



Travels with Doris Presents

Nebraska History 102

Return to Western Nebraska June 1-4, 2021

Nebraska Passport Stops 2021 I have books
 Bus will pickup at Beatrice Walmart Parking
 Lot Northwest side 6:30 a.m., Fairbury
 Walmart Parking Lot South End, 7:15,
 Western Library 7:40, Dorchester Fire Hall
 across from Gas Station 8:10 a.m.,
 Hastings Walmart Parking Lot North End
 9:30 a.m.

Day 1 Begin the loop traveling north on Hwy
 11 along the Loup River's Scenic Byway.
 11:00 Happy Jack Chalk Mine, Nebraska's
 only underground adventure at Scotia
 followed by lunch at Pizza Palace in

Burwell. Tour **Halsey Forest**. Continue north on Highway 83 to Valentine. Scenic **Smith Falls State Park** home to *Nebraska's* highest waterfall. Lodging at Niobrara Lodge, Valentine.

Day 2 8:30 Hwy 20 Bridges to Buttes Byway to Merriman 9:30 **Arthur Bowring Ranch State Historical Park**, a 7,202-acre ranch, Former U.S. Senator Eve Bowring managed the ranch until her death in 1985 at age 92. Her wish was to preserve the ranch as a turn-of-the-20th-century working cattle ranch Continue to Chadron Gold Rush Byway to **Chadron State Park** Lunch on your own **Art Alley at Bean Broker Coffee House & Pub.** 3:00 Guided tour of Red Cloud Indian School on Pine Ridge Reservation just north of the Nebraska border, also Wounded Knee cemetery contains monument and mass grave of hundreds of Sioux massacred on Dec. 29, 1890 by U.S. Cavalry. Return to Chadron. Check out The Winery with dinner included, watch the sunset. Lodging in Chadron at Best Western West Hills.

Day 3 8:30 Enjoy the remote beauty of Nebraska's Sandhills between Chadron and Arthur (21/2 hrs via on Highway 2, the **Sandhills Journey Scenic Byway**. **Hyannis Hotel** , On Arthur's Main Street, visit the **Arthur Courthouse Museum** —the world's smallest— and the unique 1928 **Strawbale Church**. 12:30 Twenty miles south on Highway 61 lunch at the renowned **Haythorn Land & Cattle Co.**, a 5th-generation Quarter Horse and cattle ranch. Visit the gift store, the smoked meats shop, & Convention Center.

Nebraska's "Cowboy Capital," **Ogallala**, sits along the South Platte River at the crossroads of the Oregon Trail, the Texas Trail, and the Union Pacific Railroad. Wander through the Petrified Wood & Art Gallery. Dinner on your own at Open Range Grill. Enjoy the 1880s-style **Front Street and Cowboy Museum** for a trip back into the town's Wild West past, **The Crystal Palace Revue and Shoot Out**. also **Boot Hill**, where many a Texas cowpoke ended his trail. Lodging in North Platte

Day 4 9:00am-10:15am: Golden Spike Tower. Then visit Home of Buffalo Bill Cody. Tour the showman's home at **The Buffalo Bill Ranch State Historical Park** 11:30am-12:15pm: Lunch – Cowboy Cook: Cowboy Caviar, Haystack Casserole, Cornbread and Honey, Peach Cobbler Visit **Fort Cody Trading Post** a fun roadside museum and mercantile **\$429/Double occupancy**. Includes motorcoach, 3 nights hotel, 6 meals, admissions, Entertainment Crystal Palace Revue shoot Out & gratuities

To reserve a seat call Doris at 402-821-2547 Cell 402) 641-7132

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