Food and Dining 2020 – Death Valley & Beatty

Dining & General Stores in Death Valley are concessions licensed by the National Park Service – there is no competition and prices are high at "resort" levels. Prices in Beatty are more reasonable.

Group Exercise: As **all of our Photo Field Trips are "no complaining allowed"**, let's just get the price comments out of our system before we go.

$5 gas! $20 lunches! $40 dinners! $9 beers! Rents are too damn high!!
OK, no more complaining while we're on this adventure.

Bottled water, snacks & happy hour beverages – You will always need to carry extra water and snacks in your car.

Happy Hour will be nightly ~ **Time & Location to be determined, see Trip Pack #2**. ~~8 P.M. at the Ranch. Outdoors at a fire pit near the entrance or in the "Square"~~. This is an "option" event; if no one shows up, we are out taking great photos or a nap.

General Stores are available at Furnace Creek and Stovepipe Wells. These are well stocked and have snacks, water, beverages, packaged sandwiches, gifts, ice, etc. There are also stores & restaurants in Beatty ~ 25 miles from Furnace Creek Ranch.

Dining is limited but there is a reasonable variety for this wilderness area. The Furnace Creek area is the "hub", this has been name "branded" as **"The Oasis"**.

T**he Ranch** section is like a western town with many hotel rooms, RV campgrounds, stores, a gas station with European prices and places to eat and gather. It's a fun place to walk around with outdoor history exhibits and a museum.

Group meals. We don't have any large group meals planned as reservations and service are usually poor for large groups. You are encouraged to invite others in our photo group to join together for meals as you see each other.

Death Valley Places to Eat – (Disclaimer – Do your own research on all places to eat)

Inn at Furnace Creek Dining Room is upscale and a worth-while experience. Great views if you get a window seat. Has a good veranda outside for "long views". A great place for history, art work, architecture, walk arounds. Lunch prices are about $25+.

The 19th Hole at the Golf Course at Furnace Creek has typical Bar & Grill fare with sandwiches, salads, dogs and light snacks. Very good reviews for casual food.

1849 Buffet (formerly Forty Niner Café) **at the Furnace Creek Ranch**. Features "American" style fare (comfort food) buffet for breakfast, lunch and dinner. **NOTE: recent food reviews are terrible at 2 stars average (47 ratings on TripAdvisor). Thus you are alerted to do your own research.**

The Last Kind Words Saloon at Furnace Creek Ranch. Yelp rated at 3 stars with some folks happy, some not. Prices extremely high. **Do your own research**.

Stovepipe Wells has the **Toll Road Restaurant** featuring western fare with a buffet for breakfast and dinner. No lunch service. The **Badwater Saloon** offers light lunch and snacks plus the typical western booze. There is gift shop in the Hotel Lobby area. Across the street is **the General Store** which is well stocked plus many good souvenirs and gifts at ok prices. Behind this is a gigantic RV/Campground.

Panamint Springs near DV's west entrance. Avoid unless your car is out of gas or you are desperate. Fuel up in Bishop or Lone Pine before you get this far.

Beatty Places to Eat

Eddie World is a large gas station and giant convenience store adjacent with several food areas inside (see below). **Best gas prices** in the DV area. Known as the "Disney Land of Gas Stations" with the large Nut & Candy store.

Death Valley Nut & Candy Store is part of Eddie World. Souvenirs & trashy trinkets, candy and junk food, packaged sandwiches, bottled drinks, coffee bar, packaged ice and much more. Well worth the stop with clean rest rooms. Prices are a pleasure compared to Death Valley NP.

Subway sandwich store inside Eddie World. Good for sandwiches to go.

Mel's Diner is just south of the main street area on Highway 95. **Excellent reviews**. May only take cash. Check for hours open.

Denny's… is a Denny's. Three stars per Tripadvisor. Regular Denny's menu.

Gema's Wagon Wheel Café. Good reviews and prices. Many locals.

Sourdough Saloon. **Beware**, many reviews noted surly bartender, lousy cook, hostile barstool locals, bad service and nasty restrooms.

"**Happy Burro" Chili & Beer**. Excellent reviews at 4.5 stars. Not sure if the burro is happy because of the chili or beer, or both, but lots of customers are very happy. Sounds like a fun place if you're into this type of food and don't have roommates.