

CONCLAVE 2019

September 6-11

AND BEST OF THE WEST TOUR, SEPTEMBER 5-14, 2019

Want to go to the Austin Healey Conclave 2019 in Deadwood, South Dakota and enjoy five additional days touring the Best in the West, all while avoiding up to 1800 miles of boring interstate driving?

READ ON!

Steve Kirby, President of the Austin Healey Association of Southern California is planning a tour which involves chartering a commercial car hauler to take our cars from their home bases in the LA or SF Bay Areas to Denver, CO where we will pick them up and drive the 380 miles to Deadwood via scenic back roads. After attending Conclave, the tour will set out for Salt Lake City, UT via some of the most spectacular roads and parks in America. In Salt Lake your car will be reloaded on the car hauler and delivered to your home base.



Tour Itinerary (tentative)

Monday, September 2: Load Cars in LA Area

Tuesday, September 3: Load Cars in SF Area

Thursday, September 5: *Fly to Denver, pick up cars near the airport, drive to Cheyenne, WY and overnight (driving time 1:40, 110 miles)*

Friday, September 6: *Drive to Deadwood, SD via scenic route stopping at Custer State Park and Crazy Horse Memorial. Check in for Conclave. Welcome Reception*

Saturday, September 7 – Tuesday, September 10:

Conclave 2019, including driving tours, Mt. Rushmore visit, car show, tech sessions, gymkhana and funkhana, concours judging, social events, awards banquet and more.

Go to <https://event-wizard.com/Conclave2019/0/welcome> for all the details.

Wednesday, September 11: *Farewell Breakfast and on the road to Cody, WY via the Devil's Tower National Monument. Overnight Cody. (Driving time 6:20, 380 miles.)*

Thursday, September 12: *Touring Yellowstone National Park via Central and Northern Grand Loop Roads. Yellowstone Lake and Visitors Center, Inspiration Point, Petrified Tree, Obsidian Cliff and much more. Overnight West Yellowstone. (Driving time 5:00, 200 miles.)*

Friday, September 13: *Touring South Yellowstone National Park, Old Faithful Geyser, Fountain Paint Pots and more. Leave Yellowstone and tour Grand Tetons National Park. Overnight Pocatello, ID. (Driving time 5:00, 200 miles.)*

Saturday, September 14: *Drive to Salt Lake City, load cars and fly home. (Driving time 2:20, 164 miles.)*

Total mileage not including Conclave about 1100. Driving time total about 21 hours.

Monday, September 16: Cars delivered to SF Bay Area

Tuesday, September 17: Cars delivered to LA Area

(please note that the itinerary is tentative at this time as details are being finalized, your input welcome)



What the Tour Includes:

- *All car hauling transportation arrangements*
 - *Amazing hotels all pre-booked*
- *Turn by Turn Tour Book with extensive descriptions of the places we will visit*
- *Pre-programmed turn by turn directions for your Garmin GPS. Plug and Go*
 - *Travel in caravan or on your own, as you wish*
- *Preplanned rest stops, lunch stops and dinner recommendations (we never drive more than two hours without a stop)*
- *Itinerary and arrangements by Steve Kirby who has planned several Healey Club adventures including Scotland (6 Healeys 2013), New Zealand (7 Healeys 2016), Europe (11 Healeys 2018). If you have never been on one of Steve's Tours, you are in for a treat!*
- *Healey mechanical expert with the tour to assist with any "issues".*
- *Comraderie you must experience to believe! You will make new friends for life.*

What the Tour Costs:

\$0

You pay for your own expenses, including a modest fee for printing route books and producing Garmin chips. There is no cost for the planning and organizing services. Note that some expenses may have to be paid in advance to secure reservations and group hotel rates.

Note: If you are planning to drive the entire trip or are trailering your Healey, you can still join our tour and enjoy all the benefits and fun.



What Will I Spend?:

A reasonable budget would be:

Car Hauling round trip \$2000 (may be less if we fill the carrier)

Conclave Registration Fee including Mt. Rushmore tour, BBQ dinner/dance and
Banquet: \$365/couple

Airfare to Denver and return via Salt Lake City: \$600/couple

Hotels (10 nights at \$125 average): \$1250/couple

Park Admissions: \$200/car

Gas, Food, Beverages and Misc.: Up to you.



What Do I Do Next?:

- If you have any interest, contact Steve Kirby NOW to get on the email list for future updates. Names will go on the list in the order received. Once we fill one car carrier, we will have to wait to get enough signups before committing to a second one, so don't be disappointed. Get on the mailing list now.
- There is NO obligation at this point and NO financial commitment. Likely no tour expenses until July, 2019. A commitment date will be announced well in advance.
- Sign up for Conclave at the website listed above now and book your hotel in Deadwood. Contact Steve if you have any questions or want some alternative hotel suggestions. The Conclave cancellation fee is only \$30 before August 1, so if you decide not to go, you have little to lose.

Contact: Steve Kirby, sackirby@pacbell.net or 949 261-8208

Want More Info?

Conclave website: <https://event-wizard.com/Conclave2019/0/welcome>

Custer State Park: <https://gfp.sd.gov/parks/detail/custer-state-park/>

Crazy Horse Memorial: <https://crazyhorsememorial.org/visit>

Mount Rushmore: <https://www.nps.gov/moru/index.htm>

Devil's Tower: <https://www.nps.gov/deto/index.htm>

Yellowstone National Park: <https://www.nationalparks.org/explore-parks/yellowstone-national-park?>

Grand Tetons National Park: <https://www.nps.gov/grte/index.htm>