

Romance of the Badlands Itinerary

1. Chateau de Mores State Historic Site, Medora

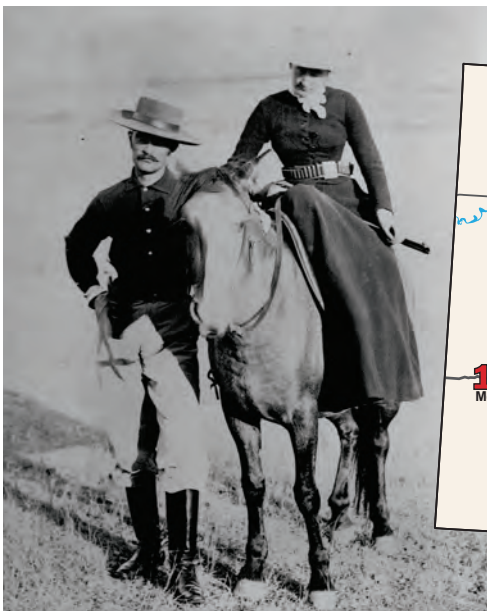


Built on a bluff overlooking Medora, the chateau was the 26-room summer home of the wealthy French nobleman and entrepreneur the Marquis de Mores and his wife Medora. The Marquis founded a new town which he named Medora in honor of his wife. Learn about his meatpacking plant dreams, stories of the Wild West, and his dealings with the young Theodore Roosevelt. The interpretive center features exhibits and a gift shop.

2. Theodore Roosevelt National Park, Medora and Watford City



When Theodore Roosevelt came to Dakota Territory to hunt bison in 1883, he was a skinny, young, spectacled dude from New York. He could not have imagined how his adventure in this remote and unfamiliar place would forever alter the course of the nation. The rugged landscape and strenuous life that TR experienced here would help shape a conservation policy that we still benefit from today. Theodore Roosevelt said when he returned to Medora in 1903, "It was here that the romance of my life began."



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