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Gorgeous Vistas and Charming Towns Are Ready to Greet You and Your Groups!

I am enormously proud to present the 2021 edition of our *Colorado Group Tour Planner*. This edition will introduce you to everything that is new and exciting in our capital of Denver and the new U.S. Olympic and Paralympic Museum in Colorado Springs. You will learn what it means to be Colorado ready and travel from “Metro to Mountains and Back” with our new itinerary. There is so much to explore, and we enjoy sharing it all with you.

I would like to thank all our Tour Colorado members for their continued support. Our members consist of attractions, hotels, destinations and service providers that all go above and beyond to promote our beautiful state and greet your groups with that big warm Colorado Welcome! Please take a moment to look at their listings and reach out to us for more information to help with your itinerary building. We are all excited and eager to help you create that perfect tour!

Thank you for sharing Colorado with your clients. We appreciate you!

Please sit back, relax and enjoy exploring Colorado.



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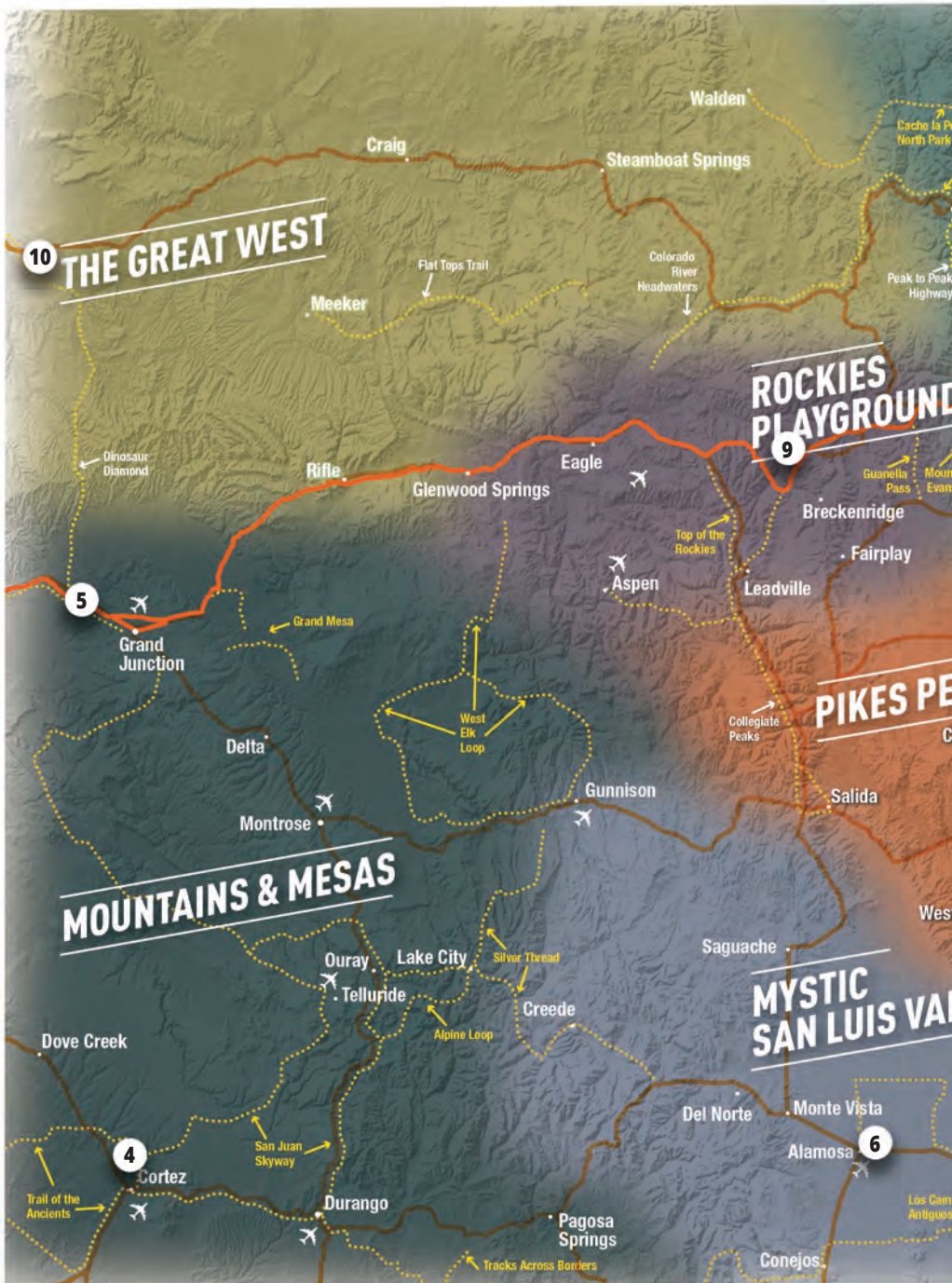
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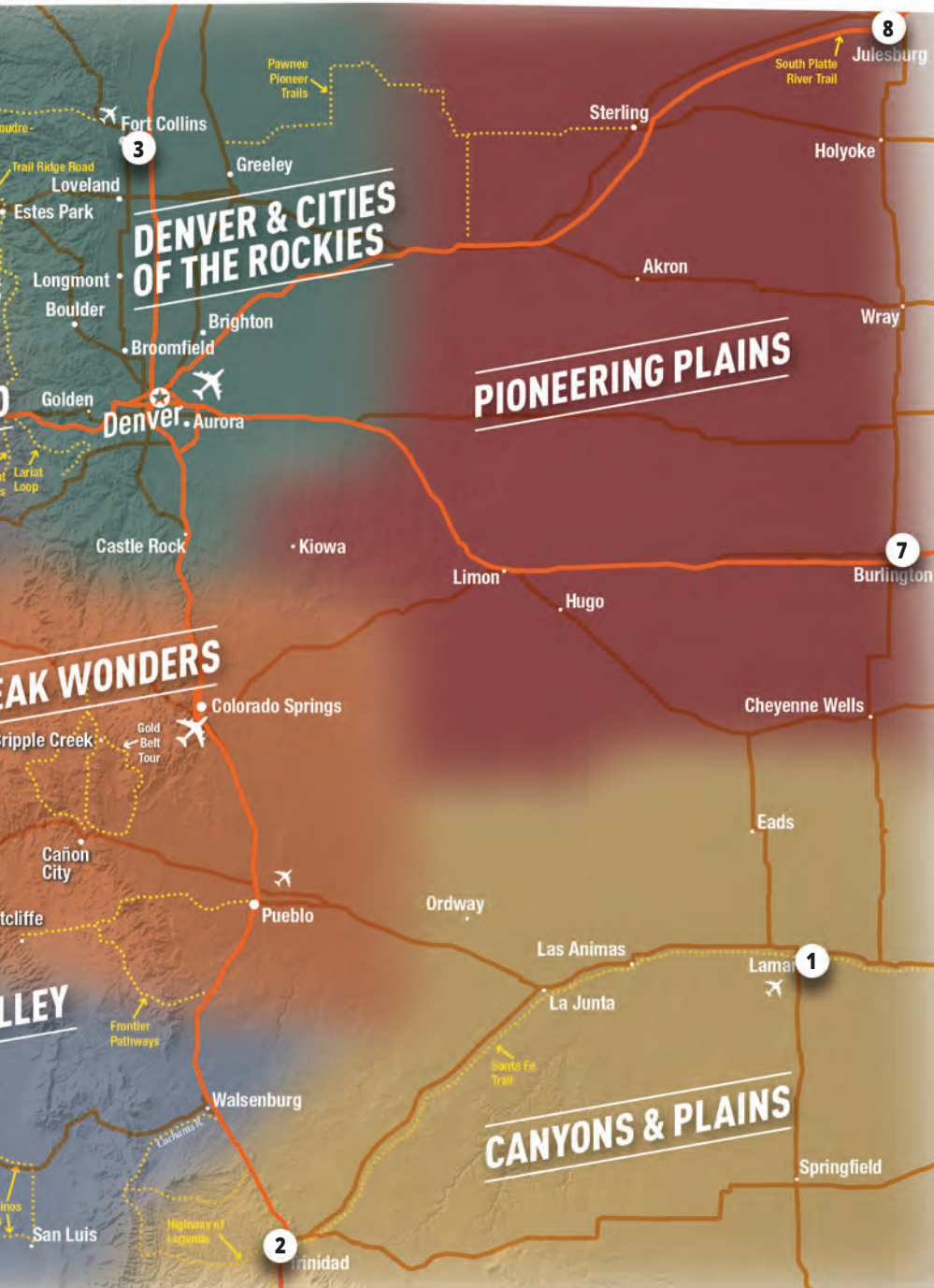
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AMTRAK SERVICES COLORADO

Two Amtrak passenger train routes travel through Colorado. The **California Zephyr** connects San Francisco and Chicago with regular stops in the newly renovated Denver Union Station, 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)

Introduced in 2017, the **Winter Park Express** seasonal route links Denver Union Station and Winter Park Resort and is ideal for groups seeking a day of winter sports or mountain air. Developed for ride-in/ride-out skiing, the Express operates Saturdays, Sundays and select Fridays through March.

TAKE FLIGHT TO COLORADO

Denver International Airport is serviced by 23 airlines that provide direct non-stop service from 189 U.S. destinations and 20 international destinations. Denver has the fifth-busiest airport in the United States, 16th busiest in the world and—with more than 70 million passengers—is one of the busiest airline hubs in the world. It features more than 140 restaurants, shops and services.

Travelers looking to explore the I-70 corridor should consider **Aspen/Pitkin County Airport** for unbeatable access to the area's ski resorts and national forests. American, Delta and United travelers can also fly into **Eagle County Regional Airport** if they wish to experience the mountains. Steamboat Springs, another premier outdoor destination, can be accessed from the **Yampa Valley Regional Airport** in Hayden, which features non-stop flights from 14 destinations.

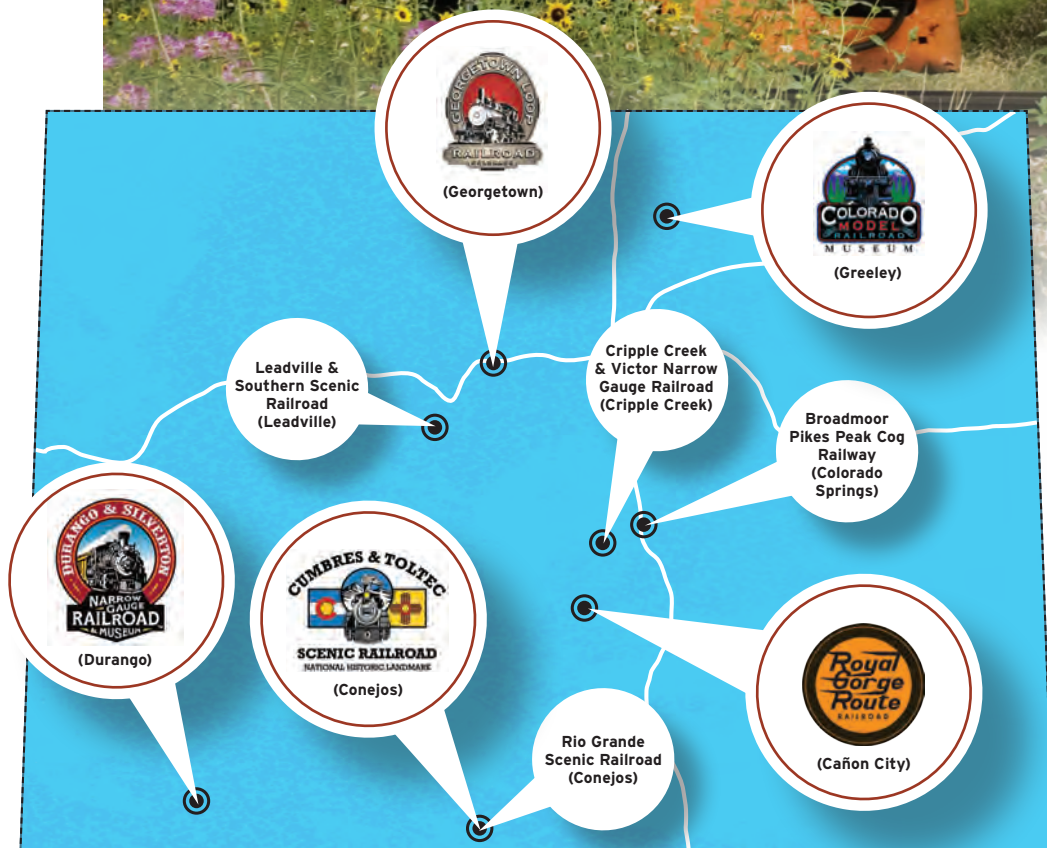
Colorado Springs Airport welcomes American, Delta, Frontier and United flights daily and is ideal for visitors to the Pikes Peak Wonders Region. **Grand Junction Regional Airport** receives flights from Denver, Chicago, Las Vegas, Phoenix, Dallas, Los Angeles and Salt Lake City for visitors seeking Colorado's wine country. **Durango-La Plata County Airport** welcomes American and United travelers. Smaller regional airports also include **Montrose Regional Airport** and **Gunnison-Crested Butte Regional Airport**.

Colorado Travel Fun Facts

- Colorado features North America's highest paved road. The Mount Evans Scenic Byway passes through five distinct climate zones before reaching a final height of **14,130 feet.**
- The Eisenhower-Edwin C. Johnson Memorial Tunnel is an engineering marvel and the highest auto tunnel in the world, bored under the Continental Divide at an elevation of **11,158 feet.**
- The highest suspension bridge in the world is over the Royal Gorge near Cañon City. The Royal Gorge Bridge spans the Arkansas River in Fremont County at a height of **1,053 feet.**
- Denver International Airport is the largest in North America by volume and welcomes over 64 million passengers annually. The ever-expanding airport covers **33,531 acres.**

Colorado's Scenic Railways

- **Broadmoor Pikes Peak Cog Railway**
515 Ruxton Ave., Manitou Springs, CO 80829
cograilway.com
- **Colorado Model Railroad Museum**
680 10th St., Greeley, CO 80631
cmrm.org
- **Cripple Creek & Victor Narrow Gauge Railroad**
520 E Carr Ave., Cripple Creek, CO 80813
cripplecreekrailroad.com
- **Cumbres & Toltec Railroad**
5234 B Hwy 285, Antonito, CO 81120
cumbrestoltec.com
- **Durango & Silverton Narrow Gauge Railroad**
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durangotrain.com
- **Georgetown Loop Railroad**
646 Loop Dr., Georgetown, CO 80444
georgetownlooprr.com
- **Leadville, Colorado & Southern Railroad**
326 E. 7th St., Leadville, CO 80461
leadville-train.com
- **Rio Grande Scenic Railroad**
610 State Ave., Alamosa, CO 81101
coloradotrain.com
- **Royal Gorge Route Railroad**
330 Royal Gorge Blvd., Cañon City, CO 81212
royalgorgeroad.com



Big news in 2021 and beyond

Greeley Stampede Historic 100th Anniversary Scheduled for 2021

The Greeley Stampede's rich tradition began in the 1800s. The annual event, held for 12 days and tied to the July 4th holiday, sees an average of 250,000 visitors. Throughout the year, Greeley Stampede offers numerous community events from concerts to a golf tournament to a rousing kickoff. greeleystampede.org

Pikes Peak Cog Railway Plans to Open in 2021

The updated Cog Railroad, which transports visitors to Pikes Peak, is scheduled to reopen in 2021. Meanwhile, the historic rail cars have been removed and repurposed throughout the region. Several are now on display in the Colorado Railroad Museum, and some may become VIP seating in a new sports arena. cograilway.com



Broadmoor Pikes Peak Cog Railway

Cumbres & Toltec Scenic Railroad

Experience the Authentic West!

With depots in both Colorado and New Mexico, the 64-mile train ride crosses the border of the two states 11 times. During the journey, passengers travel through the high desert, narrow canyons, volcanic spires, pine and aspen forests, through tunnels, over trestles, and they top a high mountain pass at 10,015'. You'll find a little bit of everything included in the trip, even homemade buttermilk pie at the Osier Station dining facility where lunch is cooked fresh daily at 9,600'!



Award Winning!

The Cumbres & Toltec has won several awards. As USA Today's Best Scenic Train Ride in 2019, as well as in 2016 to Best Attraction in Colorado and New Mexico in 2017. Also the winner the Bronze award for Scenic Trains in NTA's Courier Distinguished Dozen in 2019. See what the hype is about, and experience the Authentic West, as train passengers did as far back as 1880!



Group Friendly!

The Cumbres & Toltec Scenic Railroad facilities are perfect for groups. From large parking lots and restrooms, ADA accessibility at the stations and on the train, the railroad can accommodate needs of all times. Lunch is relaxed as every ticket includes a hot meal and everyone eats together at Osier Station. This is an easy day for your guide and a fun-filled day for your guests! It's also guaranteed to rank 1st or 2nd on your group's list of favorite parts of your tour!



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WHAT'S NEW IN DENVER: 2021

EXCITING NEW RESTAURANTS AND ATTRACTIONS BECKON VISITORS TO THE MILE HIGH CITY

Downtown Denver



Photo courtesy of Visit the USA

Voted the best place to live in the United States by *US News & World Report*, Denver is a beautiful getaway destination with a lot to offer. Visitors can expect famous museums, attractions and restaurants, all with a beautiful view of the Rocky Mountains. Here are some of the newest restaurants, bars and attractions in Denver.

CONSTELLATION ICE CREAM

In March of 2019, the owners of Little Man Ice Cream Factory opened up Constellation Ice Cream. The name pays homage to a famous aircraft from the mid-20th century: the Lockheed Constellation. With its 75-foot replica aircraft wing, it also highlights Denver's history of the famous Stapleton International Airport. And not only does it have a unique design, but it also has a "Scoop for Scoop" program, where the shop donates to local schools to support STEM education.

THE SOURCE HOTEL + MARKET HALL

This urban gourmet market and hotel features two new restaurants—Safta, the highly anticipated Israeli restaurant from James Beard Award-winning chef, Alon Shaya; and barbeque joint, Smok, from Acorn's former Chef Bill Espiricuetta—in addition to the acclaimed Acorn restaurant and Reunion Bakery.

QUIERO AREPAS

In April of 2019, Quiero Arepas opened its second location as a 100% gluten-free food truck. The food truck, and the original location on Pearl Street, is famous for Venezuelan *arepas*. One *arepa* and one of their signature coconut water drinks (that, yes, are served straight from the coconut), and that's all you need.



16th Street Mall

Photo courtesy of VISIT DENVER

WHAT'S NEW IN DENVER: 2021

Photo courtesy of VISIT DENVER



Denver Graffiti Tour

ATTIMO WINERY

Attimo Winery, from Snooze co-founder Jon Schlegel, opened in January 2020. The winery and tasting room features wines made in the Piedmont region of Italy, alongside Italian-style cocktails and shareable food that pairs with both.

BROADWAY ROXY

While this music bar has been open for a while, it went under new management in the summer of 2019. Along with that, they changed their name, adapted a whole new menu and introduced a new bar program. This bar offers live music seven nights a week and gives you a special "Roaring Twenties" ambiance.

BRASS TACKS

With the original building built in 1863, this is a place with a lot of history and many stories. The current bar, which opened in February of 2019, offers inexpensive, but good, food and many signature drinks. This bar gives you a complete "old school" pub feeling. Just don't ask about the ghost(s).

MAINE SHACK

This New England-inspired restaurant gives visitors and residents of Denver the taste of Maine. The Maine Shack opened its doors in July of 2019 and has been serving authentic East Coast delicacies ever since. And, to ensure the highest quality food, the restaurant partnered with Greenhead Lobster Company to get shipments of lobster directly from Maine four times a week.

NOBLE RIOT

Welcoming wine connoisseurs as well as the wine-curious, this bar offers a great wine menu as well as great foods that pair well with it. Transforming what was previously the Greenlight Lab, the owners of the wine bar wanted to offer an experience for

everyone who walks in their door. They also offer one-time wine school classes as well as a club membership program.

MEOW WOLF

In 2021, Meow Wolf, the artist collective responsible for Santa Fe's immersive art exhibit "The House of Eternal Return," will open its second permanent installation in Denver. Meow Wolf creates immersive and interactive experiences that transport audiences of all ages into fantastic realms of story and exploration. This includes art installations, video and music production and extended reality content.

DENVER GRAFFITI TOUR

See a different side of the city as you explore street art, murals and graffiti. Denver Graffiti Tour provides leisurely two-hour strolls through the vibrant RiNo (River North) Art District. Not only will you learn about the artists and their work, but get insider tips on go-to bars and hip restaurants.

RED ROCKS PARK & AMPHITHEATRE AND COLORADO MUSIC HALL OF FAME

If you are visiting Denver, the Red Rocks Park & Amphitheatre is a must-see. It is an absolutely beautiful phenomenon, being "the only naturally occurring, acoustically perfect amphitheater in the world." This theater allows visitors to see some of the most famous and popular artists in the world with events year-round, all while giving them a one of a kind view. During the day, the venue is a city park, free and open to the public with easy hiking trails and a visitor center. Stop by the Trading Post at Red Rocks Amphitheatre and explore the Colorado Music Hall of Fame. The CMHOF has been created to honor those individuals who have made outstanding contributions to preserve and protect historical artifacts and to educate the public regarding everything that's great about our state's music.

This is just a taste of Denver's new attractions, so be sure to explore www.Denver.org when planning your next group outing to the Mile High City. ●



Red Rocks Amphitheatre

Photo courtesy of VISIT DENVER

EXPERIENCE MEDAL STAND GLORY AT THE NEW U.S. OLYMPIC AND PARALYMPIC MUSEUM

THIS NEW COLORADO SPRINGS ATTRACTION HONORS AMERICAN OLYMPIANS WITH CUTTING-EDGE EXHIBITS AND INVALUABLE MEMORABILIA

Already home to the United States Olympic & Paralympic Committee and U.S. Olympic & Paralympic Training Center, Colorado Springs cemented its reputation as “Olympic City USA” with a July grand opening of the U.S. Olympic and Paralympic Museum. This immense 60,000-square-foot celebration of America’s storied Olympic triumphs is located in the heart of the new Southwest Downtown Urban Renewal District.

Before entering, visitors should admire the museum’s innovative design: a three-story metallic spiral that evokes a discus-thrower in mid-motion. The aluminum-paneled facade is lined with 9,000 uniquely shaped folded panels that reflect sunlight during the day and project digital inscriptions of athletes and members at nighttime. Once inside, groups will be amazed by the vast atrium lined with massive clerestory windows that offer views of Colorado Springs and the surrounding Rocky Mountains. This space is also home to the Hall of Fame itself. Each of the Hall’s 154 inductees is honored by interactive digital pylons and a 40-foot digital wall that line the space.

Guests then ride an elevator up to the third floor to experience the museum’s 12 gallery spaces that are arranged in a descending corkscrew design. Visitors first learn about the Olympics’ origin in Ancient Greece and modern revival in 1896 before entering the interactive Athlete Training room. Here you can unlock your inner athlete by sprinting, skiing and sledding against LED projections of real Olympians at their record times. Other exhibits include the Lab (which focuses on innovations in equipment and wheelchair technology to maximize performance) and the Winter Games room, where virtual snowboarders surround guests in a digital “halfpipe.” Throughout, groups will be amazed by priceless artifacts such as the scoreboard from the 1980 “Miracle on Ice,” the famous Night



Train bobsled from the 2010 Winter Games and a vast collection of torches, medals and memorabilia.

The museum also prides itself on its cutting-edge personalized experiences. Before they enter the gallery space, guests are given credentials and can specify their ZIP code and Olympic events they are interested in. As they walk through the exhibits, displays sense the visitor’s verification and automatically customize themselves to showcase the reader’s favorite sports and spotlight Olympic athletes from their hometown.

Featuring convenient motorcoach parking, exceptional accessibility and engaging exhibits, the U.S. Olympic and Paralympic Museum is an absolutely essential addition to your next Colorado visit. For more information and group rates, visit www.usopm.org. ●

7 WAYS FOR GROUPS TO BE COLO-READY

WITH MORE THAN 40 PERCENT OF COLORADO'S LANDSCAPE MANAGED BY STATE AND FEDERAL AGENCIES, IT'S LIKELY YOUR TOUR WILL TAKE IN SOME OF THE STATE'S MARVELOUS SCENERY



Each of Colorado's eight regions has its own attractions to build an itinerary around. Regardless of the region traveled, they each share the spirit of adventure and a soft spot for nature. Here's how to best explore Colorado's great outdoors like a local, courtesy of the Colorado Tourism Office.

1. Know Before You Go - Along with state and federal lands, cities and counties are also charged with maintaining the area. When planning where your travels might take you, be respectful of the space. Consider finding your way to less-traveled places. There are plenty of places in Colorado where off-peak destinations are perfect for exploring. Remember to have your travelers bring reusable water bottles and hot drink containers.

2. Stick to Trails - Colorado has 39,000 marked trails! There's no need to wander off them. Shortcuts can be tempting, but staying on the path for a few extra steps protects plants and animals that are the true locals. Stick to the trails that best fit your group's activity level.

3. Leave It as You Find It -

Colorado's 750 species of wildflowers will live forever in your camera. Respect all living things. Cutting or chopping plants and trees may destroy them. That unusual rock might look great in your garden, but it needs to stay exactly where it is. Leave everything natural for others to enjoy.

4. Trash the Trash - Whether your preferred technique is a jump shot, layup or slam dunk, put your trash where it belongs. Even crumbs, seeds and cores need to go in the nearest waste receptacle. Pick up an extra piece of litter for the team and leave your place better than you found it. Wash your hands with biodegradable soap, staying a few hundred feet from rivers and streams.

5. Be Careful with Fire - Who doesn't enjoy a s'more over a campfire? It's certainly a nice treat while enjoying a sunset. While Colorado's low humidity is a bonus, it will create dry conditions. Keep your campfire small, manageable and never unattended. When extinguishing your fire use enough water so you can hold embers in your hand. Cigarette and cigar smokers need to make sure their smoke is completely out. Put the butts in the trash where they belong.

6. Keep Wildlife Wild - We love Chip 'n Dale—those chipmunk brothers that Walt Disney Productions introduced in 1943. When you see their relatives in the wild, or for that matter any wildlife, do not feed them. It alters their natural behaviors. Tens

of thousands creatures call Colorado home. Keep your distance to stay safe.

7. Share Our Trails and Parks - As mentioned in the first point, consider exploring the lesser-known paths. People-watching really won't qualify as an outdoor activity. Mute your cell phone, or better yet turn it off before heading into nature. Although likely practicing social distancing, do be courteous to others. Hikers and bikers heading uphill need the momentum.

Whether your Colorado outdoors experience is a leisurely nature walk in your new sneakers or a journey to a remote camping site with a small group of friends, treat the landscape with respect. Go quietly and listen to nature. She's playing a symphony of wonderful music. colorado.com/quiz ●

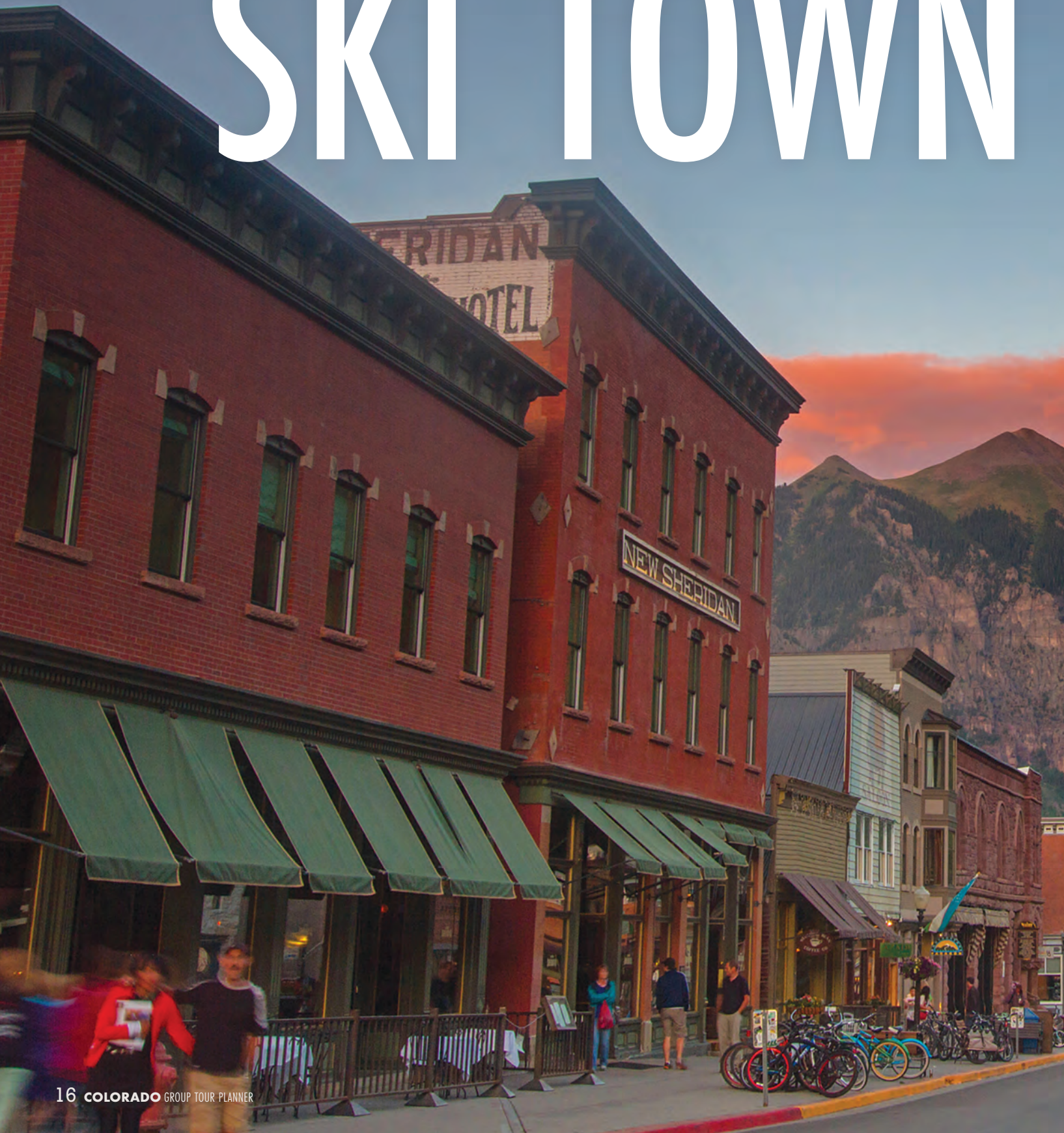
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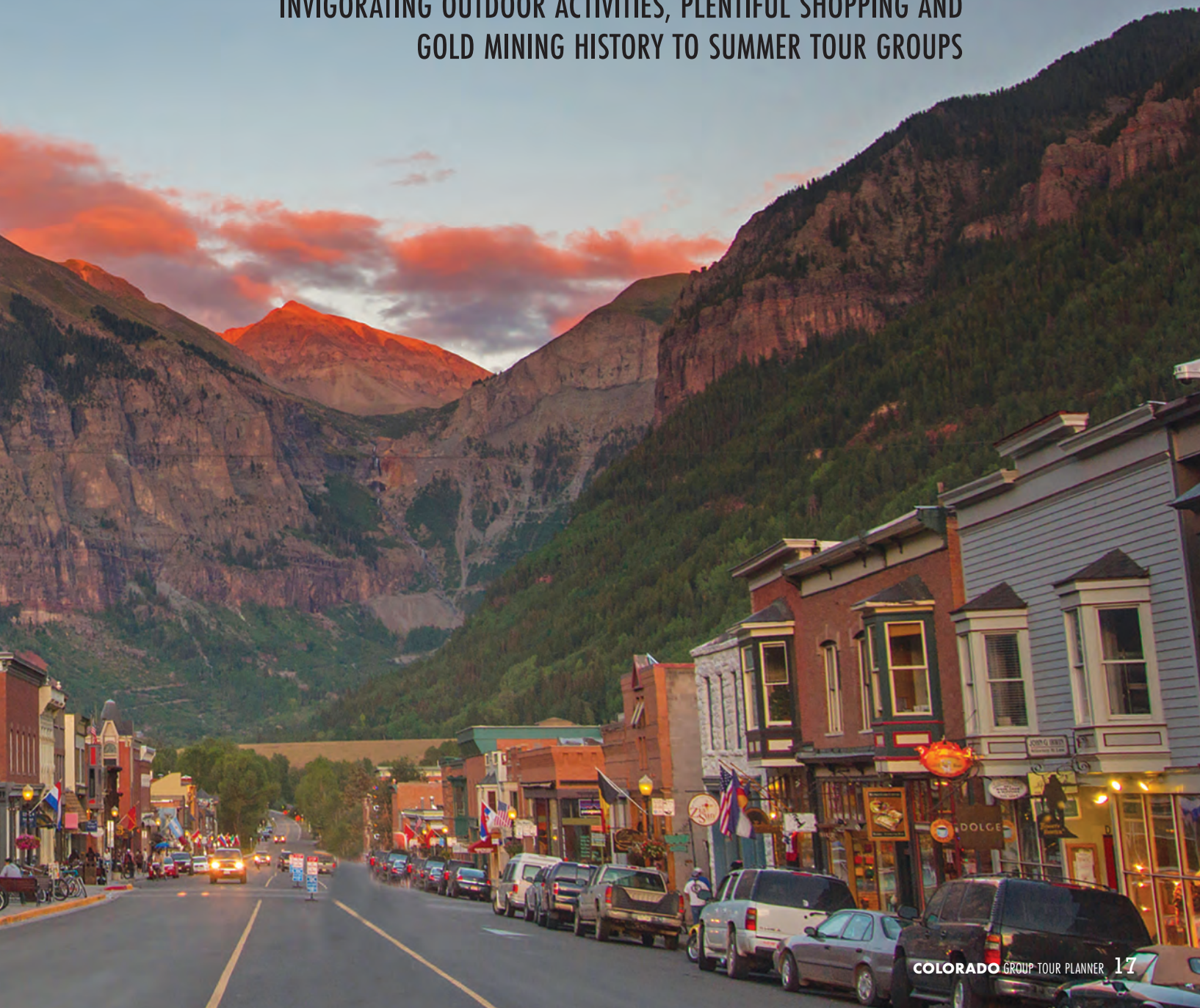
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SUMMERS

THESE ROCKY MOUNTAIN RESORT COMMUNITIES OFFER INVIGORATING OUTDOOR ACTIVITIES, PLENTIFUL SHOPPING AND GOLD MINING HISTORY TO SUMMER TOUR GROUPS



SKI TOWN SUMMERS

Colorado has become an international travel destination in part because of its acclaimed ski resorts. With its iconic ski lodges, Olympic athletes and diverse terrain options, the state is the premier American destination for winter sports. However, once the snow melts and aspen trees bloom, these cities offer a surfeit of outdoor activities, pioneer history and walkable main streets. Whether your group prefers mountain biking and boating or mellow activities like distillery tours and spa outings, these Rocky Mountain communities are ideal additions to a Colorado itinerary.

WINTER PARK

Located one hour from the Denver metro area along the Continental Divide, "Mountain Bike Capital, USA" offers accessibility to over 600 miles of trails. Group members can brave the extreme drops of Trestle Bike Park or the more leisurely beginner trails in Granby Ranch,

and the hiking routes that follow the Fraser River offer prime opportunities to spot wildlife. Snap a group photo next to the famous moose sculpture in downtown Winter Park before continuing to the resort itself, which continues to thrive during the summer. Activities include Colorado's longest alpine slide, scenic chairlift rides to the summit and shopping at the Village: an open-air town square modeled after Alpine squares.

» **MORE INFO:** www.PlayWinterPark.com

STEAMBOAT SPRINGS

Long before it attracted skiers from around the world, Steamboat Springs thrived as a ranching community and wellness destination that took advantage of the Yampa Valley's geothermal healing properties. That experience continues to thrive at Strawberry Park Hot Springs, where visitors can relax their muscles and clear their pores in tiered pools that vary in temperature. Groups can also embark

on a gondola ride to Thunderhead Peak for a sunset cocktail, enjoy tubing along the Yampa River and embark on an easy hike to Fish Creek Falls. For an authentic taste of the region's ranching heritage, cheer on local cowboys and cowgirls at Steamboat Pro Rodeo Series or partake in a chuckwagon dinner at Saddleback Ranch.

» **MORE INFO:** www.SteamboatChamber.com

ASPEN

Aspen, once a silver mining boomtown, has emerged as one of North America's premier winter sport destinations and host of the Winter X Games. Summer visitors can also admire the beautiful landscapes of the surrounding White River National Forest and cobblestoned streets of downtown, which retains many of its 19th century exteriors. Hitch a ride on the Silver Queen Gondola to the Sundeck for a bluegrass concert, and from there play "18 holes" at the world's highest disc golf course. Looking to achieve "serenity now"? Participate in a morning meditation session at the John Denver Sanctuary, relax with a St. Regis Resort massage or sample delicious drinks during the annual summer Food & Wine Classic.

» **MORE INFO:** www.AspenChamber.org

VAIL

Famous for its celebrity residents and glamorous resorts, the Vail Valley literally blossoms in the summer with countless biking, hiking and dining opportunities. For a low-impact hike, ride the Eagle Bahn Gondola to Eagles Nest for a mountaintop view before descending on the Berrypicker Trail. Once your group reaches the base area, spend time browsing the boutiques in the Bavarian-inspired Lionshead Square and visiting the art galleries of Vail Village. If you're further interested in the region's natural beauty, register for a naturalist-led wildflower hike at the Nature Discovery Center or walk through the Betty Ford Alpine Gardens—the highest botanical garden in the nation.

» **MORE INFO:** www.DiscoverVail.com



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Steamboat Springs



Breckenridge

BRECKENRIDGE

When the snow melts and skiers depart from Breckenridge, new visitors arrive to boat on Lake Dillon, fly fish in the Blue River and dine on Main Street. Popular with groups is Country Boy Mine, where visitors can descend 1,000 feet to see a Widowmaker drill in action, pan for gold in Eureka Creek and interact with costumed interpreters. Other itinerary additions can include Breckenridge Distillery (where you can tour the barrel aging room), pottery classes on the Arts District campus and stand up paddle boarding for beginners on Maggie Pond. After a day of adventure, the long summer nights practically beg for a relaxing patio meal, and you can enjoy mountain views at Kenosha Steakhouse, margaritas at Angel's Hollow and the backyard beer garden at Rocky Mountain Underground.

» **MORE INFO:** www.GoBreck.com

KEYSTONE

Keystone Resort, conveniently located close to I-70 and near the larger city of Silverthorne, features plenty of outdoor

activities to add to a group itinerary. Grab your cowboy hat and saddle up at Keystone Stables. Groups can register for a horse-drawn wagon ride through Soda Creek to Keystone's original homestead, where you can enjoy a cool beverage and listen to wranglers give an account of Summit County's pioneer past. Afterwards, spend time at the resort's Lakeside Village, a pedestrian-friendly waterfront lined with cafes and beaches. Group members looking for a more upbeat activity can rent kayaks, canoes and stand up paddle boards from the Adventure Center to explore the Dillon Reservoir.

» **MORE INFO:** www.KeystoneResort.com

TELLURIDE

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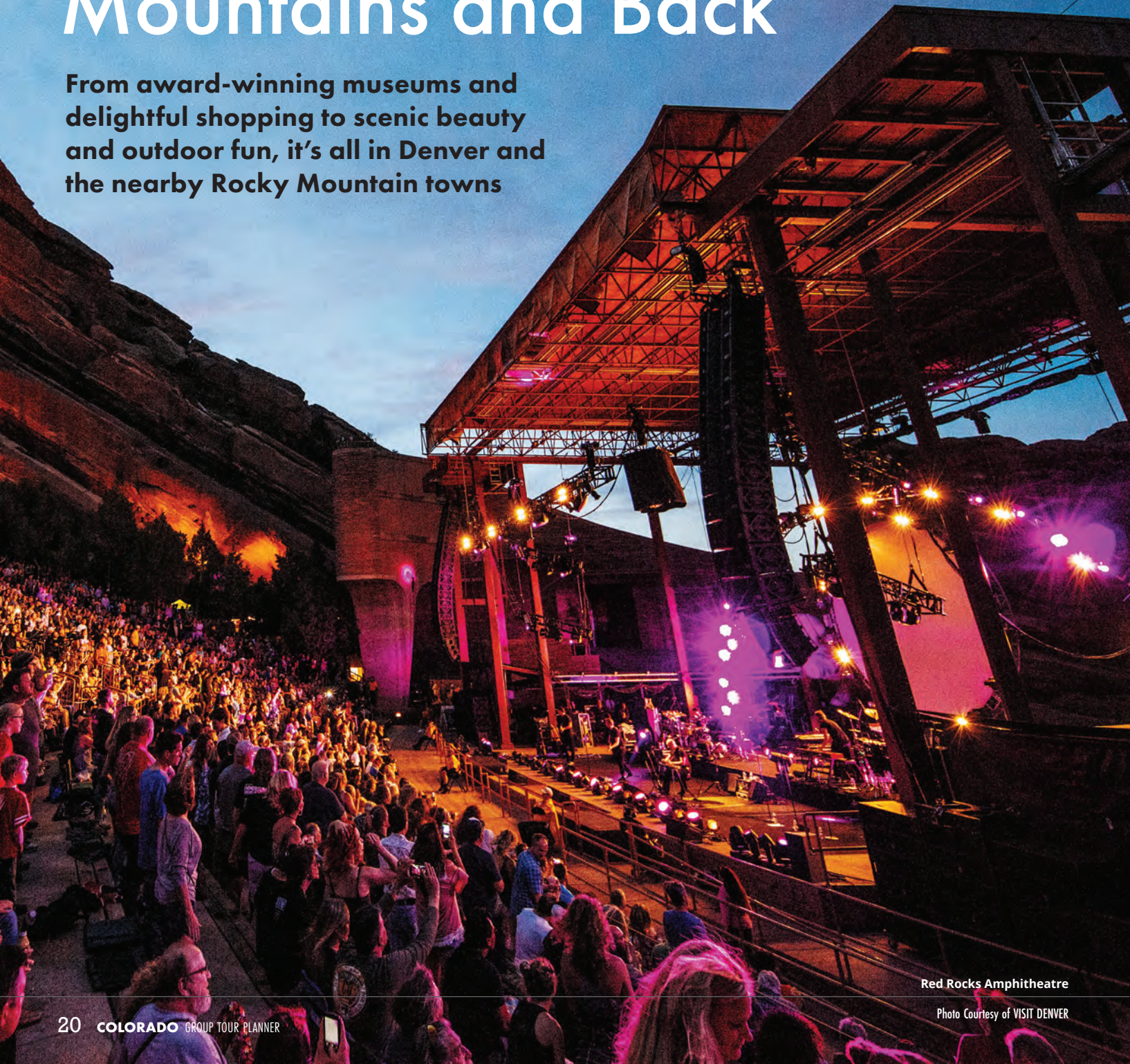


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Red Rocks Amphitheatre

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Denver Blue Bear

Day 1:

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Day 2:

Arrive at the Golden Triangle Creative District and **Denver Art Museum**. Fourteen collections include European & American, African, Asian and Indigenous Art of North America.

Lunch is on your own at Civic Center Eats, a gathering of local food trucks in Civic Center Park before gathering at the **Kirkland Museum of Decorative Art**. Browse three different collections ("International Decorative Art," "Colorado and Regional Art" and "Vance Kirkland and the Original Studio") all arranged "salon style." There's still more art to enjoy at the **Clyfford Still Museum**, which houses nine galleries of Still's art, historic photos, objects and letters from his archives.

Depart Denver for a short drive to **Red Rocks Park & Amphitheatre**, Visitor Center and dinner at Ship Rock Grille. The Visitor Center offers a short film and interactive displays to tell the story of the only natural amphitheater in the world.

Day 3:

Enjoy the leisurely 70-mile ride to **Estes Park** on the edge of Rocky Mountain National Park. Begin your visit with the **Aerial Tramway**. You'll travel across the treetops to the summit of Prospect Mountain. Venture to the **Riverwalk**, where the Big Thompson River and Fall River wind through the city. Start with lunch at your choice of more than a dozen area restaurants. Continue by shopping locally owned stores sure to have those perfect gifts for the family and friends back home.

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Day 4:

After breakfast, meet your **Estes Park Guided Tour** guide for a memorable three-hour Lower Valley Tour. Enjoy lunch in Estes Park before spending the afternoon driving through Rocky Mountain National Park on a leisurely drive over Trail Ridge Road, an America's Scenic Byway. Discover how a portion of the Colorado River flows into the Mississippi River. Spend two nights at Grand Lake Lodge, a National Historic Landmark. Dinner tonight is casual elegance at the Grand Lake Lodge overlooking Grand Lake, the largest natural lake in Colorado.

Day 5:

Enjoy breakfast and take time to walk to **Adams Falls** followed by a boat tour of the lake. After lunch, relax while exploring Grand Lake's wooden boardwalks, restaurants and shops or just sit on the beach listening to the waves on the sandy shore. Dinner tonight is at one of the delightful Grand Lake restaurants, followed by a live performance at the world-famous repertory theatre. Or take a short drive to Hot Sulphur Springs Resort and Spa to spoil yourself with some much needed relaxation in 21 mineral pools.

Day 6:

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What opportunities does Denver specifically offer groups?

We have some fabulous tours that are unique to the city. More folks have been signing up for the Graffiti Art Tour, which is great for smaller groups that want to experience the RiNo [River North] neighborhood. We also have great behind-the-scenes experiences at Stranahan's

Distillery, Wynkoop Brewing and Great Divide Brewing Company. All offer chances to walk through the facilities and taste samples. Groups also really enjoy the fabulous tour of the state capitol, where you can see the entire Denver skyline and Rocky Mountains from the top of the dome. One of my favorite attractions to talk about is the original home of one of Denver's first socialites: philanthropist and *Titanic* survivor Molly Brown.

What are some essential cultural attractions you recommend to groups visiting Denver?

I always suggest the Denver Art Museum, History Colorado Center, Clyfford



Still Museum and the Kirkland Museum of Fine & Decorative Art, and you can find all of these in the Golden Triangle Creative District, so they're very accessible. During the summer, the Civic Center hosts food trucks, so the area becomes an enormous food court. Groups should also try the restaurants all along the 16th Street Mall, which is a pedestrian street that runs over one mile long and has free shuttle that runs the entire distance.

Are there hidden gem attractions groups would enjoy?

Absolutely—I highly suggest the Kirkland Museum of Fine & Decorative Art, which is named for Colorado artist Vance Kirkland. His abstract dot paintings actually take up several walls in the museum, which houses thousands of Mid-Century Modern decorative art objects. Children under 13 aren't allowed inside because of how valuable and delicate a lot of the pieces are.

If you had a free day to yourself in Denver, what would you visit personally?

In the morning I would shop at Cherry Creek, which is a fantastic shopping center with independent boutiques, coffee shops and beautiful patios. In the afternoon I would go to RiNo, which is short for the River North Art District. It's filled with street art murals around every corner and hosts a huge annual festival where muralists from all over the country create new work or refresh existing ones. It's also home to Denver Central Market, which has some of the best pizza and ice cream in town in addition to a bakery and butcher. Then I'd end my day with a Colorado Rockies game with a friend. The area surrounding Coors Field is LoDo [Lower Downtown], which has lots of great bars to grab a drink with a friend. ●



Eric Lund, Visit Estes Park CEO

Hailing from Sun Valley, Idaho, Eric spent over 25 years in the San Diego area promoting the city and county before returning to the Rocky Mountains. He's now the CEO of Visit Estes Park, which promotes this beautiful gateway to Colorado's outdoor activities

What kinds of Estes Park experiences do you promote to visitors?

Obviously—being so close to the great outdoors—we promote just about every sport you can imagine. We especially like to emphasize fishing, hiking and mountain climbing, and we're considered the gateway to Rocky Mountain National

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We also love to promote our town because it's filled with wonderful shops that offer a variety of goods for pretty much everybody. Out of our 75 restaurants, about 20 can accommodate large parties, and Dunraven at the Estes Park Resort is an especially popular Italian restaurant.



Are there distillery or agritourism experiences available?

We have a distillery (Elkins Distilling Co.), Snowy Peaks Winery and five breweries. A number of those facilities welcome group tours, and we have two dedicated group sales specialists that work hard to make sure every group receives special attention.

What group lodging do you recommend for larger groups?

I always recommend the YMCA of the Rockies, which is the largest YMCA property in the United States and good for groups who want a lot of outdoor activities. There's also the Ridgeline Hotel, which is very accommodating to groups with six breakout rooms (including one that can handle up to 300 people). Same thing with the Stanley Hotel, which is iconic and has been in Estes Park as long as the national park has been attracting visitors.

What are some of the notable festivals that attract out-of-town visitors?

Bigfoot Days in the spring are very popular—which is when people claimed to see Bigfoot around here. We also host the Scottish Festival, where people bring their fresh harvest for sale, and the popular whiskey and beer festivals. We also host the Rooftop Rodeo, which is terrific and was voted one of the best small rodeos in the United States.

If you had a free day to yourself in Estes Park, what would you visit personally?

I like to take my three dogs out hiking in Hermit Park, which is really spacious and allows dogs. In the wintertime I'll cross country ski, and our local hills here host skijoring, which is basically when you're cross country skiing but being pulled by a dog. ●

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