

3-Day/2-Night VIP Crane Safari Itinerary



Day One

- 3:30 PM -- Arrival at the Crane Trust Nature & Visitor Center
- 4:00 PM – Staff member leads guests (in separate cars) three miles' distance to the Wild Rose Ranch to get settled into the cottages

Evening

(Prior to Daylight Savings)

- Social hour and orientation in the main building
- Head out for the evening crane viewing by van / walk $\frac{1}{4}$ mile to the blind
- Evening viewing of cranes returning to the Platte River (90 minutes, or 30 minutes after sunset)
- Return for dinner, video presentation and social time
- Retire to the cottages

(After Daylight Savings)

- Dinner and orientation in the main building
- Head out for the evening crane viewing by van / walk $\frac{1}{4}$ mile to the blind
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Day Two

Morning

- Arise well before dawn for coffee, tea and pastry or fruit
- Head out for the morning crane viewing by van / walk $\frac{1}{4}$ mile to the blind
- Morning viewing of cranes as they awaken at dawn, dance and display before flying away to forage in the fields (90 minutes)
- Return for breakfast and video presentation
- After breakfast until Noon – free time for hiking, relaxing, photography, touring the Nature & Visitor Center, viewing cranes in the fields by car
- Noon – box lunch
- 1PM – head out by van for a guided afternoon excursion -- which can include local historical sites, viewing cranes foraging in the fields, exploring Mormon Island (the Crane Trust's rare never-plowed prairie) and views of the herd of genetically-pure American bison.
- Afternoon free time: after returning from the excursion, free time for such activities as hiking, photography, birding, relaxing and touring the area.

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- Return for breakfast, video, social time and farewells
- Check-out time: 10:00AM