

Branson & the Black Hills

Oct. 14 – 25, 2023 (During Branson Harvest Festival)

“The Ozark Mountains are calling and I must go.”

Oct. 14 Brooks, AB to Estevan, SK

Put your cares behind you as we begin our journey to **Branson** with a first overnight in the border city of Estevan.

Oct. 15 Rapid City, SD/Black Hills (B)

Entering the United States, we travel through North Dakota to the pine-clad-mountains of the **Black Hills of South Dakota**.

Oct. 16 Rapid City, SD (B)

A wonderfully scenic day is in store as we travel through the Black Hills. We visit two of the world’s greatest mountain carvings – **Mt. Rushmore** and **Crazy Horse Memorial**, each telling a portion of America’s history in dimensions that stagger the imagination. This afternoon we explore the historic community of **Deadwood**. Learn of Wild Bill Hickok and Calamity Jane and try your luck at a little gaming.

Oct. 17 Council Bluffs, IA (B)

Famous for its “ice water”, **Wall Drug** is not to be missed. Explore the shops, galleries and the many novelties in store for all visitors. The **Dignity Sculpture** is a stunning combination of art and history. The **50-foot-tall statue** towers above the plains and honours the cultures of the Lakota and Dakota people. Our day concludes overlooking the Missouri River in Council Bluffs.

Oct. 18-21 Branson, MO (B x 4; D x 4)

The excitement builds as we travel to the **Ozark Mountains** for a **four-night-stay** in **Branson** during fall festivities. Pumpkins, scarecrows and all things autumn decorate the community. The humble beginnings as a post office and tackle shop, has

morphed into one of the countries most popular tourist destinations. During our stay we enjoy an **area tour** including a visit to **College of the Ozarks**, as well as **seven shows/top attractions** including perennial hillbilly favourites - **The Presley’s, The Showboat Branson Belle Dinner Show; New Jersey Nights; The Dutton’s; The Haygoods; Silver Dollar City during Harvest Festival** and **Dolly Parton’s Stampede Dinner Show**. A visit to **historic downtown** and the **factory outlet mall** rounds out our stay. **Dinner is included daily**. (Shows subject to change)

Oct. 22 St. Joseph, MO (B)

We bid a fond farewell to the Ozarks as we travel north via Kansas City to St. Joseph. A visit to **Fantastic Caverns** features an amazing drive through cave adorned with stalactites and stalagmites. On arrival in St. Joseph we will learn of the history of **Jesse James** and the **Pony Express**.

Oct. 23 Watertown, SD (B)

Following the Missouri River, we stop to view the falls at **Sioux Falls** before continuing to Watertown for the evening.

Oct. 24 Minot, ND (B; D)

We return to North Dakota and the city of Minot for our last evening and our **Corben Tours Appreciation Dinner**.

Oct. 25 Minot, ND to Brooks, AB (B)

Following a stop at **Duty Free**, we clear customs and return home to Canada.

Price Per Person in CDN funds, including all taxes

Twin: \$2629 | Triple: \$2529 | Quad: \$2479 | Single: \$3499

11 Night’s accommodation

Package Includes:

Motor Coach Transportation * Nightly Accommodation with Baggage Handling (one suitcase per person) * All Breakfasts; 5 Dinners * Professional Tour Director * Inclusions as **highlighted** in itinerary
B = Breakfast | D = Dinner

Important Information:

Departure Points: You may depart from any location along the first day of travel. Please discuss your options when making your reservation.

Deposit: A non-refundable deposit of \$300 per person is required at time of booking. Your booking is **NOT** confirmed without this deposit. Should you need to cancel, this deposit will be retained. Travel Insurance is strongly encouraged. In the unlikely event Corben Tours needs to cancel, all deposits will be returned in full.

Forms of Payment: In an effort to reduce overhead costs for our guests, forms of payment include Cheque, Certified Cheque (payable to Corben Tours), Cash or E-transfer (cbconsult@myaccess.ca).

* In the event of the devaluation of the Canadian Dollar, all tours are subject to surcharge until 60 days prior to departure.

Final Payment: Due 60 days prior to departure. Bookings made after this date require full payment by certified cheque or e-transfer at time of booking.

Cancellation: 60 – 31 days before departure – 25% penalty; 30 – 22 days before departure – 50% penalty; 21 – 0 days before departure – 100% penalty. Cancellation penalties may vary depending on tour, and suppliers.

Travel Insurance: Trip Cancellation, Interruption, Out of Province Health and Baggage Insurance are highly encouraged and available by contacting the insurance provider of your choosing or for your convenience...

Alberta: <https://www.igoinsured.com/Direct/ManulifeGlobal.aspx?ag=KALICLU&lang=E> or call 403.734.3998

Saskatchewan: call 306.796.2000

* INSURANCE MUST BE BOOKED within 72 hours of applying your tour deposit.

Accommodations: are constantly evaluated for their service and quality. All properties are selected for safety, amenities and cleanliness. Our guests needs and comfort are taken into consideration with the selection of all accommodation. At time of booking please indicate if you require 1 or 2 beds and any special needs (welcomed but can't be guaranteed). Single-Travelers may request a share. Although not guaranteed, every effort will be made to accommodate these requests. Special Needs Passengers must be accompanied by a fully capable companion.

Single – one person - 1 bed; **Twin** – two people – two beds; **Triple** – three people – two beds; **Quad** – four people – two beds. Cots are at the expense of the traveller and cannot be guaranteed.

Transportation Suppliers: Are selected based on quality, safety record and reputation. Each operator is closely scrutinized for quality and safety.

Identification: Passports are required for Canadian citizens travelling outside Canada. All others should check with the appropriate authorities for further requirements. Customs/immigration fees are the responsibility of the traveller. Corben Tours will not make refunds if you or your travelling companion(s) are denied entrance to a foreign country.

Not Included in your Tour: Meals other than those listed as inclusions; Optional sightseeing admissions; Items of a personal nature; Optional gratuity to Tour Director and Driver.

Photo Waiver: Be advised photos taken during any tour may be used for promotional purposes. All photos displayed are copy-written and may not be reproduced without consent.

Our Commitment: is to ensure every traveller has a memorable travel experience. Your health, well-being and enjoyment are our top priority.