

You Betcha: Winning Casinos



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hile for most people playing games like blackjack, slots and bingo is the main focus of enjoyment for going to a casino, for many people it's the extras, or amenities found in the surroundings that contribute to the fun of a casino visit. Whether with man-made offerings and service, or with the natural beauty of the surrounding landscape, casinos in the region offer guests a vast variety of entertainment options like golfing, live shows and boat cruises. Whether you like your casino gaming in the heart of big city excitement, or set in the pristine wilderness, the You Betcha Tour will provide plenty of thrills.

Day 1 Morton – Red Wing (168 mi/269 km)



Jackpot Junction Casino Hotel in Morton has many entertainment options – settle in for gaming action, see a headline act, dine in one of three restaurants or relax with a drink in one of four bars. Take a dip at the hotel’s pool and spa, or tee off at Dacotah Ridge, a Rees Jones-designed championship golf course. Continue on to **Mystic Lake Casino Hotel**

south of Minneapolis to try your luck at 100 blackjack tables, more than 2,800 slot, video poker and keno machines, high stakes bingo, or to enjoy some of the biggest names in entertainment. Choose from fine dining, casual restaurants or the biggest buffet in the Midwest. On the banks of the Mississippi River, **Treasure Island Resort & Casino** offers a taste of the tropics. A water wall, rock pool and tropical fish aquariums welcome guests to the casino with slots, video poker, craps and keno. Outside, enjoy a scenic Mississippi River Cruise on the **Spirit of the Water** luxury liner. Take a few laps in the pool, unwind in the hot tub, and then tuck yourself into bed in a plush room at the Caribbean-themed hotel.

Overnight: Red Wing, MN



Day 2 Red Wing – Mahnomen (306 mi/490 km)

Rise early for your departure to **Grand Casino Mille Lacs** for more slots, blackjack, bingo and video poker. Located near one of the largest inland lakes in the state, the casino offers luxury suites, indoor pool, sauna, hot tub, golf, fishing, gift shops and sports events. Nearby, the **Mille Lacs Indian Museum** showcases the history of the Ojibwe tribe (1.0 hr). Continue to **Shooting Star Casino Hotel** in the unspoiled northwestern lakes region. Shooting Star Casino recently expanded, adding more slot, video and keno poker, and blackjack action. If you have a taste for good fast food or delicious cuisine, there are three restaurants to satisfy your hunger.

Overnight: Mahnomen, MN

Day 3 Mahnomen – Thief River Falls (58 mi/93 km)

This morning visit **Seven Clans Casino Hotel Indoor Water Park** in Thief River Falls. The newly remodeled gaming floor features regular and progressive slots with video poker and keno, blackjack tables and a bingo hall. The 24-hour restaurant includes a daily buffet and regular menu. Relax in the large Jacuzzi, or bring the children or grandchildren back to play in the new 40,000 square foot water park with water slides and water games.

Overnight: Thief River Falls, MN

Day 4 Thief River Falls – Winnipeg (174 mi/279 km)

Enjoy the scenic ride to Winnipeg to the **Club Regent Casino**. Create your own gaming adventure in the lush, tropical jungle environment and discover a whole new world of entertainment and fun. Take a chance at the gaming tables, try the slots, or indulge yourself in the lounge and restaurant. Be sure to include a tour of the saltwater walk-through aquarium with cascading waterfalls, and experience some of the country's hottest entertainment. End the evening at **Assiniboia Downs** horseracing track. Watch live thoroughbred racing and have dinner in the excellent restaurant overlooking the track, or play video lottery terminals between races. Races from other tracks are simulcast year-round.

Overnight: Winnipeg, MB

Day 5 Winnipeg

The **McPhillips Street Station Casino** invites you to ride the rails back to the grand and glorious days of the railway era. Indulge in fine food, entertainment, gaming and a trip back 6,000 years in the multi-sensory **Millennium Theater**, where tales of Manitoba history unfold. Groups enjoy special gaming packages including scavenger hunts and great dining at Michele's or the fabulous buffet restaurant. After an exciting day of gaming, browse the tempting shops at **Polo Park** or **St. Vital Shopping Centers**, and stop to savor ethnic specialties at one of the many fabulous restaurants.

Overnight: Winnipeg, MB

Day 6 Winnipeg – Brandon (122 mi/196 km)

Return to the **McPhillips Street Station Casino** for a few hours of gaming and then stop at the lush and tranquil **Leo Mol Sculpture Garden** in Assiniboine Park before leaving Winnipeg. Follow the Trans-Canada/Yellowhead Highway to Brandon, Manitoba's second largest city. Nestled in the beautiful Assiniboine River Valley, the city offers quality hospitality at numerous hotels. Indulge in a progressive dinner throughout the city while testing your gaming luck.

Overnight: Brandon, MB

Festival du Voyageur, Winnipeg, mid-February

Oak Hammock Marsh Waterfowl Celebration, Winnipeg, May and October

Winnipeg Folk Festival, Winnipeg, early July

Folklorama – Canada's Cultural Celebration, Winnipeg, first two weeks in August

Royal Manitoba Winter Fair, Brandon, late March

Manitoba Threshermen's Reunion and Stampede, Austin, late July



Day 7 Brandon – Devils Lake (85 miles/136 km)

From Brandon, travel to Belcourt and the **Sky Dancer Hotel & Casino**, offering over 350 slot machines, six blackjack tables, simulcast dog and horse racing, poker, bingo, pull tabs and more. You're also just minutes away from the **International Peace Garden** (2.0 hrs) for outdoor adventure and wildlife viewing. The **Spirit Lake Casino** near Devils Lake has 500 slot machines, poker tables, blackjack tables, bingo, live craps and more. Some amenities include a restaurant with a view over

Devils Lake, hotel with luxury suites, gift shop and marina. While at **Spirit Lake Casino**, take the opportunity to fish for some tasty walleye and perch. Visit the **Fort Totten State Historic Site** (1.5 hrs) for a look back on the military posts from 1867, as well as its time as an Indian boarding school. For your adventurous side, tour **Sully's Hill National Game Preserve** (2.0 hrs). This refuge is home to many species; the four-mile (six-km) **Big Game Auto Tour** is the best bet for wildlife viewing.

Overnight: Devils Lake, ND

Day 8 Devils Lake – New Town (195 mi/312 km)

At **4 Bears Casino & Lodge** near New Town, the unique architecture offers lodge guests a sunset view of Lake Sakakawea. The casino features over 400 slot machines, craps, high-stakes blackjack, paddlewheel, video poker, live keno and more. The amenities include live entertainment, gift shop, buffet and restaurant. In the area, participate in water recreational activities such as fishing, skiing, canoeing, or sailing on beautiful **Lake Sakakawea**. Visit the **Three Tribes Museum** (1.0 hr) which displays artifacts relating to Mandan, Hidatsa and Arikara tribal history. A drive to the top of **Crow Flies High Butte** (30 min) offers a breathtaking view of Lake Sakakawea and the bluffs of the Badlands. Historical markers denote the site as a stop on the Lewis & Clark Trail.

Overnight: New Town, ND

Day 9 New Town – Fort Yates (215 mi/344 km)

Relax on your morning drive across the North Dakota prairie. The route will take you to several historical sites and on the same path of Lewis and Clark Corps of Discovery. The Standing Rock Sioux Reservation has a monument which marks the original grave of the great Hunkpapa Sioux leader, Sitting Bull. **Prairie Knights Casino & Resort** near Fort Yates features over 500 reel and video slots, high stakes gaming, roulette, blackjack, Spanish 21 and three card poker. Resort features include a 2,000-seat event center with scheduled entertainment, buffet and fine dining, gift shop and hotel. The **Marina on Lake Oahe** provides ramps, slips, mountain biking and nature trails for your outdoor entertainment adventures.

Overnight: Fort Yates, ND

Day 10 Fort Yates – Deadwood (269 mi/431 km)

The **Grand River Casino & Resort** in Mobridge offers 240 slot and video machines, along with blackjack and poker tables. The Sage Restaurant satisfies guests with a variety of delectable entrées and desserts. The Grand River Casino is located on the **Standing Rock Reservation**, birthplace of **Sitting Bull**, one of the Lakota's greatest warriors and medicine men. Just south of the casino is a monument to Sitting Bull at the site of his grave overlooking the Missouri River. The next stop is **Deadwood**, which earned a reputation for being the wildest and wealthiest gold camp in the West in the 1800s. Today, Deadwood's history is alive and well once again with more than 80 gaming halls offering blackjack, poker and every variety of slot machine. The entire town is designated a National Historic Landmark. Play among the legends of the past and find the same lively action. Deadwood is nestled in a pine-covered gulch and offers historic tours, the **Adams Museum**, the famous **Mount Moriah Cemetery**, and re-enactments of the murder of Wild Bill Hickock. **Mount Rushmore National Memorial** is just one hour south of Deadwood.

Overnight: Deadwood, SD

Days of '76, Deadwood, late July



Day 11 Deadwood – Chamberlain (261 mi/418 km)

Lower Brule's **Golden Buffalo Casino and Resort** offers 175 slot machines, poker, three-card poker, blackjack, multiple action blackjack, live entertainment and hotel accommodations. The **Lower Brule Reservation** is nestled along the Missouri River on the Lewis & Clark Trail. The 101-mile (162-km) **Native American National Scenic Byway** crosses the Lower Brule Reservation. Following the Missouri River, the route takes you to the crest of lofty river bluffs and descends to the fertile river bottom. The Lower Brule Sioux Tribe offers step-on guides for tours of the area.

Overnight: Chamberlain, SD

Day 12 Chamberlain – Flandreau (171 mi/274 km)

The **Lode Star Casino** is located on the beautiful Missouri River near Fort Thompson on the **Crow Creek Indian Reservation**. The Lode Star's Slots Hall is a favorite for many visitors. If slots are not your style, pull up to a blackjack table and try your luck against the dealer. Is your game a little higher risk? If so, put on your poker face and take a seat in one of the poker rooms. The Lode Star features live entertainment and spacious hotel accommodations. The **Royal River Casino & Motel** in Flandreau features gaming action. Stroll amidst the slot machines, bingo hall, and poker and blackjack tables. There's entertainment in the lounge and a fabulous buffet. As an added touch, the casino's walls are decorated with murals depicting the history of the **Flandreau Santee Sioux Tribe**, painted by a tribal artist. You'll come out a winner at the conclusion of the You Betcha Tour!