

Death Valley Lodging & RV Camping Possibilities

Monday, March 2, 2020 Check in, Saturday, March 7, 2020 Check out

Note: **Our group activities will be centered at “The Ranch at Death Valley”** (formerly the Furnace Creek Ranch) which is next to the USNP Death Valley Visitor Center. The Furnace Creek area has been through a \$100 million renovation funded by the private property owners since our last visit and rates have increased. For lodging suggestions refer to: www.nps.gov Death Valley National Park which includes lodging both inside the Park and nearby including Beatty, NV and other areas. Also search online with the usual suspects like Yelp, Google, etc.

Because of the renovations, the names of many of the resorts inside the Park have changed (similar to Yosemite’s back and forth name changes).

Reservations can be made via www.Xanterra.com/deathvalley for certain parts of Death Valley. Reservations can also be made via www.usparklodging which is a booking agent for the hotels and charges a 10% nonrefundable fee for the entire cost of the reservation.

Because of the Park’s growing popularity, there are no longer any discount rates for the busy visitor seasons. I recommend you do your own searches to find places where you will be comfortable. The very best (lowest) rates are at places just outside DVNP to the east or south.

The following properties have been recommended or tagged as “avoid” by club members from their past travels. Do your own research on-line and then make your decision.

The Inn at Death Valley (Furnace Creek Inn) – A special property and special prices at about \$500+/night. Yikes! Anything lower starts to sound like a real bargain.

The Oasis at Death Valley (New) – Upscale with rates about \$350+/night.

The Ranch at Death Valley (Furnace Creek Ranch) This will be our center of operations. Make your reservations as soon as possible. Rates starting at \$279/night. Book by calling Xanterra as noted above.

Stovepipe Wells – a rustic motel type of property. Clean and bare-bones. Rates may start at \$144. Located near Mesquite Dunes. Also a bare-bones campground and RV sites are across the street.

Beatty, Nevada area - numerous motels located here. Sells out quickly because of low rates and not that far from the DV National Park boundary. Has RV parks, casino-hotels, a large (very good) Motel 6 and many motels. This is not too far from the Furnace Creek or Death Valley Ranch and Visitor Center, about a 35 minute drive. Beatty is a good area to select because of the much more frugal lodging rates and many stores & restaurants.

Amargosa Opera House & Hotel – a famous “haunted” property with plenty of strange sounds at night. Has been featured on “Haunted” TV shows. You need to have a sense of adventure to stay here. Well worn but very interesting. Rates start at \$90. Charlie captured an image of a female ghost when he last stayed here and shared it with us at the “Show & Tell party”. Not for the faint of heart. Ask Charlie for more details regarding this property.

Panamont Springs Resort – Located on the western edge of DV. Reviews suggest to “avoid at all costs!” and “disgusting”. Rates can start at \$35 but are overpriced. I’m just saying... Avoid.

Many other “Resorts” and “Hotels” are listed which are just outside the boundary of the NP. There are a number of RV parks as well.

Overall, the earlier you make a decision, the lower the rates and greater the availability of what you want. You can always cancel later if your trip plans change.