



Wanderlust Weekend Getaway

Experience Eagle Watching on the Missouri River

Eagles are most active in the winter months, making this a rare opportunity to witness these magnificent birds in their natural habitat. Whether you're looking for a fun day trip or an overnight adventure, Yankton offers an unforgettable experience.

Not sure what to expect, check out this short clip from CBS News featuring the majestic Bald Eagles flying above the Missouri River.



Videographer: Kevin Kjergaard



Experience Eagle Watching in Yankton

MORNING ARRIVAL

Start your day at Gavin's Point Dam, one of the best locations for eagle watching. With scenic overlooks and plenty of open space, you'll have the chance to see bald eagles soaring, fishing, and resting in the trees along the river. Be sure to bring binoculars or a camera to capture this breathtaking sight.

After eagle watching, take a walk across the historic Meridian Pedestrian Bridge. This iconic structure offers stunning views of the river and the surrounding area, with potential for more eagle sightings. The unique experience will bring you to two places at once - the South Dakota and Nebraska borders.

LUNCH AND AFTERNOON ACTIVITIES

Warm up and enjoy lunch at one of [Yankton's local eateries](#).

In the afternoon, explore the [Lewis & Clark Lake Nature Trails](#), an excellent spot for light hiking and eagle watching. These scenic trails wind through wooded areas and along the water, offering serene views and a chance to immerse yourself in Yankton's natural beauty. For history enthusiasts, the Mead Museum features fascinating exhibits on the region's heritage, including its connection to the Missouri River and wildlife.

EXTEND YOUR STAY

To fully enjoy Yankton, consider extending your trip into an overnight stay. Check into a room at Lewis & Clark Resort for a peaceful retreat by the water or choose from one of Yankton's other [cozy lodging options](#).

In the evening, head back to the river to catch the eagles during sunset, one of the most active times for viewing. Cap off the day with dinner, drinks, and a chance to relive the day's unforgettable moments.

