

## Travels with Doris Presents **Nebraska History 101**



Western Nebraska is a vast region of great diversity with wide-open, windswept high plains in the south; green, rolling sandhills in the center; and rugged buttes and bluffs in the north..

We will cross path with 4 state scenic byways. Western Nebraska is home to the Bridges to Buttes Byway (Highway 20), Sandhills Journey Scenic Byway (Highway 2), Western Trails Scenic & Historic Byway (Highway 92/26) and Gold Rush Scenic Byway (Highway 385

\$429/Double occupancy. Includes motorcoach, 3 nights hotel, 6 meals, wagon ride at Fort Robinson, admissions, Entertainment Crystal Palace Revue shoot Out & gratuities

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 One Wednesday May 29** Lunch at Lewellen, at the west end of Lake McConaughy, features **The Most Unlikely Place**, a 1908 silent movie theater that is now a cafe. The owner roller skates about the maple floor, serving visitors surrounded by high-end art. After the lunch, settle back for a scenic ride through a portion of the Nebraska Sandhills to Alliance. Explore the rich spirit of Western Nebraska at the **Knight Museum and Sandhills Center**. The **Carnegie Arts Center** features a sculpture garden. Dinner on your own and the night's lodging are in Alliance.

**Day Two Thursday May 30** Before departing Alliance, make a stop at **Carhenge**, a replica of England's Stonehenge using old cars. Continue north along the Gold Rush Byway to Chadron to explore **the Museum of the Fur Trade and the Bordeaux Trading Post**. Next continue west on Bridges to Buttes Byway to Crawford and discover a stark Badlands landscape at **Toadstool Geologic Park**. View examples of eroded clay/sandstone formations. Lunch is at High Plains Homestead, a re-created Old West home.

Next stop is **Fort Robinson State Park**. Enjoy a horse drawn wagon ride viewing pasture that is home to bison and purebred Texas longhorn herds. View the "Clash of the Mammoths" exhibit at the park's Trailside Museum of Natural History. Next stop is south of Harrison, the 3,000-acre **Agate Fossil Beds National Monument**. Continue to Gering for dinner on your own & lodging.

**Day Three Friday, May 31** Start the morning 800 feet above the North Platte River at **Scotts Bluff National Monument**. This prominent landmark was used by American Indians, fur trader and Oregon and Mormon trail pioneers as a guide for their journey west. A drive to the summit gives a tremendous view of the entire valley and the wagon ruts that are still visible at the base. Explore the history of farm and ranch equipment with vintage horse-drawn and steam-powered engines at the **Legacy of the Plains Museum**.

Then, depart to Bayard to stand beneath **Chimney Rock**, a landmark along the Oregon Trail. Returning to Ogallala stop by the Lake **McConaughy Visitor and Water Interpretive Center**, then take a tour of 17 Ranch Winery. 5:00 Enjoy the old west in Ogallala. Dinner at Front Street 7:30 Ogallala embraces its Western past with the Front Museum and The Crystal Palace Revue & Shoot Out summer theater. Lodging in Ogallala.

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