

BUFFALO BILL'S RAILS & TRAILS WEST GROUP OPERATOR FAM TOUR APRIL 17-21, 2023

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To experience western Nebraska is to experience the Old West. This is a land filled with history and culture. From the Native American tribes who first settled this wild region, fur traders and trappers looking for fortune, early pioneers searching for a better way of life out west, and farmers and ranchers who carved out an existence in this wild and rough landscape. Hear their exciting stories and tales as we explore and experience western Nebraska.



"Ride with the Wild Bunch" Meet Buffalo Bill and his wife Louise for a tour of their mansion at Buffalo Bill State Historical Park before taking a horse-drawn carriage to the Lincoln County Historical Museum for an authentic Dutch oven cookout. Eat the way cowboys ate!

"Wine with the Stars" End the day sipping local wines at Feather River Vineyard under the wide-open Nebraska skies. A local astronomer will be onsite with telescopes to highlight the celestial bodies you are viewing in the night sky.

Wander through the **Petrified Wood Art Gallery**, specializing in ancient woods, fossils, and Native American artifacts created using petrified wood.

Explore the Old West at Ogallala's **Front Street** in the town declared to be "too tough for Texans." A general store, cowboy museum, and Crystal Palace Saloon take you back to the early days of the western cattle drives.

Enjoy a delicious Nebraska steak at **Ole's Big Game Steakhouse** amidst more than 200 big game trophies and mementos from Ole's worldwide safaris.

Get your nature on at **Dusty Trails**, Nebraska's premier outdoor adventure destination from horseback riding and tanking to Sandhill crane tours in the spring.

Shop for that perfect souvenir at the one-of-a-kind Fort Cody Trading Post and watch Buffalo Bill's Wild West show in miniature. With 20,000 hand-carved figures, it is one of the largest single folk art displays in the country.

"Here's the Beef" Discover the steps necessary to take our beef from pasture to table and learn how beef grades create differences in taste, texture, and quality.

Start the day out right with an ice cream donut sandwich or waffle sundae for breakfast at **Double**Dips Ice Creamery in North Platte's Canteen

District.

Explore **Bailey Yard**, the world's largest railroad classification yard, from the seven- and eight-story observation decks at **Golden Spike Tower & Visitor Center**.

Relive the stories and experiences of the early pioneers on their journey to a new life in the west at **Chimney Rock National Historic Site**.

Take in the stunning view of the North Platte River Valley from atop the 800-foot **Scotts Bluff National Monument**, a welcome stop for Native Americans, fur traders, and weary pioneers.

Relive the timeless stories of Nebraska's High Plains and have a delicious wagon train dinner at **Legacy** of the Plains, an impressive 80-acre working farm.

Follow the footsteps of early pioneers at **Robidoux 1851 Trading Post** along the historic Oregon Trail. Pioneer graves and eroded trail ruts complete the history.

Feast on a delicious catered lunch surrounded by more than 1,000 acres of rugged rock buttes and pine-clad canyons at **Wildcat Hills Nature Center**.

Visit a working buffalo ranch to learn more about these sentinels of the Great Plains at Rocky Hollow Buffalo Company.

Wander through downtown Potter enjoying a famous Tin Roof Sundae at **Potter Sundry** before trying your hand at **Duck Pin Bowling** or sipping on a local beer or cup of coffee at **Chuckaboo Station**.

Spend a ghostly good time exploring some of Sidney's most colorful stories and characters at Camp Lookout and Boot Hill Cemetery.

REGISTRATION DEADLINE MARCH 13, 2023

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