

PDX MINI

Presents the

Surprise Valley Tour

September 17th-19th, 2010

A meandering tour of Diamond Lake, Crater Lake and the "other" Oregon



As a counterpoint to our Drive 'til You Drop tour, this is designed for all the other folks who enjoy their cars. A word of warning, if you don't want to stop and smell a few roses, this tour might not be for you. If you love the countryside of this beautiful state and want to see more than the car in front of you, this is your tour. A three day tour really gives us a chance to get to know our fellow MINIacs as well! We will be making a scenic drive over mostly curvy roads (and some I-5 since we will be pretty far outside of Portland) along the Umpqua and Rogue Rivers with other sights including Diamond Lake and Crater Lake. Since this is a scenic drive it will include stops for a waterfall and several stops along the Crater Lake Rim and scenic views points along the way.

Day 1 - 250 miles

We start in Salem and take I-5 south where we get an early lunch at Tomaselli's Pastry Mill and Café in Elkton and then cruise along the main Umpqua River as it curves towards the ocean. We go upriver towards Colliding Rivers for a pit stop and top off with gas. Colliding Rivers has two different rivers that join the North Umpqua from opposite directions. We cruise up the North Umpqua and stay overnight at the Diamond Lake Resort.

Lodging Information - Diamond Lake Resort

They have hotel rooms and cabins. See the attached brochure for reservation information.

Day 2 - 145 miles

We leave Diamond Lake and spend some time driving around and sightseeing at Oregon's only National park, Crater Lake. There is a \$10 per car fee for the National park. If you don't want to see Crater Lake there are other things to do in the area and you can meet up with us outside the park for lunch. After lunch we head south towards Medford and then head up the Tiller Trail towards Canyonville where we spend the second night at the Riverside Motel. Everyone is on their own to explore Canyonville's Stanton park (South Umpqua River), the antique stores or check out the casino if that is your preference. We can all gather and eat dinner at the local Mexican restaurant, Paraisio.

Lodging information - Riverside Motel in Canyonville

Call Shirley Peebles at 541-839-4557 except on Tuesdays and Wednesdays (her days off). We have 11 rooms reserved (all except for 1). Prices range from 61.56 for 1 or 2 up to 75.60 for 3 or 4 sharing a room. They have rooms with 1, 2 and 3 beds. They are being held under the name Sally Boussios. Bring chairs to enjoy the nice large lawn out in front if you want to gather in the evening at the hotel. This is a small motel so reserve early. Once this hotel is full, check the Seven Feathers Resort and Casino or The Best Western across the freeway, their prices are more like \$100.

Day 3 - 150 miles or so back to Salem

Since we have still not seen Surprise Valley, we will make a short trip north of our motel for the drive by and then head north on I-5 for the 200 miles back to Portland. Some may want to sleep in and others may wish to leave early so we will organize a caravan back or you can head back on your own.

Meet up Friday, September 17th at Denny's parking lot, [3155 Ryan Dr SE Salem, OR](#). 9:00 am, first car out at 9:30

RSVP: By no later than **September 10th** to events@pdxmini.org. You will need to tell us how many cars and how many people. Also, let us know if you have your room reservations.

Fee: The normal member fee of \$5 and guest fee of \$10.