



NORTH DAKOTA TRAVEL FAST FACTS



Fargo Air Museum



World's Largest Buffalo



Fort Abraham Lincoln State Park



Medora

Welcome to North Dakota. Let us take some time to explain things you may encounter on your trip.

Business Hours – The following are general open hours; specific establishment may vary. Businesses and offices are open from Monday to Friday, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Banking hours are usually Monday to Friday, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.; Saturday, 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. Many banks and other outlets offer 24-hour access to ATMs. Shopping hours are likely to be 9 a.m. to 9 p.m. during the week, and 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. on Saturdays and noon-6 p.m. on Sundays. Bars and nightclubs close at 1 a.m.

Electricity – The U.S. uses 110 to 120 volts AC (60 cycles), compared to 220 to 240 volts AC (50 cycles) in most of Europe, Australia and New Zealand.

Emergencies – Call tel. 911 for emergencies, fire, ambulance or police.

Taxes – Hotel rooms are subject to a tax of up to 3¼%. The state sales tax is 5% for general tax with 7% for alcohol but cities may have additional liquor/alcohol tax. In the U.S., there is no value-added tax (VAT) or other indirect tax at the national level.

“I never would have been President had it not been for my time in North Dakota.” – Theodore Roosevelt

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Internet Access – Many hotels offer Wi-Fi to guests for free or at a nominal charge. If you aren't bringing your laptop with you, know that many hotels offer business centers with internet access.

Liquor Laws – The legal age to purchase and consume alcoholic beverages in the U.S. is 21; proof of age is required at bars, nightclubs and restaurants, so bring ID when you go out. Beer, wine and hard liquor can be purchased at liquor stores. Do not carry open containers of alcohol in your car or any public area that isn't zoned for alcohol consumption. Driving while intoxicated is considered a criminal offense.

Mail – At press time, domestic postage rates were 35¢ for a postcard and 55¢ for a letter. For international mail, first-class postcards and letters weighing up to 1 ounce cost \$1.15. You can buy stamps and mailing supplies at any post office or go to www.usps.com.

Newspapers – Many of the cities in North Dakota have daily newspapers, including the Fargo Forum, Bismarck Tribune, Minot Daily News, Grand Forks Herald, Jamestown Sun, Williston Daily Herald, Wahpeton Daily News, Valley City Times Record, Devils Lake Journal and Dickinson Press. Other communities have weekly newspapers.

Pets – There are a number of "Pet-Friendly" accommodations in the state. Please check directly with the community you are looking to visit.

Safety – North Dakota has consistently been named to the top of "Safest States to Travel." To preserve your



safety, simply take the usual common-sense precautions: Keep money and valuables out of sight, always lock your hotel door and don't carry too much cash.

Smoking – Smoking is prohibited in public places, including restaurants. Exceptions include designated smoking rooms in hotels.

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To Make International Calls – To dial international numbers, dial 011, then the country code, then the phone number. The telephone system in the U.S. is run by private corporations, so rates, especially for long-distance service and operator-assisted calls, can vary widely. Generally, hotel surcharges on long-distance and local calls are remarkably expensive, so you're usually better off using a public pay telephone or a cell phone if you have one with you. Many groceries and convenience stores sell prepaid calling cards; this can be the least-expensive way to call overseas.

Time Zone – Much of North Dakota is in the Central Time Zone, which puts it six hours behind Greenwich Mean Time (GMT-5). Part of western North Dakota, including Dickinson, Medora and Bowman are in Mountain Time Zone, which is seven hours behind GMT.