

RMJC Total Solar Eclipse Tour of Aug. 21, 2017

A “once in a lifetime opportunity” !

Most of us have never seen a “total” eclipse of the sun! We all have seen “partial” eclipses but they are not much to see - the sky gets a little darker and if you carefully look at the sun you can see that a “bite” has been taken out of it.

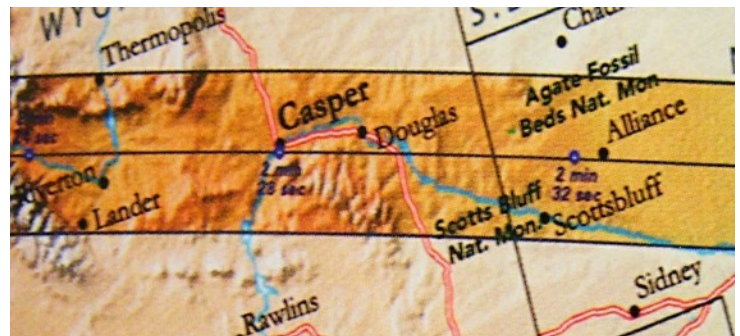
But a “total eclipse” is as different as night is to day. At the moment of total eclipse the sky darkens like a moonlight night, the corona around the sun shines, the stars and planets become visible and the air cools as the shadow of the moon races across the country at 2000 miles per hour. It is then safe to look directly at the sun. Special effects like the “diamond ring” and “Baily’s Beads” appear as the sun streams through mountain valleys of the moon. After 2 ½ minutes of totality the sun again emerges from behind the moon and a fading partial eclipse brings the sun back in about 90 minutes. The last time one was visible in Denver was in 1918 and the next one won’t be here until the year 2293. Google “eclipse 2017” for much more information.

On August 21, 2017, at 11:44 AM, there will be a total eclipse crossing central WY and we are going to go see it on a chartered bus. Sirius Travel is providing the tour service which will leave Denver at 6 AM Monday the 21st with a luxury 50 passenger bus (WiFi and bathroom). It will take us to a ranch south of Douglas, WY near the center of the 75 mile diameter eclipse path which is moving East at 1,934 mph; totality will last for 2 1/2 minutes. A picnic lunch and eclipse viewing glasses will be provided and we will be there for 3 to 4 hours before returning to Denver at 5 PM.

The eclipse path across the US



The eclipse path in WY and NE



Make plans now to join us on the bus tour. Although the “group name” is RMJC (Jaguar Club) we are welcoming all who want to join us and membership in the club is NOT necessary. It would be great to get the whole 50 passenger bus filled with friends and acquaintances. But you must register with Sirius Travel (see below) and pay them directly. You could drive the 400 mile trip yourself but you will have more fun with us.

The tour will likely sell out by the end of Jan. so make reservations early.

Tour Registration: The cost is \$200 per person and each person needs to register and pay the Tour company directly. Go to their web page at “siriustravel.com” and find the “2017 Day Trip from Denver” (303-886-5641). Several people can be included on one registration. Where it asks for “group” select “RMJC” to ensure that we will all be on the same bus (they will be running 17 buses). A full refund is available up to May 1st. Note this registration is between you and the Sirius tour company and the RMJC itself is not directly involved.

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