



History, Heroes & Hay Revealed

A mystery hit becomes a sought-after tour!

Sioux Falls & Watertown, SD



Falls Park

August 2 - 6, 2022 (5 days)

MAP AT A GLANCE



HIGHLIGHTS



- 4 Nights in Sioux Falls**
- Fagen Fighters WWII Museum**
- Guided Tour of Sioux Falls, South Dakota's largest city**
- The Washington Pavilion**
- Good Earth State Park**
- Falls Park featuring Triple Falls of the Big Sioux River, Falls Overlook Café, & Live Music**
- Stockyards Ag Museum**
- Pettigrew Mansion**
- Cathedral of Saint Joseph**
- Mary Jo Wegner Arboretum**
- McCrossen Boys Ranch**
- Wilde Prairie Winery Tour & Tasting**
- Minerva's Steakhouse**
- Antiques & Collectibles shopping fun**
- Roundhouse Trackless Trains**
- USS South Dakota Battleship Memorial**
- Catfish Bay Waterski Show**
- Redlin Art Center & Gallery**
- USGS EROS Data Center**



Mary Jo Wegner Arboretum



McCrossen Boys Ranch

Day 1 - Home to Watertown to Sioux Falls, SD

Our memorable journey begins today with coffee & a treat at R&J's very own office - come meet the R&J Family! Then we head down the road to visit a living memorial to one of the most critical times in our nation's history: WWII. The Fagen Fighters WWII Museum is a showcase of iconic aircraft & ground equipment as well as a tribute to the men and women of The Greatest Generation whose incredible sacrifices during that time shaped the freedom & liberty we enjoy today. Lunch is included here before we travel to Watertown and the world reknowned Redlin Art Center. We will marvel at the imposing colonial style four story brick building supported by 24 granite columns encircling the building. The gallery showcases more than 150 original oil paintings by Terry Redlin (1937-2016), one of the most widely collected painters of wildlife and Americana. A welcome dinner is served at Brazilian Grill before we check into the Hampton Inn in Sioux Falls for 4 nights.

Included Meals: Lunch, Dinner

Hotel: Hampton Inn (4 Nights)

Day 2 - Sioux Falls

Following a hot hotel breakfast, an expert step-on guide will join us as we tour Sioux Falls. Then we enjoy a tour of The Pettigrew Home & Mansion. Pettigrew was South Dakota's first full-time US Senator. He purchased this 1889 Queen Ann home in 1911 and arranged for this home to be donated to the city upon his death in 1926. Being a seasoned traveler, he collected artifacts all over the world and many of them are on display in this home. Our next stop will be the Courthouse Museum, the 1890 restored Romanesque Building created of native Pink Quartz. It is a National Historic Landmark that features an 1893 clock tower, a restored circuit courtroom & law library, and sixteen wall murals painted from 1915 to 1917. Opened as a museum in 1974, the building houses permanent and changing exhibits focusing on the natural & cultural histories of the Siouxland region. Afterwards, we head to over to the Stockyards Ag Museum at Falls Park. Learn the history of the Sioux Falls Stockyard and its impact on the economy of Sioux Falls. Then we explore Falls Park, a 123-acre park featuring triple waterfalls, visitors center, a five story observation tower, the Falls Overlook Café, and historic ruins located on the banks of the Big Sioux River. We will explore this special place. Our lunch will be enjoyed at the Falls Overlook Café. Next up is a tour of the Cathedral of Saint Joseph, which stands tall above the Sioux Falls skyline. This Romanesque & French Renaissance structure was built from 1915-1918. We will return to our hotel to relax & freshen up. Tonight dinner is at fantastic Minerva's in downtown Sioux Falls. You will love it and be glad it is an included meal! Afterwards, stroll the Sculpture Walk on a self-guided tour and shop in the unique downtown stores. Grab a sweet treat at CH Patisserie, a wonderful French Patisserie on Phillips Avenue.

Included Meals: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

Day 3 - Sioux Falls

We will start our day after a hot breakfast by heading to the Mary Jo Wegner Arboretum. This serene 155-acres features colorful remnants, stone quarries, rail lines, building foundations & more. Our tour will explain interesting facts about Sioux Falls' early days and the impact the quarry had on the beginning of the city. Next we will tour the Washington Pavilion in the old first high school. It is one of the world's first facilities to house under one roof: performing arts, interactive science and educational venues, six art museums, Broadway shows and home of the South Dakota Symphony. Lunch is served at Josiah's before we're treated to a fascinating tour of the McCrossen Boys Ranch. For more than 61 years, McCrossen Boys Ranch has changed the lives of many young troubled boys between the ages of 9-20, who have experienced conflict in their lives. Through values and dedicated staff, they prepare boys to live a balanced life outside the Ranch. A very effective part of the program is the use of horses in the therapy & counseling. Next we travel to Roundhouse Trackless Trains in Hartford, where construction of mini trackless trains for children & adults takes place. These trains are sold all over the US; it's even possible you've ridden in one! Another experience this afternoon is the USS South Dakota Battleship Memorial, dedicated to one of the most decorated ships in WWII.



Explore antique & collectible shops



Pettigrew Home



Redlin Art Center - be sure to find the "An American Portrait" series!



Later we head back to Falls Park to enjoy live music! Food trucks are available for dinner on your own or you may choose to dine again at Falls Overlook Café.

Included Meals: Breakfast, Lunch

Day 4 - Sioux Falls

After breakfast we will do some antiquing! We will take a short drive to Tea, SD and visit a couple antique & collectible shops. All these treasures are sure to bring back memories! Perhaps you'll even go home with a special find! Then we drive to the beautiful, interactive visitors center at Good Earth State Park, South Dakota's newest state park. Good Earth at Blood Run is a National Historic Landmark because the ever abundant wildlife and fertile flood plain made the area a crossroads of Native American Civilization. Lunch is served at Looks Marketplace before we visit the Butterfly House and Aquarium, an attraction of hundreds of active butterflies plus sealife displays including a touch pool. It is truly a hands-on fun & educational attraction! This afternoon we're guests at the Wilde Prairie Winery for a tour and tasting. We'll dine together this evening. Tonight we're guests at Catfish Bay Greatest Show on H2O, witnessing amazing water-skiing sticks & stunts!

Included Meals: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

Day 5 - Sioux Falls to Home

Following breakfast we'll check out of the hotel. Heading north, we'll enjoy a guided tour at U.S. Geological Survey Earth Resources Observation & Science Center (EROS), which houses the largest computer complexes in the entire Department of the Interior.

Included Meals: Breakfast

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2022 DATES & PRICES

DATES:	August 2 - 6, 2022 (5 Days)	
PRICE PER PERSON:	\$1,349 Double	\$1,629 Single
	\$1,279 Triple	\$1,229 Quad
PRICE INCLUDES:	11 Meals, Hotels & Activities as stated in brochure, Luxury Motorcoach	
DEPOSIT DUE PER PERSON:	\$100 p/p deposit at time of reservation, Full payment due 30 days prior to departure.	
OPTIONAL TRAVEL PROTECTION P/P:	\$85 Double (per person) / \$116 Single	
R&J TRAVEL BUCKS	\$25 R&J Travel Bucks earned on this tour	
TOUR PACE: (See page 11 for description)	Moderate Walking at your own pace	