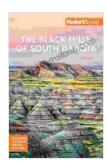
# With Mount Rushmore And Badlands National Park Full Color Travel Guide

Mount Rushmore and Badlands National Park are two of the most popular tourist destinations in the United States. With their iconic landmarks, stunning scenery, and rich history, they offer something for everyone. This comprehensive guidebook provides everything you need to plan your trip to these iconic landmarks, including detailed maps, stunning photography, and insider tips.

#### **Mount Rushmore**

Mount Rushmore is a colossal sculpture carved into the side of a mountain in the Black Hills of South Dakota. The sculpture features the faces of four US presidents: George Washington, Thomas Jefferson, Theodore Roosevelt, and Abraham Lincoln. Mount Rushmore was created by sculptor Gutzon Borglum and took 14 years to complete. It is one of the most recognizable landmarks in the world and attracts millions of visitors each year.



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There are many ways to experience Mount Rushmore. You can take a guided tour of the sculpture, hike the trails around the mountain, or simply enjoy the view from the Grand View Terrace. There is also a museum at the base of the mountain that tells the story of Mount Rushmore's creation.

#### **Badlands National Park**

Badlands National Park is a vast and rugged landscape located in southwestern South Dakota. The park is home to a variety of geological formations, including spires, canyons, and buttes. The Badlands were formed over millions of years by the erosion of soft sedimentary rock. The park is also home to a variety of wildlife, including bison, pronghorn, and bighorn sheep.

There are many ways to explore Badlands National Park. You can hike the trails, drive the scenic byways, or take a guided tour. There are also a number of campgrounds in the park where you can stay overnight.

#### Other Attractions in the Area

In addition to Mount Rushmore and Badlands National Park, there are a number of other attractions in the Black Hills of South Dakota. These include:

 Crazy Horse Memorial: This is a colossal sculpture of a Lakota warrior on horseback. The sculpture is still under construction, but it is already one of the most popular tourist destinations in the Black Hills.

- Custer State Park: This is a large state park that is home to a variety of wildlife, including bison, elk, and pronghorn. The park also offers a variety of hiking, biking, and camping opportunities.
- Wind Cave National Park: This is a cave system that is home to a variety of speleothems, including stalactites and stalagmites. The park offers a variety of guided tours of the cave.
- Jewel Cave National Monument: This is the third longest cave in the world. The cave is home to a variety of speleothems, including calcite crystals and gypsum flowers. The park offers a variety of guided tours of the cave.

### **Planning Your Trip**

When planning your trip to Mount Rushmore and Badlands National Park, there are a few things you should keep in mind. First, the best time to visit the area is during the summer months, when the weather is warm and the days are long. However, the area can be crowded during this time, so it is important to book your accommodations in advance.

There are a number of airports in the Black Hills area, including Rapid City Regional Airport and Pierre Regional Airport. You can also drive to the area from Denver, Colorado, or Omaha, Nebraska.

There are a variety of lodging options available in the Black Hills area, including hotels, motels, and campgrounds. You can also find a number of restaurants and shops in the area.

### Things to Do

There are a variety of things to do in the Mount Rushmore and Badlands National Park area. These include:

- Hiking: There are a number of hiking trails in the area, ranging from easy to difficult. Some of the most popular trails include the Presidential Trail, the Needles Trail, and the Door Trail.
- Biking: There are a number of biking trails in the area, ranging from paved to off-road. Some of the most popular trails include the Mickelson Trail, the George S. Mickelson Trail, and the Flume Trail.
- Camping: There are a number of campgrounds in the area, where you can camp overnight. Some of the most popular campgrounds include the Mount Rushmore Campground, the Badlands National Park Campground, and the Custer State Park Campground.
- Wildlife viewing: The area is home to a variety of wildlife, including bison, pronghorn, and bighorn sheep. You can see wildlife in the parks, along the roads, and in the surrounding countryside.
- History and culture: The area is home to a number of historical and cultural attractions, including the Crazy Horse Memorial, the Custer State Park Museum, and the Wind Cave National Park Visitor Center.

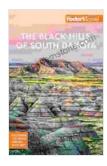
### **Tips for Visitors**

Here are a few tips for visitors to Mount Rushmore and Badlands National Park:

 Be prepared for the weather. The weather in the Black Hills can be unpredictable, so it is important to be prepared for all types of weather conditions.

- Bring plenty of water. The area is relatively dry, so it is important to stay hydrated.
- Wear comfortable shoes. You will be ng a lot of walking, so it is important to wear comfortable shoes.
- Be aware of your surroundings. The area is home to a variety of wildlife, so it is important to be aware of your surroundings and take precautions to avoid encounters with wildlife.
- Have fun! Mount Rushmore and Badlands National Park are two of the most popular tourist destinations in the United States, so be sure to enjoy your visit.

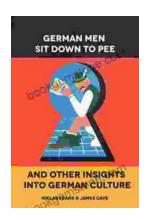
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