



North Dakota

International Roundup Pre-Fam

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Day 1 / Arrival Day (May 10) | Bismarck-Mandan

BISMARCK-MANDAN, NORTH DAKOTA

The Bismarck-Mandan area has welcomed visitors since Lewis and Clark paddled up the Missouri River in 1804. The capital of North Dakota, Bismarck is a hub of culture, history and shopping. Don't miss attractions like the Dakota Zoo, the North Dakota Heritage Center and State Museum, and Fort Abraham Lincoln. From the observation deck on the 18th floor of the North Dakota State Capitol, visitors get a bird's-eye view of just what it is that makes Bismarck a true destination.

History stares back from the Fort Abraham Lincoln blockhouses on the bluffs to the southwest and boats ply the Missouri River, which separates Bismarck and Mandan. Trees cover the Capitol Grounds just as they do the land on either side of the river, and buildings downtown bustle with life. Bismarck is a shining light of arts, culture, history and the great outdoors. Biking trails are plentiful on both sides of the river. And it's just a stone's throw between eclectic dining and entertainment venues and exciting outdoor things to do.



Day 2 (May 11) | Bismarck-Mandan

[Art Alley](#)

The Art Alley 5.5 project is the result of a unique partnership between Dakota West Arts Council and six participants of the 2016 Bismarck-Mandan Chamber of Commerce Leadership Program.

[North Dakota Heritage Center & State Museum](#)

From a life-size T. rex skeleton cast to a Mars spacesuit to exhibits of rare pottery and beadwork, there's history for everyone at the North Dakota Heritage Center and State Museum. Thousands of artifacts and specimens, high-tech displays and interactive exhibits in four museum galleries trace North Dakota history from 600 million years ago through current developments. The Treehouse exhibit invites young children to discover and explore North Dakota life, past and present. Ride in the tractor cab simulator for a firsthand perspective on farming. Find the world's largest giant squid fossil and discover hunting strategies of the earliest peoples in the state. Shop in the

Museum Store and enjoy a meal or snack at the James River Café. Don't forget to try the dinosaur cookies! Admission is free; open seven days a week.

[Fort Abraham Lincoln State Park](#)

Fort Abraham Lincoln State Park, established in 1907, is the oldest state park in North Dakota and provides a variety of unique adventures to travelers of all ages. Travel through time and explore the rich culture and history of the area by investigating artifacts at the Visitor Center Museum. Visitors will gain insight into the lives of the Mandan Native Americans who once lived at On-a-Slant Village by venturing through the reconstructed earthlodges. Discover old Fort Abraham Lincoln, Fort McKeen and what life was like as a frontier soldier as you journey through the blockhouses and furnished barracks and participate in a living history tour of the commanding officer's quarters.



Day 3 (May 12) | Dickinson & Medora

[Salem Sue](#)

The World's Largest Holstein Cow has become a landmark for travelers across North Dakota. Visible for miles, the fiberglass lady Holstein stands 38 feet high and 50 feet long on top of School Hill on the north edge of New Salem. A project of the New Salem Lions Club, Salem Sue was constructed in 1974, at a cost of \$40,000.00 as a tribute to the area's dairy industry. The visitor to the statue will not only be amazed at her size but will also be afforded a spectacular view of the surrounding countryside.

DICKINSON, NORTH DAKOTA

Dickinson itself is a city of fun-filled attractions and popular annual festivals and has a downtown that comes alive with outdoor summer concerts and street fairs. No stop in Dickinson would be complete without learning the history of the area – or better yet, pre-history. It all comes together at the Dickinson Museum Center, where life-sized dinosaurs and an array of fossils are on display. Recreational opportunities await at Heart River Golf Course and Patterson Lake Recreation Area. West River Community Center offers water recreation, gymnasiums, racquetball, a fitness center, a climbing wall, locker rooms, a lounge area, tennis courts, a playground, an indoor track and more. Cultural activities in Dickinson include Roughrider Days Fair and Expo, Mind's Eye Art Gallery, Bandshell Concert Series, Badlands Ukrainian Festival and the Ukrainian Cultural Institute. Fluffy Fields Vineyard and Winery offers a relaxed atmosphere and wines produced with locally grown produce, and Phat Fish Brewing offers local brews and firestone pizza to be enjoyed in an indoor/outdoor environment.

[Dickinson Museum Center](#)

Established in 1992, Badlands Dinosaur Museum features an evolving exhibit of fossils and minerals, a public preparation lab, and a vibrant research and fieldwork program. Joachim Regional Museum takes the visitor through the eras of railroad expansion, taming prairie grasslands and the resettlement of immigrants onto this vast open terrain. Fun interactives for children and adults complete the informative experience.

MEDORA, NORTH DAKOTA

On the western edge of North Dakota with the Badlands as its backdrop sits the historic town of Medora. This one-of-a-kind town is better known as North Dakota's #1 tourist destination. Medora is surrounded by breathtaking, unspoiled nature, with Theodore Roosevelt National Park acting as its backyard. Known for its Western

culture, visitors will find this historic hub filled with an endless array of activities and events for all ages.

[Medora Musical](#)

The Medora Musical is the rootin'-tootiest, boot-scootiest show in all the West! There's no other show quite like it. Set in the outdoor splendor of the rugged Badlands, this professionally produced, high-energy, Western-style musical show is proudly dedicated to the legacy of America's 26th president, Theodore Roosevelt, and the time he spent here in the Badlands of the Dakota Territory.

[Medora Pitchfork Steak Fondue](#)

This is a must-do dinner to pair with your Medora Musical tickets. Every evening, chefs load steaks onto pitchforks and fondue them Western-style. Savor your steak and all the fixin's as you overlook the picturesque Badlands from atop a bluff at the Tjaden Terrace. Plus, you'll be serenaded with Western melodies performed live by members of The Coal Diggers from the Medora Musical. Don't miss this unique dining experience that was featured on the national television show "Best Of" on The Food Network.

[Chateau de Mores and Visitors Center](#)

Located southwest of Medora, this site memorializes the life and activities in North Dakota of Antoine de Vallombrosa, the Marquis de Mores, who arrived in 1883. This 26-room, two-story frame building was built in 1883 as the summer residence of the Marquis' family. The Chateau is now a historic house museum and contains many of the original furnishings and personal effects of the de Mores family. Visits through the house are available during the summer months, and there is an admission charge. Allow one hour for a visit.

[Theodore Roosevelt National Park – South Unit](#)

Theodore Roosevelt National Park had a transformative effect on the nation's "Conservation President," and it has the same effect on visitors today. With its uncrowded spaces, amazing vistas, wide-open spaces and views of wild horses and bison roaming free, the park is much like it was when President Theodore Roosevelt ranched and hunted in the North Dakota Badlands. Visiting today is easier but every bit as rewarding. Road trippers to the South Unit will find accommodations and entertainment in the Old West town of Medora and nearby Dickinson. Those visiting the more rugged North Unit will find similar offerings in Watford City. Both units have scenic drives and hiking trails that bring visitors up close to wildlife and inspirational scenery. Relax and unwind under a brilliant sunny sky or under the illuminating light of millions of stars.



Day 4 (May 13) | Theodore Roosevelt National Park, Minot & Jamestown

Theodore Roosevelt National Park – North Unit

The North Unit is a bit off the beaten path along North Dakota Highway 85. Its ruggedness and beauty, and the solitude you'll find in this less-visited unit of the park, are well worth the 50-mile drive from Interstate 94. Plan at least 1 hour and 15 minutes for the North Unit's out-and-back Scenic Drive (28 miles round-trip). The first half of the road traces the bottom of the Badlands. Midway through, it crawls up out of the canyon to the North Unit's most iconic view, River Bend Overlook. From there, it's an easy drive along the rim of the badlands to Oxbow Overlook at the road's end. The road is almost entirely paved, with only one stretch of gravel, and is open to motor vehicles (including RVs) and cyclists. Bison are often visible from the scenic drive at all hours of the day, while mule deer usually make appearances around dawn and dusk. Careful observers may spot bighorn sheep on or near steep cliff edges. Driving is often the best way to view wildlife, as you can cover more ground this way than on foot. However, to see prairie dogs in the North Unit, you'll have to take a hike! Remember to keep a safe distance from all wildlife you encounter.

MHA Interpretive Center

The MHA (Mandan, Hidatsa and Arikara) Interpretive Center serves as a cultural epicenter dedicated to education, preservation, and the retention and revitalization of language, culture and historical perspectives of the Upper-Missouri Agricultural nations. The expansive multipurpose facility interprets the history and culture of the Mandan, Hidatsa and Arikara people. The center has exhibits and is designed for large-scale conferences, meetings, educational sessions, corporate events, weddings and private gatherings. The center features a museum, 500-seat amphitheater, catering services and special events.

Earthlodge Village – MHA

Smaller lodges surround the main lodge, which is used for ceremonies and meetings, at this reconstruction of an earthlodge village on the shores of Lake Sakakawea.

Crow Flies High Butte

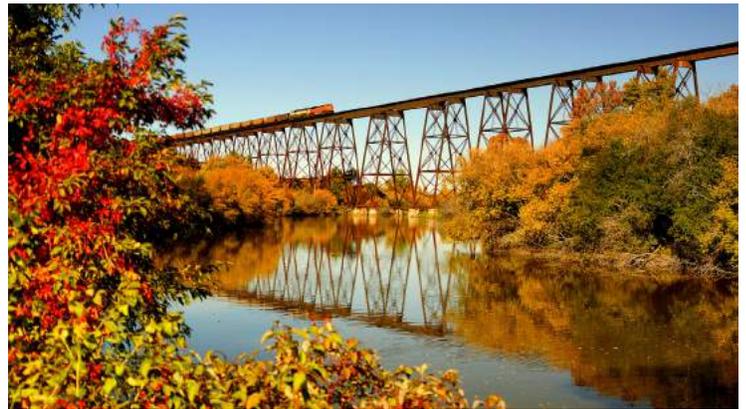
This scenic overlook just west of New Town provides breathtaking views of Four Bears Bridge, Lake Sakakawea, Badlands bluffs and the foundations of the underwater town of Sanish. The site was a lookout used by William Clark when waiting to reunite with Meriwether Lewis.

MINOT, NORTH DAKOTA

Also known as the "Magic City," Minot was founded in 1887 when the Great Northern Railway set up camp for the winter. As if by magic, the tent town grew rapidly into a bustling population of 5,000 in five months. The city continued to grow with the construction of Minot State University (formerly known as the State Normal School) in 1913 and the Minot Air Force Base in the 1950s. Each July, the largest event in the state, the North Dakota State Fair, draws visitors from around the region. This vibrant city is full of attractions, including Roosevelt Park Zoo, Dakota Territory Air Museum and the Scandinavian Heritage Park, which honors the five Scandinavian countries and features a full-sized replica of the Gol Stave Church. Minot has a 65-piece symphony orchestra, making it one of the smallest cities with a symphonic ensemble in the country. Norsk Høstfest, which translates to "Norwegian fall festival," occurs annually and draws international travelers from around the world, including some trolls and Vikings. The largest Scandinavian festival in North America features traditional cuisine and top-notch entertainment. Half of the fun while traveling is eating your way through the city's cuisine. And in Minot, local favorites blend with flavors from around the globe, including bakeries, pubs, fine dining and family-style restaurants. For the best of both worlds, visit Minot and experience this small-town atmosphere with big-city style.

JAMESTOWN, NORTH DAKOTA

Jamestown has long been known for its buffalo, but there is a lot more to this eastern North Dakota city than the World's Largest Buffalo and the National Buffalo Museum. Learn of the region's pioneer and military history at Fort Seward Military Post. Visit the Stutsman County Memorial Museum to see a collection of memorabilia from the region. Keep in mind that legendary Western writer Louis L'Amour walked the streets and gained inspiration for his novel. A walking trail takes guest to sites frequented by the late writer. You will also find the great sports legends of North Dakota enshrined at the state's Sports Hall of Fame. Also down is Hansen Arts Park, a central location that hosts arts activities in association with The Arts Center. When the need to get into the great outdoors arises, there are several options to choose from, beginning with the Jamestown Reservoir. With seven boat launches, seven picnic shelters, two swimming beaches, 3 miles of hard-surfaced walking and biking trails, a world-class disc golf course and 2,492 acres of water surface area, the reservoir is Jamestown's premier recreation area. Fishing in the reservoir or river is a popular activity.



Day 5 (May 14) | Valley City, Fargo, West Fargo & Moorhead

[World's Largest Buffalo and Frontier Village](#)

This 26-foot-tall, 60-ton concrete giant has been standing watch over Jamestown from the Frontier Village since 1959.

[National Buffalo Museum](#)

Explore the history and significance of the American buffalo with interpretive panels, artifacts and original artwork. This herd was once home to the rare white buffalo, White Cloud, and her son, Dakota Miracle. White Cloud passed away in 2016 and is now on display in the museum. From a viewing area at the back of the museum, you can watch Jamestown's live buffalo herd grazing the prairie grasses beneath a wide North Dakota sky.

VALLEY CITY, NORTH DAKOTA

To get a feel of what Valley City is all about, take a walking tour of the City of Bridges, including the 3,860-foot-long, 162-foot-high Highline Bridge that is one of the highest and longest single-track railroad bridges in the nation. Staying outdoors, play a round of golf at Bjornson Park Golf Course or visit Medicine Wheel Park with its solar calendar, Native American burial mounds and scenic overlook. Take an out-of-this-world tour of more than 2,500 stars at the Valley City State Planetarium followed by a stroll downtown to look for unique gifts at shops like Unique Antiques, Noos Shop, Catwalk Boutique, Kyly Creations and Urban Couture. Whether on foot, in a car or on a motorcycle, Valley City is a hop-on point for a national recreation trail and a nationally recognized byway. A segment of the North Country National Scenic Trail leads through the city as it winds from New York to North Dakota. The Sheyenne River Valley National Scenic Byway winds its way through Valley City past quaint towns and wooded hills to Fort Ransom.

[Rosebud Visitor Center](#)

Walk through railroad history at the Rosebud Visitor Center. An 1881 Superintendent's Railcar with the original furnishings is housed here, the original "motorhome" used by the superintendent, his secretary

and his cook. Railroad history comes to life inside and at the outdoor displays, along with history of the Sheyenne Valley. Learn about farming in the valley and see the North Dakota Agriculture Hall of Fame. Get the information you need as you start your tour of beautiful Valley City! Step-on guides provided for bus tours.

[Medicine Wheel Park](#)

Medicine Wheel Park is 30 acres of fun and learning with Native American history, colorful gardens, hiking and many events. Celebrations occasionally occur at the solstices and equinoxes. There are 12 Native American burial mounds within the borders of the park. These mounds are the same type of cemeteries used by Plains Woodlands Indians 500-2,000 years ago. A model of the solar system stretches from the Sun (the center of the Medicine Wheel) to a third of a mile away, with boulders representing the planets. These boulders are placed in proportion to the planets' average distances from the Sun on a scale where 1 foot equals 3 million miles. The meridian calendar uses the length of a shadow cast by a utility pole to mark the beginning of each season at local apparent noon. The North Country National Scenic Trail (NCT) is a 4,600-mile trail running west to east across seven northern states, linking North Dakota to New York. A segment of this trail winds through Medicine Wheel Park for visitors to walk along.

FARGO & WEST FARGO, NORTH DAKOTA, & MOORHEAD, MINNESOTA

You know it the moment you hit the ground. You sense it in the air, feel it on the prairie wind. This place is different. Not like anywhere you've been before. It's unfamiliar ground, but it's ground you want to spend time on. Welcome to Fargo, a place that sets the bar far above the norm. You might recognize the name from the 1996 film or hit FX series featuring thick Midwestern accents, white barren landscape and the infamous woodchipper scene (they have the original on display!). While the accents are mildly accurate and it is pretty flat, everything else is completely unexpected – or as they like to call it, North of Normal. Come see for yourself.