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Take a drive to a local winery or climb rocks at the Palisades; we offer day trips including many regional destinations.

Make your trip to Sioux Falls an exciting and rewarding experience! We truly are in the Heart of America!

Group Tours

# SIoux FALLS

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## Group Tours

Whether you are coming from down the street or across the country, you will sense exciting activity and adventure in Sioux Falls throughout the year.

Explore our community and area by making the most of your group's visit. Expressly intended for groups, this guide will show you why you should choose Sioux Falls as your next destination and help you discover the many attractions that draw visitors to Sioux Falls.

The Sioux Falls CVB is here to assist you. Let us help you find the perfect accommodations, restaurants or unique attraction. At your call, we will ask our suppliers to provide specific information on availability and pricing that meets your requirements.

Your introduction to Sioux Falls begins here...

## A Taste of Annual Events:

### SPRING

- Sioux Empire Home Show
- Sioux Empire Sportsmen's Show
- St Patrick's Day Parade
- El Riad Shrine Circus
- Benson's Flea Market
- Stampede Hockey
- Skyforce Basketball
- Storm Arena Football
- Pheasants Baseball
- SculptureWalk
- Sound & Light Show at Falls Park
- The Greatest Show on H2O

### SUMMER

- Argus Leader RibFest
- Zippity Zoo Day
- Siouxland Renaissance Festival
- Automania
- Great Plains Balloon Race
- Festival of Cultures
- Hot Harley Nights
- Hot Summer Nites
- Jazzfest
- Crazy Days (Mall & Downtown)

- Summerjam
- Artfalls

- Sioux Empire Fair
- Quilts & Vines
- Storm Arena Football
- Pheasants Baseball
- The Greatest Show on H2O
- Sound & Light Show at Falls Park

### FALL

- Sound & Light Show at Falls Park
- The Greatest Show on H2O
- Lifelight Christian Music Festival
- Downtown Sidewalk Arts Festival
- German Fest
- Spirit of the West Festival
- Apple Festival
- Northern Plains Indian Art Market & Pow Wow
- Festival of Bands
- Downtown Harvest Festival
- Autumn Craft Festival
- Pumpkin Festival
- Expo for Her
- ZooBoo

### WINTER

- Heartland Corn Maze
- Stampede Hockey
- Benson's Flea Market
- Festival of Trees
- Winter Wonderland at Falls Park
- Trains at Christmas
- Avera Parade of Lights
- A Pavilion Holiday
- Breakfast with Santa
- Christmas at the Cathedral
- Christmas with the Animals
- Big Boy Toy Show
- Crazy Days (Mall & Downtown)
- Sioux Empire Farm Show
- Artists of the Plains Art Show and Sale
- Greater Sioux Falls Outdoor Show
- Stampede Hockey
- Skyforce Basketball
- Benson's Flea Market



SiouxFallsEvents.com



## Motorcoach Regulations

Becoming acquainted with South Dakota motorcoach regulations and doing some pre-trip planning will save time for a pleasant tour.

1. If your vehicle consumes special fuel (diesel or liquid petroleum gas), you may purchase a special fuel user's temporary trip permit for \$20. It is valid until you leave the state of South Dakota. If you plan to operate in South Dakota on a regular basis, you may file an application for a special fuel user's license with the Department of Revenue and Regulation. If you are licensed under IFTA program in your base state, South Dakota will honor that license.

2. If a vehicle is not displaying apportioned plates from an IRP State, the carrier can purchase a temporary trip permit (Highway Use Receipt) from the Department of Public Safety for a \$15 fee.

Temporary trip permits may be obtained by calling the South Dakota Permit Center at (605) 698-3925. South Dakota will honor the IRP plate and cab card as long as South Dakota is indicated on the cab card.

### For More Regulation Information:

#### South Dakota Highway Patrol Motor Carrier Section

118 W. Capitol Ave.  
Pierre, SD 57501-5070  
Ph: 605.773.4578  
Fax: 605.773.7144  
[www.hp.state.sd.us](http://www.hp.state.sd.us)  
[www.sdtruckinfo.com](http://www.sdtruckinfo.com)

## Motorcoach Services

The following is a list of facilities in South Dakota which offer varying services for motorcoaches. Each listing gives the location of the facility and services offered.

#### Black Hills Gray Line

1600 East St. Patrick St.  
Rapid City, SD 57703  
Ph: 605.342.4461  
Fax: 605.341.5152

*Full service, wash, dump, fuel and maintenance.*

#### Interstate Detroit Diesel

801 East 54th Street N.  
Sioux Falls, SD 57104  
Ph: 605.339.8839  
Fax: 605.330.0875

*Wash, dump, fuel and maintenance.*

## Ports of Entry

Contact information and locations of the Ports of Entry are listed below:

#### Sisseton Port of Entry

Location: I-29 at Sisseton  
PO Box 242  
Sisseton, SD 57262-0242  
Ph: 605.698.3925  
Fax: 605.698.7665

#### Sioux Falls Port of Entry

Location: I-90 at MN/SD line  
PO Box 259  
Brandon, SD 57005-0259  
Ph: 605.757.6406  
Fax: 605.757.6407

#### Jefferson Port of Entry

Location: I-29 at Jefferson  
PO Box 1154  
North Sioux City, SD 57049  
Ph: 605.356.0124  
Fax: 605.356.0126

#### Tilford Port of Entry

Location: I-90 at Tilford  
HC 80, Box 805-10  
Piedmont, SD 57769-9405  
Ph: 605.347.2671  
Fax: 605.347.0072

All motorcoaches, whether they be regular route or charter, must stop at our Ports of Entry and any weighing operation they may encounter while traveling in South Dakota. Permits required for motorcoach operations are available at the above Ports of Entry or by telephone.

#### U.S. Port of Customs #3502

Located at the Sioux Falls Regional Airport  
1 Weather Lane  
Sioux Falls, SD 57104  
Ph: 605.338.4384



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## Sample Itineraries

Plan your tour to include one of our spectacular festivals or events! Visit [www.siouxfallsevents.com](http://www.siouxfallsevents.com) for more detailed event information. The following are samples of one-day trips available in Sioux Falls.

### SIoux FALLS DOWNTOWN ITINERARY (sample)

Step-on Guide Service available for a nominal fee.

#### 9:00-10:00am

Make time for history at the Old Courthouse Museum. Completed in 1893 with a landmark clock tower, this beautifully restored quartzite building features three floors of regional history exhibits. For groups 20 and larger, we suggest dropping off half of your group at the Old Courthouse Museum, and the other half at the Pettigrew Home & Museum where they can tour the elegant 1889 Queen Anne style home of South Dakota's first Senator. Guided tours of the house are available for groups. Together, these two museums make up the "Siouxland Heritage Museums". After one hour, have the groups switch locations, which are conveniently located a few blocks apart.

#### 10:00-12:00am

Head downtown to the Washington Pavilion of Arts & Science. This former high school is constructed of Pink Quartzite Rock, quarried in Sioux Falls (tours of the quarry are available, call for details). The Washington Pavilion is a cultural, educational & entertainment center that houses four areas:

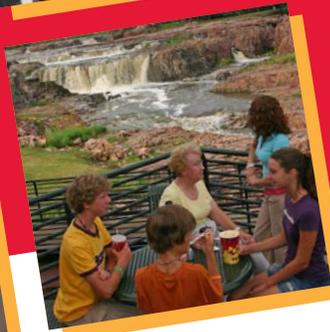
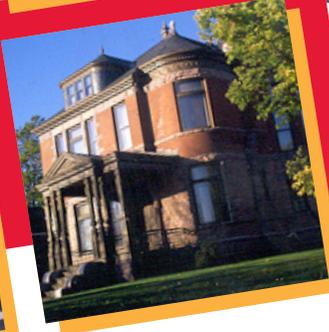
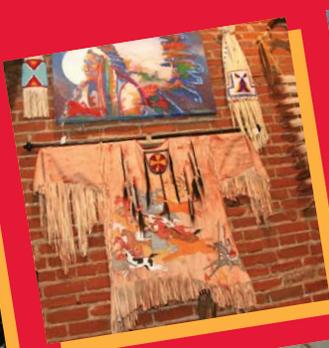
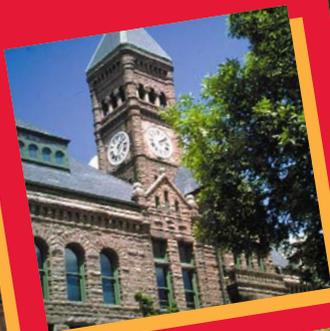
1. CineDome Theater: Large format theater showing adventure films every hour.
2. Visual Arts Center: Seven art galleries of national, regional and South Dakota art.
3. Performing Arts Center: Broadway tours, musicals, dance and more.
4. Science Discover Center: Over 80 hands-on science exhibits.

\*Enjoy discounts and perks for groups of 15 or more.

#### 12:00am-3:00pm

Stay right at the Pavilion and dine at Leonardo's Café or make your way to one of Sioux Falls' downtown hotspots for lunch. On the way, stroll historic Phillips Avenue and enjoy the charm of locally owned unique shops, SculptureWalk, entertainment, and events.

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## SIoux FALLS DOWNTOWN ITINERARY (sample)

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### 3:00-4:00am

Spend time at Prairie Star Gallery-Timeless Indian Art in Downtown Sioux Falls. Features include an extensive collection of Plains Indian art and hand-crafted reproductions. Learn about Indian customs, culture, and traditions from a knowledgeable staff while melodic flutes and softly beating drums play in the background.

### 4:00-5:00pm

While you are in one of Sioux Falls' historical districts visit St. Joseph's Cathedral. The 1916-1919 Romanesque and French Renaissance structure is one of South Dakota's largest cathedrals (please call ahead to schedule a guided tour).

### 5:30pm

Check into your hotel.

### 7:00pm

End your day at the city's namesake, "The Falls of the Big Sioux River," at Falls Park. Known to the Lakota Sioux as "Laughing Waters", the Big Sioux River winds throughout the city culminating in the center of Sioux Falls. Enjoy the views of the beautiful triple waterfalls from three different lookout platforms. Be sure to stop in the Visitor Information Center at Falls Park, which has a 5-story observation tower and gift shop. The Overlook Cafe' is the perfect location that will customize a menu just for your group and budget. (advance reservations requested) You can even relax outside on the deck overlooking the Falls.

### 9:00-10:30pm

Wrap up your evening by attending the free, nightly Sound & Light Show at Falls Park. Listen to historical narrative about the establishment and growth of Sioux Falls. The FREE show takes place each evening just past sundown (approximately 9:30pm - Memorial Day through Labor Day weather dependent). The show runs approximately 30-45 minutes in length.



## EXPLORING SIOUX FALLS ITINERARY (sample)

### 9:00-11:30am

Begin your day by with a view of Covell Lake and explore the Japanese Gardens in Terrace Park. Just north of Terrace Park is Veteran's Memorial Park which was dedicated in 2006. It is dedicated to the men and women who serve in the US military. It includes an entryway with flags, plazas, walls and an amphitheater. The design of the park allows for future memorials in various spaces.

### 11:30am-12:30

Head to the U.S.S. South Dakota Battleship Memorial Museum. The museum highlights the most decorated battleship of World War II. The vessel fought in every major battle in the Pacific from 1942 to 1945. It brought down 32 Japanese planes and was the first ship to fire on the Japanese home islands! The anchor, the ship's bell, a massive propeller, and other components are placed around the park within the outline. There is an original 16-inch gun (weighing 94 tons), suitable for shelling the towns of eastern South Dakota, and the actual flag mast. The outline is 680 feet in length. The bridge contains a gift shop.

### 12:30-1:30pm

Plan a box lunch in Sertoma Park located adjacent to The Outdoor Campus & The Sertoma Butterfly House. . . a perfect spot to relax and enjoy the fresh air.

### 1:30-2:30pm

The next stop, The Outdoor Campus, is a fascinating destination to experience the area's nature. When tour planners call ahead, they can set up a class specifically for their group, touching on topics such as Dutch-oven cooking, butterflies, or nature hikes.

### 2:30-3:30pm

Visit nearby Sertoma Butterfly House and explore the amazing habitat of over 800 free flying butterflies from around the world.

### 3:30-4:30pm

Enjoy McKennan Park, located in one of Sioux Falls' historical districts. Pull up to Pillars of the Nation - sculpted from rocks from every state in the nation. Take a group picture within the beautiful Sunken Gardens filled with bright, colorful flowers (seasonal).

### 4:30-7:00pm

Make your way to Strawbale Winery for wine tasting in a building constructed of strawbales! Enjoy wine tasting and learn all about the process of producing South Dakota wine from locally grown grapes and fruits. Ask them to make arrangements for a catered meal!

### 7:00pm

Head back to your hotel or enjoy the endless selections of bars and restaurants for a night cap.

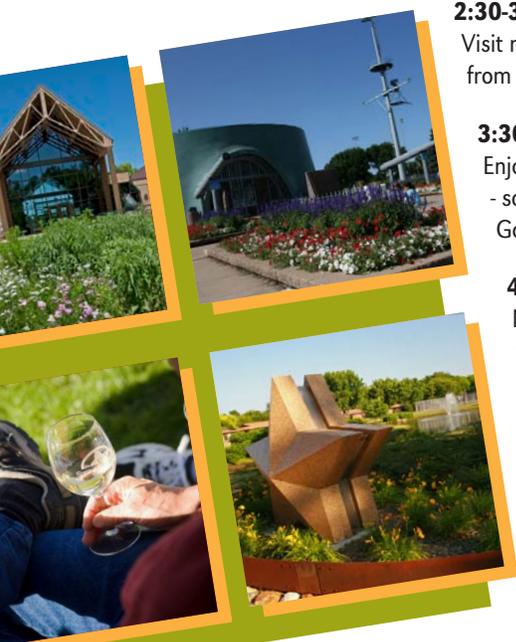


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## HUB N' SPOKE FROM SIOUX FALLS (sample)

### South Dakota Wine Trail

Within a radius of 60 miles around Sioux Falls you can explore a variety of traditional home-grown South Dakota wines. Begin your wine tasting in a "house of straw" located on a South Dakota acreage and insulated for a prairie-style wine cellar in an atmosphere of country farm living. Move on to a "family farm winery" and an old style barn while enjoying the flavor of dandelion wine. If you decide to travel a bit further head south to get acquainted with "resort style" wine tasting in South Dakota's first established winery. Along the northern route of Sioux Falls discover a "rural and tranquil" wine tasting atmosphere that began from a homemade wine kit. Experience wine tasting, South Dakota style, from an assortment of wines made from products produced by local growers, from dry to sweet, red to white, grape, fruit, and honey.

### Newton Hills State Park

NewtonHills@state.sd.us 605.987.2263

(30 miles Southeast of Sioux Falls - 45 Minutes)

Glaciers created this narrow strip of rolling hills and forest that is part of the geological formation called the Coteau des Prairie, which extends along the eastern boundary of South Dakota. At its highest point, the Coteau rises to more than 2,000 feet above sea level. The area's unique dark forest, amidst a vast open prairie, has prompted many recent legends, including those of buried gold, robbers' hideouts and horse thieves.

This 948-acre state park south of Sioux Falls features modern campgrounds, log-style camping cabins, wooded picnic sites, trails for hiking, biking and horseback riding, and an observation tower. Artifacts and burial mounds found near the park indicate that a Woodland Indian Culture inhabited this region between 300 B.C. and 900 A.D. Interpretative programs are offered to visitors during the summer months. Home to the annual Sioux River Folk Festival each August.

### Palisades State Park

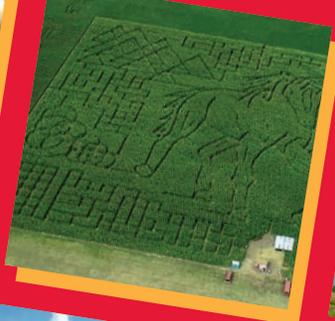
PalisadesPark@state.sd.us 605.594.3824

(22 miles Northeast of Sioux Falls - 30 Minutes)

Unusual terrain and a colorful past make Palisades State Park one of the most unique areas in South Dakota. Split Rock Creek, which flows through the park, is lined with Sioux quartzite formations varying from shelves several feet above the water to 50-foot vertical cliffs. Scenic overlooks and rushing water make Palisades a popular getaway. The park is popular among campers, sightseers, picnickers, rock climbers and hikers.

A popular legend tells of Jesse James' daring escape near the area. After robbing a bank in Northfield, Minnesota, the James boys spent several days in a cave on Split Rock Creek. When Jesse finally abandoned the hiding place, he was surprised to find a posse close behind. Reaching Devil's Gulch, legend has it that he leaped across the sheer walls to elude the lawmen. A small foot-bridge now spans the gap, which is found two miles north of Palisades in a Garretson city park.

Below Devil's Gulch is the Split Rock Creek, that runs along red Sioux Quartzite cliffs, wildlife, and flowers. Visitors can purchase tickets for a Jesse James Pontoon Ride for a relaxing adventure.



## HUB N' SPOKE FROM SIOUX FALLS: ADDITIONAL ATTRACTIONS (sample)

### Dell Rapids

(Dell Rapids, SD – North of Sioux Falls – 15 Minutes)

The City of Dell Rapids welcomes you . . . Known for “The Dells”, the beautiful quartzite rock formations left from glaciers. The identity of Dell Rapids is tied to a rich vein of red quartzite that runs 2,600 feet deep and hundreds of miles between the Wisconsin Dells and eastern South Dakota.

Many buildings are listed on the National Register of Historical Buildings. The entire main street has been designed as a historical district. The outcroppings of quartzite inspired the century-old quarry industry and the unique downtown architecture of Dell Rapids. Dell Rapids’ Historic Main Street dates back to 1888 and includes among its attractions The Grand Opera House, the Dell Rapids Museum, and Dells movie theatre has been an art deco fixture downtown since 1938.

### Olde Towne Dinner Theatre

<http://www.oldetownetheatre.org> 605.372.4653

(Worthing, SD – 12 miles South of Sioux Falls – 15 Minutes)

Established in 1982, enjoy entertaining theatre, and gourmet-quality meals in a rural South Dakota theatre setting. Call ahead for group reservations.

### Heartland County Corn Maze

<http://www.heartlandcountrycornmaze.com> 605.743.5984

(2.5 miles Southeast of Harrisburg, SD – South of Sioux Falls – 10 Minutes)

Enjoy a walk through a life-size Maze carved out of towering corn stalks. Scattered throughout the many passageways of the Maze are ten checkpoints with questions about local history, agriculture and local geography. The Maze offers a fun outing with a twist of education. Find the hidden checkpoint and receive a free treat from the concession barn.

### Country Apple Orchard

<http://www.countryappleorchard.com> 605.743.2323

(Harrisburg, SD – 5 miles South of Sioux Falls – 10 Minutes)

The orchard was established 1984 on 78 acres, contains 6,000 trees with 13 varieties of apples and seven acres of pumpkins. Harvesting begins in mid-August, and continues into late October. Experience a day in the country!! Enjoy the orchard during annual Apple, Harvest, and Pumpkin Festivals. Pony rides, train rides and gift shop area are also available on-site.

**Below is a sampling of FREE things to do while in Sioux Falls, SD. . . be sure to add one of the many items to your schedule:**

- Learn about Sioux Falls history at the Falls Park Sound & Light Show (Memorial Day thru Labor Day).
- Capture a breath-taking view from the Falls Park Five Story Viewing Tower.
- Hop on the Trolley and take in the sites of Downtown Sioux Falls.
- Take a Community Wonders Tour of the art and sculptures throughout the city.
- Explore the newly expanded USS South Dakota Battleship Museum.
- Learn about local history at the Center for Western Studies exhibits.
- Take a tour of the Pettigrew Home & Museum.
- Enjoy the exotic flowers, trees, pagodas and lanterns of the Shoto-Teien Japanese Gardens near Covell Lake.
- Catch an outdoor park performance by the Sioux Falls Municipal Band (May through August).
- Bike and hike the 20+ miles of the Big Sioux River Recreation & Greenway along the river.
- Spread out a blanket and enjoy the music of JazzFest held annually in July.
- Make SculptureWalk part of a downtown scavenger hunt. Sculptures are up year round and changed every May.
- Take in the music at Automania in downtown Sioux Falls while you peruse the classic automobiles annually in June.
- Visit the exhibits at the Old Courthouse Museum.
- Capture some family time and enjoy Moonlight Movies on Saturday evenings in Fawick Park located in downtown Sioux Falls.
- Enjoy getting back in touch with nature at The Outdoor Campus. Explore two miles of walking trails, SD Outdoor Museum, 3,000 gallon aquarium, bird watching, indoor butterfly garden and more.
- Experience sights, sounds and tastes of the world without leaving Sioux Falls by visiting the annual Festival of Cultures.
- See the vast variety of shapes and colors at the Great Plains Balloon Race held annually in June.
- Experience an all-American night of celebration in the streets with hot Corvettes, cool Harley-Davidsons and classic rock 'n' roll. The whole family can enjoy Hot Summer Nites in Historic Downtown Sioux Falls.
- Feel the roar of thousands of motorcycles each summer at Hot Harley Nights.
- German Fest is a free, family friendly event with authentic German food and music celebrating German Heritage.
- Relax and enjoy the Summer Porch Series every Thursday, June through August, at Strawbale Winery.
- The Earth Resources Observation and Science (EROS) Center offers on-site guided tours are available Monday through Friday at 10:00 a.m. and 2:00 p.m.
- First Fridays of every month the Kirby Science Discover Center at the Washington Pavilion are FREE to the public from 5-8pm.
- See medical advancements from the early 1900's to the present at the Sioux Empire Medical Museum.
- The Museum of Visual Materials is the one of the oldest buildings in Downtown Sioux Falls (1887) but is one of the city's newest museums. It's so different; you might forget you're in a museum!
- Visit Veteran's Memorial Park which honors the military history of our community and allows for a place to reflect on the sacrifices that all veterans have made.

**For a complete listing of events, visit [SiouxFallsEvents.com](http://SiouxFallsEvents.com).**

