

Native American Voices

North Dakota, South Dakota & Colorado

October 4 - 12, 2020

With Discussion Leader
Dakota Wind Goodhouse



 COMMONWEALTH
CLUB TRAVEL

Bismarck • Fort Yates • Keystone • Denver • Del Norte • Ignacio

Discussion Leader

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Dakota is an enrolled member of the Standing Rock Sioux Tribe and a Native American Studies instructor at the United Tribes Technical College, a Native American owned and operated college. He has his M.A in History from North Dakota State University and B.A. in Theology from the University of Mary. Dakota runs *The First Scout* blog which focuses on Lakota issues and traditional moon counts. Previously Dakota was an interpreter at the State Heritage Center and Museum in Bismarck. He is both Yanktonai and Húnkphap̃ha Lakhóta, and was raised in Fort Yates on the Standing Rock Sioux Indian Reservation.

What to Expect

Please note that our itinerary involves some time driving from city to city, as well as, a fair amount of walking around the sites including some stairs and uneven terrain. Most days have an early-morning start and include a full day's schedule of activities. Participants must be in good health and able to keep up with an active group. Drive times average is between 3-4 hours per day, sometimes over winding roads. The longest day of driving is 7 hours total with stops for touring along the way. In October the temperatures in the region average in the 55- 65's (°F) during the day, and 35- 45's (°F) in the evenings. This program will be covering topics that include violence, and that may be difficult for children. Therefore, we do not recommend this program for people under 16.

BISMARCK, NORTH DAKOTA

Sunday, October 4

Independent arrivals into Bismarck. and to the Radisson Hotel Bismarck. Meet at 3:00 with our group to depart for an afternoon visit to the North Dakota Heritage Center and State Museum. Our discussion leader Dakota Wind Goodhouse will guides us through the museum. End the afternoon meeting with **Danielle Ta'Sheena Finn**, a citizen of the Standing Rock Sioux Tribe and an acclaimed activist and artist. Enjoy a welcome reception and dinner with fellow travelers.

Radisson Hotel D

BISMARCK, NORTH DAKOTA

Monday, October 5

Depart the hotel and drive to Knife River Indian Villages National Historic Site, a National Parks Service site, which preserves the historic and archaeological remnants of bands of Hidatsa, Northern Plains Indians. This area was once a major trading and agricultural area. Continue on to the Double Ditch Indian Village, a large earth-lodge community inhabited by the Mandan Indians for nearly 300 years, and once a center of trade between the Mandans, their nomadic neighbors, and later, Euro-American traders.

End the afternoon meeting with **Emma Doll**, a Native American who set up the Five Nations Arts Organization, a resource to artists and collectors of Native American art in the region. Also meeting the group will be **Cheryl Kary**, co-founder of the Sacred Pipe Resource Center (SPRC) which was founded by a group of residents of the Bismarck-Mandan area who are committed to the mission of maintaining a home-away-from-home for off-reservation Native Americans living



in the area.

Radisson Hotel B,L,D

KEYSTONE, SOUTH DAKOTA

Tuesday, October 6

Today begins with a visit to Fort Abraham Lincoln State Park. The reconstructed 'On-A-Slant Indian Village' provides an excellent introduction to the earth-lodges of the Mandan Indians who occupied this site. Continue driving along Highway 1806, the Standing Rock National Native American Scenic Byway, an 86-mile route that climbs up and down the Missouri River, past buffalo herds and eagle's nests. History comes alive on this journey where the great Lakota spiritual leader Sitting Bull lived and died.

Enter the Standing Rock Reservation, home to the Lakota and Dakota people. Meet with **Rev. John Floberg**, who is deeply committed to the Dakota Access Pipeline (DAPL) protests. With the endorsement of the national Episcopal Church, Floberg provided supplies to campers and hosted protestors in his church. Continue on to nearby Fort Yates, the main town of Standing Rock and enjoy a locally cooked lunch at the Community Center. After lunch, visit the original burial site of Sitting Bull who was assassinated on the western part of the reservation.

End the afternoon visiting the Standing Rock Tribal Council Offices which were designed following authentic Native American architectural elements. Drive about three hours to our Keystone hotel, tucked deep in the Black Hills. Dinner at our hotel. *K Bar S Lodge B,L,D*

KEYSTONE, SOUTH DAKOTA

Wednesday, October 7

This morning meet with **Sequoia Crosswhite**, a member of the Cheyenne River Sioux Tribe. He is an accomplished musician, grass dancer and historian, as well as an enrolled member of the Cheyenne River Sioux tribe and a descendant of Chief War Eagle and Chief Swift Cloud.

Drive just over an hour to the inspiring Thunder Valley Community Center. A Lakota run grass roots center with goals to "create models of change that will overpower inter-generational poverty and build momentum towards regional equity."

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Head towards the town of Pine Ridge stopping at the site of the Massacre of Wounded Knee in 1890. The “battle” was actually a massacre where hundreds of unarmed Lakota women, children, and men, were shot and killed by U.S. troops.

Stop in at the Oglala Tribe Justice Center which houses courtrooms, a short term correctional holding facility, offices for law enforcement and justice officials. Funded by the Bureau of Indian Affairs, the facility is the first of its kind to blend traditional tribal justice concepts with a technologically advanced design.

End the afternoon meeting with artist **Joe Pulliam Buffalo Dreamer** whose work is in the permanent collection of the National Museum of the American Indian. Pulliam has dedicated his art to preserving Lakota culture.

K Bar S Lodge B,L

DENVER, COLORADO

Thursday, October 8

Accompanied by **Sequoia Crosswhite** spend the morning visiting the Badlands National Park and stopping at the Wind Cave National Park, an important spot in the Emergence Story.

Continue to Denver making a stop in Boulder to meet with the Native American Rights Fund (NARF). NARF has provided legal assistance to Indian tribes, organizations, and individuals who might otherwise have gone without adequate representation involving tribal sovereignty, treaty rights and natural resource protection. Continue to Denver and check-in to our hotel. Enjoy dinner on your own.

Downtown Renaissance Hotel B,L

DEL NORTE, COLORADO

Friday, October 9

Depart the hotel and meet with **Darius Smith** director of the Denver Anti-Discrimination Office where he investigates, conducts administrative hearings and mediates civil rights discrimination complaints. Darius also serves as the American Indian Liaison to the Denver American Indian Commission that advocates for social and cultural awareness to promote economic and political equality.

After lunch, drive through spectacular landscapes stopping at the Great Sand

Dunes National Park, home to the highest sand dunes in North America. The mountains, forests, and dunes in the park are sacred to the Apache, Navajo, Ute, and Pueblo Indians. Drive on to Del Norte and the Windsor Hotel, one of Colorado’s oldest hotels.

Windsor Hotel B,L,D

IGNACIO, COLORADO

Saturday, October 10

This morning drive about two hours to Chimney Rock, an intimate, off-the-beaten path archaeological site located at the southern edge of the San Juan Mountains. The site was home to the ancestors of the modern Pueblo Indians. Enjoy lunch nearby before driving to Durango and the Native American Center (NAC). The center provides academic, cultural, social, and transitional support for undergraduate Native American students.

Continue on to Ignacio and the Sky Ute Casino Resort, located on the Southern Ute Reservation. The oldest continuous residents of Colorado are the Ute Indians. End the afternoon with a discussion focusing on the social and economic impact of Indian gaming. Gaming has had a significant positive economic impact on the Native American community, yet is not without its detractors. We’ll hear from tribal experts on the economic and political realities.

Sky Ute Casino Resort B,L

IGNACIO, COLORADO

Sunday, October 11

This morning visit the Southern Ute Cultural Center and meet with Linda Baker, director of the Southern Ute Cultural Center. Owned and operated by the Southern Ute Indian Tribe to preserve and promote Ute culture. Here we will also meet with Edward Box III, Culture Director of the Preservation Department.

Meet with the staff at the Southern Ute Drum, the tribe’s biweekly community newspaper. Enjoy a farewell dinner this evening.

Sky Ute Casino Resort B,L,D

DEPART

Monday, October 12

Independently transfer to the Durango–La Plata County Airport for flights home. **B**

Itinerary is subject to change



Tour Price Per Person: \$4,895
Single Supplement: \$880

Based on minimum of 15 travelers
Maximum 28 travelers, not including staff.

Tour Price includes:

- Accommodations and meals as per itinerary
- All sightseeing in an air-conditioned coach
- Bottled water on the bus
- All entrances and events as listed
- Discussion Leader to accompany the group
- Pre-departure materials and reading list
- The services of a professional tour manager to accompany the group
- Gratuities

Does not include:

- Airfare to Bismarck and back from Ignacio/Durango
- Alcoholic beverages except for wine and beer at welcome and farewell events
- Excess luggage charges
- Trip Insurance
- Items of a purely personal nature



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Date

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