

78th Sturgis Rally 2018

Starts/Ends – Northern Illinois August 3 -11	Reserve by March 1
Ride Days – Approx. Miles	9 - 3000
Rider Shared Room	\$1800
Rider Private Room	\$2400
Rider with Passenger	\$2450
Lodging (8 nights)	Included
Rental Motorcycles Available	Ask for Price
Meals Included	2-Dinners
Support Vehicle (Luggage and emergency bike trailer)	Included
Riding Level	Advanced
Gratuity	Not Included

Tour Description:

This tour starts on Friday at 6:00 AM in a restaurant in the western suburbs of Chicago. This is earlier than our typical starting time because of the distance we need to travel on the first day. Over breakfast we will get acquainted with all the riders in our group. After breakfast, we will have a briefing on the day's ride and on the safe riding practices we will be using during the weekend. We will specifically cover safe riding techniques and group riding hand signals. Kick stands (KSU) up at 7:00 AM.



If you have ever traveled between Illinois and South Dakota you know that there is very little to see along the way until you get into central South Dakota. We will be riding interstate highways at posted

speed limits most of the way to our destination but we will be taking frequent breaks. The first and last two days of this trip will be long riding days of approximately 400 miles. We understand that this may be more miles than you normally may ride but if you prepare yourself and your motorcycle you will be able to make it with little difficulty. Our first night will be spent in Sioux City, Iowa.

Day two the fun really starts. Our first stop in the morning will be Mitchell, SD. After gas and a pit stop we will make a visit to the famous Corn Palace. We will break for lunch mid-day and then arrive

at the famous Wall Drugs. This will be our last stop before we reach our hotel early that evening.

Day 3 – We ride through the amazing Badlands National Park and then to Rapid City SD. We will make a stop at Black Hills HD and then on to Sturgis. We should arrive around noon and spend the afternoon seeing the sights of Sturgis; the best people watching on earth. A stop at the Full Throttle Saloon may also be possible.

We will spend the next 5 nights in the same hotel in Keystone.SD that is 10 minutes from Mt Rushmore. We stay 70 miles away from the town of Sturgis. The advantage of staying that far away from Sturgis is that the hotel rooms are nicer, we can walk to nice restaurants, and a casino near our hotel and we are close to all the great riding in the Black Hills. We will go into the town of Sturgis at least two times and for many people that is more than enough.

Here is a brief summary of the riding we will do all week:

Friday – Ride Illinois to Sioux City, Iowa
 Saturday – Corn Palace/Wall Drugs
 Sunday – Badlands/Ride to Sturgis/Keystone
 Monday – Custer State Park and Wildlife loop
 Tuesday – Needles Highway, Mt Rushmore
 Wednesday – Devil's Tower/Spearfish Canyon
 Thursday – Black Hills back roads fun ride
 Friday – Early Departure to Le Mars, Iowa
 Saturday - Early Departure to Illinois

We will typically ride 175 – 225 miles each day while in the Sturgis Area. I can tell you that you will have a great riding experience and if you are a novice rider you will become a much better rider from the riding experiences on this trip. If you wish to go to the Buffalo Chip and/or the Full Throttle Saloon we will make a brief stop so you can see them, take photographs and buy souvenirs. If you ride with us during the week you must adhere to our no drinking policy while riding.

We will leave early on Friday and spend the night in Le Mars, Iowa (Home of Blue Bunny ice cream!). We will start home early on Saturday to get back into the Chicago by dinner. Riding to Sturgis is something all motorcycle rider's bucket list. It will give you the opportunity to wear the patch or pin that says, "I rode mine to Sturgis 2017 to the 77th Anniversary of the Rally".

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