

The Old Spanish Trail Tour Part II - Notes on Motels, ETC.

This year in addition to leading the Old Spanish Trail Tour Part I, I also participated in the Chrome Glidden in Texas, The Mid-Atlantic Tour in Pennsylvania, The GLR in Michigan, The Lewis & Clark in Montana and Idaho and The Studebaker Zone Meet in La Junta, Colorado. I have been busy surveying and listening to folks on these tours and elsewhere at chapter meetings. The general consensus is that participants want to see the costs of touring lowered. Some members explained that they had not gone on some tours due to the high registration cost and the much higher costs of motels.

I concur with their desires. On the last Old Spanish Trail Tour, I lost several hundred dollars because my negotiations included pre-paying for some meals and venues before the cancelations came in. To prevent this from happening again and to comply with the request to keep costs low, I have taken several actions. I will limit the tour to twenty five (25) vehicles. The opening and closing banquets and one of the lunches will be at a Golden Corral in various towns. All lunches will be included as per the desire of the majority of those heard from. The motels will be through Wyndom and will be either Days Inn or Ramada. All will include breakfast of some sort. I have checked out all of these motels and other than some with small eating areas, they have proven to be acceptable. They were clean, quiet and had adequate parking. As I have driven the routes, I have found that many places are still suffering from staffing shortages and increasing costs of supplies. I hope these changes work out for each of you. After 25 registrations are in, there will be a waiting list maintained to fill in any withdrawals. Registration cost will be the same as Part I with no increase.

We will be stopping at several paid for and included venues that I hope you find worthy of our visit. Some venues were enjoyed on the Western National Tour but are worthy of a second visit.

By a vote of last year's participants, we are following as closely as possible, the route taken by Fathers Dominguez and Velez de Escalante. We will start at the Ramada in Grand Junction where Part I concluded. On Saturday and Sunday, before our first meal at the Golden Corral, there will be opportunities to drive over Grand Mesa (The largest Flat Top Mountain) and The Colorado National Monument. On Monday, we will travel over Douglas Pass and have a catered lunch of wraps at the Rangely Auto Museum owned by Bud Streigel. Then it is on to Dinosaur National Monument in Jensen on our way to staying the night in Vernal at the Days Inn.

Our second day has us following the route of the padres to Helper, Utah for lunch at Balanced Rock near the local museum and display of mining equipment nearby. We then go over Soldier Summit stopping at a rest area with wonderful displays of Railroad equipment and historical information signs. We end our day at the Days Inn located on the route the padres took out of Spanish Fort in Springville.

Our third day has us following secondary roads through farm country to go through Nephi and Delta, Utah. We see farms, ranches, mining operations and small towns on our way to Parowan Gap then Cedar City where we will spend the night at the Ramada after a 'lunner' at the Golden Corral on the south end of Main or the old Hwy 91

We will have plenty of snacks and drinks each day whenever we stop

On our fourth day, we shall journey through Kannaraville to Kolob Canyon and then on through Enterprise to the Mountain Meadows historical site on the way to St. George where we will spend two nights at the Days Inn. Our lunch or 'lunner' will be at the Chuck-A-Rama, an old established buffet where folks have gone for years. Our closing banquet will be at the Golden Corral in Washington - a suburb of St. George.

I use my wife's term 'lunner' since it may be a bit late for lunch and early for supper but the buffets may leave you not needing supper anyway. There are several things we are doing in the St. George area that are yet to be arranged since the venues do not have their schedules set at this time.

Motels: All - Mention VMCCA for the group rate. It may be under VMC as well
All are pet friendly - Ask about any fees

Sunday. 12th - Grand Junction - Ramada - 752 Horizon Drive (970) 812 0408
K \$84 2Q \$94

Monday. 13th Vernal - Days Inn - 1092 W Hwy 40 (435) 363 4939
\$107 K or 2Q

Tuesday. 14th Springville - Days Inn 520 S 2000 W Springville (801) 477 4508
K \$90 2Q \$95

Wednesday. 15th Cedar City - Ramada - 1575 W 200 N (435) 267 0856
K \$73 2Q \$94

Thursday & Friday 16th and 17th St. George - Days Inn - 150 N 1000 E (435) 673 6123
K \$66 2Q \$69

For those of you not knowing Utah - Addresses are at the distance and direction from the Temple whenever possible.

In Grand Junction, the Ramada is on Horizon Drive on the way to the airport. North of the Freeway I 70.

In Vernal, the Days Inn is on the west end of town set back from the highway a bit and on the North side of the highway.

In Springville, The Days Inn is just west of the freeway I 15. and on the South side of the road we will take Nephi.

In Cedar City, The Ramada is a bit west of the freeway I 15 and south of Hwy. 56 which is the highway we take to Enterprise then St, George. In St. George, The Days Inn is just a bit west of I 15 and on the north side of St. George Blvd.

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