



2019 SOUTH DAKOTA UPDATES

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LODGING



Photo by Tiffany Rose

UNDER CANVAS // Keystone

Combining pristine nature and luxury accommodations and situated among pine trees with views of the iconic Mount Rushmore National Memorial, the tents feature in-tent bathrooms, showers, king-size beds and solar power. undercanvas.com



STAYBRIDGE SUITES // Rapid City

The all-suite hotel features 102 units, a pool and hot tub, 400 sq. ft. meeting room, BBQ grill and fire pit, laundry facilities, complimentary daily breakfast, and a reception three days a week. Pets are permitted, and a Great Room offers a library equipped with books and for the entire family. ihg.com/staybridge



THE WAGONS AT RUSHMORE SHADOWS // Rapid City

Luxury Wagon Rentals can sleep 4-6 with a king-size bed and either one or two sets of bunkbeds. The property features a swimming pool, hot tub, and free bicycle rentals for guest use. There are also hiking trails on the property for guests to explore. sunrisereservations.com



HOTEL PHILLIPS // Sioux Falls

A six-story, 92-room boutique hotel named after Josiah Phillips—one of the founding fathers of Sioux Falls—will open in May 2019. Hotel Phillips will occupy a stately historic building, and the complex will include a swimming pool, conference center, restaurant and retail area.



TRU BY HILTON // Deadwood

Be carefree at Tru by Hilton Deadwood, attached to Cadillac Jack's Gaming Resort in Deadwood, SD. We're steps from historic Main Street and close to museums and one-of-a-kind spots that make travel fun. When your cravings kick in, you'll find drinks, gourmet snacks and single-serve beer and wine in our 24/7 market. tru3.hilton.com

ATTRACTIONS



RUSH MOUNTAIN ADVENTURE PARK // Keystone

Family adventure in the Black Hills with four thrilling attractions in one location. Carve the mountain on the ALL-NEW, one-of-a-kind Rushmore Mountain Coaster! Offering an electrifying ride of up to 31 mph speeds on 3,400 feet of track! If you like roller

coasters, you will love the Rushmore Mountain Coaster! Rush Mountain Adventure Park is currently home to the Soaring Eagle Zipline Ride, Gunslinger 7-D Interactive Ride and the stalactite-filled Rushmore Cave. rushmorecave.com



DIGNITY // Chamberlain

The Dignity sculpture is a stunning combination of art and history. Located on a bluff near the Missouri River, the 50-foot-tall statue was specifically designed by sculptor Dale Lamphere to honor the cultures of the Lakota and Dakota people. Representing the rich Native American culture of South

Dakota, the Native woman gracefully wears a dress patterned after a two-hide Native dress of the 1850s. She holds outstretched a quilt featuring 128 stainless-steel blue diamond shapes designed to flutter in the wind. travelsouthdakota.com



SANFORD LAB HOMESTAKE // Lead

Discover exciting information about Sanford Underground Research Facility (Sanford Lab), the city of Lead, and the history of Homestake. Our exhibits include historic photographs, videos, science and mining artifacts, and a 3-D model of the underground—from the surface down to the 8,000-foot

level! From our deck, view the 1,250-foot-deep Open Cut—an iconic landmark in the Black Hills— and see the many varieties of rock that created this unique landscape. sanfordlabhomestake.com



SOUTH DAKOTA CHILDREN'S MUSEUM // Brookings

The Children's Museum of South Dakota is the only one of its kind in SD that features 21,000 square feet of interactive exhibit space as well as 1.5 acres of outdoor exhibit space. Sparking imagination and learning for all children and grownups through

play, creativity and discovery. prairieplay.org



THE ARC OF DREAMS // Sioux Falls

A massive stainless-steel sculpture will debut in Downtown Sioux Falls in 2019. The Arc, designed by renowned South Dakota artist Dale Lamphere, will span the length of a football field and rise 70 feet above the Big Sioux River. siouxfallsarcofdreams.org

RECENT ACCOLADES



- 1 Mount Rushmore National Memorial was featured as one of the "TOP 10 REMARKABLE LANDSCAPES OF AMERICA" by Collette Tours.
- 2 Custer State Park was #1 for "STATE PARKS THAT GIVE NATIONAL PARKS A RUN FOR THEIR MONEY."
- 3 South Dakota was named the "MOST PROMISING DESTINATION" by Chinese Tourism Media Group.

NEW VIP EXPERIENCES



DEADWOOD EXPERIENTIAL TOURS

Experience Deadwood in a whole new way with newly introduced experiential tours. Discover the rich history of the area through walking tours, tea times, gold panning and so much more. deadwood.com



PRAIRIE SPIRIT TOURS // Rapid City

Capture the spirit and culture of the American West with pre-packaged or custom multi-day tours. Prairie Spirit is locally led for all ages. prairiespiritours.com



ADVENTURE RENTALS // Custer

Go sightseeing in the Black Hills like never before—on an ATV! Adventure Rentals is family-owned and located in Downtown Custer. Bikes, scooters, kayaks, and paddleboards are also available for rent! adventurerentalsd.com



6th MERIDIAN HOPS FARM // Yankton

6th Meridian Hops Farm is a small, family hop farm aiming to provide quality hops and unique hospitality to brewers and visitors to historic Great Plains gateway. 6thmeridian.com



Photo by Kim Lathe

BLACK HILLS SCOOTOURS // Keystone

Experience the Black Hills on a scooter! Rentals vary between 1 hour to a full 8-hour experience. blackhillsscootours.com



STOCKYARDS AG EXPERIENCE

// Sioux Falls

Visitors can learn about agriculture through interactive experiences highlighting history, science, culture, and economic impact. stockyardsagexperience.org



LEVITT AT THE FALLS // Sioux Falls

Set to open in 2019, Levitt at the Falls is an outdoor music venue that will be built in Falls Park West and feature 50 free concerts from artists of various genres each summer. levittsiouxfalls.org



DEADWOOD STAGECOACH RIDES

Ride in one of the most recognizable Old West icons in existence, the Deadwood Stagecoach. Enjoy 30-minute rides during the summer in downtown Deadwood. deadwoodalive.com



AIRPORTS

RAPID CITY REGIONAL AIRPORT

The Rapid City Regional Airport (RAP) is the commercial airline hub for the Black Hills. Schedule your air travel on Allegiant Air, American Airlines/American Eagle, Delta Airlines and United Airlines. In 2019 the Rapid City Regional Airport has welcomed new seasonal flights from Los Angeles and San Francisco. Rental vehicles and limo service are available as well as a full-service restaurant and gift shop.

THE SIOUX FALLS REGIONAL AIRPORT

The Sioux Falls Regional Airport has updated the passenger terminal, security and concourse; parking and runway improvements; a new general aviation ramp and hanger; and snow removal equipment. A 76-room AeroStay hotel was also built conveniently attached by a climate-controlled walkway.



CULINARY SCENE

BLACK HILLS CONTRABAND DISTILLERY // Rapid City

Black Hills Contraband LLC, is a one-of-a-kind distillery. Our liquors have no burn and no bite. It's so smooth that it's just dangerous, and that claim extends from our Smooth Bourbon all the way to our Great Faces Vodka. Stop in and visit us. You won't be disappointed. blackhillscontraband.com

FLYT STEAKHOUSE BY ALPINE INN // Deadwood

At FLYT, you can expect many delectable menu items for breakfast, lunch and dinner. The twist? The restaurant will offer "flyts" of different options to satisfy your craving. After you've sated your appetite, FLYT will evolve into an upscale, exhilarating night club featuring DJs and drinks specials, creating the perfect environment for an unforgettable night on the town. cadillacjacksgaming.com

BEN'S BREWING COMPANY // Yankton

Whether it's with their amazing lineup of hand-crafted brews or a Pineapple Jalapeño Margarita in the speakeasy, Ben's strives to have a big selection of beer, wine and liquor to satisfy every taste. Ben's Brewing Co. is open 365 days a year. bensbrewing.com

SPEARFISH BREWING COMPANY // Spearfish

Located in downtown Spearfish, this brewery offers classic lager beers along with American wheat beer, rye beer and even a seasonal chili beer! The space features a restaurant with plenty of room for groups! spearfishbrewing.com

TOP EVENTS TIMELINE JUNE 2019-2020

JUNE 1-2, 2019

Crazy Horse Memorial Volksmarch

JULY 2-7, 2019

100th Annual Black Hills Roundup // Belle Fourche

JULY 5, 6, 7, 12, 13, 14, & 19, 20, 21

Laura Ingalls Wilder Pageant // De Smet

JULY 18-21, 2019

Corn Palace Stampede Rodeo // Mitchell

JULY 23-27, 2019

Days of '76 Rodeo & Parades // Deadwood

AUGUST 17, 2019

Sioux Falls River Fest // Sioux Falls

AUGUST 2-11, 2019

Sturgis Motorcycle Rally // Sturgis

AUGUST 16-18, 2019

Riverboat Days // Yankton

AUGUST 29 - SEPTEMBER 2, 2019

South Dakota State Fair // Huron

SEPTEMBER 27, 2019

Custer State Park Buffalo Roundup & Arts Festival // Custer

OCTOBER 10-12, 2019

Wild West Songwriters Festival // Deadwood

OCTOBER 11-13, 2019

Annual Black Hills Powwow and Art Market // Rapid City

NOVEMBER 22 - DECEMBER 26, 2019

Christmas at the Capital // Pierre

DECEMBER 14, 2019

Frontier Christmas // Sisseton

NOVEMBER & DECEMBER 2019

1880 Train Holiday Express // Hill City

JANUARY 24-25, 2020

Pro Snowcross Races // Deadwood

JANUARY 24 - FEBRUARY 2, 2020

Annual Black Hills Stock Show & Rodeo // Rapid City

MARCH 27-28 & APRIL 3-4, 2020

Schmeckfest // Freeman

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