

The Rosebud & Little Bighorn

BATTLEFIELD TOURS

October
16-20
2018

Join historian Neil Mangum for a comprehensive exploration of two momentous battles in the Great Sioux War of 1876: the Battle of the Rosebud—pitting Crazy Horse against Crook—and the climactic Battle of the Little Bighorn, culminating in “Custer’s Last Stand.”

Tour guide Neil Mangum



Left: Last Stand Hill at Little Bighorn Battlefield National Monument; Above, Deer Medicine Rocks, near Lame Deer, Montana — scene of Sitting Bull’s prophetic Sun Dance vision.

About our guide:

Neil Mangum is one of the nation’s preeminent authorities on the Indian Wars, and a much sought-after guide for historical tours. His long career with the National Park Service included stints as historian, and later, superintendent at Little Bighorn Battlefield National Monument during periods of important change—working with the tribes to build the Indian Memorial, and overseeing the erection of the first Native American markers on the battlefield. He has published many articles and papers on Indian Wars subjects, and is author of *The Battle of the Rosebud: Prelude to the Little Big Horn*.

Brief Itinerary

Oct. 16: 6:30 p.m: gather at the hotel for a pizza reception, meet the group, pick up registration materials, and hear an overview presentation by Neil, setting the stage for 4 days of bus tours.
Oct. 17: first we’ll visit the August 1872 **Baker Battlefield**, then spend most of the day exploring **Rosebud Battlefield** (incl. 4-mile round trip walk to Crook’s Hill). As an added bonus: we’ll finish with a stop at the **Canyon Creek Battlefield** (1877 flight of the Nez Perce), on the outskirts of Billings.
Oct. 18: we’ll begin the day following Gibbon’s column **down the Yellowstone** to the juncture with Terry. **Ascend the Rosebud**, pausing at each **Custer & Indian campsite**. We’ll visit **Deer Medicine Rocks**, the graves of **Dull Knife** and **Little Wolf**, and tour the **Lame Deer Battlefield**. Before returning to Billings, we will pay our respects at the grave of **Two Moon**.
Oct. 19: this day is devoted to the **Reno Valley fight, Skirmish line** and **Reno’s Retreat** across the river to the bluffs. Drive up **Reno Creek** as near as possible to the Crow’s Nest. Visit the **morass**, pausing near the **Lone Tipi** site and **Reno crossing** of the Little Bighorn, drive through **Indian village**; visit **Custer Battlefield Museum** (Garryowen). Walk **Reno-Benteen defense site** and **Weir Point**.
Oct. 20: full day devoted to movement of Custer’s battalion, with stops at principal sites on the battlefield, including a walk to the **Keogh sector**. *Tour exclusive* includes a hike up **Nye-Cartwright Ridge** and down to the banks of the **Little Bighorn River**. Our long journey concludes atop **Last Stand Hill**. Stop at the **Visitor Center Museum & Bookstore**. Return to Billings in the late afternoon.

Registration \$585 – includes a seat on the bus, 4 lunches, pizza reception & orientation, map packet, all museum and park entry fees, and four days walking the ground in conversation with our expert guide. Our bus is equipped with A/C, restroom, and bottled water (driver tip included in registration). *Send check or money order to:* David Woodbury, PO Box 60085, Palo Alto, CA 94306
 Or, use PayPal for secure credit card payments (email to the address below for details). Registration is limited to one motorcoach.

Headquarters Hotel Boothill Inn and Suites * 866-266-8445 - (\$115 plus tax) for King or dbl Queen 242 E. Airport Rd., Billings, MT 59105. *Airport shuttle and hot breakfast buffet included.* Our block of rooms is being held until September 26 — tell the reservation desk you’re with “WHT” to ensure group rate). *Lodging is not included in your registration.*