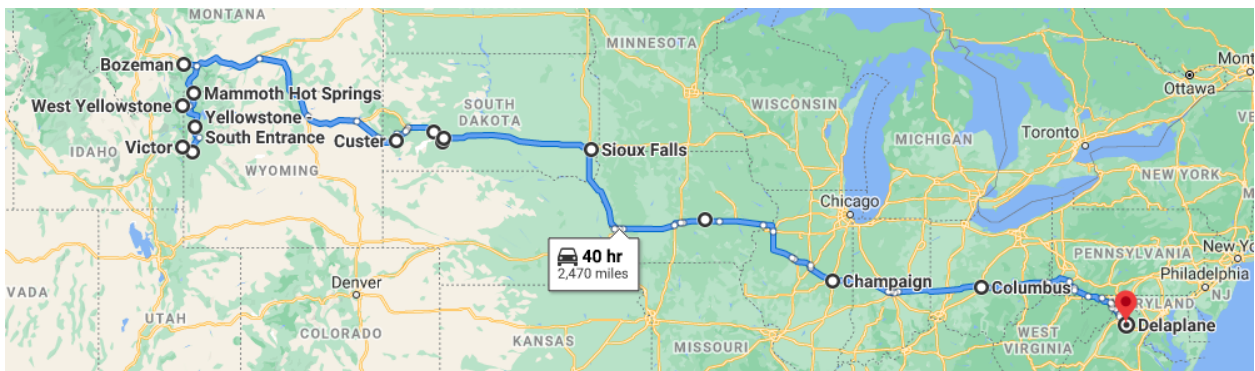


## Road Trip: Victor, Idaho, to Delaplane, Virginia

**Your Trip Dates:** June 8-15, 2021

**Your Route:** Victor, Idaho → West Yellowstone, Montana →  
Bozeman, Montana → Rapid City, South Dakota →  
Sioux Falls, South Dakota → Grinnell, Iowa →  
Champaign, Illinois → Columbus, Ohio →  
Delaplane, Virginia



*We're delighted that you enjoyed your westbound road trip so much! As you return east, you'll get to see and experience a new side of the country, including some of its most incredible natural wonders. When you look back on 2021, we hope your dual road trips shine brightly as a highlight of this unforgettable year.*

***Ready to hit the road?***

**DAY ONE (Tuesday, June 8)**  
**Victor, Idaho, to West Yellowstone, Montana**



**Your drive time:** Approximately 3.75 hours



*Teton Mountain Range, Grand Teton National Park, Wyoming*

You're beginning your trip with a drive through two of our country's most awe-inspiring landscapes: **Grand Teton** and **Yellowstone National Parks**. After a short, half hour drive from Victor, start your day by filling up your gas tank and your stomach in Jackson.

**Your route:** [Victor to Healthy Being Café](#)

**[Healthy Being Organic Café, Juicery and Wellbeing Market](#)**

165 East Broadway  
Jackson, WY 83001  
307-200-9006

This superfood-packed eatery caters to the health-minded residents and visitors in Jackson, and its menu provides a wide array of options both nourishing and

delicious. Consider the Beet Berry Breakfast Bar for a meal you can enjoy on the go, paired with a made-to-order cold-pressed juice beverage.

### **CONTINUING YOUR ROUTE AFTER BREAKFAST**

From Jackson, turn **north onto US-191 North** and follow that route alongside **Grand Teton National Park** and its incredible Teton Range to the South Entrance for Yellowstone National Park. Along your route, consider pulling off onto Antelope Flats Road to see the iconic **Moulton Barn** against its incredibly picturesque Teton backdrop.

**Your route:** [Healthy Being Café to Moulton Barn](#)

### **GRAND TETON NATIONAL PARK**



*T. M. Moulton Barn, Grand Teton National Park, Wyoming*

### **Moulton Barn**

13040 Antelope Flats Road  
Moose, WY 83012

From there, as you approach Moran, Wyoming, stay to the left to stay on US-191 North. Shortly after you turn, you will approach an entrance gate for Grand Teton National Park, which you will need to pass through to reach Yellowstone.

**Your route:** [Moulton Barn to Yellowstone South Entrance](#)

**Note:** Grand Teton, Yellowstone, and Badlands National Parks all require entrance fees that would add up to \$100 if purchased separately, so it will be most cost-effective for you to purchase an **America the Beautiful National Parks and Federal Recreational Lands Pass**. This pass will give you access to more than 2,000 federal recreational sites for a full year. For most people, the pass fee is \$80, but discounted or free passes are available for military families, families of 4th graders, Americans 62 years of age and older, Americans with permanent disabilities, and park volunteers. You can purchase this pass directly at the Moran entrance gate. **For more information, visit** <https://www.nps.gov/planyourvisit/passes.htm>.

## YELLOWSTONE NATIONAL PARK



*Old Faithful Geyser, Yellowstone National Park, Wyoming*

27.5 miles past the Moran entrance gate for Grand Teton National Park, you will come to Yellowstone National Park's South Entrance gate. Flash your America the Beautiful pass and take some maps and information from the ranger. Continue north into Yellowstone, and if you need to stretch your legs, stop at the **West Thumb Geyser Basin**. Here, you can see how Yellowstone's geothermal activity interacts with its enormous Yellowstone Lake.

**Your route:** [Yellowstone South Entrance to West Thumb Geyser Basin](#)

From West Thumb, take the main road west toward Old Faithful. Stop at the **Old Faithful Lodge Cafeteria** for a takeout lunch, and bring your meal to the deck surrounding **Old Faithful Geyser** to watch the spectacle while you eat. The park's most famous hydrothermal feature erupts on predictable intervals about an hour to an hour and a half apart, and rangers will have signage along the walkways leading to the geyser with information on the next expected eruption.

**Your route:** [West Thumb Geyser Basin to Old Faithful Lodge](#)

### **[Old Faithful Lodge Cafeteria & Bake Shop](#)**

725 Old Faithful Lodge Road  
Yellowstone National Park, WY 82190  
307-324-7311

Old Faithful Geyser sits in the **Upper Geyser Basin**, which features an incredible 150 geysers across its one-square-mile area. Feel free to explore the maze of walkways that crisscross the geyser field.

When you finish your visit to the Upper Geyser Basin, return to your car for one final hydrothermal hiking excursion of the day. Exit the Old Faithful parking area and turn right on the main road toward Madison. Travel 4.4 miles, then turn left into the **Fairy Falls Trail parking lot** and grab your camera for a short hike.

**Your route:** [Old Faithful Lodge to Fairy Falls Trailhead](#)

From here, follow the Fairy Falls Trail 0.6 miles to the **Grand Prismatic Spring Overlook**. This enormous hot spring is the third largest in the world at 370 feet across, and it gets its rainbow gradient from the thermophilic bacteria present in

its waters as well as the effect of sunlight on the minerals found there. After taking tons of photographs, return along the same trail to your car.



*Grand Prismatic Spring, Yellowstone National Park, Wyoming*

Once you're back in the driver's seat, continue north along the main road to Madison, then turn left to exit the park at West Yellowstone and check in at your lodgings for the night.

**Your route:** [Fairy Falls Trailhead to The Adventure Inn Yellowstone](#)



**Check-in:** [The Adventure Inn Yellowstone Hotel](#)

103 South Electric Street

West Yellowstone, MT 59758

406-640-2088

Confirmation number: (deleted)

Room type: [Jack King Suite](#)

Rate: \$399/night plus tax and fees, total \$431

This boutique hotel offers rustic yet luxurious accommodations within walking distance of Yellowstone National Park's West Entrance, and its central location in town gives you multiple dining options in easy reach. We recommend:

[Madison Crossing Lounge](#)

121 Madison Avenue

West Yellowstone, MT 59758

406-646-7621

**Your route:** [Adventure Inn Yellowstone to Madison Crossing Lounge](#)

At this highly rated gastropub, enjoy well-prepared dishes like Idaho rainbow trout cakes, a mushroom bahn mi sandwich, and a huckleberry sundae. Return to your lodgings and rest up for another day tomorrow exploring Yellowstone's wonders.

**Your route:** [Madison Crossing Lounge to Adventure Inn Yellowstone](#)

***We hope you enjoyed your first day on the road and your introduction to Yellowstone!***

**DAY TWO (Wednesday, June 9)**  
**West Yellowstone, Montana, to Bozeman, Montana**



**Your drive time:** Approximately 3 hours



*Elk cow and calves, Mammoth Hot Springs, Yellowstone National Park, Wyoming*

Today you get to explore some of the most intriguing sites in Yellowstone's northern reaches. To fuel up, stop in at the **Running Bear Pancake House**, a West Yellowstone institution that has been feeding diners for decades.

**[Running Bear Pancake House](#)**

538 Madison Avenue  
West Yellowstone, MT 59758  
406-646-7703

**Your route:** [Adventure Inn Yellowstone to Running Bear Pancake House](#)



A pancake house has sat on this site since the mid-1960s, and as the story goes, the restaurant got its current name when a black bear locked itself in one night and took off on a run when the staff opened the door the next morning. You may like the eggs benedict special, the meatless breakfast skillet, or the cordon bleu skillet.

Afterward, return to the park via the West Entrance for another day's explorations.

**Your route:** [Running Bear Pancake House to Mammoth Hot Springs Upper Terrace Loop Drive](#)

### **YELLOWSTONE NATIONAL PARK**

Take the road from West Yellowstone back into the park. At Madison, turn left to continue north toward Norris. At Norris, turn left to continue north toward Mammoth Hot Springs.

As you approach **Mammoth Hot Springs**, turn left onto the **Upper Terrace Loop Drive**. This scenic, one-way drive winds for 1.5 miles among hot springs and travertine formations. When you return to the loop's entrance, turn left to continue toward the **Mammoth Hotel** for lunch.

**Your route:** [Mammoth Hot Springs Upper Terrace Loop Drive to Mammoth Hotel](#)

### **[Mammoth Hotel Dining Room](#)**

305A Albright Avenue  
Yellowstone National Park, WY 82190  
307-344-7311

The dining room may be closed for dining in, but you can still enjoy this restaurant's health-conscious menu in takeout form. Try the house or caesar salad with chicken, shrimp, trout, chicken tenders or a plant-based chicken substitute to make this starter a full meal. Alternatively, the smoked wild Alaska salmon club sandwich may catch your eye, with its cold-smoked salmon and wasabi spread paired with veggies on a nine-grain bun. Walk your meal to one of the picnic tables along **Officers Row**, and keep an eye out for elk! These massive

ungulates are commonly seen around the buildings in Mammoth Hot Springs, and you may see mother cows with their newborn calves this time of year.

Afterward, walk or drive back to the **Lower Terraces Area** and pick a route around the formations to walk off your lunch. Signage near any of the parking areas will help you choose which features you want to see, or stretch your legs and see them all.



*View of Mammoth Hot Springs from the Lower Terraces,  
Yellowstone National Park, Wyoming*

**Your route:** [Mammoth Hotel to Lower Terraces Area](#)

Once you return to your car, head north along the main park road toward the park's North Entrance and continue on to tonight's lodgings in Bozeman, Montana.

**Your route:** [Lower Terraces Area to The LARK](#)



**Check-in: [The LARK](#)**

122 West Main Street

Bozeman, MT 59715

866-464-1000

Confirmation number: (deleted)

Room type: LARK King

Rate: \$329/night plus taxes and fees, total \$357.52

You noted that you've always wanted to explore Bozeman, and The LARK is a great place to start. This boutique hotel features a Map Room that highlights many of Bozeman's attractions, and the staff here are known as Guides because they're local experts on everything Bozeman has to offer.

Best of all, your stay comes with complimentary access to the **Ridge Athletic Club** a short drive away. Ask your LARK Guide to set you up with a reservation for the 6-7 p.m. yoga class at the Fallon location and give you their tips for making the most of your time in Bozeman.



*King Room at The LARK, Bozeman, Montana*

### **Ridge Athletic Club - Fallon**

4181 Fallon Street  
Bozeman, MT 59718  
406-586-1737

**Your route:** [The LARK to the Ridge Athletic Club](#)

After you've saluted the sun, complete your day with a healthy dinner that complements your yoga practice. If the team at The LARK hasn't turned you on to another dining destination, consider:

### **Five on Black**

242 East Main Street  
Bozeman, MT 59715  
406-551-2692

**Your route:** [The Ridge Athletic Club to Five on Black](#)

Bozeman's take on Brazilian street food lets you customize your bowl with a rice or greens base, your choice of meat and/or veggies, two flavorful sauce options, and more. We think you'll like the chewy, cheesy pao de queijo on the side!

You can dine in and watch Bozeman go by or take your meal back to your room for an early night. Tomorrow will be your longest day of driving, so get a good night's sleep and start tomorrow ready to hit the open road.

**Your route:** [Five on Black to The LARK](#)

***We hope you enjoyed your explorations in Yellowstone and Bozeman today!***

## DAY THREE (Thursday, June 10) Bozeman, Montana, to Custer, South Dakota



Your drive time: Approximately 7 hours



*The Bavarian Inn, Custer, South Dakota*

Today's route will take you across three states, so you'll want to get an early start on your day.

**Note:** Your recommended dinner restaurant in Custer, South Dakota, closes at 8 p.m., so keep this in mind through your day's travels.

After checking out from your hotel, stop by the **Community Food Co-Op** (open at 8 a.m.) for breakfast and to-go snacks to keep you satisfied on the road.

**Your route:** [The LARK to Community Food Co-Op West Main](#)

### [Community Food Co-Op West Main](#)

908 West Main Street  
Bozeman, MT 59715  
406-587-4039

This independent grocer operates on principles of community, sustainability, inclusivity, and quality, and its variety of fresh, local foods give you a wide range of healthy options to choose from. Check out the fresh-made bread, local dairy, and organic produce, and consider stocking up on trail mix or nuts in the bulk section.

Afterward, it's time to roll! Head east on I-90 for a morning of beautiful Montana scenery.

**Your route:** [Community Food Co-Op West Main to Four Dances](#)

By the time you reach Billings, you'll be ready for an opportunity to stretch your legs. Pull off at **Four Dances Special Recreation Management Area**, a Bureau of Land Management-operated site just east of downtown Billings.



*Four Dances Special Recreation Management Area, Billings, Montana*

### [Four Dances Special Recreation Management Area](#)

1100 Coburn Road  
Billings, MT 59101  
406-896-5013

From the second parking area, take the 0.2-mile Scenic Overlook Trail to a beautiful viewpoint high above the Yellowstone River. If you wish, continue on 0.3 miles along the Four Dances Trail for a 1-mile total there-and-back trail excursion.

Afterward, continue on toward Sheridan, Wyoming, for lunch.

**Your route:** [Four Dances SRMA to Frackelton's](#)

### [Frackelton's](#)

55 North Main Street  
Sheridan, WY 82801  
307-675-6055

Stop in for your midday meal at this historic establishment in downtown Sheridan, named for the dentist who held his practice one floor up from today's restaurant. The intriguing lunch menu features a fruit-infused spinach salad loaded with peaches, cherries, and cinnamon-sage whipped mascarpone. The ginger peanut udon bowl and the caprese sandwich may also catch your eye.

From here, continue on I-90 East toward tonight's lodgings in Custer, South Dakota. If you're up for a short excursion to one of the country's most unusual natural formations, **Devils Tower National Monument** is truly a sight to see, but know that it will add 45 minutes to your day's drive.

### ***Devils Tower National Monument option***

**Your route:** [Frackelton's to Devils Tower National Monument](#)

### [Devils Tower National Monument](#)

WY-110  
Devils Tower, WY 82714  
307-467-5283 x635

Its appearance is like a giant stump, but it's essentially the cooled core of an ancient volcano. Devils Tower rises 1,267 above the surrounding river plain, and its iconic presence has long made it a site of intrigue and interest to locals and travelers alike. The site is the inspiration for many Native American stories, but it

may be more recognizable to you as a UFO landing site in the 1977 film “Close Encounters of the Third Kind.”



*Devils Tower National Monument, Wyoming*

In the interest of time, you can view the tower from outside the park’s boundaries, but you may choose to go in to see the **Prairie Dog Town** just inside the gate. Use your America the Beautiful pass to avoid paying a separate entrance fee. From here, continue on toward tonight’s lodgings in Custer, South Dakota.

**Your route:** [Devils Tower National Monument to Bavarian Inn](#)

Alternately, you could go straight from lunch in Sheridan to the Bavarian Inn in Custer, South Dakota, with a coffee break in Moorcroft to break up the afternoon’s drive.



***Direct Sheridan to Custer option***

**Your route:** [Frackelton's to Hopper's Beverage Emporium](#)

**Hoppers Beverage Emporium**

112 South Big Horn Avenue  
Moorcroft, WY 82721  
307-391-1629

Stop in for a hit of caffeine to keep you going for the remainder of today's drive. Hopper's offers a range of specialty hot, iced, and blended coffee drinks along with coffee-free options like Red Bull infusions and Italian cream sodas. Once you're revived for the rest of the drive, carry on to the Bavarian Inn in Custer, South Dakota.

**Your route:** [Hopper's Beverage Emporium to Bavarian Inn](#)



**Check-in:** [Bavarian Inn](#)

855 North Fifth Street  
Custer, SD 57730  
605-961-0203

Confirmation number: (deleted)

Room type: Two Queen Beds

Rate: \$229/night plus tax, total \$251.61

Finally, you've reached your destination for the day. Put your feet up for a bit, then head out to dinner at **Skogen Kitchen**.

**Note:** Skogen Kitchen closes at 8 p.m., so keep this in mind through your day's travels.

**Your route:** [Bavarian Inn to Skogen Kitchen](#)

**Skogen Kitchen**

29 North Fifth Street  
Custer, SD 57730  
605-673-2241



*Skogen Kitchen, Custer, South Dakota*

Skogen means “the forest” in Norwegian, and the restaurant derives its inspiration from its natural surroundings. This establishment is consistently voted the best place to dine in Custer, and you’ll soon see why. Try an appetizer of shishito peppers with goat cheese crema and caramelized shallots, followed by a Hawaiian swordfish entrée with a Thai curry sauce and green gooseberries. You deserve a dessert after your long day, so consider the vanilla gelato with parmesan and pine nuts or a selection from the dessert and port wine menu.

Your hotel’s pool and hot tub are open until 10 p.m., so if you need to take a soak or a few laps to relax before bed, feel free to take advantage. Tomorrow will be another long day on the road, but not as long as today, and you have some exciting destinations to visit along the way.

***We hope you enjoyed your travels across Montana, Wyoming,  
and South Dakota today!***

## DAY FOUR (Friday, June 11) Custer, South Dakota, to Sioux Falls, South Dakota



Your drive time: Approximately 6.75 hours



*Mount Rushmore National Memorial, Keystone, South Dakota*

The Bavarian Inn is just a few steps from the **Feel Good Café**, and you can enjoy its breakfast menu via dine-in, take-out, and room service options. The croissant sandwich and rainbow fruit cup would make a delicious balanced breakfast along with something from the café's drink menu of coffee, tea, and a number of other thirst-quenching options.

Your route: [Bavarian Inn to Feel Good Café](#)

### [Feel Good Café](#)

907 North Fifth Street  
Custer, SD 57730  
605-961-0203

Afterward, head out of Custer for your morning's drive past Crazy Horse Memorial to **Mount Rushmore National Memorial**.

**Your route:** [Feel Good Café to Mount Rushmore National Memorial](#)

Two of the world's largest sculptures sit within a few miles of each other in South Dakota's Black Hills, and you're going to see both today. As you travel north on US-16/285, look east to see the sculpture in progress of the Lakota Sioux leader known as Crazy Horse, which has made slow progress since its inception in 1947.

As you continue toward Mount Rushmore on SD-244 East, watch in your rearview mirror for your first glimpse of George Washington's profile. There's a pullout on the side of the road before you reach the main gate for the memorial where you can snap a neat photo memory.

### [Mount Rushmore National Memorial](#)

13000 SD-244  
Keystone, SD 57751  
605-574-2523

Although you can see Mount Rushmore from the road, it's worth it to see it up close. Although the memorial doesn't charge an entrance fee, there is a \$10/car parking fee that's not covered by your America the Beautiful pass. However, your parking pass is good for a full year if you decide to return.

This sculpture was carved from 1927 to 1941 and honors the leaders of America's birth, growth, development, and preservation. While you visit the memorial, stop in to the visitor center and watch the video presentation about the sculpture's construction.

From here, head east toward Wall for lunch and the entrance to Badlands National Park.

**Your route:** [Mount Rushmore National Memorial to Wall Drug](#)

You'll likely see billboards for **Wall Drug** long before you arrive. The quintessential tourist destination built its business and reputation in the 1930s by advertising free ice water to thirsty travelers. Today, you can find signs for Wall Drug literally all over the world, and you can still get a free cup of ice water, just for stopping in.

### Wall Drug

510 Main Street  
Wall, SD 57790  
605-279-2175



*Jackalope at Wall Drug, Wall, South Dakota*

Take some time to explore the attraction's Traveler's Chapel, shooting gallery arcade, Apothecary Shop, giant jackalope, and multiple souvenir shops, and grab some lunch in its **Western Art Gallery Restaurant**. There's nothing fancy about the menu, which includes burgers, fried shrimp, grilled chicken salads, and fish

sandwiches, but the unfussiness is part of Wall Drug's charm. Enjoy a five-cent cup of coffee along with a fresh-made doughnut hot from the fryer.

Once you've fueled up, head out of Wall and go south on SD-240 to the Pinnacles Entrance Station for **Badlands National Park**.

**Your route:** [Wall Drug to Badlands National Park Pinnacles Entrance](#)

### **Badlands National Park**

25216 Ben Reifel Road  
Interior, SD 57750  
605-433-5361

From the Pinnacles Entrance, continue east along the Badlands Loop Road, and pull off at whatever overlooks interest you. The formations here are the opposite of what you saw in Yellowstone. Here, erosion shapes the landscape, and you can see the evidence of past geologic events in the earth's strata.



*Badlands National Park, South Dakota*

**Your route:** [Badlands National Park Pinnacles Entrance to Ben Reifel Visitor Center](#)

At the Ben Reifel Visitor Center, turn north/left to get back to I-90, and continue east to continue your progress home. Stop in Chamberlain as soon as you cross the Missouri River for a pit stop at the **Dignity Statue**.

**Your route:** [Ben Reifel Visitor Center to Dignity Statue](#)

### [Dignity Statue](#)

Chamberlain Rest Area, I-90

Chamberlain, SD 57325

605-734-4562



*Dignity Statue, Chamberlain, South Dakota*

At 50 feet tall, this statue on a bluff high above the Missouri River catches your eye from the highway, and with her location at a rest area, she creates a perfect opportunity to stop and stretch your legs. The artist created her as a tribute to the Native Nations of the Great Plains.

Afterward, return to I-90 East to head toward dinner and a final unusual attraction in Mitchell.

**Your route:** [Dignity Statue to El Columpio](#)

### [El Columpio](#)

804 East Spruce Street  
Mitchell, SD 57301  
605-990-4014

As one of the highest-rated restaurants in Mitchell, El Columpio specializes in fresh meals made right. Start your meal with the black bean, chicken tortilla, menudo, or posole soup, and continue with an ensalada de camaron (shrimp salad with spinach).

From there, take a short detour to drive by Mitchell's most famous attraction, the **World's Only Corn Palace**.

**Your route:** [El Columpio to the Corn Palace](#)



*Corn Palace Mural, Mitchell, South Dakota*



## Corn Palace

604 North Main Street  
Mitchell, SD 57301  
605-995-8430

A corn palace in some form or another has called Mitchell home since 1892, and over its century-plus of history, it has grown from a tiny centerpiece for a community fall festival to a sprawling folk art edifice redecorated each year with themed murals made from ears of corn in a variety of colors.

After circling the block, head back to I-90 for your last leg of the day.

**Your route:** [The Corn Palace to Hotel on Phillips](#)



### **Check-in:** [The Hotel on Phillips](#)

100 North Phillips Avenue  
Sioux Falls, SD, 57104  
605-274-7445

Confirmation number: (deleted)

Room type: Guest Room with One Queen Bed with a North View of the River

Rate: \$249/night plus taxes

Settle in for the night at this elegant historic hotel built inside the former Sioux Falls National Bank.

***We hope you enjoyed today's travels across South Dakota!***

## DAY FIVE (Saturday, June 12) Sioux Falls, South Dakota, to Grinnell, Iowa



**Your drive time:** Approximately 5 hours

Kick off your morning with a trip to **Josiah's Coffeehouse and Café** three blocks from your hotel.

**Your route:** [Hotel on Phillips to Josiah's Coffeehouse and Café](#)

### [Josiah's Coffeehouse and Café](#)

104 West Twelfth Street  
Sioux Falls, SD 57104  
605-759-8255

Enjoy a hot cup of joe along with fresh-baked pastries and made-to-order breakfast platters. Consider taking your meal to go so you can enjoy it at **Falls Park** overlooking the falls of the Big Sioux River.

**Your route:** [Josiah's Coffeehouse and Café to Falls Park](#)

### [Falls Park](#)

131 East Falls Park Drive  
Sioux Falls, SD 57104  
605-367-7430



*Falls Park, Sioux Falls, South Dakota*

Sioux Falls gets its name from the river's cascades here, and the park is a well-manicured tribute to the town. Don't miss a trip to the top of the five-story observation tower for a panoramic view of the park!

From here, check out one last Sioux Falls gem before hitting the road east. The **Butterfly House and Aquarium at Sertoma Park** is the only attraction of its kind for hundreds of miles around, and the animals here will give you a boost before your day's drive.

**Your route:** [Falls Park to Sertoma Park](#)

### **Butterfly House and Aquarium at Sertoma Park**

4320 South Oxbow Avenue  
Sioux Falls, SD 57106  
605-334-9466

A trip to the butterfly house will relax anyone. Here, you enter a tropical butterfly enclosure where hundreds of these beautiful creatures flit and fly and perhaps even land on you as they travel from blossom to blossom. This destination also features a mesmerizing saltwater aquarium with hundreds of different species of fish and corals. Adult tickets are \$12 and can be purchased the day of, or you could reserve yours online at

<https://butterflyhouseaquarium.org/visit/admissions-hours>.

Afterward, get back on the road, taking I-29 South to your lunch stop in Sioux City, Iowa.

**Your route:** [Sertoma Park to CRAVE](#)

### **CRAVE American Kitchen & Sushi Bar**

1100 Larsen Park Road  
Sioux City, IA 51103  
712-224-2387

Don't let this restaurant's Hilton hotel location turn you off! It's highly rated and has a menu that will appeal, whatever cuisine you're in the mood to eat. Consider the lobster avocado toast followed by a bento box combo.

When you hit the road again, plan to take a short detour in about an hour and a half at the **Wilson Island State Recreation Area**.

Your route: [CRAVE to Wilson Island State Recreation Area](#)

### [Wilson Island State Recreation Area](#)

32801 Campground Lane  
Missouri Valley, IA 51555  
712-642-2069

This 544-acre park along the Missouri River serves as habitat for many species of migratory birds. Take the 0.4-mile Mushroom Trail to stretch your legs and watch for bald eagles, geese, and deer.

Return to the road, taking I-880 East toward Des Moines for your last long leg of the day.

Your route: [Wilson Island State Recreation Area to Hotel Grinnell](#)



*Hotel Grinnell Canopy King Room, Grinnell, Iowa*



**Check-in: [Hotel Grinnell](#)**

927 Fourth Avenue

Grinnell, IA 50112

641-236-9250

Confirmation number: (deleted)

Room type: Canopy King

Rate: \$199/night plus taxes and fees, total \$222.88. Includes breakfast.

Hotel Grinnell gives new life to the town's old junior high school, and it gives you the opportunity to sleep in a classroom! This boutique hotel features an onsite bar, eatery, and outdoor patio next to Central Park in downtown Grinnell.

After you settle into your room, head downstairs to **The Periodic Table** for a delicious dinner of Indian butter chicken or a margherita flatbread.

**[The Periodic Table](#)**

927 Fourth Avenue

Grinnell, IA 50112

641-236-9250

***We hope you enjoyed your travels in South Dakota and Iowa today!***

## DAY SIX (Sunday, June 13) Grinnell, Iowa, to Champaign, Illinois



**Your drive time:** Approximately 4.5 hours

Start your morning with breakfast included with your room rate at **The Periodic Table**. Afterward, continue your travels east along I-80. Stop in Davenport for your midday meal at the **Half Nelson**.

**Your route:** [Hotel Grinnell to The Half Nelson](#)

### [The Half Nelson](#)

321 East Second Street  
Davenport, IA 52801  
563-424-1124

Start your meal with a Rite of Spring Salad, followed by their flavorful Scallops Firenze. Return to the road for your second leg of the day to Champaign, Illinois.

**Your route:** [The Half Nelson to the Champaign Garden Inn](#)



*Champaign Garden Inn, Champaign, Illinois*



**Check-in: [Champaign Garden Inn](#)**

411 West Hill Street  
Champaign, IL 61820  
217-351-9900

Confirmation number: (deleted)

Room type: Chicago Room (2nd Floor)

Rate: \$109/night plus taxes, total \$123.17. Includes breakfast.

This elegant B&B is surrounded by gardens and provides a restful place to stop on your route home, along with an included breakfast.

For dinner, check out **Seven Saints** a few miles away.

**Your route: [Champaign Garden Inn to Seven Saints](#)**

**[Seven Saints](#)**

32 East Chester Street  
Champaign, IL 61820  
217-351-7775

This fun eatery features favorites like a four-grain power bowl, shrimp tacos, crab cakes, and other well-prepared dishes to please your palate. Afterward, return to your B&B for a quiet night.

**Your route: [Seven Saints to Champaign Garden Inn](#)**

***We hope you enjoyed today's travels across Iowa and Illinois!***

## DAY SEVEN (Monday, June 14) Champaign, Illinois, to Columbus, Ohio



**Your drive time:** Approximately 4.5 hours

Grab a self-serve breakfast at your accommodations before carrying on toward home. Your B&B offers a variety of coffee, tea, cereal, pastries, breakfast meats, dairy selections, and more.

From there, take I-74 East toward your lunch stop in Indianapolis.

**Your route:** [Champaign Garden Inn to Milktooth](#)

### [Milktooth](#)

534 Virginia Avenue  
Indianapolis, IN 46203  
317-986-5131

This eclectic fine diner offers dishes you won't see anywhere else, like a smoked eggplant mutabal, an asparagus danish with ramp pesto, and a gluten-free kumquat cheesecake. Set your reservations aside and dive in!



*Milktooth, Indianapolis, Indiana*



Afterward, continue toward your evening's destination in Columbus, Ohio.

**Your route:** [Milktooth to Hotel LeVeque](#)



**Check-in: Hotel LeVeque**

50 West Broad Street

Columbus, OH 43215

614-224-9500

Confirmation number: (deleted)

Room type: King Bedroom with River View

Rate: \$292.58 total

This historic Columbus landmark rises high above the Columbus skyline and surrounds its guests in comfort and luxury. Check in, put your feet up, and enjoy some downtime before going out for dinner.

**Your route:** [Hotel LeVeque to Z Cucina di Spirito](#)

**[Z Cucina di Spirito](#)**

1368 Grandview Avenue

Columbus, OH 43212

(614) 486-9200

This fine Italian/Mediterranean restaurant specializes in fresh ingredients and quality preparation, and their approach shines through in dishes like the house ricotta bruschetta, golden beet capriccioso insalata, and spring cioppino. Your server can recommend a selection from their wine list and or cocktail specialties that will pair nicely with your meal.

Afterward, return to your hotel for a good night of sleep before your last day on the road.

**Your route:** [Z Cucina di Spirito to Hotel LeVeque](#)

*We hope you enjoyed your experiences across Illinois, Indiana, and Ohio today!*

## DAY EIGHT (Tuesday, June 15) Columbus, Ohio, to Delaplane Virginia



**Your drive time:** Approximately 6 hours

Today's the day! You're almost home. We're sure you're ready to get there, so grab your breakfast and get on the road.

**Your route:** [Hotel LeVeque to Fox in the Snow](#)



*Blueberry galettes at Fox in the Snow, Columbus, Ohio*

### [Fox in the Snow](#)

210 Thurman Avenue  
Columbus, OH 43206  
614-372-5677

This local café is closed for dining in, but their take-out menu will still keep you satisfied. Consider enjoying your blueberry galette or souffled egg sandwich a block away at **Schiller Park**.

**Your route:** [Fox in the Snow to Schiller Park](#)

### [Schiller Park](#)

1069 Jaeger Street  
Columbus, OH 43206  
614-645-3156

This downtown Columbus park preserves a historic slice of the city's German Village. Enjoy your breakfast adjacent to the park's beautiful gardens, then continue east toward home.

**Your route:** [Schiller Park to Primanti Brothers](#)

### **Primanti Brothers**

400 Adios Drive

Washington, PA 15301

724-201-2903

Philly has its cheesesteaks and Pittsburgh has its Primanti's Tall Boys, and you can't come so close to Steel City without giving one a try. The special ingredient is the fresh-cut fries piled high on your sandwich. If you'd like to opt for a healthier option, Primanti's has salads too, but those also come with fries on top as the default. Give it a try!



*Primanti's Tall Boy, Primanti Brothers Restaurant, Washington, Pennsylvania*

Afterward, your last leg home awaits.

**Your route:** [Primanti Brothers to Delaplane](#)

Welcome home!

***We hope you enjoyed your trip and return home with once-in-a-lifetime memories you'll never forget.***