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Lewis & Clark Interpretive Center

Sakakawea Scenic Byway

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4 Days/3 Nights

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It takes four hours to fly where it took Meriwether Lewis and George Rogers Clark nearly four years to journey from one end of the country to the other and back. They plotted the trip at Thomas Jefferson's Monticello in Virginia intending to reach the Pacific Ocean and return safely through the vast uncharted continent that would become the United States. There were no roads or railroads in 1804, only Native American footpaths and rivers to mark the route to the coast. Lewis and Clark were so amazed at what they saw along the way, their trip with Jefferson recommending the Louisiana Purchase, which doubled the size of the United States in one fell swoop.



Lewis and Clark devoted 1802 and 1803 to detailed preparation, constructing boats, collecting supplies, traversing rivers to St. Louis and finding guides willing to take them through the uncharted wilderness deep in the American continent. Lewis and Clark left St. Louis in May 1804 with 29 men, mostly Army officers and other military personnel. They made it to North Dakota in October 1804, spending more time in North Dakota than any other state on their journey. When they passed into North Dakota, they set up camp at Four

Mile Creek and later traveling past the remains of On-A-Slant Village, abandoned after the smallpox epidemic of 1781. Since at that time, the territory of the Great Sioux Nation reached all the way to present day Wyoming, it is likely they met tribal leaders shortly after they crossed into the state.

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Above Bismarck, they continued up the Missouri River to what is now the Sakakawea Scenic Byway, named after the Native American guide who accompanied them on the trip. Reconstructed structures here are authentic replicas of the Native American villages and fur trading posts they encountered. Enjoy following in the footsteps of this incredible journey, which had a dramatic impact on the future of the United States.

Touring the Byway

We recommend starting your journey in Bismarck for an introduction into Native American cultures in North Dakota, and Lewis and Clark. Starting at the North Dakota Heritage Center and State Museum, you can also enjoy the Lewis and Clark Riverboat to ply the Missouri River as the Expedition did and explore On-The-Slant Village at Fort Abraham Lincoln State Historic Site. After a visit to Five Nation Arts, fantastic views are featured of Chief Looking's Village.



On Day Two, on your way to the Sakakawea Scenic Byway, you can explore Double Ditch Indian Village State Historic Site. When you reach Washburn, you'll discover one of the most remarkable Lewis and Clark collections in the country at the Lewis and Clark Interpretive Center. Exhibits with dramatic detail reveal the time the Corps of Discovery spent among the Mandan and Hidatsa tribes, then the center of culture and commerce on the Northern Plains

frontier. Ultimately, five towns with a combined population rivaling Washington, DC at the time served as the hub of the trading region. The Center includes a fully furnished replica of Fort Mandan, where Lewis and Clark wintered in 1804.

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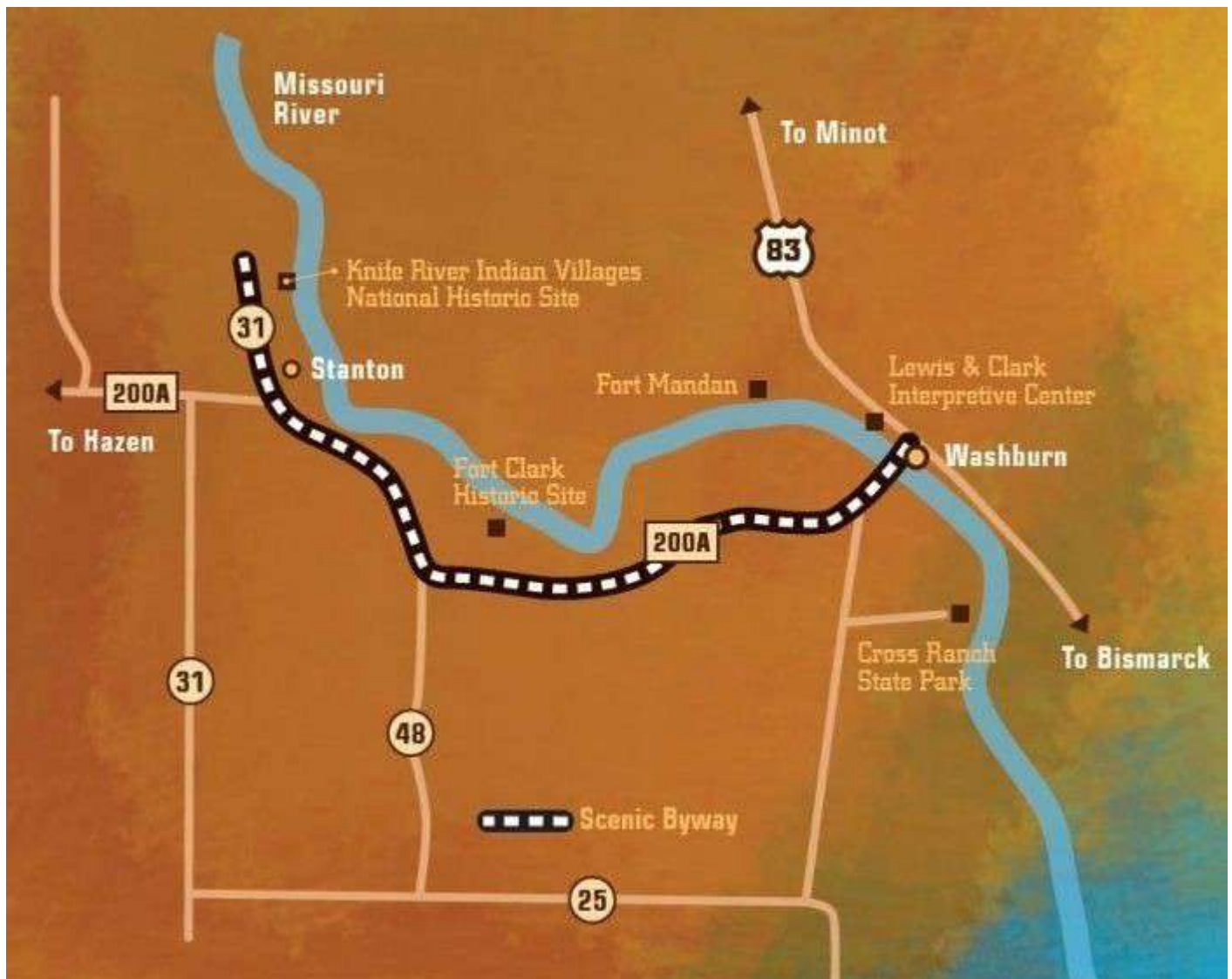
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Further west, the Fort Clark Historic Site replicates a fur-trading outpost, followed by the crown jewel of the Byway, Knife River Indian Villages National Historic Site. Here you can walk among the remains of the Mandan and Hidatsa villages and the home of Sakakawea, the Native American guide who got Lewis and Clark to the Pacific Ocean. Be sure to watch the film "Buffalo Bird Woman" before touring and follow the footsteps of artists George Catlin, Karl Bodmer, and John James Audubon, along the Missouri River. From there, we wish you a safe and pleasant journey home or on another North Dakota Scenic Byway.



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DAY ONE



Bismarck

The Bismarck-Mandan area has welcomed visitors since Lewis and Clark paddled up the Missouri River in 1804. Along the way, they encountered the Mandan Nation at Chief Looking's Village, On-a-Slant Village and Double Ditch Village. Originally named Edwinton, the settlement was located here when the Northern Pacific Railroad reached the eastern banks of the Missouri River. Camp Greely provided security to expand the settlement that was soon named for German Chancellor Otto von Bismarck. Bismarck grew quickly from its beginnings as an outlaw town into the state capital of North Dakota, and today a hub of culture, history and shopping.

North Dakota State Capitol/North Dakota Heritage Center and State Museum

Nearly 325 acres was deeded by the Northern Pacific Railroad to North Dakota in 1883, to erect a state capitol, which was consumed by fire in 1930. The state sold 160 acres of the grounds to help pay for a second building. Today, the tall, 1934, art deco North Dakota State Capitol is set on landscaped grounds that also hosts the North Dakota

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Heritage Center and State Museum, featuring four museum galleries tracing the state's rich history from its earliest geologic formation 600 million years ago. In 2008, the museum, called a "Smithsonian on the plains," became home to a rare mummified Edmontosaurus with fossilized skin. The Native American Hall of Honor celebrates Native Americans who contributed to North Dakota culture and history. Exhibits include artifacts and videos illustrating their remarkable histories and a 12-foot bronze statue depicting Sakakawea looking westward, with her infant son, Jean Baptiste (Pomp), strapped on her back. The artist's model for Sakakawea was her granddaughter, Mink Woman, from the Fort Berthold Indian Reservation in North Dakota. 612 East Boulevard Avenue, Bismarck, ND 58505, 701-328-2666 M-F 9AM-4PM, Sat-Sun 11AM -4PM.



Lewis and Clark Riverboat

Ply the Missouri River on the Lewis and Clark Riverboat, continuing the proud tradition of Missouri River steamers at the Port of Bismarck. 1700 North River Road, Bismarck, ND, 58503, 701-255-4233 1-1 ½ hour cruises, call for schedule and to book

Fort Abraham Lincoln State Park/Custer House/On-A-Slant Village

All aboard! Take the 9-mile scenic railroad to Fort Abraham Lincoln State Park on a restored 1890s open-air streetcar that ran along Fourth Street in Bismarck in the 1920s. Take a self-guided tour of Fort Abraham Lincoln State Park and a docent led tour of General George (of Custer's Last Stand fame) and Libbie Custer's home at the park; a period

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reproduction built on the site of the original house. Custer and his wife lived here from 1873 until 1876 and spent time on the hill behind the house enjoying each other's company. About 500 troops were also stationed here. You can explore the rich history of the area at the Visitor Center Museum to gain insights into the lives of the Mandan Tribe who once lived at On-a-Slant Village in earth lodges. Seven other buildings include the barracks, the fort's makeshift theater, a stable building, and several

blockhouses. The Commissary Bookstore houses a large collection books about Custer and the history of Fort Abraham Lincoln. 4480 Fort Lincoln Road, Mandan ND 58554, 701-667-6340 Board the trolley @ 1989 3rd Street SE, Mandan, ND 58554 \$9 Round Trip, Spring weekends only, Daily from June 14th.



Five Nation Arts

Native Artists United Guild is a women-owned Native Cooperative formed by local artists who have revitalized Native American art and economy. They do business as the Five Nations Art store, supporting the livelihood of Native artists by gifting knowledge, building capacity and showcasing Native art. 401 West Main Street, Mandan, ND 58554, 701-516-7284, M-F Noon-5PM



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Chief Looking's Village

For the best view in Bismarck, visit Chief Looking's Village overlooking the Missouri River. Take the interpretive trail which reveals the story of North Dakota's first citizens and relax for a bit on a bench in Sonali's Memory Garden. In Pioneer Park, just below Chief Looking's Village, you can walk, run, bike or skate on beautiful trails next to the Missouri River. 2023 Burnt Boat Drive, Bismarck, ND 58503, 701-222-6455 Daily 6AM-10PM



Missouri Valley Legacy Trail

If there's time, walk the Missouri Valley Legacy Trail to view a collection of public art pieces that celebrate the Lewis and Clark Bicentennial. Thunderbirds @ Keelboat Park, 1605 River Road; Gathering of Visions@ Sertoma Park, 300 Riverside Park Road; Reflections@ Steamboat Park, 1970 River Road; Rising Eagle@Pioneer Park, 1500 River Road; The Keeper@ Sertoma Park, 300 Riverside Park Road.

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Raddison Bismarck, 605 East Broadway Avenue, Bismarck, ND 58501 701-255-6000
The closest hotel to the North Dakota State Capitol, the Radisson Hotel Bismarck is ideally placed so you can walk to restaurants and landmarks right in town. The hotel has an indoor pool, fitness center and beauty salon and each room features a spacious desk, coffeemaker, easy chair and flat screen TV. Breakfast is available through room service or at the restaurant.

Fort Abraham Lincoln State Park Cabins & Tipis, 4480 Fort Lincoln Road, Mandan, ND 58554, 701-667-6340, To add a level of authenticity to your stay and an amazing view of the mighty Missouri, consider booking at Fort Abraham Lincoln State Park, in a cabin or tipi. The cabins are air-conditioned and sleep five with one queen bed and 3 single beds, bunkbed style. The 18-foot Heart and Missouri Cheyenne Tipis are arrayed along the riverbank.

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Destination Distinctive Dining

Peacock Alley, 422 East Main Avenue, Bismarck, ND 58501, 701-221-BEEF,

The oldest restaurant in North Dakota, featured on the North Dakota Culinary Trail, has been serving guests since 1933. Their unique fine dining menu and perfect dining atmosphere has stood the test of time.

Terra Nomad, 514 East Main Avenue, Bismarck, ND 58701, 701-751-2070

It's the intent of unique Terra Nomad, on the North Dakota Culinary Trail, to provide a holistic experience for guests delivering ambience complemented with great food and unique coffees. Enjoy Ham I Am, Sloppy Scones, Le Big Bird, Avocado Toast, Dank Burritos, Smoothie Bowl, We Got the Beets! Happy Hippy Wrap, Daisy Duke, Mona Lisa and more.

Butterhorn, 210 East Main Avenue, Bismarck, ND 58501, 701-751-0802

Enjoy Midwestern cuisine, with French and Italian influences, at Butterhorn, featured on the North Dakota Culinary Trail, curated to perfection using showcasing high quality ingredients locally grown right here in the Midwest.

Pirogue Grill, 121 North Fourth Street, Bismarck, ND 58501, 701-223-3770

Savor seasonal American cuisine, at Pirogue Grill featured on the North Dakota Culinary Trail, made from local bison, other meats and produce, cooked to perfection and served in a warm, brick-walled space.

Destination Distinctive Retail

The Capital Gallery, 109 North Fourth Street, Bismarck, ND 58502, 701-751-1698

The retail location of the Lewis and Clark Fort Mandan Foundation offers an eclectic blend of traditional and contemporary art. Paintings, sculpture and a variety of work from artists across the country is featured.

Bismarck Art & Galleries Association, 422 East Front Avenue, Bismarck, ND, 58504

701-223-5986

Art Alley, Dakota West Arts Council, 1810 Schafer Street Suite 2, Bismarck, ND 58501

701-222.6640,

Lacey's Custom Jewelry, 913 West Interstate Avenue, Suite B, Bismarck, ND 58503

701-214-9649,

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DAY TWO

Double Ditch Indian Village State Historic Site

Originally known as Yellow Bank, this Mandan village was occupied from 1490 to 1785. Oral history has it that Double Ditch was one of 7-9 villages near the mouth of the Heart River that were the center of trade between the Mandans and French-Canadian fur traders. The massive smallpox epidemic that swept the interior of North America in 1781 was responsible for the abandonment of Double Ditch and all the other Mandan villages in the area. ND-1804, Bismarck, ND 58503, 701-328-2666



Washburn

Even though the time of Washburn was not founded until 1882, the area near Fort Mandan played a vital role in North Dakota when Lewis and Clark wintered here.



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Detailed and dramatic interpretation of Lewis and Clark's journey is on display at the crossroads of culture and commerce on the Northern Plains. When Lewis & Clark arrived at the Mandan and Hidatsa villages in 1804, they simply became the most famous of many people who would visit. State-of-the-art exhibits, hundreds of period artifacts, and friendly interpreters reveal the story of the Lewis and Clark Expedition. To add further insights, Karl Bodmer's watercolors and



Maximilian's written descriptions are considered the most complete and reliable eyewitness account of the Upper Midwest Native Americans. The Bergquist Gallery is only one of four galleries in the world to house a complete collection of Karl Bodmer prints, which are rotated on a seasonal basis. 2576 8th Street SW, Washburn, ND 58577, 701-462-8535 April 1st - September 30th Tues-Sun 10AM-5PM,, October 1st - March 31st Tues-Sat 10AM- 5PM

McLean County Historical Museum

The McLean County Historical Society preserves the region's history in a series of structures located in Washburn including the Joe Taylor Cabin, 1000 Block of East Main Avenue, the Sioux Ferryboat and the Nettle Creek Schoolhouse on the Missouri River Boat Ramp Road. The Society added an additional McLean County Museum in the 1905 Courthouse. 602 Main Avenue, PO Box 124, Washburn, ND 58577, M-F 10:00AM-4PM, Sat 1PM-4PM, Open by appointment during winter months or after hours, Donations accepted.

Destination Distinctive Dining

Cafe 77 and Coffee Bar, 601 Main Avenue, Washburn, ND 58577, 701-462-8210
Between stops today, catch a quick bite to eat at a local favorite café.

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Audubon National Wildlife Refuge

Named for so many small wetlands that resemble potholes, the Audubon National Wildlife Refuge, in the Prairie Pothole region, provides shelter for waterfowl. In fact, the 'Duck Factory' of North America produces more than half of the waterfowl in North America. Endangered whooping cranes, piping plovers, Giant Canada geese, mallards, gadwalls, blue-winged teal, northern pintails, and lesser scaup are common. You may also see northern harriers, marbled godwits, upland sandpipers, western meadowlarks, and bobolinks. The Refuge also hosts wildlife that make the prairie their year-round home. 3275 11th Street NW, Coleharbor, ND 58531, 701-442-5474



Destination Distinctive Accommodations

Desert Rose Inn, 94 West Lincoln Avenue, Underwood, ND 58576, 701-460-0568

Dakota Rose Inn provides one, two and three bedroom fully furnished hotel style accommodations with full bathrooms, flat-screen televisions, queen size beds, kitchen appliances, and a sitting area.

Destination Distinctive Dining

Rusted Rail Grill, 89 Frontage Road, Underwood, ND 58576, 701-442-3033

Pick up some dinner to take back to the Inn, or eat in.

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Fort Mandan

Fort Mandan is an authentic replica of the fort where Lewis and Clark wintered. The Mandan and Hidatsa people were very hospitable, making their stay as comfortable as possible. Guided tours bring the stories of that winter to life. 2576 8th Street SW, Washburn, ND 58577, 701-462-8535, Tues-Sun 10AM-5PM



Stanton

The original location of Stanton was at the mouth of the Knife River, although it was moved in 1906 to avoid spring floods. The economic lift of the town has ebbed and flowed several times as railroads replaced the steamboat traffic, after which the mining industry took up the slack.

Fort Clark State Historic Site

One of the most important archeological sites in the state, Fort Clark encompasses a well-preserved record of fur trade in the area and the personal tragedies that often occurred for frontier settlers. The archaeological remains of a large earth-lodge village, cemetery, and two fur trading posts are protected at the site. 1031 Main Street, Stanton, ND 58571, 701-328-3508, Daily/24 Hours, May 16-September 15



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Knife River Indian Villages National Historic Site

The Knife River Indian Village was the major Native American trading center for hundreds of years before French Canadian arrived in the area around 1750. Begin your visit by watching Maxidiwiac, the 15-minute film about the Buffalo Bird Woman who lived in the villages. Explore the museum to learn about the Hidatsa people in exhibits that feature artifacts recovered from the village sites. Then head outside to see the full-scale Earth lodge, Hidatsa garden, and village sites and walk the Village Trail to see the remains of the Awatixa Xi'e Village and Awatixa Village. A loop from the second village includes a walk along the Knife River. 564 County Road 37, Stanton, ND 58571, 701-745-3300, M-Sat 8:00AM-4:30PM



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Destination Distinctive Accommodations

Cross Ranch State Park, 1403 River Road, Center, ND, 58530, 701-794-3731

Located along one of the last free-flowing and undeveloped stretches of the Missouri River, staying at Cross Ranch State Park will make you feel like you have moved back in time. Landscapes appear as they did to Native Americans hundreds of years ago. Book a cabin, a yurt, or a tipi for a more authentic stay.

Destination Distinctive Dining

Bronson's Marketplace, 201 West Main Street East, Beulah, ND 58523, 701-873-5293

Pick up some dinner fixings to take back to Cross State Ranch Park from Bronson's which has been serving the community for more than 40 years. A full Deli Department, daily specials, fresh soup, their own Signature Smokehouse meats, full produce selection including organics, grab and go items, fresh baked breads, cakes and cheesecakes are all available.

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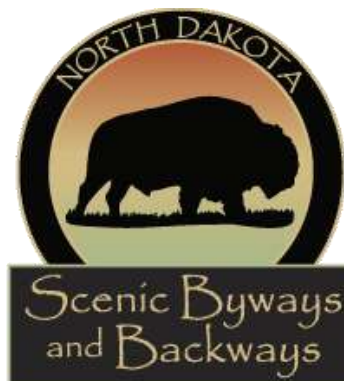
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