

Diablo Valley Corvettes DEATH VALLEY RUN

April 25 – April 28, 2009



Saturday, April 25, 2009

Leave Bay Area via I-80 and US50 to US95, south to Tonopah, NV. Stay the night at Jim Butler Motel.

Sunday, April 26, 2009

US 95 south to NV 267, tour **Scotty's Castle**. Lunch at Scotty's or Furnace Creek, quick check in at Furnace Creek Ranch Motel, afternoon tour of **Badwater** and **Artist's Drive**. Custom BBQ Dinner at Furnace Creek Ranch, retire for the evening.

Monday, April 27, 2009

Leave Furnace Creek, view **Zabriskie Point** and **Sand Dunes**, exit park via CA 190 to Lone Pine. North on US 395 to Topaz Lake. Stay the night at Topaz Lake Resort/Casino where we will have a specially prepared banquet for DVC.

Tuesday, April 28, 2009

Return to Bay Area via CA 89 and CA 88 to Lodi, then CA 12 to Bay Area.

Scotty's Castle: Prospector "Death Valley Scotty" claimed this elaborate Spanish-style mansion was built by gold from his fictitious mine. In reality, it was the 1920s vacation home of his wealthy friends. Today, living history tours of the castle's richly furnished interior are given by costumed park rangers.

Badwater: Lowest point in the Western Hemisphere, Badwater Basin is a surreal landscape of vast salt flats. A temporary lake may form here after heavy rainstorms. Do not walk on the salt flats in hot weather.

Artist's Drive: Scenic loop drive through multi-hued volcanic and sedimentary hills. Artist's Palette is especially photogenic in late afternoon light. The 9-mile paved road is one-way and is only drivable with vehicles less than 25 feet in length

Zabriskie Point: Surrounded by a maze of wildly eroded and vibrantly colored badlands, this spectacular view is one of the park's most famous. Zabriskie Point is a popular sunrise and sunset viewing location. The viewpoint is a short walk uphill from the parking area.

Sand Dunes: Tawny dunes smoothly rising nearly 100 feet from Mesquite Flat. Late afternoon light accentuates the ripples and patterns while morning is a good time to view tracks of nocturnal wildlife. Moonlight on the dunes can be magical, yet night explorers should be alert for sidewinder rattlesnakes during the warm season.

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\$400 Non-Refundable Deposit Required by October 4, 2008

Trip limited to first 20 cars with paid deposits