2017 SOUTH DAKOTA
WHAT’S NEW

HOLIDAY INN & SUITES AND
CROOKED PINT ALE HOUSE
| SIOUX FALLS

The Holiday Inn & Suites will open in fall 2017 and feature 116 modern décor guest rooms and suites with balconies overlooking Elmwood Golf Course. The property will also house the Crooked Pint Ale House, a classic pub with the feel of a local neighborhood restaurant. WWW.HOLIDAYINN.COM

LODGING

HOTEL ALEX JOHNSON
| RAPID CITY

The historic Hotel Alex Johnson will complete a full renovation of sleeping rooms by summer 2017 as part of a rebrand to Hilton’s Curio Collection. The Curio Collection by Hilton is a prestigious collection of unique 4- and 5-star hotels that each highlight their own unique history and character. WWW.ALEXJOHNSON.COM

CUSTER STATE PARK RESORTS
| CUSTER STATE PARK

Custer State Park Resorts has completed many updates including remodeled and expanded rooms, new cabins at Sylvan Lake Lodge & State Game Lodge, a new building at Legion Lake Lodge and Restaurant, and more. WWW.CUSTERRESORTS.COM

TRU HOTEL BY HILTON
| DEADWOOD

Deadwood will be home to a new four-story, 108-room TRU HOTEL BY HILTON. The property will be attached to Cadillac Jack’s Gaming Resort. Much of the main floor space will be allocated to food, beverage, and entertainment outlets. Opening May of 2018. WWW.CADILLACJACKSGAMING.COM

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CUSTER STATE PARK
VISITOR CENTER | CUSTER
CUSTER STATE PARK has recently opened a state-of-the-art visitor center, featuring a large touchscreen map of the park and 20-foot-tall scale models of the Cathedral Spires. The 100-seat theater showcases a new film narrated by Kevin Costner that features the park’s stunning beauty. WWW.CUSTERSTATEPARK.COM

DIGNITY
| CHAMBERLAIN AREA
The DIGNITY sculpture is a beautiful, 50-foot-tall depiction of a Native American woman with a sweeping star quilt. The statue is a symbol of the shared bond between the earth and sky as well as a proud tribute to Native American traditions. Dignity is conveniently located on Interstate 90 near Chamberlain overlooking the Missouri River. WWW.CHAMBERLAINSFD.COM

MINUTEMAN MISSILE NATIONAL HISTORIC SITE | NEAR BADLANDS NATIONAL PARK
The National Park Service dedicated new exhibits and a visitor center at MINUTEMAN MISSILE NATIONAL HISTORIC SITE in September 2016. The site preserves a launch control facility and Minuteman II intercontinental ballistic nuclear missile silo, providing a fascinating look at the land-based portion of America’s nuclear defense during the Cold War era and the people and events associated with this recent period of history. WWW.NPS.GOV/MIMI

MITCHELL PREHISTORIC INDIAN VILLAGE | MITCHELL
Recent renovations include a new and larger audio-visual technology wing, new exhibits, a new and expanded gift shop, new lighting, and a newly configured entrance so that visitors feel as though they are entering a 1,000 year-old prehistoric village. WWW.MITCHELLINDIANVILLAGE.ORG

RUSH MOUNTAIN ADVENTURE PARK | KEYSTONE
RUSH MOUNTAIN ADVENTURE PARK & RUSHMORE CAVE sets the standard for family adventure in the Black Hills with four thrilling attractions in one location. The park is home to the Rush Mountain Coaster, Soaring Eagle Zipline Ride, Gunslinger 7-D Interactive Ride and stalactite-filled Rushmore Cave. WWW.RUSHMTN.COM

• RECENT ACCOLADES •

1. Thrillist names Custer State Park #4 of the 25 BEST STATE PARKS IN AMERICA YOU ABSOLUTELY MUST VISIT
2. National Geographic includes Badlands National Park in their “HERE’S WHY YOU MUST VISIT THESE 10 NATIONAL PARKS” list
3. South Dakota was named one of the TOP 10 BEST FAMILY TRAVEL BETS FOR 2017 by Family Vacation Critic
VIP EXPERIENCES

BUFFALO SAFARI JEEP TOUR | CUSTER STATE PARK
Trek through the park in an open-air jeep and go off-road in search of pronghorns, elk and the noble buffalo. Along the way, the guides will share historical and educational facts about the park and wildlife while helping you spot the critters. Tours depart daily from 8 a.m. to 6 p.m. and last 2 hours. WWW.CUSTERRESORTS.COM

HANSEN WAGON WHEEL | LETCHER
Watch craftsman—including a wheelwright, blacksmith and coach maker—build and restore authentic, horse-drawn vehicles such as stagecoaches, mud wagons, hitch wagons, chuck wagons and sheep wagons. (Groups of 4+ only) WWW.HANSENWHEEL.COM

PAN FOR BLACK HILLS GOLD AT BIG THUNDER GOLD MINE | KEYSTONE
Spend the day (or half-day) exploring a genuine Black Hills gold claim while learning to pan for gold in the same gold-rich streams that brought early miners to the Black Hills in the 1800s. WWW.BIGTHUNDERMINE.COM

INGALLS HOMESTEAD COVERED WAGON RIDE | DE SMET
Learn about Laura Ingalls Wilder and pioneer history by participating in a variety of activities. Try driving the covered wagon or twisting haysticks. Participate in the one-room schoolhouse session to learn about what education was like for children living in Dakota Territory in the 1880s. WWW.INGALLSHOMESTEAD.COM

CIRCLE B CHUCKWAGON SUPPER AND COWBOY MUSIC SHOW | HILL CITY
Experience and taste the best of the West at the CIRCLE B CHUCKWAGON. Learn to shoot an authentic Colt .45 or watch a local artist carve wooden buffalos by hand. For dinner, enjoy roast beef, BBQ chicken and roast buffalo with all the cowboy fixins! After supper, enjoy the beautiful harmonies and fun, family-friendly show by the Circle B Cowboys. WWW.CIRCLE-B-RANCH.COM

CLIMB TO THE TOP OF CRAZY HORSE ARM
Make a memory of a lifetime by taking a hike up the mountain and standing on top of Crazy Horse’s arm! The special opportunity must be prearranged with Crazy Horse Memorial or done during a bi-annual volksmarch. CRAZYHORSEMEMORIAL.ORG

ROCK CLIMBING
Experience the rush of rock climbing at Custer State Park, Mount Rushmore National Memorial or Palisades State Park with trusted guides from Sylvan Rocks. WWW.SYLVANROCKS.COM

BRULÉ AT HIGH COUNTRY GUEST RANCH | HILL CITY
Brulé brings world-class evening entertainment to the heart of the hills in what’s been called “a Native American experience in sight, sound and soul.” The 5-time Native American Group of the Year performs four nights a week (Mon-Thurs) outdoors in the High Country Theater, set against the backdrop of the Black Hills National Forest. WWW.HIGHCOUNTRYRANCH.COM/BRULE

BLACK HILLS AERIAL ADVENTURES | CUSTER
Enjoy a unique view of Black Hills and Badlands of South Dakota from a helicopter! A variety of tours are available. WWW.COPTERTOURS.COM

NFAA EASTERN YANKTON ARCHERY COMPLEX | YANKTON
Explore your archery skills by visiting the NATIONAL FIELD ARCHERY ASSOCIATION headquarters. Open 7 days a week, it’s the perfect place for you to hit a bullseye! WWW.YANKTONARCHERYCOMPLEX.ORG
CULINARY

**HAY CAMP BREWING COMPANY | RAPID CITY**
HAY CAMP BREWING COMPANY’S new location features a 3,000-square-foot stage and event area for live music and shows, a café and restaurant that complement the brewery, an art gallery and a woodworking shop. [WWW.HAYCAMPBREWING.COM](http://WWW.HAYCAMPBREWING.COM)

**KÖL | RAPID CITY**
The cornerstone of (köl) is a massive coal-fired oven (nearly 10 feet wide) that glows with a combination of dancing gas flames and red hot coals highly visible both inside and outside of the restaurant. The restaurant is also home to Ignite Nightclub, a Vegas/Miami-style night spot. [WWW.KOLFIREDSQUARESPACE.COM](http://WWW.KOLFIREDSQUARESPACE.COM)

**POUR HOUSE | DEADWOOD**
The POUR HOUSE has a passion for good food, good times and good friends. In addition to the fantastic pizza, they stock a full bar with a wide variety of craft beers, including locally brewed beers that are sure to amaze your taste buds. [WWW.POURHOUSEDEADWOOD.COM](http://WWW.POURHOUSEDEADWOOD.COM)

**STENSLAND FAMILY FARMS ICE CREAM & COUNTRY STORE | SIOUX FALLS**
This farm-to-table operation offers fresh, hand-dipped ice cream and treats as well as various other local dairy products. The delicious ice cream is fresh from the family dairy located just outside of Sioux Falls. Take a tour of the facility and get an up-close look at the dairy operation, creamery and store! [WWW.STENSLANDFAMILYFARMS.COM](http://WWW.STENSLANDFAMILYFARMS.COM)

**WOODEN LEGS | BROOKINGS**
This brewpub prides itself on its award-winning handcrafted local beers! Have a Certified Cicerone serve you one of their flagship beers brewed in-house and always on tap. Pair a beer with one of their cracker crust pizzas or fresh deli sandwiches for a truly delightful culinary experience. [WWW.WOODENLEGSBREWING.COM](http://WWW.WOODENLEGSBREWING.COM)

**GREAT EXPERIENCES**

- **TOP EVENTS TIMELINE**
  - **January 27–February 5**
    - Annual Black Hills Stock Show & Rodeo | RAPID CITY
  - **March 24-25, March 31-April 1**
    - Schmeckfest | FREEMAN
  - **June 2-4**
    - Fort Sisseton Historical Festival | LAKE CITY
  - **June 3-4, October 1**
    - Crazy Horse Memorial Volksmarch | CRAZY HORSE MEMORIAL
  - **June 10 & 25, July 30**
    - Mount Rushmore Rodeo at Palmer Gulch | HILL CITY
  - **June 16-18**
    - Wild Bill Days | DEADWOOD
  - **June 16-17**
    - Czech Days | TABOR
  - **July 3-4**
    - Mount Rushmore National Memorial Independence Day Celebration | KEYSTONE
  - **July 13-16**
    - Corn Palace Stampede Rodeo | MITCHELL
  - **July 13-16**
    - Sioux Falls Jazzfest | SIOUX FALLS
  - **July 7-9, 14-16 & 21-23**
    - Laura Ingalls Wilder Pageant | DE SMET
  - **July 25-29**
    - Days of ’76 Rodeo & Parades | DEADWOOD
  - **August 7-13**
    - Sturgis Motorcycle Rally | STURGIS
  - **August 31-September 4**
    - South Dakota State Fair | HURON
  - **September 14-16**
    - St. Joseph’s Indian School 41st Annual Powwow | CHAMBERLAIN
  - **September 15-17**
    - 200th Anniversary of Fort Pierre | FORT PIERRE
  - **September 28-30**
    - Custer State Park Buffalo Roundup & Arts Festival | CUSTER
  - **November 22–December 31**
    - Christmas at the Capital | PIERRE
  - **December 9**
    - Frontier Christmas | SISSETON