

**Gering-Area & Western Nebraska
SAMPLE ITINERARY
Gering Visitors Bureau Group Tour Department**

Day One of Tour:

- **Gering Visitors Bureau Step on Guide Meets Group at Hotel**
- **Ranger guided tour Scotts Bluff National Monument and hike**
- **Curator tour of Legacy of the Plains Museum; hands-on ag activities**
- **Farm to Table Lunch at Legacy of the Plains (Catered)**
- **Tour Cozad's Ford Garage (Private Collection Tour)**
- **Drive south of Gering to Monkey Buffalo Ranch, Tour**
- **Dinner & Star Gazing at Wildcat Hills Nature Center (Catered)**
- **Return to Hotel after dinner**



Scotts Bluff National Monument On the historic Oregon Trail that pioneers once traveled by covered wagon more than a 100 years ago. The sandstone landmark stands over 4,600 ft. above sea level; see original wagon ruts, hear pioneer tales from costumed interpreters, taste "hard tac" (a staple on the trail), drive or hike up the 1.6 mile path to the Bluff's Summit for guided trail hikes, photos and breathtaking views.



Legacy of the Plains Museum America's roots run deep at Legacy of the Plains. On the Oregon Trail, the Museum and campus features impressive collections of pioneer and early community artifacts, blacksmith shop, sod house, antique tractors and implements on an 80-acre working farm. Come live the timeless stories of the Nebraska prairie. Enjoy a "Farm to Table" lunch served indoor/outdoor on the working farm



Cozad's Ford Garage Experience the private collections of Gering resident Tom Cozad displayed in his warehouse-business-home. Extensive collection of restored antique Ford cars, Coca-Cola memorabilia room, vintage movie theater and 50's soda shop and diner captivates with memories and stories of times gone by. Pull up a stool in the soda shop, servers in poodle skirts mix you a malt the old fashioned way with 50's music and hula hoop contests.



Wildcat Hills State Recreation Area The Wildcat Hills were formed from ancient river deposits of rock, sand and silt carried from the Rocky Mountains some 60 million years ago. The community room and observation decks above the nature center are the perfect setting for a casual-comfortable catered meal with views of the valley and star gazing from the observation decks.

Day Two of Tour:

- **Gering Visitors Bureau Step On Guide Meets Group at Hotel**
- **Drive to Robidoux Trading Post; tour Post and Pioneer Graves**
- **Lunch at Barn Anew Bed & Breakfast; Oregon Trail Stories by Allan Maybee**
- **Drive to Chimney Rock Historic Site; tour Museum**

- **Chimney Rock Pony Express Station**
- **Quilts on the Oregon Trail at Prairie Pines Quilt Shop & Shopping in Downtown Gering**
- **Oregon Trail Dinner at Five Rocks Amphitheater in Gering (Catered); after dinner entertainment on stage courtesy of the Gering Visitors Bureau**
- **Return to Hotel**

Robidoux Trading Post Welcoming visitors since 1849, the reconstructed Robidoux 1851 Trading Post was used by emigrants traveling to Oregon, fur trappers, traders and gold rushers. Walk on the Post's dirt floor, see period-specific furs, traps, beads and cookware sold at the post. Costumed guides lead the drive to nearby Dunn pioneer graves, one of only seven market burial sites along the Oregon Trail.



Barn Anew Bed & Breakfast History comes alive at the Inn on the Trail. This 100 year-old renovated barn rises out of the ruts of the Oregon Trail and a perfect setting for a casual lunch on the patio and grounds. Innkeepers Allan & Cher Maybee, retired teachers and historians share pioneer tales and Native American legends and lore amidst the beautifully landscaped grounds and restored sheep herder wagons.



Chimney Rock Historical Site Visible to wagon trails from several days away, Chimney Rock's 120-foot spire was unlike anything Oregon Trail Pioneers had ever seen. This landmark's story is told at the Abbott Visitors Center at the Chimney Rock National Historic Site with extensive displays, historians and films. Wagon ruts and remains of original sod houses are visible at the Chimney Rock Pony Express Station.



Oregon Trail Cookout at Five Rocks Amphitheater

Named for the five sandstone rock formations (Eagle, Sentinel, Crown, Dome and Saddle Rocks) that surround the venue, Five Rocks Amphitheater is the setting for a chuck wagon dinner under the covered pavilion area. The dinner bell rings calling your group to an authentic chuck wagon cookout featuring Nebraska beef and all the trimmings. Enjoy the after dinner entertainment on stage at the Amphitheater courtesy of the Gering Visitors Bureau.



Tour Notes:

- **Gering Visitors Bureau will provide complimentary step-on-guide Day 1 and Day 2 of Tour**
- **Gering Visitors Bureau will provide welcome to group at hotel upon arrival**
- **Gering Visitors Bureau will provide complimentary entertainment for Oregon Trail Dinner at Five Rocks Amphitheater**
- **Gering Visitors Bureau will provide complimentary meals for tour's driver and escort**