

# Bike the Black Hills

## The Mickelson Rail Trail ~ South Dakota

Bicycle from Deadwood to Pringle, through Mt Rushmore & Crazy Horse Memorial 7 nights - Inn-to-Inn All Logistics - E-Bikes Available

2021 July 12 - 19
~ SMALL GROUP - Max 14 ~



George S. Mickelson Trail

KEYSTONE

Wind Cave National Park

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RAPID CITY

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## Why You'll ▼ This Adventure:

- **▼ Arrive early** on your own and enjoy Deadwood. Drive in and make it a "Road Trip" out of the heat from sizzlin' Phoenix
- **▼ Bicycle one of the TOP bike rail-trails in the USA -** the Mickelson Trail. Over 100 train bridges; 4 rock train tunnels
- **▼ Experience a piece of Wild West history -** 109-mile trail from former gold-mining boomtown Deadwood, south (downhill) over railroad bridges, through rock tunnels, and into the \ of the Black Hills.
- ▼ Easy pace cycling over 4 to 5 days / 3 4 hours a day around 20 - 25 miles a day lots of stops along the way. Rail Trail means no cars – no traffic!. One-day "pedal break" for sightseeing and ambiance in the historic town of Custer.

## Itinerary in brief

- ▶ Day 1: Arrive Rapid City shuttle to Deadwood
- ♥ Day 2: Free day in Old West Deadwood!
- ♥ Day 3: **Pedal Rochford back to Deadwood**
- ▶ Day 4: Pedal Rochford to Hill City
- **♥** Day 5: Pedal by Mt Rushmore and through Crazy Horse
  - to Custer
- **▼** Day 6: Free day in Custer; eve shuttle to Mt Rushmore
  - for evening light show
- **Pedal to Pringle and Wind Caves; shuttle back** ▼ Day 7:
- Shuttle to Rapid City Flight home

from \$ 1,599 per person dble occ

Single Room Supplement: \$775

Does not include flight roundtrip to Rapid City, South Dakota



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WEATHER: June and July usually low to high 80's

#### PRICING:

Depends on the size of the Group

14 peddlers \$ 1,599
12 peddlers \$ 1,649
10 peddlers \$ 1,749
8 peddlers \$ 1,849
Bring Your Own Bike – less \$280
Add an E-bike – plus \$285 pus tax
Single Supplement \$775

## $\star$ NO WORRY GUARANTEE - NO RISK DEPOSIT $\star$

| Initial Deposit | \$ 100 |
|-----------------|--------|
| 2021 April 30   |        |
| 2021 May 30     |        |

#### **CANCELLATION POLICY**

- 100% Refundable if canceled by or on 2021 May 30
- NO refunds\* after 2021 May 30 full penalty applies
- \*If you find a replacement for your spot 100% refundable
- All Scottsdale Ski Club Terms & Conditions apply see website
- Policy Subject to change per tour operator's conditions.

**FLIGHT Logistics:** (not included in price)

RT Into Rapid City, South Dakota

**Arrival**: Fly into Rapid City – tbd. We have ONE shuttle at \_\_\_\_ time tbd **Return**: ONE Shuttle to Rapid City Airport will be \_\_\_\_\_time tbd.

### TRAVEL INSURANCE

It is VERY advisable to take Travel Insurance. Group Plan available \$137 per person- Details gladly provided.

## **Your Adventure Includes ALL Logistics:**

- Group private transfer from Rapid City Airport to Deadwood
- Welcome Old West Happy Hour night #1
- 7-nights Deluxe accommodations including breakfast - 3-nights Deadwood; 1-night Hill City; 3-nights Custer
- Luggage transfer to Hill City; then Custer
- Deluxe Hybrid bicycle for 5 days
- Emergency pick-up for bike break-down or crash
- Group private transfer to Rochford for ride back to Deadwood Day #2
- Group private transfer to Rochford for ride to Hill City Day #3
- You cannot pedal into Mt Rushmore includes private group shuttle Day #5 for Mt Rushmore evening illuminations presentation
- Group private transfer from Pringle back to Custer Day #6
- Group private transfer from Rapid City Airport to Deadwood
- Includes all taxes, resort fees
- Not Included: flight to South Dakota, meals where not noted, National Park fees







## **July Weather**

#### in the Black Hills:

Depends on the Summer (fluctuates as all places do) usually low 80's to high 80's.

Cloudy days could be 60's or 70's, so bring warm rain gear.

If there is a HEAT WAVE, might get to 90.

#### **Deadwood**

Population: 1,300 Old mining and Western town with street shoot outs, saloons with live music – tons of history! Mount Moriah Cemetery has the graves of Wild West figures like Wild Bill Hickok and Calamity lane.

#### **Rochford**

Pop: 26

Founded in February 1877 as a gold mining town. Not typical of a Western town, Rochford had very little violence, unlike the wild and woolly Lead and Deadwood just 21 miles to the porth.

Today, "downtown" Rochford consists of the historic Moonshine Gulch Saloon and the Rochford Mall/antique shop (No accommodations but they have a great Saloon).

## **Hill City**

Pop: 1,010

The history of Hill City reaches back into Pennington County's oldest archives. In 1876, it was the first settlement established in conjunction with the initial discovery of Black Hills gold in French Creek, just 13 miles south of where Hill City sits today. Miners came from far and wide to prospect here to make their fortune.

### Custer

Pop: 2,270

Nestled between free-roaming buffalo of Custer State Park, granite mountain carvings, 1.2 million acres of national forest, and some of the world's largest underground caves.

## Pringle

Pop:175

A semi-ghost town in Custer County that got its start as a stage stop on the Sidney-Custer Trail, now ridable as the biking Mickelson Trail.

