

Overnight Hot Springs.

Relentless erosion that created Badlands National Park exposed a vast array of exotic animal remains which are on display along walkways. Rapid City features the Museum of Geology, a world-class collection of dinosaurs, sea lizards, ancient camels, horses, and a mother oreodont with the skeletons of unborn twins encased in her bones. The Black Hills Petrified Forest near Piedmont has Barasaurus bones dated to the Jurassic period. The Black Hills uplift has also exposed the remains of a cypress forest. The Black Hills Institute of Geologic Research in Hill City prepares fossils and mineral specimens for museums and collectors worldwide. Overnight Rapid City.

Day 8 - Black Hills to Lemmon to Bowman, ND

Near the border in South Dakota, near Lemmon, is the Petrified Wood Park, a collection of petrified logs, stumps, fossils, and prehistoric mudballs found within a 35-mile radius of Lemmon. Over 6.4 million tons of ancient wood have been used to construct structures within the park. Overnight Bowman Lemmon.

Day 9 - Bowman and Dickinson

The Pioneer Trails Regional Museum and Paleontology Department

The museum also studies, collects and curates fossils from all of the different aged outcrops present in the region. These include vertebrates, invertebrates and plants from 73 million year old marine deposits up to the latest deposits of the area, which are 28 million years old. Some of the animals that have been found are mosasaurs, plesiosaurs, dinosaurs, and early mammals that include camels, rhinoceroses, horses and giant pigs. The Paleontology Department conducts Public Day Tours out to our active research sites in the field. The museum also offers a more intense summer field activity through our annual Summer Field School. Overnight in Bowman

Day 10 – Dickinson to Jordan

Jordan houses the full-sized replica of a complete Triceratops and has an impressive display of fossils taken from the area. Near Glendive, Makoshika State Park contains fossil remains of such dinosaurs as tyrannosaurus and triceratops. The visitor center features the skeleton of a juvenile triceratops unearthed in Makoshika State Park. Overnight Jordan.

Day 11 - Jordan to Havre

Havre, in northern Montana, features the H. Earl Clack Museum and its fossil and geological displays. The museum is the starting point for tours of the nearby Wahkpa Chu'gn Archaeological Site, a buffalo jump site. Visitors can see dig areas with layers of bone, ancient processing areas and cooking hearths. Overnight Havre.

Day 12 - Havre to Choteau

The beginning of the movie Jurassic Park was based on the finds near Choteau, where Egg Mountain exhibits and fossils are on display at the Old Trails Museum. The Pine Butte Swamp Preserve, also near Choteau, has a rich dinosaur bone bed that famous Horner and his protégés have long mined. Discoveries include the Maisura and its eggs. The Preserve offers dinosaur dig workshops. Overnight Choteau.

Day 13 - Choteau to Bozeman

Famed dinosaur hunter Jack Horner is the curator of the large dinosaur exhibit at the Museum of the Rockies in Bozeman, one of the best dinosaur exhibits in North America. The museum houses several important dinosaur finds, including the skulls of Triceratops and Styracosaur. Overnight Bozeman.

Day 14 - Bozeman To Thermopolis

The Wyoming Dinosaur Center in Thermopolis features exciting dioramas and exhibits. The museum's mounted dinosaur skeletons were unearthed less than two miles from the center on the warm Springs ranch. The Wyoming dinosaur Center is the only privately-owned museum of the size in the state. Shuttle bus tours are offered to visitors who want to see a working fossil dig in progress. All fossils found on the ranch will stay in the on site museum. Overnight Thermopolis.

Day 15 - Thermopolis

Fossil Butte National Monument, northwest of Rock Springs, records one of the most extensive concentrations of fossilized fish in the world, all of which were found locally. There are also six private quarries outside the boundaries of the Monument, and several offer digging opportunities and fossils for sale. The Natural History Museum and Dinosaur Collection in Rock Springs, located on the campus of Western Wyoming Community College, is open year-round, and features full-sized life-casts of Tyrannosaurus rex, Triceratops, Stegosaurus, Camptosaurus, and Xiphactinus audax, a rare monster fish. Overnight Kemmerer.

Day 16 - Kemmerer to Pocatello

The Idaho Museum of Natural History located at Idaho State University in Pocatello offers visitors the unique and wonderful diversity of Idaho's natural heritage with displays on the ice age Giant Bison and Saber-toothed cat skeletons. The museum is currently involved in the recent discovery of two new dinosaur species in a remote location near the Wyoming border. Overnight Pocatello.

Day 17 - Pocatello to Twin Falls

At Hagerman Fossil Beds, over 150 skeletons of small zebra-like horses and 90 other types of plants and animals, such as saber-tooth lions and mastadons have been found. Recent finds and hands-on excavation opportunities have boosted the profile of the site.
Overnight Twin Falls.

Days 18-19 - Twin Falls to Salt Lake City

Overnight Salt Lake City.

Day 20 - Departure from Salt Lake City