

Travel South Dakota's Tribal Lands

South Dakota's nine tribes invite you to visit their reservations and tribal lands. Rich in history and culture, these areas offer something for visitors of all ages. Enjoy colorful powwows, Native art markets, hunting and fishing, western events, tipi communities and hospitality at its finest.

Collectively known as Sioux, each of the allied bands within this nation spoke one of three dialects: Dakota, Lakota or Nakota.

Visitors can view and purchase authentic art and crafts at many locations. Tribal casinos provide gaming excitement and many powwows are open to the general public.

Native American communities contain a diversity of tribal members who practice varying degrees of tradition. Traditionalists expect tribal member and visitors alike to conduct themselves in a manner that is respectful of tribal religion and ceremonies. With this in mind, it must be recognized that a code of conduct practiced at one community or event may not be appropriate for another. The ancestors of today's tribes left many artifacts and ruins behind.

Resist the impulse to pick up souvenirs. Native American remains and artifacts are protected federally by the Native American Graves Protection and Repatriation Act, which carries stiff penalties.

Of the nine tribes in South Dakota, six are in or border the Great Lakes Tourism Region. For a South Dakota Tribal Lands brochure, which includes information on all nine tribes, call 888-386-4617 or www.sdgreatlakes.org. **GL**

