

2020 SOUTH DAKOTA UPDATES

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LODGING



HOTEL ON PHILLIPS // Sioux Falls

This brand new 90-room boutique hotel in downtown Sioux Falls sits along the Big Sioux River, giving guests a beautiful view of both the river & downtown Sioux Falls. The lobby and mezzanine levels feature a lounge, library, cozy social room (1,530 sq. ft.), fitness center and spa. Guests will be charmed by the remnants of this building's previous life as a bank, including the lobby's original 24-bolt bank vault door. HotelOnPhillips.com

TRU BY HILTON RAPID CITY RUSHMORE/ HAMPTON INN & SUITES BY HILTON // Rapid City

Choose from the efficient rooms in Tru or the extra perks of the Hampton Inn & Suites. A room in either location allows access to the 24-hour fitness center, indoor saltwater pool complete with two-story waterslide, and private patios with firepits under the stars. The gateway Black Hills location allows easy access to iconic Black Hills attractions.

hilton.com/en/hotels/rapruru-tru-rapid-city-rushmore/



UNDER CANVAS // Keystone

For those looking for pristine nature and luxury accommodations, Under Canvas has you covered. Situated among pine trees and offering views of the iconic Mount Rushmore National Memorial, this unique glamping experience has tents complete with in-tent bathrooms, showers, king-size beds and solar power. UnderCanvas.com

BEST WESTERN PLUS RUSHMORE // Rapid City

The 97-room Best Western Plus Rapid City Rushmore hotel offers first-rate amenities, from an indoor heated pool and hot tub to guest laundry facility and a complimentary full hot breakfast buffet and 24-hour fitness facility. The hotel is conveniently located off Exit 61 on Interstate 90, offering easy access to nearby shopping, restaurants, and bucket-list attractions.

BestWestern.com



MT. RUSHMORE RESORT & LODGE AT PALMER GULCH // Hill City

Stay in a suite, cabin, RV site, or executive lodge at this first-class Black Hills resort. Palmer Gulch puts you within easy travel distance of Mount Rushmore, Crazy Horse, Custer State Park, Deadwood and more. Whether you're looking for a quick bite or a sit-down meal with Western music, grab a meal or drink from one of the onsite options. From Memorial Day through Labor Day, there are plenty of activities available including swimming, games, bike/UTV/golf cart/car rentals, hiking, trail rides, and more. PalmerGulch.com

For additional lodging options, please visit TravelSouthDakota.com/Plan-Your-Trip/Places-Stay.



EXPERIENCES



MOCCASIN SPRINGS SPA // Hot Springs

Renew and regenerate in the natural warm waters of Moccasin Springs Spa. From May through December, you can say goodbye to your cares with a soak, massage, and other heavenly delights in Hot Springs. moccasin springs.com



ABS TRAVEL GROUP // Rapid City

Aware that travelers want to maximize their sightseeing while traveling, ABS Travel Group bases their tours on the "half-day" concept. Morning, afternoon, and evening tours allow you to take in as much or as little as you like. Let the convenience and personal service of ABS take you exactly where you want to go in western South Dakota. info@abstravelgroup.com



TRAILSHED LODGE // Lead

Explore the Black Hills with a snowmobile or UTV. When your day is done, settle into comfort in one of the lodge's cabins, complete with queen beds, full bath, and Dish TV. You can also stay in a fully furnished studio right above the business. With lodging right on the trails, your day of adventure starts right outside your door. TrailsHeadLodge.com



BLACK HILLS BALLOONS // Custer

There's nothing like seeing the Black Hills from a hot air balloon! Soar over whitetail deer, ponderosa pine forests, and granite spires with Black Hills Balloons. For 35 years, Black Hills Balloons have been introducing passengers to a bird's-eye view of South Dakota's beauty. Flights take place daily at sunrise (weather permitting) near Custer May 1st-Oct. 31st. Off-season winter flights can be made by appointment. BlackHillsBalloons.com



LEVITT AT THE FALLS // Sioux Falls

Recently opened in Falls Park West as a place where the city's diverse population can gather in community, this contemporary outdoor concert venue incorporates soft undulating lines meant to complement the Big Sioux River running nearby. The Levitt Shell offered 30 free concerts in 2019 featuring artists from a wide range of music genres. In 2020 and beyond, 50 free concerts will be offered every summer. LevittSiouxFalls.org



SIoux FALLS FOOD TOURS // Sioux Falls

Experience the most delectable parts of South Dakota's biggest city with Sioux Falls Food Tours! Whether you're a local or visitor, there's no better way to experience Sioux Falls than through the myriad of local cafés, breweries, and restaurants. Eat your way through downtown Sioux Falls or partake in a Cafés & Bakeries, Hidden Gems, or Wine, Cheese, & Chocolate tour. You can even customize your tour to make sure you get the best of the best! Let your knowledgeable host show you the tastiest parts of the Queen City. SiouxFallsFoodTours.com



FORT HAYS & MOUNT RUSHMORE TOURS // Rapid City

Make the most of your western South Dakota vacation with Fort Hays & Mount Rushmore Tours! At Fort Hays, you can explore an Old West town that features an authentic Dances With Wolves film set, take in a chuckwagon supper theater performance, and explore historically accurate shops. Book a day-long sight-seeing tour that will take you through Mount Rushmore, Custer State Park, Crazy Horse Memorial, and more in a comfortable Stagecoach West charter bus. MountRushmoreTours.com



ATTRACTIONS



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OUTLAW SQUARE // Deadwood

Located in the heart of Deadwood and open year-round, Outlaw Square is an outdoor entertainment marvel. Weekly concerts, ice skating, movie nights, sporting events, history presentations and more take place at this family-friendly facility. Don't miss the many amazing opportunities for fun at Outlaw Square!

OutlawSquare.com



HISTORIC BROTHEL MUSEUM // Deadwood

Prostitution was a significant part of Deadwood history and prosperity until it was outlawed in 1980. Today, Deadwood History, Inc. presents the Historic Brothel Museum, located above the Eagle Bar and Nugget Saloon – the original location of the Shasta Rooms/ Beige Door Brothel in Deadwood's "Bad Lands" district on Main Street. Tours will be offered beginning in 2020. Deadwood.com



ARC OF DREAMS // Sioux Falls

Debuted in July 2019, this massive stainless-steel sculpture rises 70 feet above the Big Sioux River and spans the length of a football field. The Arc was designed by renowned South Dakota artist Dale Lamphere. The design features two open steel structures with a ribbon effect and an 18-foot gap at the center representing the leap of faith that visionaries take to see their dreams come true. The Arc has become a permanent part of the world-renowned annual SculptureWalk, which feature more than 55 sculptures. SiouxFallsArcOfDreams.com



ALBRECHT ANGEL HONEY FARM AND WINERY // rural Huron

With more than 200 hives across South Dakota and Minnesota and nearly 30 years of experience, the new Albrecht Angel Honey Farm and Winery has a lot of wisdom behind its products. Taking the tour at the new facility means enjoying lunch, learning about the process of making and handling honey, and having the opportunity to get in a beekeeper outfit and engage in a truly unique experience. Of course, tasting the honey is absolutely part of this fun and fascinating agritourism experience. Please make an appointment for group visits. Facebook.com/AlbrechtHoneyAndWine

AIRPORTS

PIERRE REGIONAL AIRPORT (PIR)

The Pierre Regional Airport (PIR) enjoyed the busiest September in nearly 40 years in 2019, thanks in no small part to SkyWest Airlines' service. The airport features daily flights to and from Denver, making it easy for passengers to get to their destination from Pierre. Plus, the airport features free parking for all passengers!

RAPID CITY REGIONAL AIRPORT (RAP)

The Rapid City Regional Airport 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. Enjoy a direct flight to Salt Lake City, Denver, Las Vegas, Phoenix, Mesa/Phoenix, Minneapolis, Chicago, and Dallas/Ft. Worth year-round or check out the direct seasonal routes every summer. Rental vehicles and limo service are available as well as a full-service restaurant and gift shop.

SIoux FALLS REGIONAL AIRPORT (FSD)

Updates to the Sioux Falls Regional Airport passenger terminal, security, concourse, parking, runways, restaurant, and baggage claim are nearing completion. In addition, the airport will have completed a \$10 million project to expand and rehabilitate a runway by the end of this summer. Taxi, shuttle, limo, and rental car services are available. A 76-room AeroStay hotel is conveniently attached to the airport, adding to the ease of travel that Sioux Falls Regional Airport passengers continue to enjoy.

WATERTOWN REGIONAL AIRPORT (ATY)

Watertown Regional Airport offers United Airlines flights via SkyWest Airlines, including daily service to Denver International Airport (DEN) and Chicago O'Hare (ORD). In 2019, the airport received a \$9 million grant for a new terminal building. It also set a new record for enplanements during July. The airport's successful record and plans for continued improvement mean travelers can continue to enjoy reliability, service, and free parking at Watertown Regional Airport.

ANNIVERSARIES



30th

DEADWOOD JAM

September 18-19, 2020



80th

STURGIS MOTORCYCLE RALLY

August 7-16, 2020

CUISINE



NORTH SHORE CHOPHOUSE & BANQUET HALL // Watertown

Watertown's newest dining experience is located on Lake Kampeska, offering a delightful view to complement a tasty meal. Drinks, tap beer, a great wine list, and fine selection of spirits pair perfectly with the kitchen's creative, fun, and classic menu options.



BUM'S BIKE & BREW // Brookings

Enjoy a unique party experience on a human-powered bicycle bar. Up to 14 passengers can cruise around Brookings while enjoying beverages. Grab your friends for some fun courtesy of Bum's Bike and Brew! BumsBikeAndBrew.com

THE FARMHOUSE BISTRO AND BAR // Spearfish

Warm and inviting, The Farmhouse offers classic contemporary American dining with hearty seasonal food, classic cocktails, and an extensive wine list. Bask in the history and culture of Spearfish and the surrounding Black Hills of South Dakota as you eat, drink, and be merry.

JACOB'S BREWHOUSE & GROCER // Deadwood

World-renowned artist Scott Jacobs has expanded his Deadwood footprint to include a soon-to-open Jacobs Brewhouse and Grocer. The establishment will offer craft beer on tap, fine wines, and healthy fresh food options, and will celebrate Deadwood history with historical artifacts maintained and exhibited. Jacobs Brewhouse and Grocer is set to be completed in early 2020.



TOP EVENTS TIMELINE 2020

JAN. 31-FEB. 9, 2020

Annual Black Hills Stock Show & Rodeo // [Rapid City](#)

JUNE 6 & 7, 2020

Crazy Horse Volksmarch

JUNE 20, 2020

605 Summer Classic // [Sioux Falls](#)

JUNE 30-JULY 4, 2020

Black Hills Roundup // [Belle Fourche](#)

JULY 10-12, 17-19, & 24-26, 2020

Laura Ingalls Wilder Pageant (The Long Winter) // [De Smet](#)

JULY 16-19, 2020

Corn Palace Stampede Rodeo // [Mitchell](#)

JULY 21-25, 2020

Days of '76 Rodeo & Parades // [Deadwood](#)

JULY 25, 2020

Chislic Festival // [Freeman](#)

AUGUST 2020

Downtown RiverFest // [Sioux Falls](#)

AUGUST 7-16, 2020

80th Annual Sturgis Motorcycle Rally // [Sturgis](#)

AUGUST 21-23, 2020

Riverboat Days // [Yankton](#)

SEPTEMBER 3-7, 2020

South Dakota State Fair // [Huron](#)

SEPTEMBER 15-20, 2020

World Field Championships // [Yankton](#)

SEPTEMBER 24-26, 2020

Custer State Park Buffalo Roundup & Arts Festival // [Custer](#)

OCTOBER 8-10, 2020

Wild West Songwriters Festival // [Deadwood](#)

OCTOBER 9-11, 2020

Annual Black Hills Powwow and Art Market // [Rapid City](#)

NOVEMBER 27, 2020 - JANUARY 3, 2021

Christmas at the Capitol // [Pierre](#)

DECEMBER 12, 2020

Frontier Christmas // [Fort Sisseton Historic State Park](#)

NOVEMBER-DECEMBER, 2020

1880 Train Holiday Express // [Hill City](#)

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