

2017 Twilight Tours Solar Eclipse Program

Preliminary Itinerary

Saturday, August 19th day/afternoon: Individual tour members make their way to the Casper, WY area, using personal ground transportation/automobiles, commercial airline flights, or other modes of transport. For those tour members arriving via commercial flights into Denver International Airport (DIA), transfer from that facility to our hotel in Casper will be available via air conditioned motor coaches at a nominal additional cost (~\$60 per person).

Saturday, August 19th evening: A casual, hosted welcome reception in the atrium area of our hotel, the Ramada Riverside Plaza Hotel and Conference Center, takes place this evening. Both “adult beverages”, non-alcoholic refreshments, as well as light appetizers, shall be served to all tour members in attendance. **(Reception Appetizers/beverages)**

Sunday, August 20th day: Tour members have the option of either attending seminar/lecture sessions during the day which will cover topics to include: eclipse day planning, photographic techniques to capture eclipse imagery, eclipse safety, and other pertinent topics. Conversely, they can spend the day making individual preparations for tomorrow’s eclipse (e.g. equipment checkout, last minute purchases of needed items for E-Day, etc.). As well, those wishing to do so, can use the day participating in local outdoor activities indigenous to the Casper area (river rafting, fishing, hiking, etc) at their own expense... **(B) NOTE:** Dinner is on tour participants’ own recognizance this evening.

Monday, August 21, Eclipse Day !!: Depending on the latest weather conditions in the area, our air conditioned, 50 passenger motor coaches will depart our hotel in the morning for one of several previously-scouted eclipse observing venues. NOTE: buses may depart as early as 7 AM, depending upon up to the minute meteorological information, as we may need to commute between 100 to 150 miles either west or east of Casper, to set up in an area having the most likely probability of clear skies for the eclipse.

Partial phases of the eclipse will begin at ~ 10:22 MDT. Totality is set to begin at ~ 11:42 AM MDT and have a duration of some 2m 25 sec. The end of partial phases of the eclipse will occur at 1:09 PM MDT.

Following the eclipse, we will return to our hotel for a celebration BBQ, and an opportunity for tour members to display/share their imagery/videos of today's dramatic astronomical event. **(B, D)**

Tuesday, August 22nd: Tour members will check out of our hotel and make their way back to their originating home towns. Similar to August 19th, optional transpiration via motor coach back to Denver International Airport will be available at additional cost of ~ \$60 per person... **(B)**

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