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1/22-27 BLACK HILLS NATIONAL PARK & MT. RUSHMORE

After the summer is over and the tourists have left, Black Hills National Park is full of the wide open spaces and quiet solitude that are perfect for cross-country skiers. This National Park is perhaps most famous for the presidential carvings at Mt. Rushmore, or perhaps Devils Tower (from Close Encounters fame) These are just some of the natural attractions to see in this part of the country. The town of Deadwood is near the park and not the wild west town it once was but it still has the history, the museums, and grave sites of some of the most infamous cowboy era figures like Wild Bill Hickok and Calamity Jane. We will hopefully be able to spend part of our stay here in Deadwood because of its proximity to the National Park. Right out of town is the local cross country ski center. In the mid-1980s, local skiing enthusiasts developed the Eagle Cliff Trails in the Black Hills National Forest for cross-country skiing and the sport's popularity in the area grew rapidly. With 21 intertwining loop and dead-end trails, the system offers classic and skate skiing. Trails range from short, rugged and remote, to longer, looping trails with a range of difficulty. Other ski and snowshoe attractions include the Dougout Gultch Botanical Trail, Beaver Creek ski trails, and the 100+ mile George Mickelson Trail. Besides the skiing and the history most visitors are attracted to the big scenic landscapes and the caverns of the Black Hills, like Jewel Caves National Monument, and Wind Cave National Park, the

Needles Highway, the Bad Lands, Crazy Horse memorial etc. Provided: airfare, lodging, rental cars. Dates 1/22-27 Cost \$1,152



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