

11-Day Historical and Quirky Road Trip

11 days · 12 stops · 2026-08-24

Salt Lake City → Buffalo → Niagara Falls → Whitby → Sarnia → Frankenmuth → Badlands National Park → Mount Rushmore → Custer State Park → Wall → Glenwood Springs → Salt Lake City

Salt Lake City, Utah, USA

DAY 1–1

Buffalo, New York, USA

DAY 1–2

Buffalo, New York, is your gateway to the stunning Niagara Falls, a must-see natural wonder just a short drive away. The city itself offers a charming blend of historic architecture and vibrant local culture, perfect for a relaxed evening after your flight. Don't miss the chance to explore Buffalo's waterfront and try some famous local cuisine like Buffalo wings.

ARRIVE · FLIGHT

SLC → BUF

6h 50m · 1 stop

\$706.20

TRANSFER

From Buffalo Airport: Niagara Falls Private Transfer

Travel time: 1.5h

\$93.49

STAY

The Hilton Garden Inn Buffalo–Downtown

10 Lafayette Square, Buffalo NY 14203 · 8.0

ITINERARY

Day 1 · Arrival and Evening Relaxation in Buffalo · 1 experiences: The Left Bank

Day 2 · Buffalo Foodie Tour and Drive to Niagara Falls · 1 experiences: Anchor Bar

Niagara Falls, Ontario, Canada

DAY 2–3

Niagara Falls, Ontario, is a world-renowned destination famous for its breathtaking waterfalls and vibrant entertainment district. You can explore the Clifton Hill attractions, enjoy a scenic helicopter flight over the falls, or take a fireworks cruise at night for a magical experience. The area also offers unique activities like the zipline to the falls and the Journey Behind the Falls tour, maki

ARRIVE · CAR

Buffalo → Niagara Falls

30m

STAY

Niagara Falls Marriott Fallsview Hotel & Spa

6740 Fallsview Boulevard, Niagara Falls L2G 3W6 · 8.1

ITINERARY

Day 2 · Explore Niagara Falls and Clifton Hill · 6 experiences: Niagara Falls, Niagara Falls: Premium Tour, Boat & Journey Behind the Falls, Skylon Tower, Journey Behind the Falls, Clifton Hill, The Keg Steakhouse + Bar

Day 3 · Leisurely Morning and Departure to Whitby · 3 experiences: Niagara Parks Butterfly Conservatory, White Water Walk, Outlet Collection at Niagara

Whitby, Ontario, Canada

DAY 3–4

Whitby, Ontario is a charming town known for its historic downtown area, beautiful waterfront parks, and friendly community vibe. It's a great spot to relax and explore local shops, cafes, and enjoy the scenic views along Lake Ontario. Whitby also offers access to nearby natural trails and cultural sites, making it a perfect blend of small-town charm and outdoor activities.

ARRIVE · CAR

Niagara Falls → Whitby
2h 19m

STAY

Quality Suites
1700 Champlain Avenue, Whitby L1N 6A7 · 7.6

ITINERARY

Day 3 · Explore Whitby and Local Heritage · 3 experiences: The Whitby Ribfest, The Port Public House, Heber Down Conservation Area
Day 4 · Relax and Prepare for Next Leg · 1 experiences: The Green Bean Cafe

Sarnia, Ontario, Canada

DAY 4–5

Sarnia, Ontario is a charming city located on the shores of Lake Huron, known for its beautiful waterfront parks and marinas. It's a great spot to enjoy relaxing nature walks and local history museums that offer a glimpse into the area's past. For travelers interested in unique experiences, Sarnia provides a peaceful break with quaint shops and local eateries that showcase the community's friendly

ARRIVE · CAR

Whitby → Sarnia
3h 10m

STAY

Four Points by Sheraton Point Edward Sarnia
1498 Venetian Boulevard, Sarnia N7T 7W6 · 8.8

ITINERARY

Day 4 · Arrival and Relaxation in Sarnia · 1 experiences: The Oil Tank Restaurant
Day 5 · Explore Sarnia's History and Quirky Attractions · 2 experiences: The Breakfast House, Blue Water Bridge Plaza

Frankenmuth, Michigan, USA

DAY 5–6

Frankenmuth, Michigan, is a charming Bavarian-themed town known for its unique German architecture, festive atmosphere, and famous chicken dinners. It's a great stop for those who enjoy quirky roadside attractions, local history, and unique shopping experiences. The town offers a delightful blend of culture and fun, perfect for a relaxing break on your road trip.

ARRIVE · CAR

Sarnia → Frankenmuth
1h 36m

STAY

Bavarian Inn Lodge
One Covered Bridge Lane, Frankenmuth MI 48734 · 8.6

ITINERARY

Day 5 · Explore Charming Frankenmuth · 1 experiences: Oma's Restaurant
Day 6 · Relax and Prepare for Next Leg

Badlands National Park, South Dakota, USA

DAY 6–7

Badlands National Park in South Dakota offers stunning rugged landscapes, unique rock formations, and rich fossil beds that make it a must-see natural wonder. It's a perfect stop for those who love scenic drives, hiking, and exploring geological history. Located near Mount Rushmore, it fits well into your route with opportunities for wildlife viewing and photography.

ARRIVE · FLIGHT

DTW → DEN

1h 42m · Direct

\$160.40

ITINERARY

- Day 6 · Arrival and Relaxation at Badlands
 - Day 7 · Exploring Badlands National Park
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Mount Rushmore, South Dakota, USA

DAY 7–8

Mount Rushmore is a world-famous monument featuring the colossal carved faces of four U.S. presidents—George Washington, Thomas Jefferson, Theodore Roosevelt, and Abraham Lincoln. Located in the scenic Black Hills of South Dakota, it offers breathtaking views, hiking trails, and a rich historical experience. Nearby, you can explore the Crazy Horse Memorial and Custer State Park for more unique and

ARRIVE · CAR

Badlands National Park → Mount Rushmore

1h 51m

STAY

Holiday Inn Express & Suites Custer-Mt Rushmore

433 West Mount Rushmore Road , Custer SD 57730 · 8.8

ITINERARY

- Day 7 · Arrival and Explore Mount Rushmore
 - Day 8 · Mystery and History Before Departure
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Custer State Park, South Dakota, USA

DAY 8–9

Custer State Park in South Dakota is a stunning natural haven known for its breathtaking landscapes, abundant wildlife including bison herds, and scenic drives like the Needles Highway. It's a perfect spot to enjoy outdoor activities such as hiking, wildlife watching, and photography. Located near Mount Rushmore, it offers a peaceful retreat with unique rock formations and serene lakes, making it

ARRIVE · CAR

Mount Rushmore → Custer State Park

44m

ITINERARY

- Day 8 · Explore Custer State Park and Scenic Drives
 - Day 9 · Morning at Stockade Lake and Departure to Wall
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Wall, South Dakota, USA

DAY 9–10

Wall, South Dakota, is famous for the iconic Wall Drug Store, a quirky roadside attraction known for its free ice water, giant billboards, and unique shopping experience. It's a perfect stop to enjoy some kitschy Americana, grab a bite, and explore local history. Located conveniently near Mount Rushmore, Wall offers a fun and memorable break on your road trip.

ARRIVE · CAR

Custer State Park → Wall

1h 36m

STAY

Travelodge by Wyndham Wall

211 10th Ave, Wall SD 57790 · 8.3

ITINERARY

Day 9 · Explore Wall and Local Wonders · 3 experiences: Wall Drug Store, Badlands Petrified Gardens, The Wall Drug Cafe

Day 10 · Departure and Travel Preparation · 1 experiences: Wall City Park

Glenwood Springs, Colorado, USA

DAY 10–11

Glenwood Springs, Colorado, is a charming town known for its natural hot springs, scenic mountain views, and outdoor adventure opportunities like hiking and biking. It's a perfect spot to relax and rejuvenate on your road trip with its famous Glenwood Hot Springs Pool and the stunning Glenwood Canyon nearby. The town also offers unique local shops and dining experiences, making it a great blend of

ARRIVE · CAR

Wall → Glenwood Springs

8h 45m

STAY

Glenwood Springs Cedar Lodge

2102 Grand Avenue, Glenwood Springs CO 81601 · 8.2

ITINERARY

Day 10 · Arrival and Relaxation in Glenwood Springs · 1 experiences: The Pullman

Day 11 · Scenic Float and Leisurely Departure

Salt Lake City, Utah, USA

DAY 11–12

Salt Lake City is the heart of LDS history, home to the iconic Salt Lake Temple and the Tabernacle. It's a city rich in culture and surrounded by stunning natural beauty, perfect for exploring unique historical sites and enjoying outdoor adventures. The city offers a blend of quaint neighborhoods, museums, and scenic mountain views that make it a unique destination for history buffs and nature lov

ARRIVE · FLIGHT

DEN → SLC

15m · Direct

\$123.04

STAY

Tru By Hilton Salt Lake City Airport

206 N Jimmy Doolittle Road, Salt Lake City UT 84116 · 8.3

ITINERARY

Day 11 · Arrival and Relaxation in Salt Lake City · 1 experiences: Liberty Park

Day 12 · Great Salt Lake Wildlife and Local History · 3 experiences: Salt Lake City: Great Salt Lake Wildlife & Sunset Experience, Latter-day Saints Family History Library, Temple Square