffins. Coffee, Tea, Juice.

- 8:00 a.m. (CT) Depart Bismarck today you will gain an hour
- 9:00 a.m. (MT) Painted Canyon Visitors Center Enjoy spectacular views & hike .9-mile loop into the canyon (optional)

Medora

Brief driving orientation to the small town of Medora NOTE: Medora is on Mountain Standard Time

11:00 a.m. (MT) Lunch at the Boots Bar & Grill, Medora

<u>Menu</u>: Buffet to include Mixed Greens; Pulled Pork; BBQ Chicken; Cole Slaw and Wild Rice; Brownies for Dessert. Soft Drinks, Coffee.

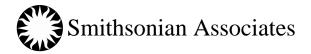
12:00 p.m. South Unit of Theodore Roosevelt National Park • Museum/Visitors Center

Enjoy a drive into the park, stops include a Prairie Dog Town, short walk down to the Little Missouri, and a final stop and optional hike (approx. 1 ½ miles RT) into **Wind Canyon**

Upon return, check in to the Rough Riders Hotel for your 3-night stay

Dinner on your own in Medora

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Monday, October 9th

Breakfast Buffet in Hotel Conference Room at 7:00 a.m.

<u>Menu</u>: Eggs topped with Cheddar Cheese, French Toast, Bacon, Seasoned Breakfast Potatoes, Yogurt with Granola, Seasonal Fruit. Coffee, Tea, Juice.

7:45 a.m. Meet with Amy McCann from the Theodore Roosevelt Presidential Library in Medora

8:15 a.m. Departure from the hotel

North Unit Theodore Roosevelt National Park

- Riverbend Overlook
- Hike along the Little Missouri River (approx. 2.4 miles RT)

Boxed lunch: Choice of Deli Ham & Cheese or Turkey & Cheese with Lettuce on a Flaky Croissant. Includes Mayo, Mustard, Potato Chops, Whole Fruit, Cookie, & Bottled Water *

5:00 p.m. Approximate return to hotel

6:00 p.m. **Dinner and evening program with Clay Jenkinson** in the Rough Rider's Hotel (Conference Room) <u>Menu</u>: Fresh Bread with Butter and Garden Salad. Choice of: 1) **Bison Osso Bucco**, Braised for Hours until Fork-Tender. Generous Portion Atop Crushed Potatoes, Green Beans, Caramelized Onions and Horseradish Sauce. 2) **Freshwater Canadian Walleye**, Pan Seared. Served with Roasted Potatoes, Chef's Choice Vegetable, and Citrus Beurre Blanc, or **3) Red Pepper Gouda Cavatelli** with Roasted Wild Mushrooms, Zucchini, Squash and Bell Peppers. Apple Country Crumbles for Dessert. Coffee, Tea, Soft Drinks. Cash Bar available. *

Tuesday, October 10th

Breakfast Buffet in Hotel Conference Room at 7:00 a.m. <u>Menu</u>: Eggs topped with Cheddar Cheese, French Toast, Bacon, Seasoned Breakfast Potatoes, Oatmeal, Seasonal Fruit. Coffee, Tea, Juice.

8:00 a.m. Depart hotel

Full day with Clay Jenkinson

Elkhorn Ranch (hike to site approx. 1/3 mile each way) <u>Boxed lunch</u>: Choice of Deli Ham & Cheese or Turkey & Cheese with Lettuce on a Flaky Croissant. Includes Mayo, Mustard, Potato Chops, Whole Fruit, Cookie, & Bottled Water *

Optional afternoon hike to a petrified forest (approx. 3 miles RT)

- 4:30 p.m. Approximate return to hotel
- 5:00 p.m. Buffet Dinner in Rough Riders Hotel Conference Room (closes 6:00 p.m.) <u>Menu</u>: Garden Salad; Beef Pot Roast and Garlic Herb Roasted Chicken; Sides of Garlic Mashed Potatoes and Glazed Baby Carrots. Mini Royal Cheesecakes. Coffee, Tea, Soft Drinks *
- 6:30 p.m. **Evening program at Cowboy Hall of Fame** (5 min. walk from hotel) Beer and wine will be provided
- 7:00 p.m. Musician/Storyteller Jessie Veeder

Wednesday, October 11th

7:30 a.m. (MT) Depart hotel (8:30am in Bismarck/Central Time - today you will lose one hour) Bus available for loading 15 minutes prior to departure Take bus to farewell breakfast at the Medora Life Skills Center (5 min. drive)

> Return to Bismarck Transfer to Bismarck airport by approx.12:30pm (Central Time) for return flights home

Individual Departures from Bismarck

*Individual dietary needs have been noted and adjustments to meals have been made where necessary for those requiring changes.