

*North Dakota*  
LEGENDARY

# GROUP TRAVEL GUIDE



North Dakota native and actor Josh Duhamel at Fort Mandan, near Washburn



**Capitol**

The state capitol in Bismarck stands 19 stories and can be seen for miles.

**Population**

North Dakota's growing population is 756,927. Fargo is the largest city at 113,658, followed by Bismarck at 67,034.

**Nickname**

The "Peace Garden State" was adopted by the 1957 Legislature. It represents the International Peace Garden built on the boundary between North Dakota and Canada.

**State Tree**

The American Elm (Ulmus americana) can reach 120 feet or taller.

**State Flower:** Wild Prairie Rose

**State Bird:** Western Meadowlark

**State Drink:** Milk

**State Fruit:** Chokecherry

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Thank you for searching for new Legendary experiences. My direct line is 701-328-2502; email: [decunningham@nd.gov](mailto:decunningham@nd.gov). I look forward to working with you and your groups.

Enthusiastically,

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# NORTH DAKOTA SEASONS



## Winter

*(December-February)*

Indoor-outdoor winter fun is for all ages. Go indoors and cheer at an action-packed hockey game or local curling tournament! Sip on hot tea or cocoa while strolling through the streets, homes and stores decorated in Victorian style for the annual Dickens Village Festival. More outdoorsy ... enjoy adventures like an evening celebration of Winter Wonderland as you examine the astronomical night sky or strap on snowshoes and get ready for history as you snowshoe across archaeological sites for Heritage Outbound.



## Spring

*(March-May)*

Red-carpet glitz and glam kick off the popular Fargo Film Festival, featuring director discussions, independent films and a final awards night that ends with pizzazz! Feathers, jingles, drums and more can be found at the long-running UNDIA Powwow celebrating Native American culture. Gear up for antique, vintage, fast and furious car and motorcycle shows. Then spring into quilting and craft demonstrations, ribs, bluegrass, band day parades and Wild West shootouts.

## Summer

*(June-August)*

Groups will enjoy long summer days with an afternoon or evening dinner cruise aboard the Lewis and Clark Riverboat on the mighty Missouri River. Spectacular photo opportunities exist statewide with visits to Painted Canyon Overlook, Killdeer Mountains, Pembina Gorge or the Sheyenne River Valley National Scenic Byway. Spy on some fast tail-wagging prairie dogs and brawny bison, wild horses, elk and deer in Theodore Roosevelt National Park. Summertime brings out musical performances in outdoor theaters, stages and parks and the farm-to-table gatherings bring food, friendship, and agricultural expertise.



## Fall

*(September-November)*

Autumn is a beautiful time of year. It's a time when green fields have turned to golden brown and farmers and ranchers are completing the harvest. Farmers markets and fall fairs are where you will find homemade jellies, jams, desserts and more. There are pumpkin patches, hayrides, tractor pulls and threshing shows, along with ethnic foods and festivals like Oktoberfest, Norsk Høstfest and Native American powwows drawing in the crowds to experience fall fun.



# MILEAGE MAP

From Bismarck to:

<b>Albuquerque</b>	1125 miles	811 km	17 hrs	<b>Nashville</b>	1275 miles	2053 km	19 hrs 30 mins
<b>Atlanta</b>	1500 miles	2415 km	23 hrs	<b>New Orleans</b>	1600 miles	2576 km	24 hrs 30 mins
<b>Billings</b>	425 miles	684 km	6 hrs 30 mins	<b>New York City</b>	1650 miles	2657 km	25 hrs
<b>Boise</b>	1040 miles	1674 km	16 hrs	<b>Oklahoma City</b>	970 miles	1562 km	15 hrs
<b>Boston</b>	1825 miles	2938 km	28 hrs	<b>Phoenix</b>	1480 miles	2383 km	23 hrs
<b>Calgary</b>	825 miles	1328 km	12 hrs 30 mins	<b>Pierre</b>	208 miles	335 km	3 hrs 30 mins
<b>Charlotte</b>	1550 miles	2496 km	24 hrs	<b>Pittsburgh</b>	1275 miles	2053 km	19 hrs 30 mins
<b>Chicago</b>	850 miles	1369 km	14 hrs	<b>Portland</b>	1275 miles	2053 km	19 hrs 30 mins
<b>Dallas</b>	1250 miles	2013 km	19 hrs	<b>Raleigh</b>	1605 miles	2584 km	24 hrs 30 mins
<b>Denver</b>	700 miles	1127 km	11 hrs	<b>Rapid City</b>	330 miles	531 km	5 hrs
<b>Des Moines</b>	663 miles	1067 km	10 hrs	<b>Regina</b>	360 miles	580 km	5 hrs 30 mins
<b>Detroit</b>	1100 miles	1771 km	17 hrs	<b>St. Louis</b>	1042 miles	1678 km	16 hrs
<b>Indianapolis</b>	1000 miles	1610 km	15 hrs	<b>Salt Lake City</b>	950 miles	1530 km	14 hrs 30 mins
<b>Las Vegas</b>	1360 miles	2190 km	21 hrs	<b>San Francisco</b>	1625 miles	2616 km	25 hrs
<b>Los Angeles</b>	1690 miles	2721 km	26 hrs	<b>Seattle</b>	1260 miles	2029 km	19 hrs
<b>Louisville</b>	1125 miles	1811 km	17 hrs	<b>Tampa</b>	1950 miles	3140 km	30 hrs
<b>Madison</b>	725 miles	1167 km	11 hrs	<b>Washington, DC</b>	1550 miles	2496 km	24 hrs
<b>Miami</b>	2138 miles	3442 km	33 hrs	<b>Winnipeg</b>	380 miles	531 km	5 hrs 30 mins
<b>Minneapolis</b>	450 miles	725 km	7 hrs				

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Fort Lincoln State Park, Mandan

# — NORTH DAKOTA — **LEGENDS**

Legends are created when extraordinary people of the past leave remarkable impressions that shape history. Some of history's most iconic legends left their marks in North Dakota as an interpreter, a future president, a chief and a couple explorers, among others.

## Meriwether Lewis

Lewis was an avid American explorer and soldier chosen by President Thomas Jefferson to explore the Louisiana Purchase up the Missouri River and through the Pacific Northwest to the West Coast. The Corps of Discovery established trade, collected specimens and mapped the land formations for future reference.



## William Clark

The cartographer and co-leader of the Corps of Discovery was experienced in building forts. That came in handy when it came time to build the winter quarters dubbed Fort Mandan. For five months, the explorers wintered near present-day Washburn and Stanton, documenting their journey while hunting, trading and celebrating with the tribes and French-Canadian trappers. Clark's most significant map was completed while living at Fort Mandan, with details of the upper Mississippi and Missouri rivers and their tributaries.

## Sakakawea

Historians argue about the correct spelling and pronunciation of her name: Sakakawea, Sacagawea, Sacajawea. However, there is no disputing the contributions she made to Lewis and Clark's Corps of Discovery. Some might say she was the first "tour operator." Her office was an earthlodge near present-day Knife River Indian Villages National

Historic Site and she was a sign of peace as she traveled with the expedition to the Pacific Ocean and back.

## Sitting Bull

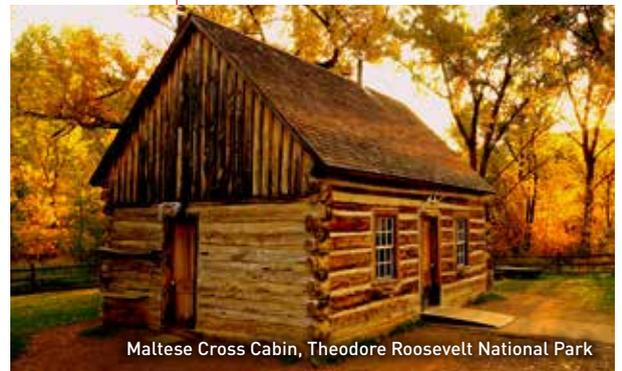
The spiritual holy man and

Hunkpapa Lakota chief played a significant role in shaping the American West. Sitting Bull led warriors against Custer and the 7th Cavalry in the Battle of Little Bighorn on June 25, 1876. Sitting Bull sought refuge in Canada and returned years later to surrender at Fort Buford, near present-day Williston. Sitting Bull's burial site and museum are located in Fort Yates on the Standing Rock National Native American Scenic Byway.



## Theodore Roosevelt

After ranching from 1884 to 1886 in the North Dakota Badlands, Roosevelt dived into politics with the same energy he used driving cattle, chasing thieves and hunting. He gave his first national speech in Dickinson in 1886. As president, he championed conservation and laid the foundation for what became the National Park Service. Roosevelt would later say, "I have always said, I would not have been president if it were not for my experiences in North Dakota."





North Dakota native and actor Josh Duhamel, Fargo

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# FARGO

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As North Dakota's largest city, Fargo delivers an entertaining experience. Whatever the niche – from concerts and sporting events to unique shopping and dining – delight your groups year-round with Fargo.



## Fargo

All day, part of the day and into the evening; groups, FITs, families and individual travelers can experience the real Fargo. Breakfast, baked goodies and a delicious cup of coffee or tea can be found in every corner of Fargo. Once you are fueled up and ready to go, you and your group can visit downtown Fargo's eclectic shops and boutiques. Or let the accredited Plains Art Museum heighten your travel experience. Schedule a group cooking class at Square One Kitchen and make a stop at Pinch & Pour for a tasty balsamic vinaigrette. Is it time to unwind? Try yoga at the Spirit Room or enjoy a magnificent dinner at one of the local restaurants.



## Agriculture

The Northern Crops Institute on the North Dakota State University campus can accommodate international and domestic groups for a program on the Red River region's crops, technology and growing process of northern crops. Combine that with a visit to Bonanzaville in West Fargo, where you can stroll among 43 buildings offering a glimpse of early life in North Dakota.



Check out horse-drawn carriages, antique and vintage cars, planes and artifacts. For dessert, try local "Chippers," chocolate-covered potato chips from Carol Widman, a fourth-generation candy maker.

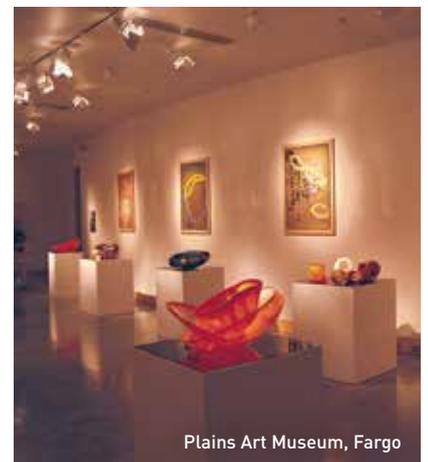
## Theme Your Way Through

Celebrities of all genres have left their mark in Fargo. More than 100 famous musicians, actors and celebrities have left hand and footprints on Celebrity Walk of Fame at the Fargo-Moorhead Visitor Center. Venture into the center, put on the best bomber hat

and pose by the famous woodchipper from the movie *Fargo*. Plan your "themed" group visit to the Fargo Theatre, with its iconic Wurlitzer Pipe Organ and



art deco décor. Groups can bring their favorite films to be shown on the big screen. Perhaps you start with *61*, a movie about local great, Roger Maris, and his record-breaking year. Afterward, visit the Roger Maris Museum at West Acres Shopping Center and finish the day with a Fargo-Moorhead RedHawks baseball game.





Ralph Engelstad Arena, Grand Forks

# GRAND FORKS AND DEVILS LAKE

Looking for aviation, agriculture, adventure, animals and birding sanctuaries to add to your new itinerary? Let Highway 2 between Grand Forks and Devils Lake fill the void and provide a “soaring” good time.



## A Piloting Performance

Altitude chambers, flight, landing and air traffic control simulators highlight the John D. Odegard Aerospace Science Center at the University of North Dakota. The military dogs of the Grand Forks Air Force Base canine control division will put on a show. Or navigate the marble floors and leather seats at the \$100 million Ralph Engelstad Arena. If you want an overview of Grand Forks, take to the skies with a scenic flight over the city.



Pembina Gorge, Walhalla

## Local Flavors

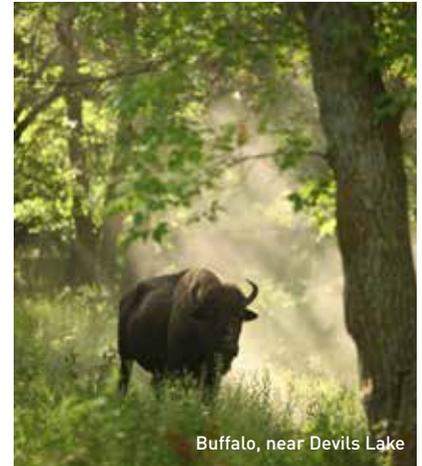
Check out the buffalo herd at Siouxland Buffalo Ranch, then take off for the Town Square and the bright colors of farm-to-table fresh vegetables, jellies and jams. Smell the aroma from Dakota Harvest Bakers and downtown food trucks and sample Widman's fourth-generation chocolates. Anytime is the perfect time to grab a lunch, snack or dinner and enjoy the downtown entertainment.



Farmers Market, Grand Forks

## Design Your Own

Incorporate half-day or full-day visits to boutiques, shopping centers and Columbia Mall or add in a visit to the accredited art galleries featuring local, regional and national artists. You might even encounter the "Art and Wine Walk" or "Blues on the Red" events.



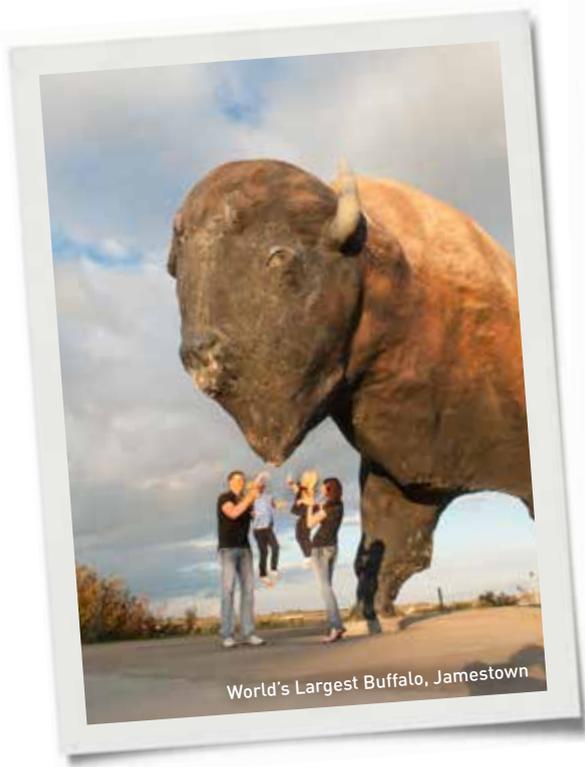
Buffalo, near Devils Lake

## Nature's Calling

Binoculars ... check, cameras ... check, notebook ... check. Your group is now ready to visit the natural wonders of Devils Lake and Sullys Hill National Game Preserve. Look up, look out and look around for photo ops of bison, elk, deer and other wildlife, along with more than 250 species of birds. Flock to the Lake Region Heritage Center in Devils Lake to obtain the history of the region, followed by a relaxing group meal by the lake at Woodland Resort.



Woodland Resort, Devils Lake



# JAMESTOWN AND VALLEY CITY

## The American Frontier

As you travel on Interstate 94, look for the 26-foot-tall, 60-ton concrete buffalo in Jamestown from the motor coach. This gentle giant has been greeting groups at Frontier Village for years. Stroll through the village and visit the writer's shack of American frontier writer and legend Louis L'Amour. Take a stagecoach ride and look for albino bison in the live herd. Then visit the National Buffalo Museum where you can learn how bison impacted the Plains. Head downtown for fine dining or fast food and walk off the meal during the Louis L'Amour Walking Tour, shopping boutique stores and visiting the Stutsman County Museum and Courthouse.

## Bridge to the Solar System

Twinkle, twinkle 2,500 little stars at the Valley City State University Planetarium. Weather and clouds are no problem as you enjoy comfortable seating and the amazing solar system above. And that's just a start. Check out the solar calendar and Native American burial mounds at Medicine Wheel Park. At Rosebud Visitor Center, tour one of the last remaining Rosebud Superintendents Railway cars. Valley City is known for its scenic bridge tour, which includes one of the longest and highest single-track railroad bridges in the United States. The Hi-Line Bridge is 3,860 feet long and 162 feet above the river bed. There are seven more bridges to see before you stop for a hometown pizza at Pizza Corner.



# SCENIC BYWAYS AND BACKWAYS

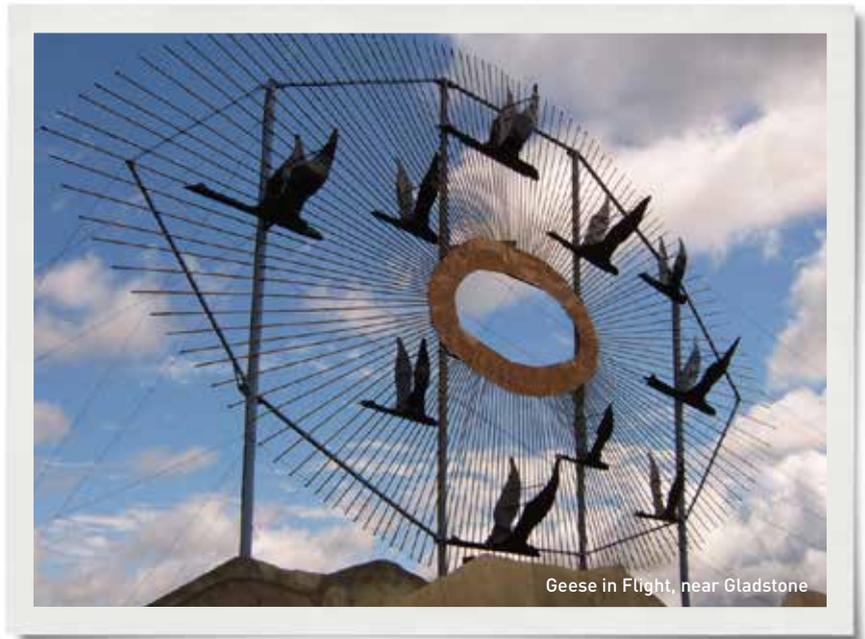
Take the road less traveled to find the true beauty in farmland, prairie landscapes and giant metal sculptures. North Dakota's scenic byways and backways lead to charming small towns offering ethnic cuisines and attractions that can be incorporated into any tour.

## East

Eastern scenic byways and backways will have you traversing wooded valleys, forested hills and farmlands. Quaint towns, winding rivers and scenic overlooks dot the Sheyenne River Valley National Scenic Byway and Rendezvous Region and Turtle Mountain scenic byways. Recreational adventure includes hiking, biking, cycling and more along the foothills, around the farmlands and within the Pembina Gorge area. Points of interest include the International Peace Garden, Mystical Horizons, Frost Fire Theatre, Pembina Gorge and Fort Ransom State Park and Village.

## Central

Tall grass prairies, winding rivers and an original highway around buttes and significant historical sites await in central North Dakota. Chan SanSan Scenic Backway, Old Red Old Ten Scenic Byway and Standing Rock National Native American Scenic Byway lead through some of our most cultural areas. Hunkpapa Lakota holy man



Sitting Bull, along with explorers Lewis, Clark, Sakakawea and mountain man Jim Bridger, journeyed across the prairies leaving their mark on history. Points of interest include Sitting Bull's Burial Site and Visitor Center, Lewis and Clark Interpretive Center, Fort Mandan, Knife River Indian Villages National Historic Site, the World's Largest Holstein Cow "Salem Sue," the "Talking Trails" interpretive sites, Toy Farmer Museum and Assumption Abbey Monastery and church.

## West

Overlooks, Badlands, scenic rivers, wildlife and birding habitats and one of the nation's largest man-made lakes, Lake Sakakawea, are found in the west.

Theodore Roosevelt National Park North Unit and Killdeer Mountain Four Bears scenic byways allow up-close viewing of the rugged Badlands, including Riverbend and Oxbow overlooks in the North Unit, Killdeer Mountain Battlefield and Little Missouri State Park. Des Lacs National Wildlife Refuge has a large concentration of migratory birds with hiking trails, interpretive sites and Sakakawea Scenic Byway revisits the area made famous by the Corps of Discovery. The Enchanted Highway, a 35-mile stretch between Gladstone and Regent, leads past a collection of giant metal sculptures that can be seen for miles. The sculpture "Geese in Flight" has been named the World's Largest Metal Sculpture by Guinness Book of World Records.



State Museum at the North Dakota Heritage Center, Bismarck

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# BISMARCK – MANDAN

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The capital city of Bismarck and its sister city, Mandan, welcome you to their communities and invite you to share in genuine hospitality, a great deal of history and perfect places for hub-and-spoke tours.



## Two cities, linked by a river and history

In Bismarck-Mandan, step back in time and look toward the future. Begin your tour at the water's edge of the Missouri River, where the Mandan Indian tribe cultivated the land. A guided tour of On-A-Slant Indian Village at Fort Abraham Lincoln provides a glimpse of life of the Mandan people. Across the parade ground is the home of Lt. Colonel George Custer and his wife, Libby. Guests are taken back to 1875, a year before the 7th Cavalry left this place for the Little Bighorn.

Going back even further in time, be brave as you enter the Adaptation and Innovation galleries of the State Museum at the North

Dakota Heritage Center. You might find yourself in the path of a fighting Tyrannosaurus Rex and Triceratops. The nearby 19-story State Capitol Building houses the Rough Rider Hall of Fame, the state's highest honor given to people like Lawrence Welk,



State Museum at the North Dakota Heritage Center, Bismarck

Theodore Roosevelt, Phil Jackson and Angie Dickinson to name a few.



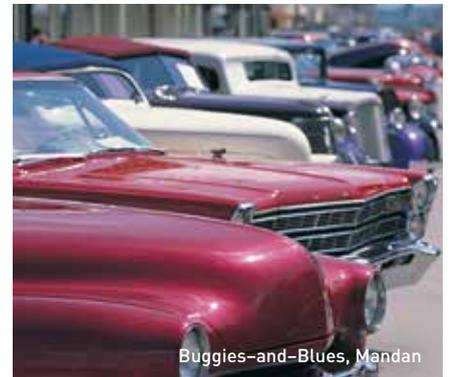
Lewis and Clark Riverboat Cruise, Missouri River

A relaxing afternoon, evening or sunset cruise aboard the Lewis and Clark Riverboat on the Missouri River is a great way to end a day.

Then let your culinary journey begin. So many eclectic and exquisite restaurants to choose from and so little time.

Pick from scrumptious and award-winning steaks and bison to amazing burger joints and down-home, local favorites offering ethnic cuisine. For authentic German food try Kroll's Diner, Fried's Family Restaurant or Ohm's Café.

Both downtowns are bustling with baristas, bakeries and fun boutiques. Summer festivals like German Days, Art-In-The-Park, Downtowner's Street Fair and Buggies-and-Blues are big draws.



Buggies-and-Blues, Mandan

## Be Adventurous

More and more people are enjoying active lifestyles. Stay active with birding, hiking, biking and leisurely strolls along trails and walking paths. Observe songbirds, woodland and grassland birds, upland game and shorebirds at one of North Dakota's 63 wildlife refuges. If high-tech treasure hunting is your passion, look for 100 geocaching sites in Bismarck-Mandan. Take part in the AVA-Sanctioned "Capitol Volksmarch" or tee it up at any of the seven golf courses in Bismarck-Mandan. Those into the arts will enjoy an evening at Dakota Stage Playhouse (indoor) and Sleepy Hollow Summer Theatre (outdoor), entertaining audiences for more than 20 years.



Fort Union Trading Post National Historic Site, near Williston

# MINOT, NEW TOWN AND WILLISTON

Minot, New Town and Williston; three communities bounded by the Bakken, their colorful pasts and exciting historical and cultural events and attractions. See what brought Native Americans, immigrants and fur traders to this part of the world.



## Minot

Minot's welcoming spirit is well-known internationally through the Norsk Høstfest, North America's largest Scandinavian festival. All ages enjoy Høstfest's culture, cuisines and riveting musical entertainment. In the summer, rides and fair foods are as synonymous as vendors and big-name entertainment at the North Dakota State Fair. Include tours of the Minot Air Force Base, Dakota Territory Air Museum, Scandinavian Heritage Park and boutiques, galleries and dining in the downtown area. Bon appétite at fine-dining restaurants and local favorites.



Scandinavian Heritage Park, Minot

## New Town

Landscapes to the west, toward New Town, start to change. Winding roads, rolling hills and expansive Lake Sakakawea appear. Enjoy your lake voyage aboard the 4 Bears Casino's yacht, then



Lake Sakakawea

grab lunch prior to your visit to the Three Tribes Museum. It tells the history of the Three Affiliated Tribes and proudly displays headdresses, regalia and history of the tribes.



North Dakota State Fair, Minot

Arrange a tour of the native gardens and beans, corn and squash at the Earthlodge Village and Little Shell Ceremonial Ground at New Town.

## Williston

Farther west, Highway 1804 leads to Williston, a community that welcomed a large influx of people from the oil and energy fields. New accommodations, homes, attractions, department stores and the Williston Area Recreation Center sprang up to serve new residents and visitors alike.

Learn about Lewis and Clark and the Corps of Discovery expedition in North Dakota at the nearby Missouri-Yellowstone Confluence Interpretive Center. This area is where the two rivers converge.

Williston's nature trail includes many parks and wildlife management areas with more than 365 bird species. Fort Union Trading Post National Historic Site was the largest fur trading post

on the upper Missouri River. Nearby Fort Buford State Historic Site is largely known for being the site where the Buffalo Soldiers of the 10th Cavalry and 25th Infantry were

stationed and Hunkpapa Lakota Chief Sitting Bull surrendered in 1881.



4 Bears Casino and Lodge, New Town



# MEDORA AND DICKINSON

— NEAR THEODORE ROOSEVELT NATIONAL PARK —

Located in the heart of an area known for energy, travel and agriculture, Dickinson and Medora epitomize prehistoric and Wild West history, rodeos, hand-clapping, feet-stomping music and festivals. Lasso your tour group and include a visit to the North Dakota Badlands, Theodore Roosevelt National Park and the Little Missouri National Grasslands.



### Three R's: Roping, Riding and Roosevelt

The Western Edge community of Dickinson is more than just a collection of outdoor activities, rare dinosaur exhibits, oil derricks and rigs, Ukrainian culture and the Theodore Roosevelt Center. It also hosts the annual Roughrider Days Fair, Expo and PRCA rodeo. Feel the adrenaline as it brings



Ukrainian Dancing

out the best cowboys and cowgirls. Find yourself learning words like "riggin," "piggin," and "turn and burn." At the Ukrainian Cultural Institute, learn of the "Pysanky," the intricate, delicate decorating of eggs. Sample "pyrohy," and discover which "filling" you like the best. While downtown, look for the Theodore Roosevelt statue, unique shops, fine dining and local favorite restaurants and coffee shops.



Bison in Theodore Roosevelt National Park

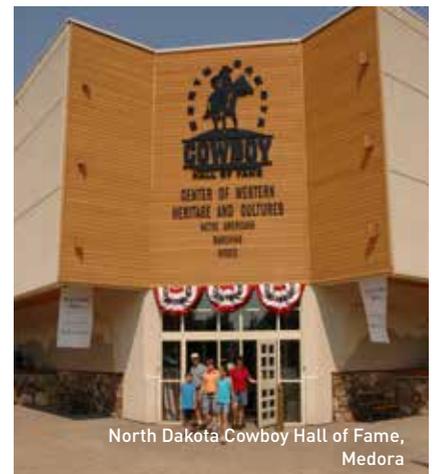
Closer to the town of Medora, the landscape spreads out into a wide and inviting mini Grand Canyon. Brightly colored scoria rocks and formations are intriguing. Experienced guides and well-trained horses at the Medora Stables take you on a leisurely ride into the Badlands. Theodore Roosevelt lived in the Maltese Cross Cabin, currently located at the entrance to Theodore Roosevelt National Park near Medora. Roosevelt also lived and ranched at the Elkhorn Ranch north of Medora in the late 1800s. The national park is home to untamed buffalo, horses, elk, mountain lions, coyotes and more. Take a hike through prairie grasses and canyons, up bluffs and through buckbrush to capture that perfect picture.

The North Dakota Cowboy Hall of Fame, Billings County Courthouse and Chateau de Mores State Historic Site are always favorites with groups, and the downtown cowboy charm is carried throughout restaurants and shops.



Dickinson Rodeo, Dickinson

End the evening with a delicious pitchfork steak fondue, and a behind-the-scenes of the roping, riding and Roosevelt tribute of the Medora Musical. Live music, energetic dancers and musical talents performed in a modern outdoor amphitheatre enlighten and delight all in attendance.



North Dakota Cowboy Hall of Fame, Medora



# THE LACES OF TIME

— THROUGH NORTH DAKOTA —

As you weave throughout North Dakota, you will come across many cultures comprised of different faiths and traditions. They are laced through time, religion, family, work and play, making North Dakota a cultural must-see destination.

## Melting Pot

Native Americans, Scandinavians, Icelandics, Germans, Germans from Russia, Polish and Irish all made their homes on the prairies, Badlands and in the valleys. This diverse heritage is now remembered through festivals, celebrations and cultural experiences.



Norsk Høstfest, Minot

## Scandinavian

Communities like Fargo-Moorhead, Mountain and Minot play host to prominent pieces of Scandinavian culture. Visit an authentic Viking ship and an exact replica of a Norwegian Stave Church. Take in a traditional meal at the Sons of Norway in Fargo-Moorhead. The Icelandic community of Mountain is more than a century old and attracts international ambassadors to its annual Deuce of August celebration. Norsk Høstfest in Minot is a collection of Scandinavian cuisine, music, entertainment, vendors and crafters.



On-A-Slant Indian Village, Mandan

## Native American

Our Native American spirit and culture feature delicately laced moccasins and ribbons and beautifully displayed beads of regalia on dancers and singers who turn the rhythm of drums into a striking interpretation of their heritage at powwows.



Fort Abercrombie State Historic Site, Abercrombie

These are the ancestors of Sitting Bull, Sakakawea and Sheheke, who lived on these lands. Walk through the earthlodge villages of Knife River, New Town and On-A-Slant, and travel to the forts of Abercrombie, Buford, Abraham Lincoln, Mandan, Totten and Union. Relish in the artifacts at museums like Pembina, Sitting Bull, Three Tribes and the State Museum at the North Dakota Heritage Center.

## Faith and Music

Faith and music were always part of basic family values. Accordion-led polkas and waltzes can still be enjoyed at many German and Germans from Russia heritage festivals. Preserved homesteads of great bandleader Lawrence Welk in Strasburg and American sweetheart Peggy Lee in Wimbledon can be added to any tour. Prairie churches, cemeteries, abbeys and basilicas aid in the story of the homesteader. Include this as a photo opportunity and to learn more about life on the prairies.



James River Landmark, Grace City



Agriculture and energy production, statewide

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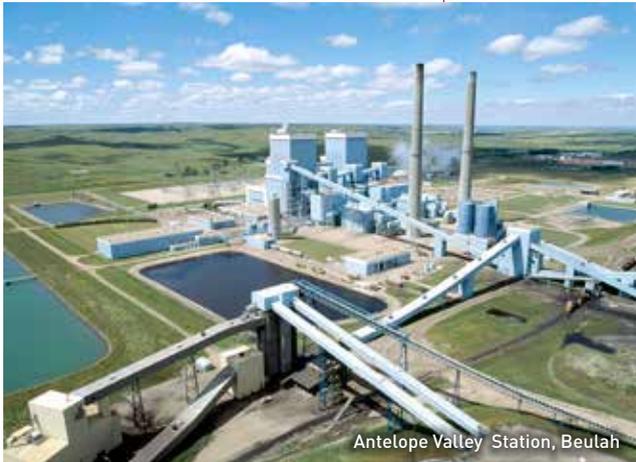
# CHARGED UP! ENERGIZE YOUR TOUR!

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Educational, interactive and internationally recognized, North Dakota's energy efficient facilities are worth the visit. Megawatts, generation, transmission, combustion, fly-ash and reclamation – these are a few terms you may hear while on your tour.

## Electricity

Schedule tours to find out how we produce electricity that plays an essential role in our lives. The coal and energy trail takes you to Underwood, Stanton, Beulah and Riverdale. Energy professionals



start with a 45-minute presentation at the Great Plains Synfuels Plant, then lead you through the only commercial-scale coal gasification plant in the United States. Next, see the magnitude of a dragline up close in an open-pit surface mine or one of the largest coal-fired plants in the nation. How about seeing both?

## Water

Have some hydroelectric fun with a visit to Garrison Dam and Power Plant on Lake Sakakawea, the third-largest man-made lake in the United States. The dam offers free tours highlighting its operations, functions and

power distribution. Close by is the Garrison Dam National Fish Hatchery and Aquarium, producing a variety of fish species. It also has recovery facilities for threatened and endangered species. Local favorite Knights Bar and Grill at Riverdale High Lodge serves lunch

and dinner but give them a call and reserve a time.

## Wind

Hold on to your hat as you may be experiencing some wind.

According to the American Wind Energy

Association, North Dakota was ranked the sixth-windiest in the United States. Large wind turbines can be seen throughout the state and several “wind farms” have instructional

panels. Larger groups of wind turbines can be found in south-central North Dakota by Kulm and throughout the central region from Valley City, Jamestown, Baldwin, Wilton, Minot, Rugby and more. Just keep looking.



## Oil

Opportunities to learn more about oil operations and the Bakken oil shale include visits to the State Museum at the North Dakota Heritage Center in Bismarck and the Pioneer Museum in Watford City. Also check with the nearest convention and visitors bureau for additional resources.



Sakakawea Scenic Byway, near Stanton

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## MOTORCYCLING AND SCENIC BYRIDER PROGRAM

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North Dakota's 10 scenic byways and backways create sensory overload for motorcyclists looking for a thrilling afternoon run, a relaxing evening ride with friends or a longer weekend ride. Sights, sounds and smells add to the enlightened experience as you work your way toward a North Dakota Scenic ByRider patch. Cruise five of 25 selected scenic routes in one calendar year, snap a photo of yourself with the current North Dakota Travel Guide and send it to us via email or regular mail to receive the ByRider patch and rocker. Feeling adventurous? Find all 25 routes at [NDtourism.com/scenic-drives](http://NDtourism.com/scenic-drives).

## Throttle Up

In the southeast, the Sheyenne River Valley National Scenic Byway is a peaceful drive between rolling tree-lined hills and through



picturesque farmsteads and small towns. It ends at Fort Ransom State Park, where Sodbuster Days is held twice a year, in the spring and fall.

Meanwhile, a weekend trip in the northeast means cruising to Turtle River State Park near Grand Forks, where the wooded valley is split by the meandering Turtle River. Cavalier hosts the annual Cavalier Ride-In bike rally on Father's Day weekend. Take a break by visiting the Pioneer Heritage Center and Gunlogson Homestead at Icelandic State Park. Walhalla is the start of the Rendezvous Region Scenic Backway through the beautiful Pembina Gorge and the historic Gingras Trading Post. Proceeding west toward the Turtle

Mountain Scenic Byway and Lake Metigoshe State Park in Bottineau, you will see pleasant hills, farmlands and forested wildlife areas.

Ride your iron horse along routes made famous by some of America's true legends, like highways 1804 and 1806. The routes run adjacent to the Missouri River and are named for the years in which

Lewis and Clark traveled through the state. Scenic 1804 leads to Washburn and meets the Sakakawea Scenic Byway in an area steeped in Corps of Discovery history. Highway 1806 includes the North Dakota Veterans Cemetery and Fort Abraham Lincoln State Park. Along the same route, travel the Standing Rock National Native American Scenic Byway to the burial site of Chief Sitting Bull. Try your luck at Prairie Knights Casino. If

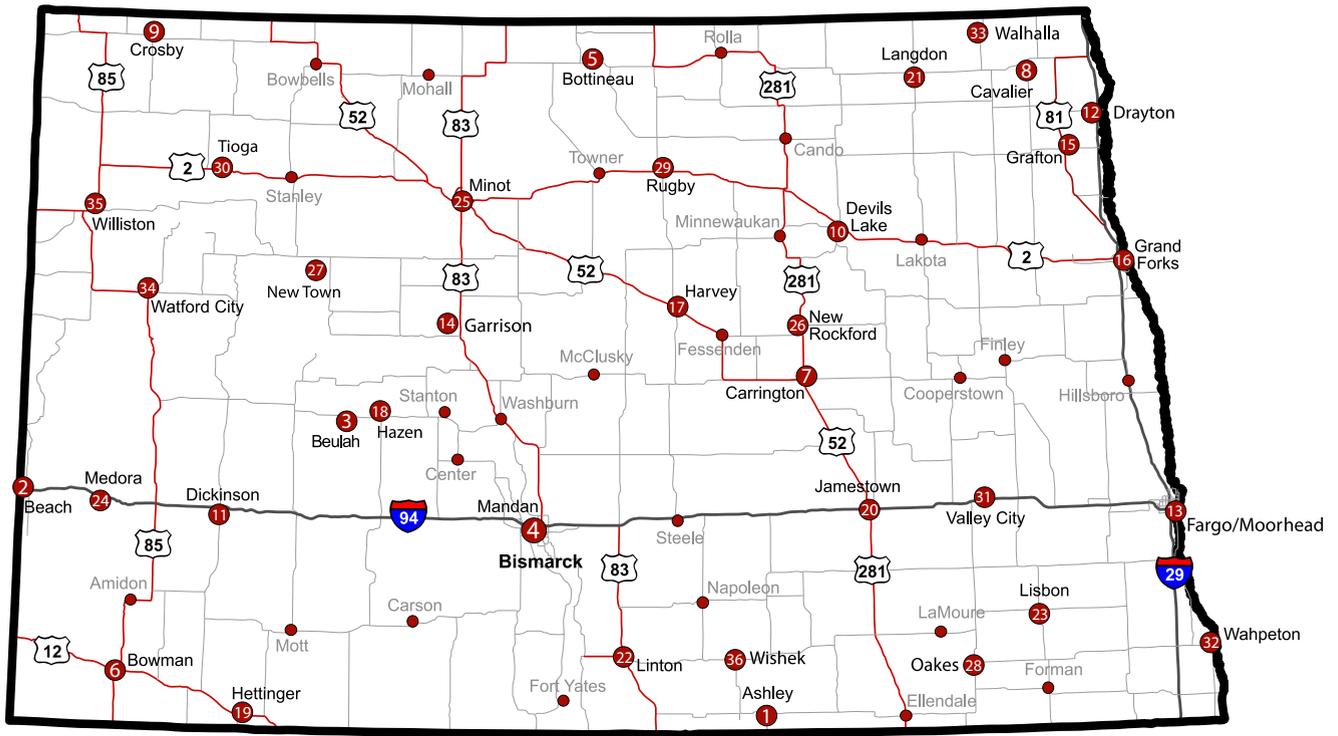
pioneer history is your niche, take Old Red Old Ten Scenic Byway through rolling hills and prairielands with smaller communities welcoming riders along the way.



Use your mobile device to access Talking Trails, which share stories of the communities and nearby attractions, including Salem Sue, the Trail of Tears sculpture and Dacotah Clayworks. Stop at Fort Sauerkraut, Assumption Abbey and Sims Church.

Theodore Roosevelt National Park's South Unit near Medora leads you on a 36-mile loop ride featuring the canyons of the North Dakota Badlands. Look for buffalo and bighorn sheep on the 14-mile drive in the park's North Unit near Watford City. The Long X Trading Post in Watford City offers travelers a glimpse of the area's history and the Bakken oil boom. Find more rides at [www.NDtourism.com/motorcycling](http://www.NDtourism.com/motorcycling).





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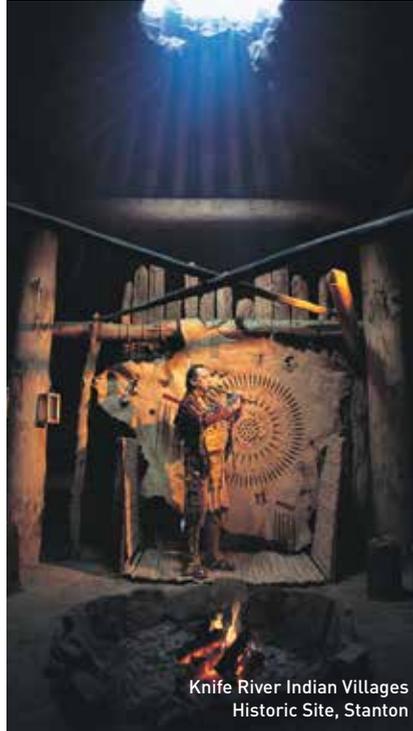
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