

HER WILD LIFE EXPEDITION TO

## NEBRASKA

MARCH 13-16, 2026

## SPRING MAGIC IN NEBRASKA - MARCH 13-16, 2026

DAY 1 (Fri., Mar. 13) - FROM DENVER TO THE PLAINS

Our journey begins in Denver, where we'll hit the road and travel northeast across the plains to Ogallala, Nebraska. Along the way, we'll get to know one another and begin to watch the landscape shift as we head into the heart of crane country. Our day ends with our first crane fly-in.

Accommodations: Hampton Inn in Ogallala

Meals: Lunch, Dinner

DAY 2 (Sat., Mar. 14) - SANDHILL CRANE SPECTACLE

After breakfast, we'll spend the day birding en route to North Platte, exploring key migration rest stops and keeping our eyes out for eagles, owls, and early arriving grassland birds. As sunset approaches, we'll step quietly into an intimate viewing blind for an unforgettable evening with the cranes—watching thousands come in to roost, filling the sky and riverbanks with sound and movement.

Accommodations: Holiday Inn Express in North Platte

Meals: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

DAY 3 (Sun., Mar. 15) - PRAIRIE BIRDS AND CONSERVATION STORIES

Our route today takes us deeper into prairie country as we travel to McCook, birding as we go. We'll visit wildlife-rich habitats and scenic backroads to search for species like northern harriers, meadowlarks, and migrating waterfowl. This evening, we'll gather for a special discussion on greater prairie-chicken conservation and learn about the efforts to protect these unique birds and their disappearing habitats.

Accommodations: Cobblestone Inn in McCook

Meals: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

DAY 4 (Mon., Mar. 16) - PRAIRIE-CHICKEN LEK AND RETURN TO DENVER

It's an early start, but for good reason: Today we experience the greater prairie-chicken lek, a dawn ritual of booming, dancing, and strutting by males competing for mates. It's a breathtaking glimpse into the wild heart of the prairie. Afterward, we'll enjoy a hearty breakfast before making our way back to Denver, hearts full of all we've seen.

Meals: Breakfast, Lunch

