



# 2019 SOUTH DAKOTA UPDATES

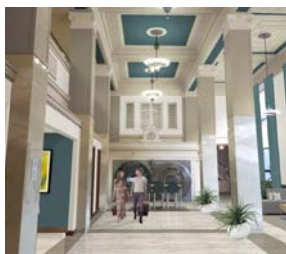
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## LODGING



### 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. [www.ihg.com/staybridge](http://www.ihg.com/staybridge)



### HOTEL PHILLIPS // Sioux Falls

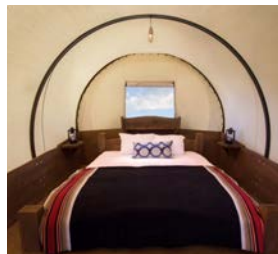
A six-story, 92-room boutique hotel named after Josiah Phillips—one of the founding fathers of Sioux Falls—will open in March 2019. Hotel Phillips will occupy a stately historic building, and the complex will include a swimming pool, conference center, restaurant and retail area.



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. [www.undercanvas.com](http://www.undercanvas.com)



### 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. [www.sunrisereservations.com](http://www.sunrisereservations.com)



### 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](http://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.

[www.rushmorecave.com](http://www.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.

[www.travelsouthdakota.com](http://www.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. [www.sanfordlabhomestake.com](http://www.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. [www.prairieplay.org](http://www.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](http://siouxfallsarcofdreams.org)

## RECENT ACCOLADES



- 1 South Dakota was named **THE HAPPIEST AND HEALTHIEST STATE** in the US by MSN.
- 2 Mount Rushmore was highlighted as a **TOP 10** most remarkable voyages to far-flung destinations.
- 3 South Dakota was named the **"MOST PROMISING DESTINATION"** by Chinese Tourism Media Group.

## NEW VIP EXPERIENCES

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### 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. [www.deadwood.com](http://www.deadwood.com)



### RIIBE OUTDOORS // Yankton

Enjoy a tour of the Missouri National Recreation River! Educational and photography opportunities are endless. Bring the whole family and get a first-hand experience of our powerful river! [www.riibeoutdoors.com](http://www.riibeoutdoors.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](http://adventurerentalsd.com)



### 6<sup>th</sup> MERIDIAN HOPS FARM // Yankton

6<sup>th</sup> 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. [www.6thmeridian.com](http://www.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. [www.blackhillsscootours.com](http://www.blackhillsscootours.com)



### STOCKYARDS AG EXPERIENCE // Sioux Falls

Visitors can learn about agriculture through interactive experiences highlighting history, science, culture, and economic impact. [www.stockyardsagexperience.org](http://www.stockyardsagexperience.org)



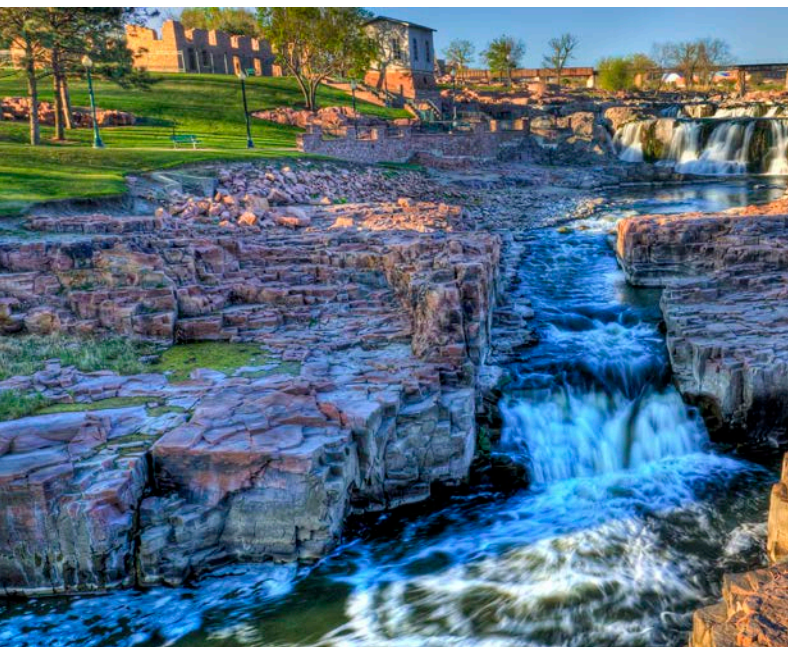
### LEVITT AT THE FALLS // Sioux Falls

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. [www.levittsiouxfalls.org](http://www.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. [www.deadwoodalive.com](http://www.deadwoodalive.com)



## AIRPORTS

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### 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 2018 the Rapid City Regional Airport has welcomed a new seasonal flight from Newark/New York. 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](http://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. [www.cadillacjacksgaming.com](http://www.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. [www.bensbrewing.com](http://www.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! [www.spearfishbrewing.com](http://www.spearfishbrewing.com)

## TOP EVENTS TIMELINE 2019

### JANUARY 25 - FEBRUARY 3, 2019

Annual Black Hills Stock Show & Rodeo // Rapid City

### MARCH 29-30 & APRIL 5-6, 2019

Schmeckfest - Freeman

### APRIL 5-6, 2019

Forks, Corks & Kegs Food, Wine & Beer Festival // Deadwood

### MAY 17-19, 2019

Sound of Silence Tesla Rally // Custer

### JUNE 15-16, 2019

Czech Days // Tabor

### JULY 3-4, 2019

Mount Rushmore National Memorial Independence Day Celebration // Keystone

### JUNE 7-9, 2019

Fort Sisseton Historic Festival // Lake City

### JUNE 1-2, 2019

Crazy Horse Memorial Volksmarch

### JULY 2-7, 2019

100<sup>th</sup> 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

### 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

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