

SIoux FALLS

Sioux Falls, South Dakota is the perfect “off the beaten path” group tour destination. Located in Eastern South Dakota at the junction of Interstates I-29 and I-90, a three-day stay in Sioux Falls mixes art, culture, history, and culinary exploration. This itinerary can be crafted and customized to meet the group’s interests, time and budget, plus the team at Experience Sioux Falls stands ready to assist with all the details of group tour planning. Our job is to make your job simple and seamless.

We invite you to stretch your travel boundaries and discover Sioux Falls as a fresh new destination.

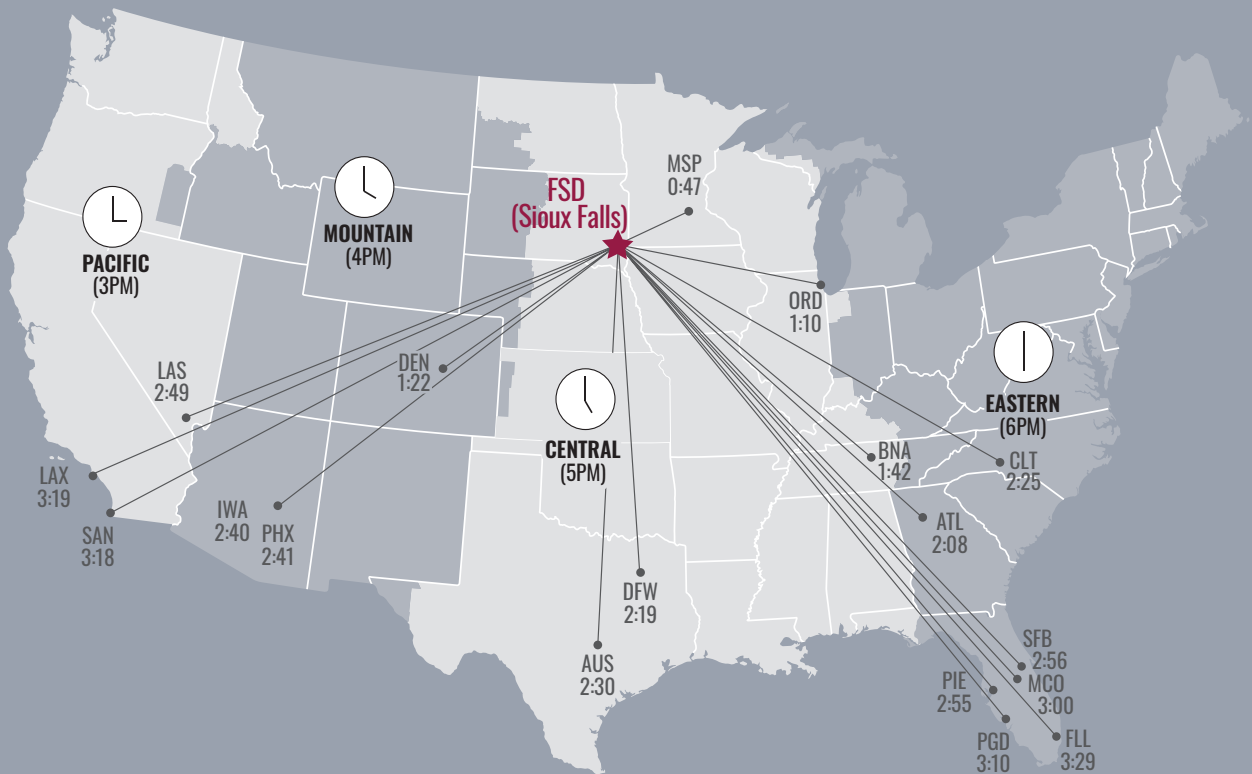
STEP-ON GUIDE SERVICE

Experience Sioux Falls provides a 90-minute motorcoach driving tour of Sioux Falls that highlights history, architecture, and introduces travelers to interesting characters of Sioux Falls both past and present. Fee: \$60 per tour made payable to Experience Sioux Falls, gratuity to guide welcomed.



DESTINATION LOCATION

FLIGHTS AND TIME ZONES



DAY 1

9:00 AM STENSLAND FAMILY FARMS

**1664 ASHLEY AVE.
LARCHWOOD, IA 51241
PH: 712.477.2527
STENSLANDFAMILYFARMS.COM**

Stensland Family Farms is a family-owned 200-cow dairy farm located just 30 minutes from Sioux Falls. The milk produced on the dairy is used for freshly bottled milk, ice cream, aged cheese, cheese curds, and many other dairy-based products. Tours include a review of the robotic milking system, creamery viewing, bottle calf encounter, and a sample of homemade ice cream.

Time: 90 minutes

Admission: \$12 per person



Stensland Family Farms

11:00 AM GOOD EARTH STATE PARK

**26924 480TH AVE.
SIOUX FALLS, SD 57108
PH: 605.213.1036
GFP.SD.GOV**

Located southeast of Sioux Falls, Good Earth State Park chronicles a day in the life of a village of 8,000+ primarily Oneota Indigenous Peoples, including Omaha, Ioway, Oto, and Yankton Sioux Tribes who inhabited the area from 1300-1700 AD. No other Oneota site of this size and integrity is known to exist in the US. An 11,000 sq-ft visitor center features exhibits focused on the cultural and historical significance of the Blood Run Site.

Time: 45 minutes

Admission: \$4 per person



Falls Overlook Café

12:15 PM FALLS OVERLOOK CAFÉ

**825 N. WEBER AVE.
SIOUX FALLS, SD 57104
PH: 605.367.4885
FALLSOVERLOOK.COM**

Enjoy lunch on the patio or inside the historic former hydroelectric power plant on the Big Sioux River at Falls Park. Indulge in some of Stensland's farm-fresh ice cream served at the restaurant.

After lunch, view the Falls from the five-story viewing tower located inside the Visitor Information Center/ Gift Shop and tour the Stockyards Ag Experience located in the historic horse barn at Falls Park.

Time: 90 minutes for lunch, Falls Park and Stockyards Ag Experience, 60 minutes if lunch and Falls Park only
Admission: Free



Good Earth State Park

1:15 PM STOCKYARDS AG EXPERIENCE

**301 E. FALLS PARK DR.
SIOUX FALLS, SD 57104
PH: 605.332.1917
STOCKYARDSAGEXPERIENCE.ORG**

The Stockyards Ag Experience located at Falls Park tells the story of agriculture’s impact in this region and chronicles the life of the former Sioux Falls Stockyards. Vibrant historical images and high-tech interactive displays give the visitor a look inside the world of food production and explain the process of farm to table. Time: 40 minutes Admission: Free for group tours; donations expected



Stockyards Ag Experience

2:00 PM CATHEDRAL OF SAINT JOSEPH

**521 N. DULUTH AVE.
SIOUX FALLS, SD 57104
PH: 605.336.7392
STJOSEPHCATHEDRAL.NET**

The Cathedral of Saint Joseph stands tall above the Sioux Falls skyline. This Romanesque and French Renaissance structure was completed in 1919 and serves as the cornerstone of the Cathedral Historic District. The chief designer of the building was Emmanuel Masqueray, the French architect who also designed the St. Paul Cathedral. A complete restoration took place between 1970 - 1974 and returned it to its original grandeur. Time: 45 minutes Admission: Free; minimum donation of \$50 per coach is expected



Cathedral of Saint Joseph



SculptureWalk

3:00 PM WASHINGTON PAVILION

**301 S. MAIN AVE.
SIOUX FALLS, SD 57104
PH: 605.367.6000
WASHINGTONPAVILION.ORG**

The Washington Pavilion is the region’s home for the arts, entertainment, and science. Located in a beautifully renovated historic pink-quartzite building in downtown Sioux Falls, the former high school is home to six galleries and features changing exhibits including the new Infinite Variety gallery committed to showcasing South Dakota artists. The Mary W. Sommervold Great Hall offers a wide variety of touring Broadway productions, symphonic/musical concerts, national/international dance tours, and more. View the galleries along with a 15-minute guided/historical tour of the facility. Time: 60 minutes Admission: \$14 per person



Washington Pavilion

4:30 PM RETURN TO HOTEL

6:00 PM DINNER Sioux Falls has a multitude of group-tour-friendly restaurants. The team at Experience Sioux Falls is happy to make recommendations based on your travelers’ tastes and budget.

Evening entertainment options listed on last page of itinerary.



Mary Jo Wegner Arboretum



State Theatre

DAY 2

8:30 AM MARY JO WEGNER ARBORETUM

**1900 S. PERRY PL.
SIOUX FALLS, SD 57110
PH: 605.367.4414
MARYJOWEGNERARBORETUM.COM**

The arboretum is a serene 155-acre plot, with historic and cultural relevance, colorful remnants, stone quarries, rail lines, building foundations, and more. The tour explains interesting facts about East Sioux Falls' early days and the impact the quarry had on the beginning of what is now Sioux Falls. The Arboretum nurtures connections between plants and people, past and present, in an inspiring natural setting that invites discovery.

Time: 40 minutes
Admission: Free for group tours; donations of \$4 per person encouraged



McCrossan Boys Ranch

9:45 AM SIOUX FALLS STATE THEATRE

**316 S. PHILLIPS AVE.
SIOUX FALLS, SD 57104
PH: 605.367.4414
SIOUXFALLSSTATETHEATRE.ORG**

The historic State Theatre was built in 1926 to showcase silent film and vaudeville performances. The majestic theatre dazzled the residents of Sioux Falls with its iconic marquee and sophisticated Beaux Arts-inspired design. After closing in 1991, it fell into disrepair but has now been historically restored to its original grandeur.

Time: 60 minutes
Admission: \$10 per person

11:15 AM MCCROSSAN BOYS RANCH VISITOR CENTER

**47135 260TH ST.
SIOUX FALLS, SD 57107
PH: 605.339.1203
MCCROSSAN.ORG**

Melinda Bell McCrossan, founder of McCrossan Boys Ranch, had a vision to create "a home where boys would find New Hope for a Better Life." In June of 1955, her dream was realized and almost 70 years later, her legacy lives on. The new Robert L Nielsen Visitor Center chronicles the history of the ranch, along with the day-to-day activities of the young men who call the ranch home highlighting their interaction and involvement with the livestock and ranch animals that teach responsibility and provide both recreation and therapy for the boys. Enjoy a tour of the Robert Nielsen Visitor Center, an introduction to some of the ranch's equine friends and a western style barbeque lunch.

Time: 90-120 minutes
Admission: \$15; includes lunch



1:45 PM

EARTH RESOURCES OBSERVATION AND SCIENCE (EROS) CENTER USGS EROS DATA CENTER

**47914 252ND ST.
SIOUX FALLS, SD 57198
PH: 605.594.6151
USGS.GOV/CENTERS/EROS**

U.S. Geological Survey Earth Resources Observation and Science (EROS) Center is a remotely sensed data management, systems development, and research field center for the U.S. Geological Survey's (USGS) Climate and Land Use Change Mission Area. EROS Science Center is responsible for acquiring earth observations, archiving that data, and developing applications for the data to learn more about our planet. EROS currently houses one of the largest computer complexes in the entire Department of the Interior. Time: 50 minutes
Admission: Free

USGS requires all visitors to present government-issued identification for access to its facilities. Visitors aged 16 or older will be required to present valid government-issued photo identification (federal, state, or local), such as a driver's license, an enhanced driver's license, or a passport.

3:15 PM

WILDE PRAIRIE WINERY

**48052 259TH ST.
BRANDON, SD 57005
PH: 605.582.6471
WILDEPRAIRIEWINERY.COM**

Wilde Prairie Winery is a family farm located north of Sioux Falls on beautiful rolling hills perfect for growing grapes. Jeff and Victoria Wilde planted their first vines in 1997 and now harvest by hand 2,000+ vines every fall. They produce a variety of wines made from locally grown grapes, fruit, and honey. Their tasting room and production facility are in a restored milking barn and parlor. Enjoy a wine-making facility tour and tasting of five wines. Time: 70 minutes
Admission: \$15 per person

4:30 PM

RETURN TO HOTEL

6:00 PM

DINNER

Evening entertainment options listed on last page of itinerary.



EROS



Wilde Prairie Winery

DAY 3

8:30 AM BRONZEAGE ART CASTING FOUNDRY

**1110 N. WEBER AVE.
SIOUX FALLS, SD 57104
PH: 605.977.7644
BRONZEAGEARTCASTING.COM**

Hot metal. Cool art. It's South Dakota's only sculpture foundry! Full-service art foundry offering bronze, brass, aluminum and iron casting services to artists, architects, designers, communities, and individuals. This working foundry works with artists to create many of the bronze sculptures in the region and across the U.S. The tour takes you into the detailed and tedious process of bronze casting from the first steps of clay sculpture to the molten metal and finally into a bronze sculpture. Group will be split into several smaller groups to adapt to foundry space. Time: 60 minutes
Admission: \$12 per person



BronzeAge Art Casting

10:00 AM THE CENTER FOR WESTERN STUDIES

**2121 S. SUMMIT AVE.
SIOUX FALLS, SD 57197
PH: 605.274.4007
AUGIE.EDU/CAMPUS-COMMUNITY/CENTER-WESTERN-STUDIES**

"Voices of the Northern Plains" is a dramatic re-imagining of the core museum exhibits in the Center for Western Studies, where visitors travel across 300 years of life in the Northern Plains (1700-2000). The center also hosts 3-4 major art exhibitions every year. The exhibitions feature regional artists and explore themes of importance to the Northern Plains. Time: 45 minutes
Admission: Free for group tours; donations encouraged



The USS South Dakota Battleship Memorial

11:00 AM THE USS SOUTH DAKOTA BATTLESHIP MEMORIAL

**2705 W. 12TH ST.
SIOUX FALLS, SD 57104
PH: 605.254.2517
USSOUTHDAKOTA.COM**

The USS South Dakota Battleship Memorial features the outline of the USS South Dakota and a museum dedicated to its life in World War II. The USS South Dakota (BB-57) was a battleship in the United States Navy in active service from 1942 until 1947 and is one of the most decorated ships in WWII. Group will be split into two groups. Time: 50 minutes
Admission: Free for group tours; donations welcomed



The Center for Western Studies

12:00 PM LUNCH

1:15 PM OLD COURTHOUSE MUSEUM

**200 W. 6TH ST.
SIOUX FALLS, SD 57104
PH: 605.367.4210
SIOUXLANDMUSEUMS.COM**

This restored, 1890's Richardsonian Romanesque building, constructed of native pink quartzite, is a National Historic Landmark that features an 1893 clock tower, a restored circuit courtroom and law library, and 16 wall murals painted from 1915 to 1917. Opened as a museum in 1974, the building houses permanent and changing exhibits focusing on the natural and cultural histories of the Siouxland region. Self-guided tour following an introduction by museum curator highlighting the exhibits. Time: 40 minutes
Admission: Free for group tours; donations welcomed



3:00 PM DOWNTOWN SIOUX FALLS

**DTSF.COM
SCULPTUREWALKSF@GMAIL.COM**

Wrap up your last afternoon in Sioux Falls with shopping, SculptureWalk, and free time to explore downtown Sioux Falls.

2:15 PM PETTIGREW HOME & MUSEUM

**131 N. DULUTH AVE.
SIOUX FALLS, SD 57104
PH: 605.978.7015
SIOUXLANDMUSEUMS.COM**

Richard F. Pettigrew, South Dakota's first full-term U.S. senator, purchased this 1889 Queen Anne home in 1911 and arranged for the building to be donated to the city upon his death in 1926. A seasoned traveler, Pettigrew collected artifacts from all over the world, and many of these items are now on display. Tour the restored home and attached museum with galleries that detail the area's natural and cultural histories. Group will be split to accommodate space. Time: 35 minutes
Admission: Free to group tours; donations welcomed

SCULPTUREWALK & ARC OF DREAMS

SculptureWalk is an exciting exhibit of over 65 sculptures displayed year-round from the Washington Pavilion to Falls Park in downtown Sioux Falls. The sculptures are owned by the artists and loaned to the exhibit for one year. From May through September, the public votes for its favorite sculpture, which is deemed the "People's Choice Award." That sculpture is purchased at the end of the exhibit year for the city's permanent collection. Each year the exhibit displays an entire slate of new sculptures, so the exhibit is always new and fresh.

In 2019, The "Arc of Dreams" a 60-ton, 7-story permanent sculpture was installed over the Big Sioux River downtown. The Arc of Dreams is lit every evening and provides a great photo opportunity for group tours.

Pettigrew Home & Museum



Arc of Dreams



EVENING ENTERTAINMENT OPTIONS, PENDING PERFORMANCE SCHEDULES:

- A musical or theatrical performance at the Washington Pavilion
- A musical or theatrical performance at the Orpheum Theatre
- A theatrical performance at the Olde Towne Dinner Theatre
- Entertainment at the Denny Sanford PREMIER Center
- Musical entertainment at the "Levitt at the Falls" outdoor concert venue
- A performance by "Hattie Phillips," a one-woman show about the matriarch of Sioux Falls
- Performances or events at the University of Sioux Falls or Augustana University

TRAVEL TRADE AND GROUP TOUR PLANNER GUIDE

EXPERIENCESIOUXFALLS.COM/TRAVEL-TRADE/GUIDE

(complete with group tour friendly restaurants)



Hattie Phillips Portrayal

JOIN THE MANY GROUP TOUR COMPANIES WHO HAVE ALREADY EXPERIENCED SIOUX FALLS AS A GROUP TOUR DESTINATION.

"Earlier this year, I began planning our Mystery Motorcoach Tour. I chose Sioux Falls, SD for our destination, and while I had visited the area previously, I was at a loss for activities and attractions to fill a 3-day tour. I reached out to the Experience Sioux Falls team, and I am so thankful I did! Not only did they have numerous ideas/itineraries to share with me, but they had in-depth knowledge of each stop that was suggested. Experience Sioux Falls went above and beyond AND reached out to each attraction and initiated the planning process on my behalf. It made our Mystery Tour a resounding success!

Every time I had a question or concern, they were right there to answer them. Their professionalism and attention to detail are top notch!

I would recommend working with Experience Sioux Falls to any tour company planning a tour to Sioux Falls and the surrounding area. If their team suggests it, you don't want to miss it!"

AMY MUELLER

O'NEILL TRAVELNOW AND TRAVELNOW TOURS O'NEILL, NE

"When I started discussing a group bus tour to Sioux Falls, I contacted Experience Sioux Falls and I'm so glad I did! They were so helpful in planning my tour and made my job a lot less stressful. They provided itineraries designed for tours complete with contact information, timeframe, and route. Our overall experience in Sioux Falls was very enjoyable and the consensus on the bus ride home was "When are you planning another tour to Sioux Falls?"

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"Need a quick get away? How about Sioux Falls, SD! For the past three years R&J Tours in Willmar, Minnesota, has filled our motor coach with travelers and gone to the Sioux Falls area. We've toured many museums, visited state parks, an arboretum, memorials, wineries, dairy farms, and many more hidden treasures in the area. Don't forget the fantastic restaurants! As an added bonus, our days are filled with adventures without having to travel very far. Your travelers will be talking about it long after returning home. Everyone should "Experience Sioux Falls" at least once!"

DENISE LANGNER R&J TOUR DIRECTOR WILLMAR, MN