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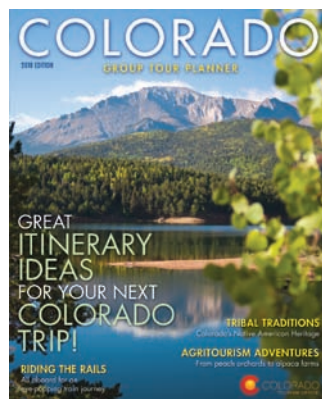
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ON THE COVER

Rocky Mountain high:
14,110-foot Pikes Peak
(Photo courtesy
Colorado Springs CVB)



A herd of resident elk finds a stream to their liking in Rocky Mountain National Park.

Colorado Tourism Office/
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Colorado Beckons Groups

Welcome to Colorful Colorado! You've picked up the inaugural Tour Colorado Group Tour Planner. Chances are you are ready to build a new tour itinerary, create a new travel package or plan your next trip to our state. We are ready to help you with all things Colorado.

Tour Colorado is the statewide organization marketing directly to you, the domestic tour operator or packaged travel planner. We work in partnership with the Colorado Tourism Office, destinations, attractions, lodgers and tourism service providers that understand the benefits of group tours. But let's not get caught up talking about our association because in these pages you will find content that speaks your language.

Take our story on Tribal Traditions, which uncovers little known historical sites and attractions spotlighting our state's first inhabitants, including the Ute, Navajo and Cheyenne-Arapaho tribes. Or the article showcasing two of our tour operator members. Nothing beats a testimonial of successful Colorado tours by a fellow operator. And then there is the map. Take a look at the quick reference guide comprising Welcome Center locations, an easy-to-read drive timetable, Amtrak schedules and inbound flight information.

Bring your groups to experience Colorado. Explore our four uniquely different national parks, travel on historic trains, discover vibrant mountain towns, get your cameras out for breathtaking views, eat and drink, take part in on-the-farm cooking classes, relax in natural scenic beauty, check out distinctive shops, learn how to homebrew, go on archaeological digs. We at Tour Colorado know you'll enjoy it all.

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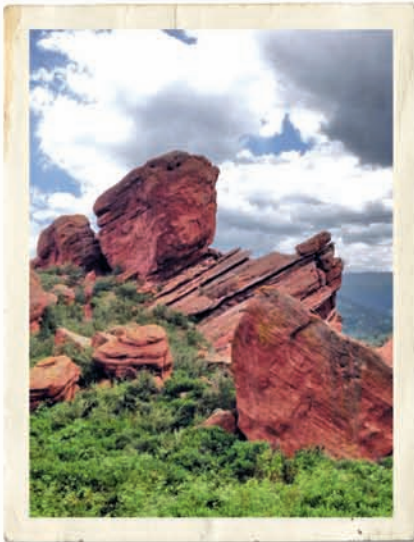
Check out five of the top reasons to visit Denver!



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RED ROCKS PARK & AMPHITHEATRE.

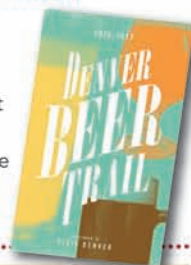
No music lover's bucket list is complete without experiencing a concert under the stars at the world-famous Red Rocks Amphitheatre; and, by day, visitors hike the park's scenic trails amidst ancient, giant boulders.



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DENVER BEER TRAIL.

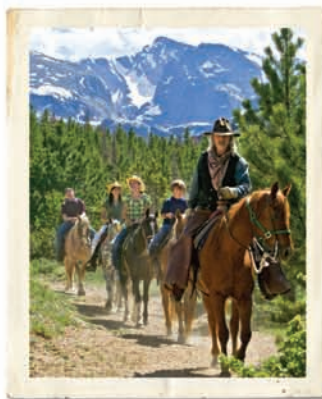
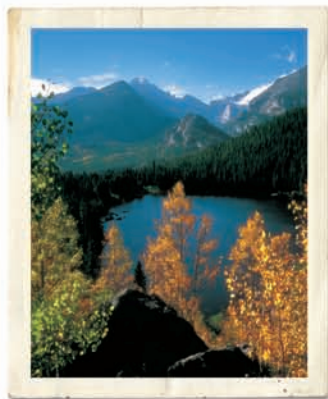
Sip one of the 200 craft beers brewed in Denver daily, and let the Denver Beer Trail be your guide to 30 of Denver's creative breweries, most located in the city's walkable downtown.



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OUTDOOR ADVENTURES.

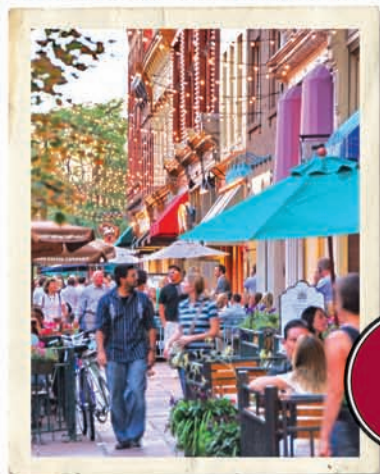
With 300 days of sunshine each year, there is no shortage of outdoor fun in The Mile High City. Grab a B-cycle to explore urban neighborhoods, or take a day trip to hike and enjoy the magnificent views in Rocky Mountain National Park.



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ROCKMOUNT RANCH WEAR.

Shop for authentic Western shirts, boots and hats at this iconic store in downtown Denver, just like rock stars do. Learn about Papa Jack, grandfather of Rockmount's current owner, who invented the snap-button cowboy shirt.



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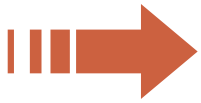
LARIMER SQUARE & UNION STATION.

Denver's dining scene is heating up in places like Larimer Square where Victorian buildings are now home to boutique shops, wine bars and restaurants, or in historic Union Station which has become a hotspot for innovative cuisine and old-fashioned elegance.


DENVER

The Mile High City

Find all this and more at
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Getting here is easy.

Colorado Welcome Centers

Ten Official Colorado Welcome Centers are located throughout the state and easily accessible from every major highway entering the state. Services provided by dedicated volunteer Colorado experts are free. More information is available at colorado.com/official-colorado-welcome-centers.

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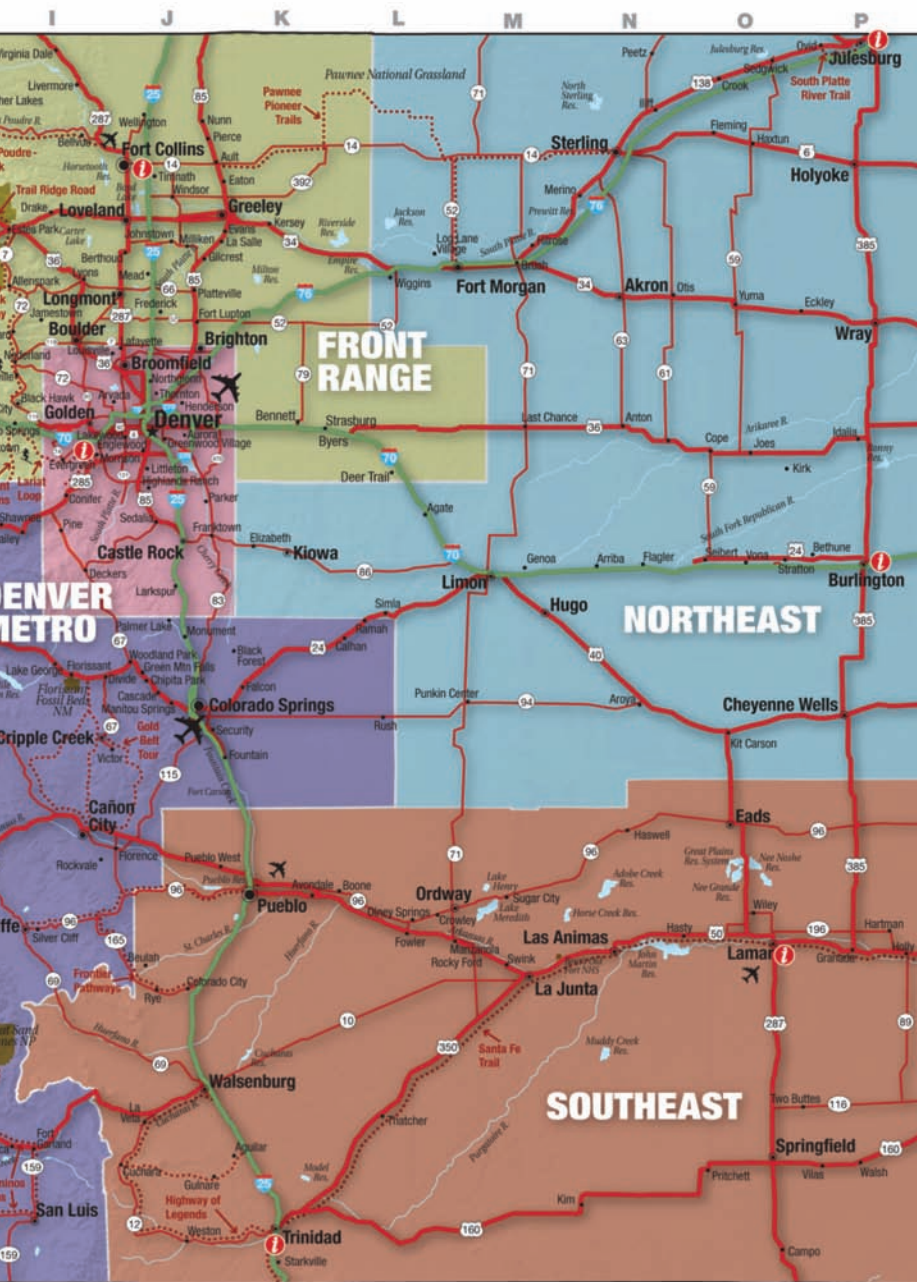
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Getting around is easier.



Colorado Driving Distances At a glance, this handy chart shows distances in miles between popular tourist cities.

	Aspen/Snowmass	Boulder	Glenwood Springs	Colorado Springs	Cortez	Denver	Durango	Estes Park	Fort Collins	Georgetown	Golden	Grand Junction	Greeley	Ignacio	Leadville	Sterling
Aspen/Snowmass	0	165	42	156	270	159	242	208	219	115	151	128	218	272	59	282
Boulder	165	0	163	97	393	29	348	37	67	57	20	255	57	339	112	142
Glenwood Springs	42	163	0	222	312	157	246	206	217	113	149	87	216	270	88	280
Colorado Springs	156	97	222	0	358	70	314	133	133	111	81	309	124	304	128	197
Cortez	270	393	312	358	0	381	46	430	441	354	372	227	440	68	297	504
Denver	159	29	157	70	381	0	336	65	67	45	15	243	56	327	100	128
Durango	242	348	246	314	46	336	0	385	397	310	328	167	396	32	253	459
Estes Park	208	37	206	133	430	65	385	0	42	88	56	288	49	374	143	155
Fort Collins	219	67	217	133	441	67	397	42	0	105	73	303	42	388	161	102
Georgetown	115	57	113	111	354	45	310	88	105	0	37	200	101	300	57	168
Golden	151	20	149	81	372	15	328	56	73	37	0	234	63	318	92	135
Grand Junction	128	255	87	309	227	243	167	288	303	200	234	0	302	191	174	366
Greeley	218	57	216	124	440	56	396	49	42	101	63	302	0	386	159	100
Ignacio	272	339	270	304	68	327	32	374	388	300	318	191	386	0	244	450
Leadville	59	112	88	128	297	100	253	143	161	57	92	174	159	244	0	223
Sterling	282	142	280	197	504	128	459	155	102	168	135	366	100	450	223	0

Amtrak Services Colorado

Two Amtrak passenger train routes travel through Colorado. The **California Zephyr** connects San Francisco and Chicago with regular stops in the newly renovated Union Station Denver, Grand Junction, Glenwood Springs, Winter Park and Fort Morgan. The **Southwest Chief** connects Los Angeles and Chicago with stops in Trinidad, La Junta and Lamar, Colorado. (amtrak.com/west-train-routes)

In January 2017 Amtrak introduced the **Winter Park Express** seasonal route linking Denver and Winter Park Resort. Developed for ride-in/ride-out skiing, the Express operates Saturdays, Sundays and holiday Mondays through late March. An option for groups chartering their own car is in the works. (winterparkresort.com/plan-your-trip/getting-here/winter-park-express)



Take Flight to Colorado

Denver International Airport is serviced by 24 airlines providing direct non-stop service from 186 destinations, including 23 international destinations. DEN is the sixth busiest airport in the United States, 18th busiest in the world and, with more than 58 million passengers, one of the busiest airline hubs in the world. It features more than 140 restaurants, shops and services.

Air Canada, American Airlines, Delta Airlines and United Airlines service **Eagle County Airport** in Gypsum, Colorado. United Express, United Airlines and Gynn Airlines provide commercial service to the **Gunnison-Crested Butte Regional Airport**, Gunnison. Non-stop daily service to Dallas-Fort Worth, Phoenix and Denver is available at the **Durango-La Plata County Airport**. The **Northern Colorado Regional Airport** in Loveland anticipates commercial service in the third quarter 2018. Alaska, Allegiant, American, Delta, Frontier and United airlines service **Colorado Springs Airport** with non-stop service to more than 17 destinations. **Yampa Valley Regional Airport** in Hayden, Colorado features 12 non-stop destinations serviced by Alaska, American, Delta and United airlines. **Grand Junction Regional Airport** receives flights from Denver, Salt Lake City, Phoenix, Las Vegas, Los Angeles and Dallas-Fort Worth. (colorado.com/getting-here/airports)

COLORADO NATIONAL PARKS

ARE SIGHTS BEHOLD TO

From mountains to sand dunes, the colorful state has much to offer



Colorado is known as the Centennial State because it entered into statehood in 1876, 100 years after the signing of the Declaration of Independence. It also possesses an unofficial, more alliterative nickname, Colorful Colorado, which stems from its reputation as a scenic destination featuring spectacular byways, thousands of acres of forest and, most notably, magnificent national parks.

Colorado is the eighth-largest state in the Union (as measured by total area) and features four national parks, a number exceeded only by California (nine), Alaska (eight) and Utah (five). Given that each Colorado park boasts a diverse array of charming qualities, adventurous groups may be tempted to step foot in all four.

If so, they will have to carve out a healthy swath of time, considering the parks are hundreds of miles apart and are separated by mountainous terrain. That said, life is fleeting, and what better way to enjoy America's majesties than visiting as many parks as possible? Regardless of whether a group opts for one or all four, any trip to Colorado's national parks is a wondrous excursion.

Hallett Peak is reflected in Dream Lake on a crisp spring day at Rocky Mountain National Park.

John Marino/NPS



ROCKY MOUNTAIN NATIONAL PARK

Located less than two hours north of Denver, **Rocky Mountain National Park** attracted more than 4.5 million visitors in 2016, making it the fourth-most popular national park in the country.

Established in 1915 and covering 265,873 acres, Rocky Mountain offers multiple reasons for its popularity, beginning with its sweeping vistas. It features 72 peaks that exceed 12,000 feet, with the highest being 14,259-foot **Longs Peak**. As the park's only crest higher than 14,000 feet, the flat-topped mountain summit is a prime spot for rock climbers. Longs Peak also has multiple trails for hikers and a glacier just above **Chasm Lake**, giving sightseers a dramatic view.

Bisected north to south by the **Continental Divide**, Rocky Mountain features lush green vegetation on its western side, while the eastern portion has the finest mountain views. The best way to see both sides is the historic 48-mile **Trail Ridge Road**, a winding stretch that reaches a height of 12,183 feet. Open from Memorial Day until late autumn, Trail Ridge Road is the highest continuous paved road in the country, giving parkgoers a look at snowcapped peaks, thick evergreen forests and ecosystems ranging from wetlands to treeless alpine tundra.

The park contains 450 miles of streams, 355 miles of hiking trails and 150 lakes, with one of the most popular destinations being **Bear Lake**, a scenic trailhead that sits at an elevation of 9,450 feet. Groups looking for more information about the park can consult with park rangers at visitor centers or the Wilderness Office. Rocky Mountain also offers free ranger-led events that include astronomy and evening programs.



Colorado Tourism Office/Matt Inden/Miles

GREAT SAND DUNES NATIONAL PARK

Home to the tallest sand dunes in North America, **Great Sand Dunes** is a visual marvel. Rising over 750 feet, the dunes were formed nearly 440,000 years ago by deposits of the ancient **Rio Grande River**. They encompass 20 square miles within the 150,000-acre park and are the heart of a diverse landscape of grasslands, shrublands, wetlands, old-growth forests and alpine lakes.

Open year-round, the park was created in 1932 and is situated across from **San Luis Valley** in south-central Colorado. It offers plenty of hiking opportunities as well as a four-wheel driving trail along the **Medano Pass**, an off-road that stretches 25 miles. Skiers and snowboarders can sled down the sandy mountains while hikers can explore any portion of the 30-square-mile dunelands or one of the park's many forested trails.

Medano Creek is a seasonal stream that intrigues visitors with surges of water resembling ocean waves that transpire at various intervals, sometimes rising to as much as a foot in height. Groups hoping to better understand the park's environment can enjoy free ranger programs that are offered most days from late May through October. Among the many programs offered are Navajo arts and crafts demonstrations and art projects for all ages.

(Left) Colorado's Rocky Mountain National Park, one of the most visited national parks, is a pristine playground for hikers, rock climbers and fly-fishers. (Right) Mesa Verde National Park, a vast archaeological preserve in southwestern Colorado, abounds with ancient Native American cliff dwellings.



Colorado Tourism Office/Denise Chambers/Miles

MESA VERDE NATIONAL PARK

Mesa Verde, Spanish for green table, provides a fascinating view into the lives of the **Ancestral Puebloans**, an ancient Native American culture that lived there from A.D. 600 to 1300.

Established by President Theodore Roosevelt in 1906 and covering 52,485 acres, Mesa Verde is the largest archaeological preserve in the United States. The park protects more than 4,800 archaeological sites, including 600 cliff dwellings that fill cliff-rock alcoves rising about 2,000 feet above southwestern Colorado's **Montezuma Valley**.

Nestled securely into cliff walls, the exceptionally preserved adobe-constructed homes help document the existence of the Ancestral Puebloans, who lived in the dwellings for the last 75 to 100 years of their occupation of Mesa Verde.

The park is best known for **Cliff Palace**, considered the largest cliff dwelling in North America. Cliff Palace offers a one-hour walking tour featuring 150 rooms, 23 kivas (rooms used for religious rituals) and **Balcony House**, which contains numerous passages and tunnels. Cliff Palace and Balcony House can only be visited by taking a ranger-guided tour. Groups that embark on these tours must be capable of walking the trails, climbing ladders and negotiating steps independently. Mesa Verde also offers free ranger-led campfire talks every evening.

BLACK CANYON OF THE GUNNISON NATIONAL PARK

Named for its sheer walls of dark gray stone that reach up to 2,700 feet above the **Gunnison River**, **Black Canyon** is renowned for its striking scenery. Located in western Colorado, this 30,750-acre, 53-mile stretch of narrow gorge showcases millions of years of natural history with the rocks near the canyon's floor being nearly two billion years old.

The canyon contains some of the steepest cliffs in North America and its walls are composed of gneiss and schist rock, which appear black when shadowed. These shadows are a regular occurrence as parts of the park are so narrow that sunlight percolates to the bottom only at midday, with portions of the gorge receiving a scant 33 minutes of light per day.

The park is a popular site for rock climbing and river rafting but also offers the chance for casual hikes, wildlife viewing, fishing and horse-back riding. Among Black Canyon's most popular attractions are multiple scenic drives where visitors can enjoy overlooks of chasms, canyon walls and picturesque sunsets.

The park has a **South Rim** visitor center that is open every day of the year except for Thanksgiving and Christmas Day, and a **North Rim** ranger station that is open intermittently during the summer. Groups that wish to see nearby attractions can visit **Crawford State Park** (12 miles from Black Canyon), **Gunnison Gorge National Conservation Area** (near the park's east boundary) and **Colorado National Monument** (94 miles away). ●



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The countryside around Grand Junction and Palisade in western Colorado is a major fruit-growing area, with cherries, apples and peaches among the crops.

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AGRITOURISM ADVENTURES

Colorado's agritourism scene consists of farms, ranches, and bed and breakfasts where visitors can take part in hands-on activities

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The Living Farm



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The Living Farm

Imagine enjoying a plate of crackers and fresh Chevre cheese, the latter of which you made yourself just that morning. Or biting into a ripe peach you picked directly from the branch. Or purchasing home-spun yarn made from an alpaca you just fed. Believe it or not, these are all experiences visitors can have at farms and ranches throughout Colorado. In fact, the Centennial State has over 800 farms that offer agritourism activities, allowing guests an interactive, entertaining and informative adventure. You can literally become the farmer of your own dinner—kind of.

The Living Farm in Paonia offers guided tours, and its cafe serves fresh-from-the-farm fare like the tasty lamb shanks.

If you find yourself in Salida, plan to stay at the **Mountain Goat Lodge**. This cozy bed and breakfast offers intimate accommodations, as well as some interesting classes for guests. Have you ever wanted to own a goat? Well, now you have a chance to learn all about goat husbandry, from the best fencing to vaccinations to milking. And speaking of milking, you can even milk some of the resident goats and turn it into some delicious cheese as part of the lodge's cheesemaking class.

Fruit is abundant in Colorado, with thousands of orchards stretching across the Front Range and throughout the mountains. Over on the Western Slope, Palisade and Grand Junction boast some of the best fruit-growing soil around. Palisade is known for its peaches—there's a major peach festival held every August—but you can also find cherries, apples, pears and plums, along with some flavorful vegetables. There are dozens of farms where you can stop in, meet the owners, get a tour of the orchards and enjoy fresh-picked produce.

For those who prefer flowering plants, be sure to visit **Sage Creations Organic Farms** in Palisade for an introduction on growing and harvesting lavender. In the spring, the farm offers classes for casual and professional gardeners; and in the summer and fall, there are classes on using lavender in crafts and cooking. If you just enjoy the smell and want to bring some lavender home as a souvenir, you can take part in the farm's u-pick experience, where you can head into the field and cut your own bundle (for a small fee).

Farm life is not easy, and it's even more work to run a fully sustainable operation. You can get a first-hand look at an organic venue at **The Living Farm** in Paonia. Owned by the Gillespie family since 1938, The Living Farm sits on 132 acres of land near Mount Lamborn. It offers self-guided and guided tours, showing guests the livestock, greenhouses and crops. (Guided tours are offered for groups, and prices vary based on group size.)

After your tour, you can enjoy the fruits of the farm's labors at the Living Farm Cafe. A true farm-to-table restaurant, the cafe creates succulent dishes with ingredients straight from the farm. Munch on menu items such as huevos rancheros made with locally grown pinto beans and farm-fresh eggs, or pan-seared striped bass with gnocchi and seasonal vegetables. If you're planning to stay in Paonia a couple nights, The Living Farm Inn offers comfortable rooms, and guests receive a free breakfast at the cafe. You can also enjoy farm tours and workshops as part of your visit.

Want to experience a day on the ranch? Plan a dude ranch vacation at **Sylvan Dale Guest Ranch**, just seven miles west of Loveland. Connect with your inner cowboy or cowgirl at this historic working horse and cattle ranch. Spend the day riding the trails, enjoy a wagon ride or guided nature walks, and even participate in ranch chores. Children can learn all about horse care and trail riding through the ranch's youth programs.



Over in Erie, tour groups can get lost in Colorado's longest-running corn maze. **Anderson Farms** has operated its 30-acre corn maze since 1999, winning several awards and honorable mentions for the maze designs. Guests can choose from one of three games, which will have them searching for checkpoints throughout the maze. For those who prefer not to get lost amid the corn, Anderson Farms offers wagon rides out to the pumpkin patch where visitors can pick from more than 70 varieties of pumpkin, squash and gourds. Activities during Anderson Farms Fall Fest include gem mining, feeding the farm animals and gourd launching.

Did you know Colorado is a hotbed for alpaca farms? Hundreds of breeders have popped up around the state in the last few years, making alpaca a popular livestock commodity. These Andean animals aren't bred for their meat, but rather for their fleece. Visitors can visit nearly any alpaca farm and pick up yards of woven fleece, or even knitted sweaters, socks and scarves. Head north to Wellington, and you can make a stop at **Double K Diamond Llamas and Fiber** and take a class on how to dye, knit and weave alpaca yarn, picking up the skills to create your own alpaca works of art.

In Colorado the agritourism possibilities are endless. From u-pick experiences and cooking classes to livestock lessons and yarn weaving, Colorado loves to show off its agricultural roots. ●



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Orchard tours on horse-drawn wagon give visitors insight into how fruit is grown in the fertile soil of Palisade, Colorado.

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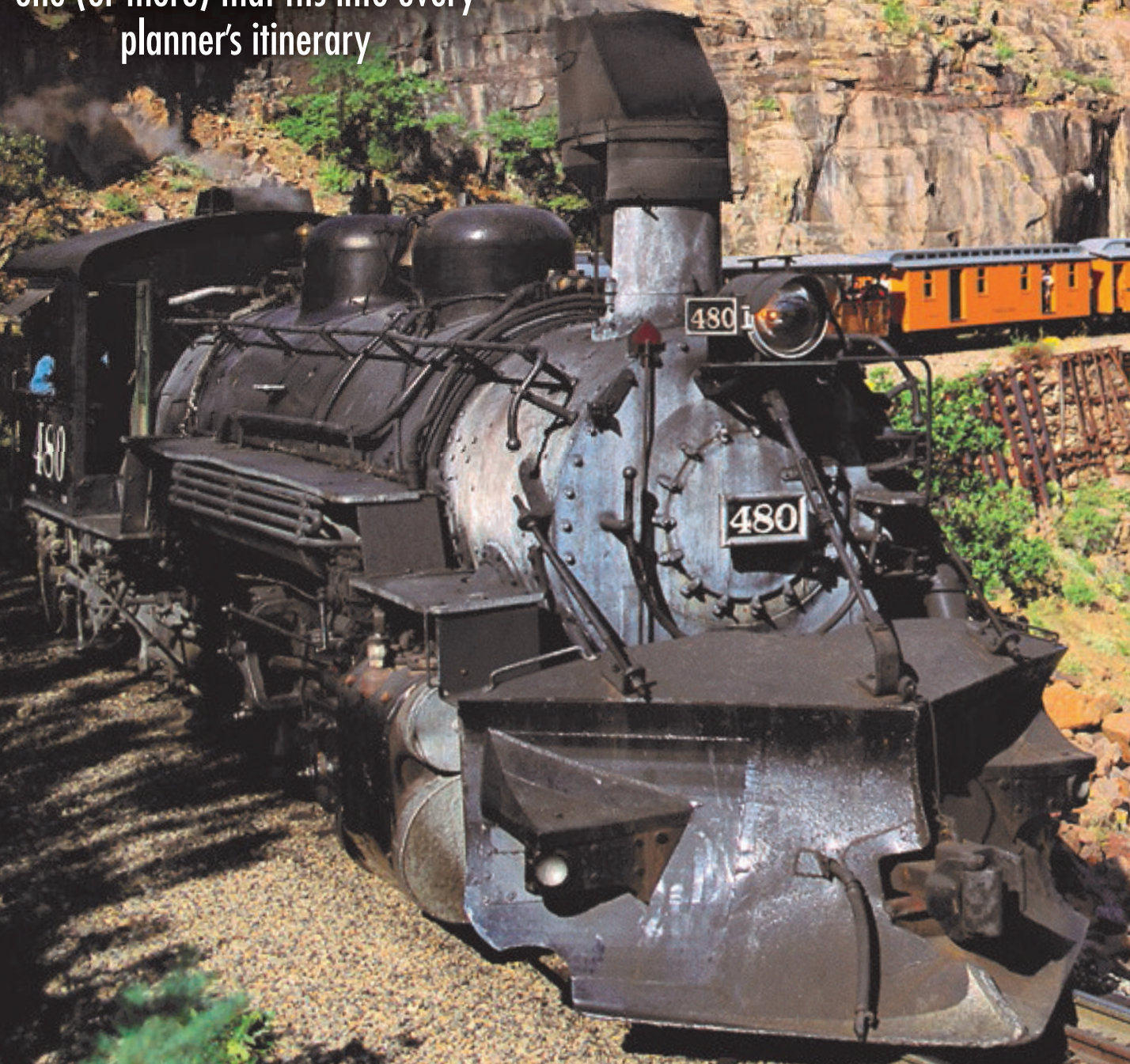


Peaches aplenty in the orchards of Palisade.

Grand Junction VCB

Discovering Colorado on the Rails

With eight scenic railroads catering to packaged group travel, there's sure to be one (or more) that fits into every planner's itinerary



Trains have certainly been a significant part of Colorado's history. Today, that heritage comes alive along with spectacular vistas on the state's scenic railroads.

**ALL
ABOARD!**



Traveling through the San Juan Mountains of southwestern Colorado, the Durango & Silverton Narrow Gauge Railroad showcases some of the state's most spectacular scenery.

The Broadmoor Pikes Peak Cog Railway



Cumbres & Toltec Scenic Railroad



What's Small is Big in Greeley

After eight years since opening its doors, founder Dave Trussell's Colorado Model Railroad Museum continues to boast the most impressive model railroad of its kind in the world.

Soon after opening in 2009, the Colorado Model Railroad Museum's 5,500-square-foot layout was deemed "the finest operating model railroad I've ever seen" by Jim Hediger, senior editor of Model Railroad magazine.

By the numbers, the HO layout is indeed impressive. There are more than 2,500 freight cars and 300 engines. The mainline is 20.5 scale miles long and takes more than an hour to run its length. The handmade features include 28,000 trees. The Greeley museum was more than five years and 30,000 volunteer hours in the making.



Rugged mountains form the background with rivers running through the layout. Together they present a scenic masterpiece. One of the most interesting features is visitors can actually walk into the layout. Now, that's a photo opportunity.

Creativity flows from every inch of the operation. Maybe it's the trains themselves that appeal to visitors. Some are intrigued by the technology required to run such an operation, while others find the three-dimensional scenery a unique art form. A human hand has touched everything in the museum.

The CMRM's mission to promote the history of model railroading can readily be seen in two projects. General manager Michelle Kempema and her team are preserving the story of the world's largest model train store, Denver's Caboose Hobbies, which closed in 2016. They are also busy creating the new exhibit *Women in Railroading*.

Although the model trains are the main draw, the museum shares more than 1,000 railroad-related artifacts. There's even a Colorado and Southern wooden caboose you can enter. Do save time for a visit to the gift shop.

History, education and creativity are certainly important contributions being made by CMRM. However, the experience that most visitors remember is the enjoyment of their visit. From the general manager to the tour guides who lead your group, they couldn't be happier.

For information on Greeley attractions and group-friendly hotels and restaurants, check out the museum's website, cmrm.com. When touring Northern Colorado, add a Greeley day to your itinerary for some extra fun.

The Broadmoor Pikes Peak Cog Railway

A favorite route with groups journeying to the top of Pikes Peak, the railway celebrated its 125th anniversary in 2016. As you travel to 14,115 feet above sea level, you'll hear about the area's frontier history and the engineering feat of building the railroad. With panoramic views of Colorado (including Denver), Utah, New Mexico and Arizona, it's no wonder Katharine Lee Bates was inspired to pen "America the Beautiful" just after her visit to Pikes Peak. For groups of 25+, the trip includes a guided tour of Pikes Peak and lunch at Cog Wheel Market. (cograilway.com)

Cripple Creek & Victor Narrow Gauge Railroad

From the Cripple Creek depot the 45-minute ride takes passengers on a beautiful ride by the old Midland Terminal Wye and over a reconstructed trestle. The train stops near Anaconda, a deserted mining town, before returning to Cripple Creek. Opened in 1967, the line operates three narrow-gauge locomotives during the summer season. The ticket office and gift shop are next to the original terminal, which was moved to Bull Run after a 1904 fire destroyed much of Anaconda and to its present location in 1968.

Cumbres & Toltec Scenic Railroad

We can thank a group of railway preservationists and local civic interests for saving the most picturesque portion of track on the Rio Grande's San Juan Extension. The repeal in 1893 of the Silver Purchase Act of 1890 was devastating to the region and the railroad. The last upgrades to the route were done in the 1920s. In 1970 the states of Colorado and New Mexico purchased the remaining track and structures. Today, groups enjoy the 64-mile day trip between Antonito, Colorado and Chama, New Mexico in either deluxe parlor car or coach car, with lunch buffet included. Special group arrangements for 20 or more are available. (cumbrestoltec.com)

Durango & Silverton Narrow Gauge Railroad

The route was started in 1882 to get gold and silver ore from the San Juan Mountains, but it didn't take long before passengers began realizing that the views were marvelous. This journey on historic, steam-powered trains travels through some of the most breathtaking scenery in Colorado. The coaches have bathroom facilities and are heated in winter. The train travels 45.4 miles each way along the Animas River. The popular Train & Bus Option is a group favorite. Vintage cars seat 40 passengers and can be chartered. For large groups the entire train can be chartered for travel to Cascade Canyon or Silverton. (durangotrain.com)

Georgetown Loop Railroad

Originally serving the bustling mining towns of Georgetown and Silver Plume, the line was abandoned in 1938. By 1973 land had been acquired and construction of the railroad tracks began as part of the 978-acre Georgetown Loop Historic Mining & Railroad Park. A package popular with groups is the train ride and Everett Mine tour. Guests have an opportunity to pan for gold and keep what they discover! Groups of 20 or more are welcome.

Leadville, Colorado & Southern Scenic Railroad

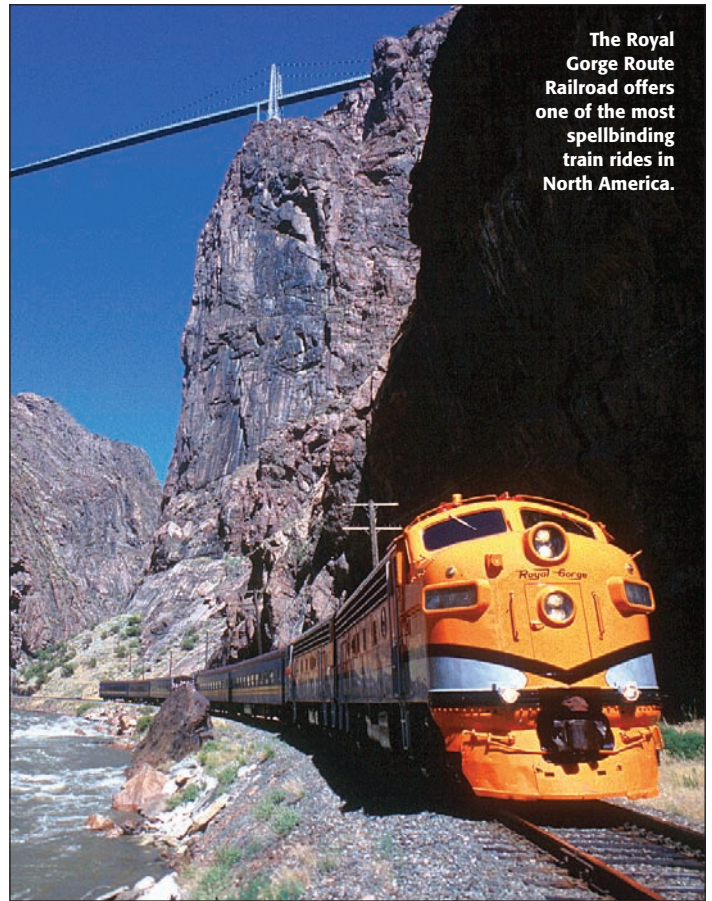
From late May through early October the LC&S takes passengers on a 2 1/2-hour journey. Along the Arkansas River Valley through the San Isabel National Forest, the train rises up 1,000 feet from the valley with remarkable views of Fremont Pass and Colorado’s two tallest peaks, Mount Massive and Mount Elbert. Groups are readily accommodated with a variety of packages.

Rio Grande Scenic Railroad

From Memorial Day through October steam locomotives depart at 9 a.m daily from Alamosa, near Great Sand Dunes National Park. Diesel locomotives depart from the charming art town of La Veta at 9:30 a.m. from early July through the end of the season. A two-hour stop at the end of each route allows for lunch and shopping. For a great summer day option, check out the Mountain Rails Live concert series.

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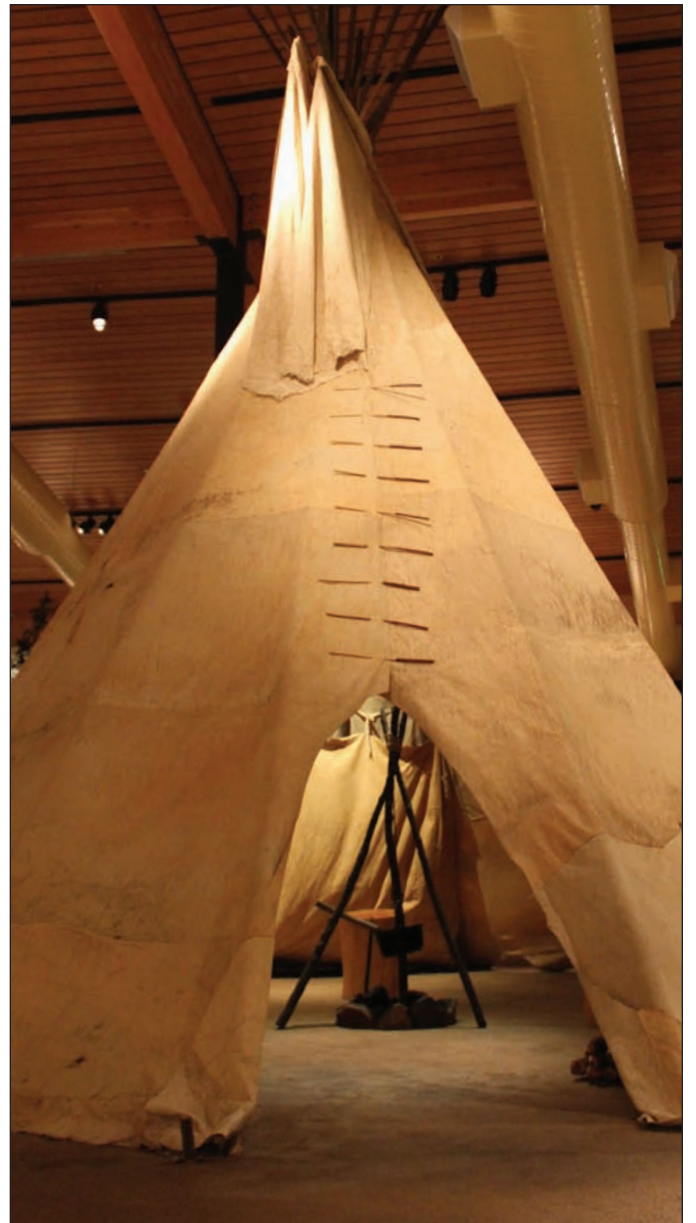


A tour group hikes past ancient pictographs in the Ute Mountain Tribal Park of southwestern Colorado.

A select group of people can call themselves natives of Colorado. But if you're a descendant of the Ute, Navajo or Cheyenne-Arapahoe tribes, then you are truly a Colorado native.

The culture and traditions of these indigenous people are found in historical sites and attractions across Colorado, taking visitors back in time to the state's real roots.

Arguably the most famous monument to Native American life in Colorado is **Mesa Verde National Park**. Located in the southwest corner of the state, Mesa Verde features nearly 5,000 archaeological sites, including hundreds of cliff dwellings the Ancestral Pueblo people called home for over 700 years. Start your visit at the Visitor and Research Center, which houses a research and storage facility for the park's archives and its collection of millions of objects. This is also where you can purchase your tickets to see the cliff dwellings. Be sure to inquire about guided tours, as most dwellings require you to be accompanied by a park ranger.



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Exhibits chronicle a proud tribe at the Southern Ute Cultural Center and Museum, an important Native American attraction near Durango.

Also in the southwest portion of the state, just a few miles from Durango, is the **Southern Ute Cultural Center and Museum**. In operation for over 20 years, the museum houses interactive exhibits dedicated to the cultural traditions of Colorado's oldest residents. One step through the doors and into the circular entryway, visitors will immediately be struck by the immaculate architecture and Native American symbolism surrounding them. The museum offers each guest a personal greeting and explanation of the welcome gallery, as well as information on the exhibits. Popular displays include the Mountain Lion and Veterans exhibits, the latter of which focuses on tribal members who served in the U.S. military.

Groups can participate in guided tours of the museum, where they get a behind-the-scenes look at how materials and collections are secured, what they cost to acquire, how they are frozen for the displays and how they're catalogued. In the summer, guests can sign up for classes on how to make clothing and jewelry unique to the Southern Ute Tribe.



The Southern Ute Cultural Center and Museum displays artifacts used in the tribe's Bear Dance, a springtime celebration spanning four days.

Denver Museum to Undergo \$150-Million Renovation and Expansion

The Denver Art Museum has become known as a beacon of creativity, representing the incredible depth of culture for the entire region. It's fitting then that the community invest in it for future generations.

A massive new North Building Project, estimated at \$150 million, will for the first time unify the museum's campus and upgrade the North Building in alignment with the Hamilton Building's 21st-century systems and art experiences, including expanded resources for youth and school groups, additional gallery space and improved visitor circulation.



Key project elements include bringing the museum's renowned educational programs to the center of the campus, expanding gallery spaces for growing collections, including Design and Western American art, completing the museum architect's original vision for visitor access to stunning seventh-floor views, exterior site improvements, a new welcome center, and updating environmental and other key systems to current-generation technology. Plans are to begin construction by the end of 2017, with completion of the project by 2021.

The goals of the project include stewardship of the building, connecting the campus and the neighborhood, and celebrating learning and engagement as the heart of the museum's mission of delivering awe-inspiring art experiences

"The revitalization of the North Building—soon to be the Martin Building—will unify the Denver Art Museum campus, celebrate Gio Ponti's iconic design, and ensure the building's relevance and stewardship for the next 50 years of its life," said Christoph Heinrich, the Frederick and Jan Mayer Director of the museum. For more information about the museum's renovation, visit www.denverartmuseum.org.

The **Manitou Cliff Dwellings Museum**, located at the foot of Pikes Peak (about an hour-and-a-half drive from Denver), comprise Anasazi ruins dating back 1,000 years. It gives visitors a hands-on history lesson, allowing them to walk through and even touch the ancient structures. The museum houses dioramas portraying daily life, displays of pottery and weapons, and educational videos telling the story of the people who built these architectural jewels.

While not a Native American himself, Buffalo Bill was an advocate for the Indians. Born William F. Cody, he gained the nickname Buffalo Bill because of his hunting skills. He started his Wild West Show back in the 1870s, touring the country showing people what life was like in the West. In his shows, Bill depicted Indians as "The Americans," treating them with respect and equality. The **Buffalo Bill Museum** in Golden features exhibits about his life, along with collections of Native American artifacts. Be sure to snap a photo at Buffalo Bill's gravesite, which offers spectacular views of the Great Plains and the Rockies from atop Lookout Mountain.

In the Eastern Plains of Colorado, near the town of Eads, sits the site of the **Sand Creek Massacre**. The only Civil War site in the state, this memorial tells the story of an unprovoked attack on Arapaho and Cheyenne tribes by a band of over 600 U.S. cavalrymen. Guided tours shed light on that day back in 1864 and its repercussions. Take a walk to the top of Overlook Hill for a view of the high plains landscape, and be sure to pay respects at the repatriation burial area.

Native American culture in Colorado is not limited to historic sites and museums. You can also experience the traditions through lively celebrations called powwows. The **Fort Restaurant** in Morrison hosts an annual powwow every June. In 2017, the event launched a new summer series: **Tesoro Cultural Centers Living History Experience**. The opening weekend celebration featured dance competitions, honorary ceremonies and films on Colorado history. Throughout the summer, visitors are transported to 1830s Colorado, where they can participate in hands-on activities, listen to traditional music and peruse Native American art.

Ancestral museums, historic sites, ancient artifacts and entertaining powwows can be found throughout the state. For those interested in exploring the Indian way of life, Colorado's Native American roots run deep. ●

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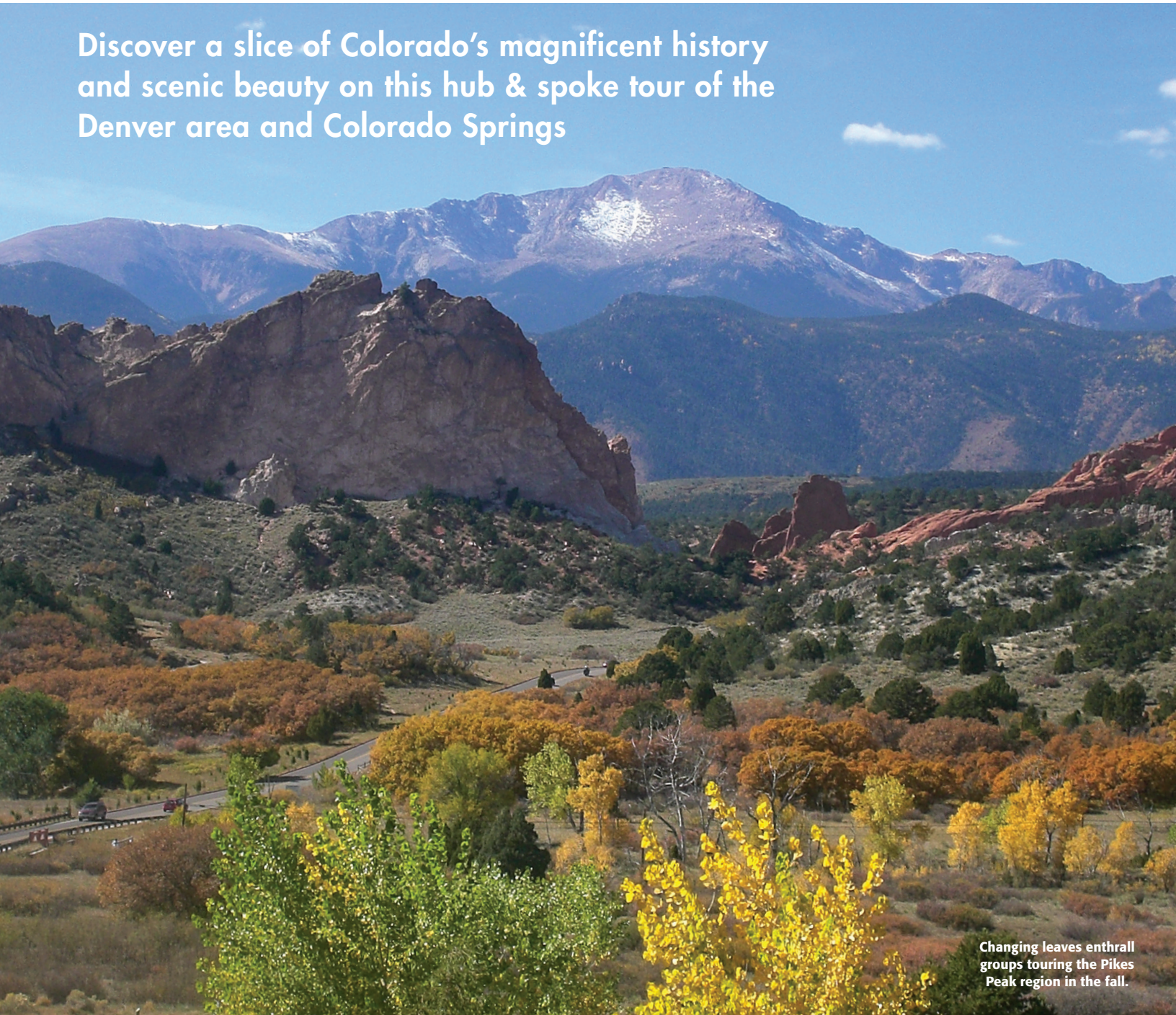
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5 TOUR HIGHLIGHTS

- Denver Art Museum
- Celestial Seasonings
- Coors Brewery
- Garden of the Gods
- Cog Railway

DAY 1

Arrive in Denver and begin your visit with a tour of the **State Capitol Building**. Next, it's on to the **Denver Museum of Art**. Offering permanent and rotating exhibits, the museum has a well-deserved reputation for connecting visitors to art.

Check in to one of the Denver area's group-friendly hotels before departing for dinner. Denver has become a treasure chest of exciting dining options.

This evening enjoy a production at **Red Rock Park & Amphitheatre**. A one-of-a-kind outdoor concert venue, it is surrounded by giant, ancient rock formations. Legendary musicians like The Beatles (1964) and U2 (1983) have performed there, and today the summer concert series from May through September presents the best artists in jazz, rock, pop, bluegrass and more.

DAY 2

Begin a busy day with breakfast at your hotel.

Arrive at the **History Colorado Center**. Only five years old, it tells the history of Colorado through a mix of technology, interactive displays and exhibits. Next, get a firsthand look at how U.S. coins are made on a free guided tour of the **Denver Mint**. Additional Denver options are the **Denver Zoo, Denver Museum of Nature & Science**, shopping, beautiful parks and historic sites.

Arrive at the **Pearl Street Mall** in Boulder. Enjoy lunch and plenty of time for shopping. This four-block pedestrian area is one of Boulder's most popular attractions. Next, it's **Celestial Seasonings** for a tour of a working tea manufacturing facility. Allow time in the gift shop to browse for your favorite tea or discover a new one. Additional options to fill your Boulder afternoon are **Andrews Arboretum, BookCliff Vineyards Tasting Room** and **Boulder Beer Company**.

Enjoy a performance this evening at the **Boulder Dinner Theatre**. The stars of the show serve you dinner before a full-scale production, complete with live music.

Return to your Denver-area hotel.

DAY 3

Breakfast at your Denver hotel before departing.

Travel to Golden for a mid-morning tour of **Coors Brewery**. Nearby, the **Colorado Railroad Museum** features steam and diesel locomotives, cars, cabooses and a G-scale garden railway. The Depot Museum houses a rare collection and an operating model layout. Shop the Depot General Store for train gifts. Lunch on your own at any downtown restaurant before departing.

Arrive at Estes Park, a true mountain paradise. Choose a relaxing itinerary with downtown shopping and art galleries, or a more active one with scenic walks, fishing, birding, photography and many more options. A windshield tour of the **Rocky Mountain National Park** follows. One of America's most visited national parks, it dazzles visitors with majestic peaks, scenic beauty and abundant wildlife.

Dinner tonight is at the **Lazy B Chuckwagon and Show**. The "Best Cowboy Grub in Colorado" is served along with lively, refreshing and nostalgic entertainment that reflects the Western Heritage.

Return to Denver after a busy day.

DAY 4

Travel to Colorado Springs and begin your day with a tour of the beautiful campus of the **United States Air Force Academy**. Next, visit the **Colorado Wolf & Wildlife Center** and get an up-close look at the mysterious wolf. Then visit the **Colorado Springs Pioneer Museum**.

Have lunch at the **Garden of the Gods Visitor and Nature Center** cafe before viewing the new Geo-Trekker Theater film and touring this National Natural Landmark. It's a short drive to Manitou Springs and the **Broadmoor Pikes Peak Cog Railway**. Enjoy the splendors of Colorado as you take the comfortable ride to the 14,115-foot summit that inspired "America the Beautiful."

Capping off a memorable Colorado tour is dinner tonight at one of **The Broadmoor's** legendary dining rooms. Return to your Denver accommodations and depart the next morning for home and fond recollections of Colorado.



Garden of the Gods



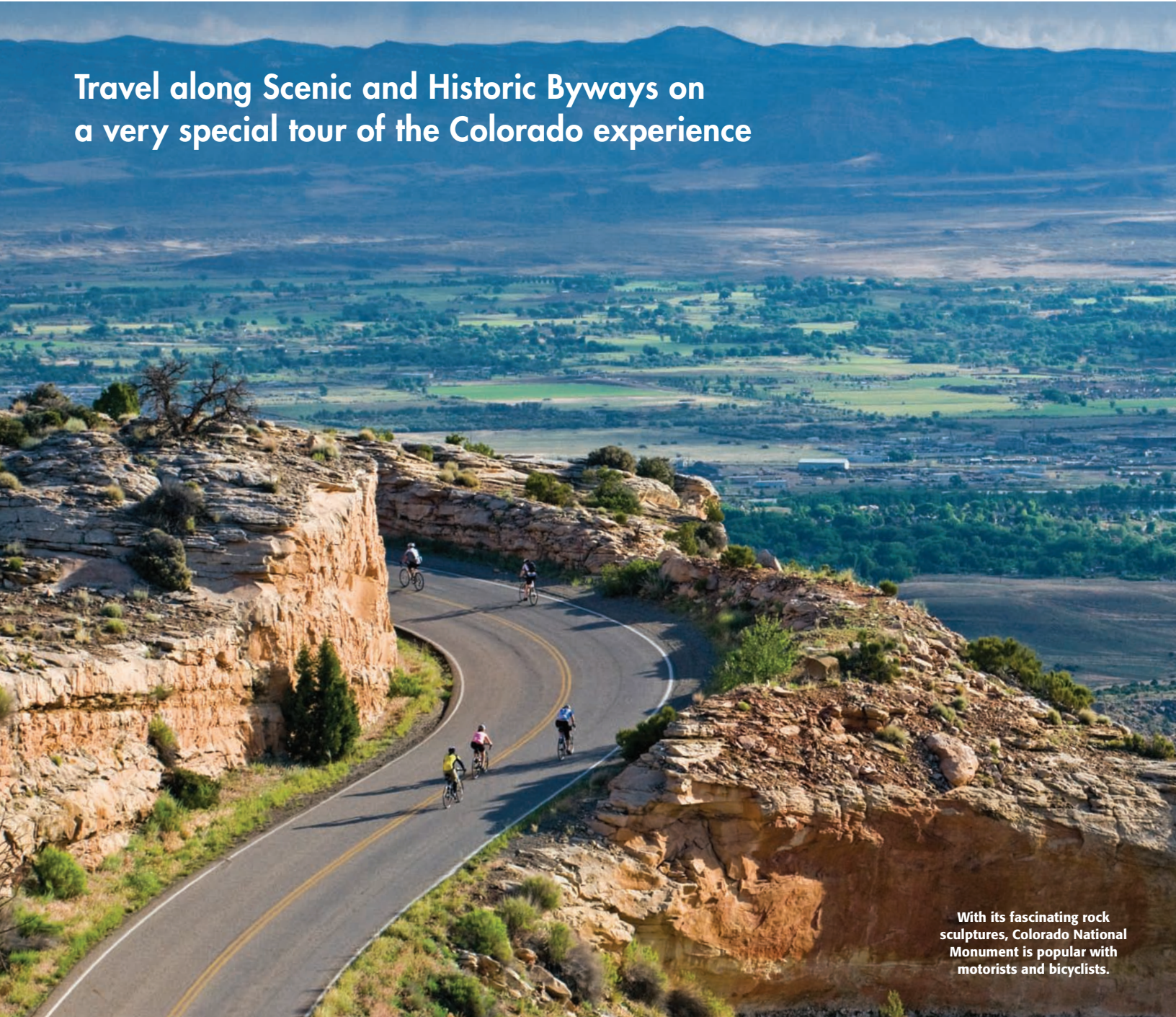
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Grand Junction VCB

DAY 1

Arrive in Georgetown, a Victorian-style mining community in Clear Creek Canyon. Hop on the **Georgetown Loop Railroad** and step back to the time when railroads were a way of life. The train stops for the Lebanon Silver Mine tour and Everett Gold Panning & Silver Mine.

Travel to **Leadville**, the state's highest city at more than 10,000 feet in elevation. Visit the city's historic district and **National Mining Hall of Fame and Museum**. The museum commemorates the miners and people who attained importance in mining our natural resources. Take time for lunch at one of Leadville's sandwich shops. Pass through Twin Lakes to Aspen.

Delve into Aspen's history, from the Utes to present day, with a visit to the **Wheeler/Stallard Museum**. The nearby **Holden/Marolt Mining and Ranching Museum** tells the story of Aspen's mining era in an 1890s barn.

Check in to a group-friendly Aspen hotel, lodge or resort. With more than 20 options, you'll find the perfect accommodations. For dinner tonight, choose from more than 100 Aspen restaurants.

DAY 2

Enjoy breakfast at your hotel before checking out to explore Aspen.

Begin your day at **Maroon Bells**, the most photographed peaks in North America. Towering over the vibrant meadows of Maroon Valley is a series of bell-shaped, wine-colored peaks where you'll witness a variety of nature. Return to Aspen's downtown mall for lunch and free time for shopping and gallery visits. Don't miss the Hyman Avenue Dancing Fountain.

Travel to **Glenwood Springs** and experience **Glenwood Caverns Adventure Park**. Choose the rides or go underground into **Glenwood Caverns**.

Check in to **Glenwood Hot Springs Lodge**, home of the world's largest hot springs pool. Soothe your soul and soak away some aches and pains. Glenwood has more than two dozen additional properties that welcome groups. Enjoy dinner tonight at one of Glenwood Springs' many dining options.

DAY 3

Depart after breakfast and checkout.

Arrive in **Grand Junction's** historic downtown. First stop, **Museum of the West** and an exciting array of exhibits that share a thousand years of history. The stagecoach is a great photo opportunity. A guided tour awaits your visit to **Western Colorado Botanical Gardens**. Over 600 exotic tropical plants are featured along with outdoor Rose, Herb, Native and Western Heritage gardens. Enjoy lunch and **Art on the Corner**, a diverse display of 100 sculptures found on Main Street.

Begin your afternoon with a visit to **Colorado National Monument**. From the visitor center, a windshield tour along Rim Rock Drive climbs from Grand Valley to the Uncompahgre Plateau, offering numerous overlooks ideal for photo opportunities. In late afternoon, relax and enjoy a tasting at a winery in **Colorado's Wine Country**. There are dozens of wineries in the Grand Junction and Palisade area.

Settle into your Grand Junction hotel before departing for dinner. Tonight enjoy a delicious culinary discovery with fare from around the world and plenty of local, fresh Colorado flavors, too. What's playing at the **Avalon Theatre**? Built in 1932 and gleaming from a recent \$9.6-million restoration, the Avalon offers a delightful mix of major acts and films.

DAY 4

Following breakfast at your hotel, depart for home with great memories and photographs of Colorado.

5 TOUR HIGHLIGHTS

- Georgetown Loop Railroad
- National Mining Hall of Fame and Museum
- Maroon Bells
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Ancestral Puebloan cliff dwellings intrigue visitors to Mesa Verde National Park.

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5 TOUR HIGHLIGHTS

- Mesa Verde National Park
- Anasazi Heritage Center
- Hovenweep National Monument: Deserted Valley
- Southern Ute Museum and Cultural Center
- Sky Ute Casino Resort



Southern Ute Museum



Hovenweep National Monument



Anasazi Heritage Center

■ 4 DAYS/3 NIGHTS

DAY 1

Arrive early afternoon and begin your adventure at the **Colorado Welcome Center at Cortez**. After a brief visit, continue to **Mesa Verde National Park**. From A.D. 600 to 1300 the Ancestral Pueblo people made this area their home. Start at the new visitor center to view the park's museum collection and video. The park has more than 5,000 archaeological digs with 600 cliff dwellings still visible. Next, travel to **Anasazi Heritage Center** for a greater understanding through hands-on exhibits and demonstrations of the Ancestral Pueblos. The museum also serves as the visitor center for **Canyons of the Ancients National Monument**.

Check in to your Cortez accommodations. More than a dozen hotel properties welcome groups. For the more adventuresome, there are guest ranches throughout the area.

Regardless of what your taste buds crave, it's sure to be found in Cortez and the surrounding area. Locally produced foods are blended to create everything from down-home cooking and Southwestern flavors to cowboy chow and, of course, barbecue.

DAY 2

Enjoy breakfast at your hotel before heading towards the Colorado/Utah border.

Arrive at **Lowery Pueblo**, a 1,000-year-old Ancestral Puebloan village. Ceremonial kivas and magnificent views are featured. Continue your morning at **Hovenweep National Monument: Deserted Valley**, where 2,500 people lived from A.D. 1200 to 1300. The variety of structures and striking towers speak to the skill of the builders. Bring a box lunch and enjoy the picnic area before departing for **Crow Canyon Archaeological Center**. Begin with a tour of the campus, but be prepared to dig in with a hands-on archaeology experience.

Return to your Cortez accommodations to freshen up for dinner at an area restaurant.

DAY 3

Following breakfast at your hotel and checkout, head east on the southern leg of Colorado's most scenic drive, the **San Juan Skyway**, towards Durango and on to Ignacio.

Arrive at the **Southern Ute Museum and Cultural Center** for a behind-the-scenes tour. Learn of the living history of Colorado's oldest residents. Continue to the **Sky Ute Casino Resort**.

Following check-in, have lunch on your own at one of the resort's cafes and try your luck in the casino. Dinner tonight is at **Seven Rivers**, a highly recommended steakhouse. The evening is yours to enjoy the casino floor or live entertainment.

DAY 4

Enjoy breakfast at the resort before departing for home with a new appreciation of the Ancients and the story they left behind. OPTION: Before heading home, visit **Ute Mountain Tribal Park** for a half- or full-day tour. Ute tour guides interpret their history and culture.

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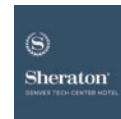


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LEE DAHL*Leisure West Tours and Cruises*

Lee Dahl shares what drew him to the tour industry, changes he's seen and the importance of working with members of Tour Colorado



Relationships with suppliers are important to tour operators, says Leisure West's Lee Dahl.

How did you get started in the tour industry?

Lee Dahl: I've always had a love for travel and always enjoyed going down the highway. That led me to driving coach. It's what I wanted to do. During my driving days I saw some really good tours and others that had a need for improved service. In 1998 we got into the tour business. To this day I still enjoy seeing a customer's delight when they are seeing something new or enjoying a first-time experience.

During Leisure West Tours' 19 years in business, have you seen changes in your tours?

LD: Absolutely. Our business began with WW II's Greatest Generation. They had not traveled much. We could lead them by the hand and they were appreciative. Their interest was travel. That's no longer the case. Today, the Internet allows our groups to research their special interest. Those interests are defining what the market will buy and directing our tour product. We have to constantly be adapting to a changing marketplace.

Has the Internet changed how Leisure West Tours operates?

LD: Yes, our business has changed with the advent of the Internet. We certainly use the Internet for research, including new destinations and new tour themes. However, we do not rely on that research alone. It's a starting point. We like personal contact. We like to look at each property and attraction before putting them in an itinerary. For our own marketing we maintain a website, but that's not enough. Social media is becoming more and more important. We do not sell retail tours. Most of our clients are pre-formed groups like bank travel clubs. We also serve as a receptive operator for other tour operators. Still, online marketing is important to us.

You're a member of the major trade organizations, including American Bus Association, National Tour Association and Travel Alliance Partners. Why is it important to also be active in Tour Colorado, primarily a supplier organization?

LD: Suppliers are with whom we deal. It's very important we develop strong relation-



ships. Tour operators cannot know everything. Suppliers keep us up to date with what's happening in their respective destinations. If there's an event that's happening that will interfere with or enhance a tour, we'll want to know. It's that type of information that helps us plan tours and search out new ideas. Tour Colorado with members throughout the state provides just that type of knowledge. Just as importantly, those suppliers get to know who we are. They know the type of professional business we operate.

As a successful tour operator and member of Tour Colorado, what suggestions do you have for suppliers for achieving success in this industry?

LD: The most important thing is to know your product and what's around you. Know how many double queen rooms you have. Know how far it is from your restaurant to the attraction on the itinerary. Is there a group rate at your non-profit business? Understand all the group policies of your business. It's just as important to know your competitors. If you're unable to accommodate a group, know and be prepared to recommend another business. Networking and partnerships are critical, including packaging. By working together you'll keep business coming to your business now and in the future.

How do you see the future of the industry?

The future of the tour business is bright. Doing business the old ways just doesn't work anymore. Now, as we go down the road on our tours we're seeing more of our folks, even seniors, researching routing information. They want to know everything about what's along the highway. And are not afraid to ask. Not too long ago I read an article that fewer kids 19 and under were getting driver's licenses. That's a huge departure from when I was that age. Now, they're taking Uber and public transportation to wherever they need to go. As those young people mature they'll be perfectly comfortable riding a coach, as long as we're touring what interests them. ●

MICHAEL TH. EMBREY*FunME Events*

FunME Events brings student groups to Denver and all of Colorado



Illinois-based tour operator Michael Th. Embrey is well known in the Colorado tourism industry.

When Michael Th. Embrey started student tours to Denver 16 years ago, not many schools thought that the Mile High City was a student destination.

"I met the vice president of the Denver CVB, and she told me about some of the opportunities for student performance groups in Denver," Embrey said. "I came out to talk with her, met the hotels and found a fantastic theme park (Eltch Gardens). That's how it

got started."

It took 18 months to get things in place, but in the first full year of operations, the DeKalb, Illinois tour operator brought 1,800 kids from Wyoming, Kansas, Nebraska and outlying communities around Colorado to experience Denver. For many of them, it was a new adventure. For others, it was an opportunity to participate in an event that didn't require travel to Orlando or Los Angeles. The destination gave band and choir groups an opportunity to perform without having to travel far distances.

"I think the weather and affordability make Denver appealing," said Embrey. "Ski season ends in April and summer season doesn't start for another month, so May is more affordable in Colorado. Elitch Gardens is the main attraction for our student groups, but they also participate in a host of fun activities like laser tag, bowling and Denver museums."

FunME Events brings in approximately 6,000 students each April and May to the city, providing a boost of activity to local restaurants and entertainment venues. Popular dining spots include Hard Rock Cafe, Bubba Gump's and a local restaurant called Casa Bonita. Typical packages are 3 days/2 nights, booked either with schools directly or tour operators that buy packages directly from the event operator.

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–Michael Th. Embrey

– the mountains, scenic views, and cultural activities in and around Denver make it a milestone destination for a lot of kids," continued Embrey. "Especially for groups coming from the Midwest, it's a whole different view."

The company's Denver program has grown over the years to attract participants from 16 states. Groups coming from the north will often stop in Fort Collins, Boulder, Estes Park and Greeley while southern-route groups pay a visit to Colorado Springs to see the Garden of the Gods and U.S. Air Force Academy.

"As a member of Tour Colorado, I get first-hand knowledge of events, activities and Colorado suppliers that assist me in planning packages and tours to the Colorado region," Embrey said. "With trends in travel always changing, it is important to get information on a timely basis to enhance future visits to Colorado." ●



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