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We are proud to present the 2023 edition of our *Colorado Group Tour Planner*. This edition will take you on a tour full of history, culture and outdoor adventure. You will learn about the updated Pikes Peak Cog Railway, the state's rich cowboy heritage, the "Care for Colorado" program and more! There is always something exciting around the next corner. We look forward to sharing our beautiful state with you and helping you plan your next tour.

We would like to thank all our members for their continued support. Please take a moment to look at their listings and reach out to them for information and assistance in your itinerary planning. Within those

listings you will find attractions, hotels, destinations and service providers. All our members are eager to help you plan that perfect tour!

I, the Tour Colorado Board of Directors and our members are excited to welcome you, your clients and groups to Colorado!

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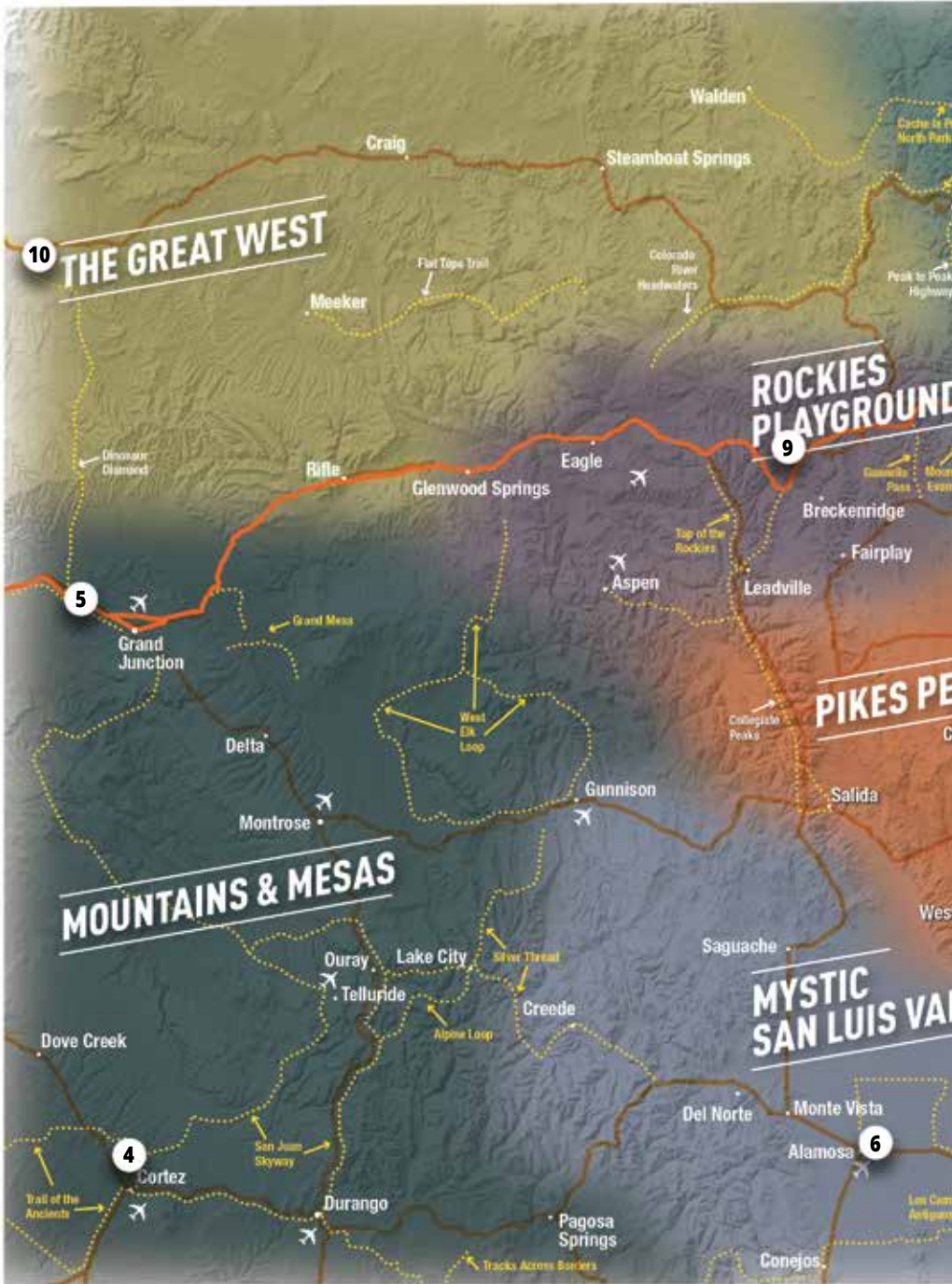
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Two Amtrak passenger train routes travel through Colorado. The **California Zephyr** connects San Francisco and Chicago with regular stops in the newly renovated Denver Union Station, Granby, Grand Junction, Glenwood Springs, Winter Park and Fort Morgan. 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 Fridays, Saturdays and Sundays between January and April.

TAKE FLIGHT TO COLORADO

Denver International Airport is serviced by 23 airlines that provide direct non-stop service from 215 destinations, including 28 international destinations. Denver has the the third-busiest airport in the United States, eighth-busiest in the world and—with more than 58 million passengers—is one of the busiest airline hubs in the world. 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 15 destinations. **Colorado Springs Airport** welcomes Southwestern, American, Delta, Frontier and United flights daily, 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 America is over the Royal Gorge near Cañon City. The Royal Gorge Bridge spans the Arkansas River in Fremont County at a height of **956 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.**

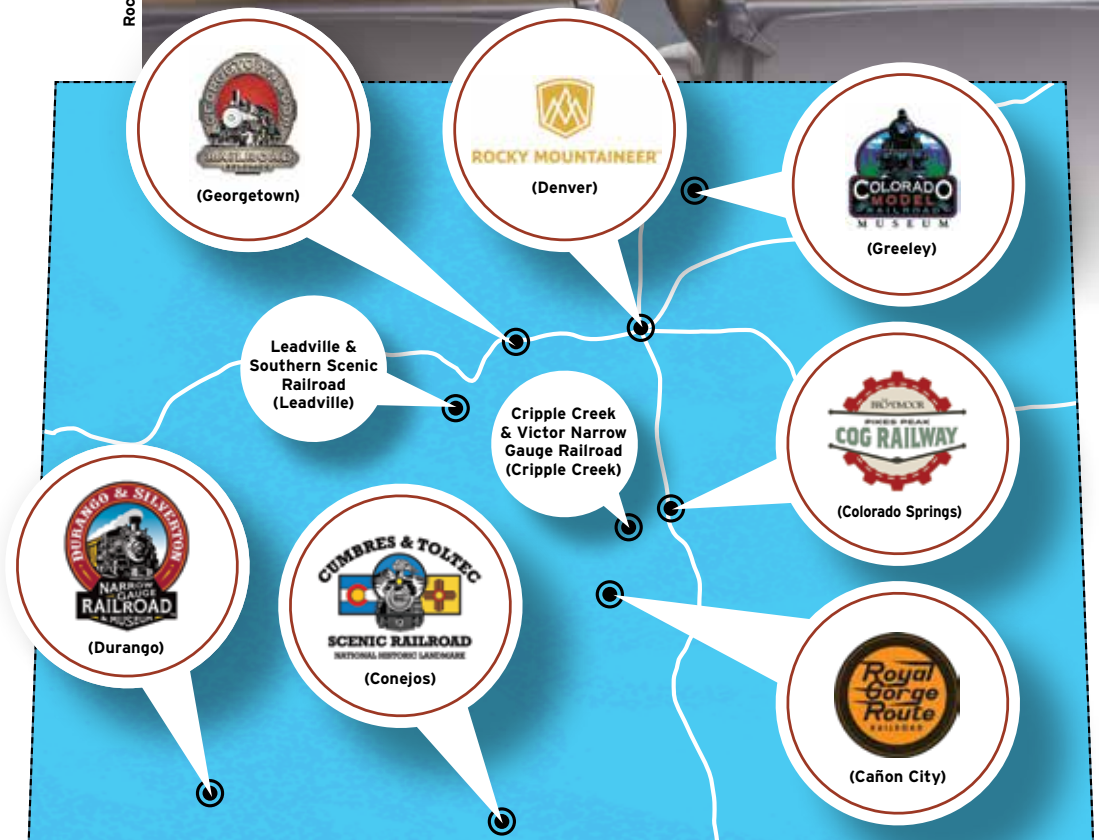
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EXPERIENCE THE RESTORED PIKES PEAK COG RAILWAY



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**GROUPS CAN
RIDE THE UPDATED
RAILWAY AND
ENJOY STUNNING
VIEWS FROM
A REIMAGINED
VISITOR CENTER**

After three years and \$100 million in renovations, the historic Pikes Peak Cog Railway has reopened to whisk visitors to one of America's most famous mountains.

Visitors can also enjoy a state-of-the-art visitor center, updated onboard amenities and a restored depot as they climb the 14,115-foot peak.

"Recognized as the world's highest cog railroad, The Broadmoor Manitou and Pikes Peak Cog Railway is an important part of the heritage of the Western United States," says the railway's website. "Taking this journey is like walking the footsteps of history, and now the adventure is even more iconic and inspiring."

The railway first opened in 1891 after businessman Zalmon Simmons visited nearby Manitou Springs and bemoaned the arduous two-day trip by mule required to reach Pikes Peak. The track was constructed by laborers by hand, with only the assistance of pickaxes and mules, and the innovative cog-and-rack system allowed conductors to control speeds for downward descent. The railway was acquired by the nearby Broadmoor Hotel in 1925, and the result was a legacy of success. Over a century of incremental improvements brought diesel locomotives, electric vehicles and hydraulic-powered coaches to the tracks, but after 126 years of operation, the railway decided that major structural renovations were necessary safety reasons and for an ideal visitor experience.

Groups will begin their adventure at the restored depot, which maintains its 19th century mining town design but has been refreshed with bright blue paint, a second train platform, an overhead walkway and remodeled bathroom and gift shop spaces. Next, board a new 214-foot-long aluminum train outfitted with upholstered, cushioned seating for the journey to Pikes Peak. The trains travel 10 miles per hour on a 70-minute single-cog rail trip that slowly winds up Rocky Mountain ridges. Passengers will travel through Pike National Forest to see cascading waterfalls, ancient quartz boulders and canopies of Colorado spruce. You'll also see plenty of

wildlife, including elk, eagles and Colorado's iconic big horn sheep.

Once you've reached the famous summit of Pikes Peak, your group can admire the Collegiate and Sangre de Cristo mountain ranges and even spot the skyscrapers of downtown Denver on a clear day. You will also want to spend time in the new Pikes Peak Visitor Center, a beautiful space with design elements that echo the colors and textures of the mountain's granite. The state-of-the-art space was constructed with environmentally sustainable materials and passive design strategies that significantly reduce the building's energy needs. A highly insulated concrete shell retains heat, solar arrays supply electricity, and prefabricated rooms helped minimize fuel for transportation (even vacuum-sealed toilets reduce trips for water replenishment).

ADA-accessible and designed with catwalks and immense windows to maximize the beautiful views, the center educates visitors on the mountain's history, climate and conservation initiatives through interactive exhibit galleries and interpretive trails that circle the building. Visitors can download the Pikes Peak Summit Experience app to learn about the region's history and immerse themselves in the interactive interpretive space. Users can identify wildlife during a hike, collect "stickers" for stopping at various Colorado Springs locations and play trivia games to learn frontier history.

You can also pose for a photo on the immense roof decks that are sheltered from the winds by the building and provide panoramic views of the mountains. If your group is hungry, the new Pikes Peak Summit house offers delicious breakfast burritos, fresh sandwiches and pork green chile. You can also try the world-famous Pikes Peak donut, which is based on a 1916 recipe and specifically designed to be deep fried at the mountain's high altitude.

Group leaders should call ahead for a group reserved admission adult ticket of \$63, and accommodations for group meals and tours can be made with advanced notice. This excludes departures between 9 a.m. and 1 p.m. For more group tour information, visit www.cograilway.com or call 719-685-5401. ●

Rocky Mountain
National Park

7 WAYS FOR GROUPS TO BE COLO-READY

WITH MORE THAN 40% 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



Photo courtesy of Visit Estes Park

The Care for Colorado Coalition is an unprecedented collaboration of more than 60 statewide organizations, businesses and agencies that serve to keep Colorado unspoiled. As a proud stewardship partner, Tour Colorado helps cultivate an appreciation and understanding of Colorado's untamed uniqueness by educating visitors.

"Destination stewardship is a priority for the Colorado Tourism Office (CTO). CTO was the first tourism office in the United States to reach out to Leave No Trace to develop these seven Care for Colorado Leave No Trace principles as a guide for visitors and residents to travel responsibly," says Barb Bowman, CTO.

Before exploring the wilds of Colorful Colorado, become part of the solution and practice these fundamental principles to keep the Centennial State resplendent for everyone.

CONSIDER THIS

Colorado's agencies oversee 42% of the captivating landscape with cities and counties safeguarding even more. Reduce waste and stay hydrated in the dry climate with convenient reusable water bottles and thermal cups. Explore lesser-traveled off-season spots for a deeper connection to nature and less impact on more popular areas. Springtime in Colorado is not immune from late-season snowstorms.

TRAVERSE THOUGHTFULLY

When traveling any of the thousands of designated trails, stay in the middle even if they are muddy/slushy. Wet leaves and vegetation along trail edges make them vulnerable to damage and erosion. Shortcuts present the likelihood of plant and habitat destruction. Wear proper footwear such as sturdy, well-insulated, waterproof boots for enjoyable traversing.

LOOK, DON'T TOUCH

The allure of discovering Colorado's natural environment brings more than 80 million visitors each year. Leave plants, historical artifacts and rocks as you found them so that others may experience the joy of exploration. Capture scenery with snapshots and forgo natural keepsakes. All flora and fauna are living things, so maintain good intentions and judgments. Don't carve into trees or mar ancient rockfaces as this can kill and disfigure the natural splendor.

KEEP COLORADO CLEAN

If your group carries it in, carry it out. Pick up refuse and leave a place better than you found it. This includes cores/peels, bottle caps, cigarette butts and litter. When washing yourself, your pets and other items, do so at least 200 feet from bodies of water and use biodegradable soap. Harsh chemicals can kill marine/plant life. Pack out paper products using a disposable waste bag found at most outdoor stores.

FIRE AWARENESS

The low humidity in Colorado creates a dry climate more susceptible to wildfires. Check for fire restrictions in your group's area before building one. Keep all campfires small and manageable

and never leave them unattended. Smokers should be extra vigilant in ashing and properly disposing of cigarettes. When extinguishing, water your campfire until you can manipulate the embers. Avoid building fires at trailheads and parking lots.

RESPECT WILDLIFE

Tens of thousands of plant and animal species call Colorado home. To ensure their safety and your groups, do not approach, chase or feed wildlife. View them from afar and allow nature to thrive undisturbed. Fleeing animals are forced to expend crucial energy reserved for surviving cold winter months. Springtime is full of blossoming wildflowers and nesting animals, so travel thoughtfully, give them extra space and be sensitive to nature.

RESPECT TRAVELERS

Colorado's magnificent environment invites visitors to unplug and reconnect with nature. Silence cell phones and speak softly so your group doesn't disturb others. Allow folks, including those in your group, to resonate with the symphonies of nature. Be considerate and move aside for uphill bikers/hikers so they can keep their much-needed momentum.

For more information about how to prepare for your group's next Colorado adventure and tools for group planning, visit <https://oedit.colorado.gov/care-for-colorado-principles-program>. ●



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COLORADO'S COWBOY CULTURE

LEARN ABOUT THE STATE'S RICH HERITAGE OF
RANCHING, MINING AND HOMESTEADING

Romanticized for generations through movies, television and books, the Old West goes far beyond the surface impressions of Stetson hats, saloons and railroad barons. Cowboy culture traces its roots to the 16th century, when Spanish settlers introduced domesticated horses, cattle and sheep to North America. The most potent vision of the "Wild West" in the public imagination remains the 1800s, when ranchers, miners and pioneers populated the region. Colorado remains a global ranching capital, and your group can experience the state's rich Western heritage in its many museums, historic sites and rodeos.

Orient your group to the region's cowboy history at the **ProRodeo Hall of Fame & Museum of the American Cowboy** in Colorado Springs. Visitors can explore the immense exhibition hall that houses saddles, chaps and other equipment from centuries of rodeo history, and the Hall of Champions honors wranglers, stock contractors and rodeo clowns that contributed to rodeo culture. Step into the spurs of 19th century

settlers at Colorado Springs' **Ghost Town Museum**. Visitors can walk down a wooden promenade through an immense indoor recreation of a pioneer village that consists of preserved artifacts and buildings from the Pikes Peak area. Test your aim at the shooting gallery, try your hand at a printing press and pan for gold.

Learn about the profound and underrepresented influence African Americans had upon Western expansion at the **Black American West Museum & Heritage Center**. Located in the former home of Dr. Justina Ford (the first Black female doctor in Denver) the center profiles black cowboys, homesteaders and lawmen as the American West rapidly developed after the Civil War. Also in Denver is the **History Colorado Center**, which explores Colorado's development and the expansion of the American West in 15 exhibits across four floors.

Groups can learn much more about cowboy history by venturing beyond the cities to interact with the authentic ranchers and visit settlements that have stood for centuries. **Bent's Old Fort** in Colorado's southeastern corner was once



a thriving trading post that connected fur trappers, westward pioneers and the Cheyenne and Arapaho tribes. Register for an interpretive tour to interact with costumed craftspeople and walk the ramparts of this adobe structure to learn how these disparate groups interacted during the fort's heyday in the 1840s. **The Fort** in the town of Morrison was built in 1962 to match the style of Bent's Old Fort, including an authentic adobe foundation and furniture and doors constructed using 19th century techniques. Groups can call ahead to tour the campus and learn about Colorado's Western past before enjoying entrees of bison, elk and quail in addition to the signature house cocktail that was served in Bent's Old Fort in 1833 (which consists of bourbon, sugar and mint).

You can also learn about Rocky Mountain history at the **Gunnison Pioneer Museum**, a 14-acre campus that



Buffalo Bill Museum

consists of 30 buildings. Tour a preserved schoolhouse, post office and rail depot to learn about the Native Americans and settlers who made a home of this rugged region. If you are staying in the Denver area, venture into the mountains to visit the **Buffalo Bill Grave & Museum**. The resting place of America's famous cowboy and showman includes artifacts from the touring Buffalo Bill's Wild West Show, a peace pipe that belonged to Lakota leader Sitting Bull and beautiful views of downtown Golden.

Colorado's signature Western event is the rodeo. Originally developed as a showcase for vaqueros and cowboys to display their roping and livestock herding skills, rodeos have developed to showcase the ranching lifestyle with a broad array of skills competitions, live music, food and art. Dating back to the late 1800s and once the largest fair in the world, the **Greeley Stampede** is a massive festival

that welcomes over 250,000 annual visitors and features bull-riding, displays by local artists and performances by internationally renowned country singers. Visitors can watch over 100 cars become rubble in a demolition derby, catch a variety of roping competitions and see beautiful Western-inspired paintings and sculptures at the art show.

Another must-see spectacle is the **National Western Stock Show** just north of Denver. Hosting over 15,000 animals, the event includes bull-riding competitions, barrel racing and booths that sell authentic Western ware like cowboy boots, belts and blankets. Groups can also watching trick roping at the Mexican Rodeo, learn about unsung history at the African-American Heritage Rodeo and enjoy impressive tricks during the Super Dogs show. Hosted annually in the fairgrounds outside of Pueblo, the **Colorado State**

Fair will appeal to every member of your group, whether you want to admire the local livestock or indulge in a funnel cake.

Is your group hankering for an interactive cowboy experience? **Flying W Ranch** in the foothills of Colorado Springs offers dinner & show in an operating cattle ranch. Sit down for a famous three-course chuckwagon feast and enjoy delights like the mouthwatering meats, Dutch-oven buttermilk biscuits and savory trail beans while being serenaded by one of the country's oldest cowboy singing groups in their brand-new performance venue. The Flying W Ranch is also a great place to learn new skills and understand more of daily life in the Old West. Try your hand at Navajo rug weaving, silversmithing, horse shoeing or hat making, and get up close with the many ranch animals living on site. ●

DISCOVERING NORTHWEST COLORADO

OUTDOOR RECREATION, DINOSAUR LORE AND
PIONEER HISTORY LURE TRAVELERS TO MOFFAT COUNTY



Dinosaur National
Monument

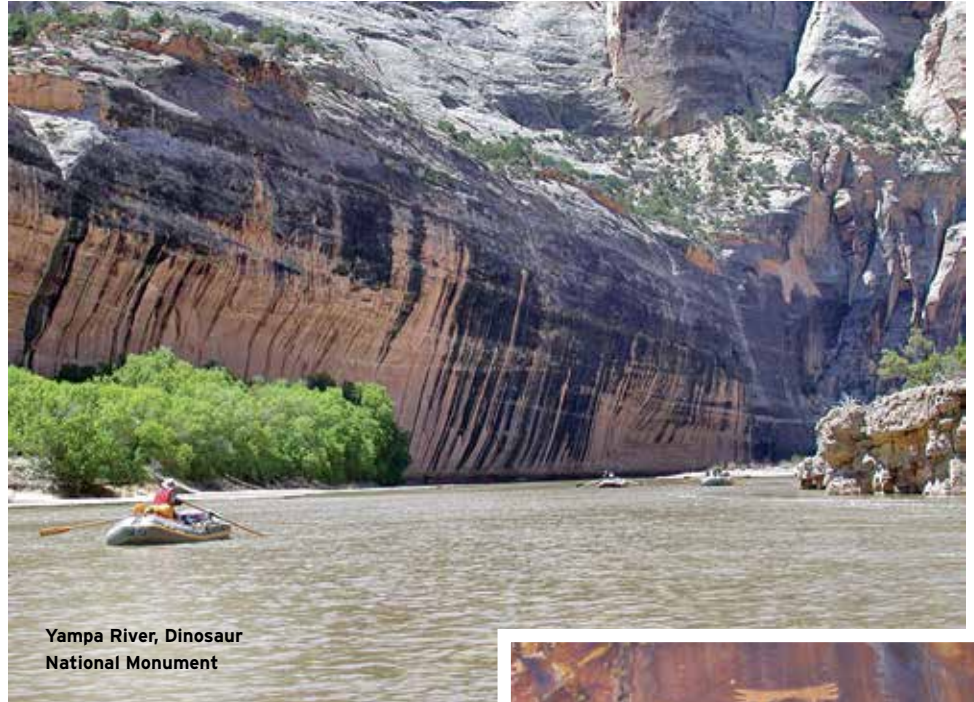
The far-flung corner of northwest Colorado appeals to adventuresome travelers looking to stray off the beaten path and lose the crowds. A land of expansive vistas, magnificent canyons and free-flowing rivers, not to mention dinosaur fossils and wild horses, the wide-open spaces of Moffat County invite discovery.

Amid mountain scenery that has changed little since frontier times, wildlife sightings abound in this neck of the woods. The county, for example, boasts the nation's largest migratory elk herd. Birders flock to the area for the chance to see the rare ruffed grouse, plus herons, ibises and sandhill cranes, among nearly 300 other avian species.

Claiming 1.7 million acres of picturesque public lands, the state's second-largest county has just a few small towns. The population is so sparse that it numbers only three people per square mile. Craig, with about 10,000 residents, is the only town of any size and serves as the gateway to area attractions and activities.

Dinosaur National Monument, a vast chunk of real estate straddling the Colorado-Utah border, is one of the best-kept secrets in the National Park Service system. Fans of the huge plant-eaters and fierce carnivores that lived millions of years ago get oriented viewing exhibits at the visitor center in the town of Dinosaur, Colorado. On the Utah side, they can actually touch dinosaur fossils on the "Wall of Bones" inside the Quarry Exhibit Hall, a modern building covering a cliff face embedded with the remains of Stegosaurus, Allosaurus, Apatosaurus and other species. The native rock wall exposes more than 1,500 dinosaur fossils—many still in the complete skeletal shapes of the beasts. Would-be paleontologists will see protruding skulls, femurs and vertebrae preserved in their original form. An 80-foot-long mural tells the story of dinosaurs and other animals in the late Jurassic period.

Dinosaur National Monument is much more than dinosaur fossils, though. Canyon trails reveal artwork by nomadic



Yampa River, Dinosaur National Monument

tribes that lived there 1,000 years ago. Trails lead to both petroglyphs (patterns chipped or carved into rock) and pictographs (patterns painted on rock) adorning the sandstone cliffs. The national monument is also home to 400 different species of wildlife, including bighorn sheep, mule deer, pronghorn antelope and bald eagles. The monument's rugged terrain can be appreciated on two paved touring roads—the 23-mile Harpers Corner Scenic Drive and 22-mile Tour of the Tilted Rocks Scenic Drive.

Two of the West's premier whitewater rivers, the Yampa and Green, flow through the monument's awe-inspiring canyons. Authorized concessionaires operate guided rafting adventures—a great way to cool off on a hot summer's day—that range from gentle one-day float trips to rollicking, multi-day rides involving Class III, IV and V rapids.

Float trips on an eight-mile, cottonwood-lined stretch of the Yampa River outside of Craig are particularly scenic and afford views of bald eagles, osprey and other big birds of prey, says Tom Kleinschnitz, director of Visit Moffat County/Moffat County Tourism Association.



Dinosaur National Monument petroglyphs

New for Craig next year will be a whitewater park where paddlers can enjoy the rapids in a confined setting. In reviewing plans for the facility and experiences with such parks in other cities, Kleinschnitz discovered that whitewater centers are just as big an attraction for spectators. "While I thought it would be mostly people coming to warm up for bigger trips on the river," he said, "it seems that many people come out just to watch the action."

Other recreational options in Craig include the only wave pool on Colorado's western slope and the 18-hole Yampa Valley Golf Course, which offers public play through 240 acres of cottonwoods and wetlands.

Elkhead Reservoir State Park, nine miles from Craig, is Moffat County's big



Dinosaur National Monument

water recreation playground. A high-desert oasis in the Yampa Valley, the 900-acre manmade lake offers boating, water skiing, fishing, hiking, biking and wildlife watching. It has a swimming beach and newly built campground.

Browns Park National Wildlife Refuge, near the tiny town of Maybell in the extreme northwest corner of Moffat County, is set in an isolated mountain valley formed by the Green River. Animal sightings might include bald eagles, pronghorn, mule deer, elk, bighorn sheep, mountain lion, black bear, moose and wild turkey.

Wild horses are the draw at Sand Wash Basin HMA (Herd Management Area), a rugged expanse of high mountain desert located just northwest of Maybell and 48 miles west of Craig. Tackling gravel, dirt and sand roads in four-wheel-drive vehicles, visitors are rewarded with the breathtaking site of horses running free on public land managed by the Bureau of Land Management (BLM). Binoculars are recommended, as visitors are required to maintain a minimum distance of 100 feet from the horses. A wide range of other wildlife, from elk to prairie dogs, resides at Sand Wash Basin.

In the old Colorado State Armory Building in downtown Craig, impressive displays at the free-admission Museum of Northwest Colorado span three levels covering 10,000 square feet. They tell the story of the American West, spotlighting early settlers, mountain men, cowboys and Native Americans. The museum's chief claim to fame is its collection of cowboy and gunfighter memorabilia, one of the largest such repositories anywhere. Artifacts include firearms, holsters, saddles and spurs. Some of the guns belonged to notable lawmen and outlaws. Exhibits also showcase the stagecoach era and early railroads. Horse-drawn stagecoaches were a major form of transportation in the area as late as 1915.

The Marcia Car in Craig's City Park was the private Pullman car of banker and mining magnate David Moffat, who was instrumental in bringing railroad transportation to northwest Colorado.

Wyman Living History Museum, just east of Craig, is an eclectic treasure trove of Americana, featuring everything from a Sherman tank and other military memorabilia to antique cars and farming implements. Browsers will find a sheep wagon, vintage hearse, and collections of

chainsaws and Colorado license plates. Historical buildings on the premises include a hay barn, blacksmith shop, one-room schoolhouse and general store filled with period goods.

John Jarvie Homestead, a pioneer history attraction near Browns Park, features a dugout home, store and blacksmith shop along with a cemetery and museum. First settled in 1880, the 35-acre homestead once boasted a post office, trading post and river ferry. It was a regular stopping place for travelers and a secret meeting place for outlaws.

Also well-traveled is the region's Dinosaur Diamond Prehistoric Highway, a diamond-shaped National Scenic Byway that makes a 500-mile-long loop through western Colorado and eastern Utah. Interpretive signs and museums in both states spotlight dinosaur lore.

Craig offers some two dozen restaurants and more than 450 hotel/motel rooms. Quality Inn & Suites, Best Western Plus, Candlewood Suites and Hampton Inn & Suites are among lodging brands represented.

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He opened the bag and inside were people that yelled in different tongues as they scattered in all directions. Only a few remained in the bag. Wolf continued to the sacred valley and released the remaining few, the Utes. Upon returning Sinawav knew what Wolf had done. Those that escaped the bag would always be a thorn in the side of the Utes. Throughout their history the Utes have been strong warriors and defenders of their land. Fast forward to today.

Southern Ute Indian Tribe Reservation, Ignacio

A 30-minute drive from Durango and located on the New Mexico border, the Southern Utes welcome group visitors. The Sky Ute Casino Resort is

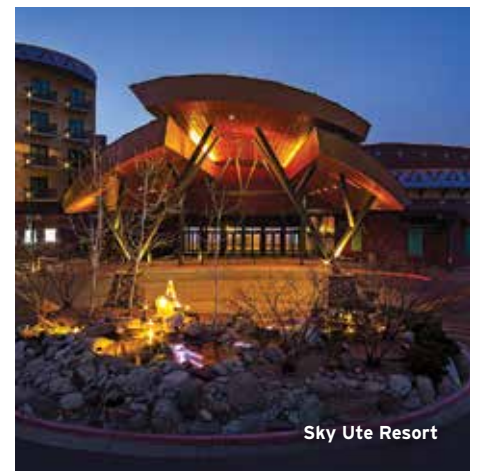
the group hub for a two- or three-night stay to explore all the reservation has to offer. The 140 resort rooms and suites are a perfect home base. All rooms have access to the resort's full list of amenities from pool, lazy river and fitness center to in-room high-definition television, high-speed internet, refrigerator, microwave and coffeemaker, and 24-hour front desk staff and housekeeping. The hallways feature art that is related to the culture of the area and the Southern Ute Indian Tribe.

Seven Rivers Steaks Seafood & Spirits is an authentic steakhouse from the past blended with chef's modern culinary twist. Prime cuts of meat, fresh seafood and memorable desserts served with premium wines and spirits make for a lovely evening. Willows Café Bistro on the main floor of the resort is perfect for a delicious breakfast, lunch or dinner. Located closer to the gaming action, Rolling Thunder Grill combines an American casual menu along with friendly and efficient service.

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A visit to the Southern Ute Indian Tribe Reservation is not complete until you've visited the remarkable Southern Ute Cultural Center and Museum. Through effective programming and services, they are fostering understanding and respect for the unique origin, culture, language, history and way of life of the Ute people.

The second-level Welcome Gallery features "Nauchus: A Pictorial Gallery." Photographs taken from the late 19th and early 20th centuries portray the longevity and resilience of Colorado's longest continuous residents: the Ute people. The images portray a unique aspect of the Ute culture.

The Permanent Gallery features two exhibits. "Nuuchiyu, We Are the Ute People" tells the story of the Ute people from prehistoric times to the present through photographic curtains, A/V presentations, interactive programs and life-size replicas. "KSUT Public Radio, Featuring 40 years 1976-2016" profiles a small local station that broadcast information to tribal members in their Ute language and grew to become a regional favorite and NPR affiliate. The exhibit showcases photos, promotional items, posters and more from the history of "two stations under one signal."

With their rich culture, the Southern Ute Indian Tribe holds several events annually to keep those traditions thriving. The original meaning of the Bear Dance has been dropped in modern times, but it still shows respect for the bear and its spirit. According to tribal lore, everyone celebrated at the first spring thunder as a long winter came to an end and tensions were released. Today, dancers wear some sort of plumes and on the fourth day leave their plumes and tensions on cedar trees. The sun dance ceremony is



held four days in the middle of summer and is the most important spiritual ceremony in the Ute tradition. The 100th Annual Southern Ute Tribal Fair was postponed until 2022 and will again feature exhibits and competitions.

Ute Mountain Ute Tribe Reservation, Towaoc

Nineteen miles south of Cortez on the edge of the Four Corners of Colorado, Utah, Arizona and New Mexico, you'll find the Ute Mountain Ute Tribe Reservation between Four Corners National Monument and Mesa Verde National Park.

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Ute Indian Museum, Montrose

With expanded and newly enriched exhibit space, the Ute Indian Museum reopened in 2017. The project was the product of three years working with the Colorado Ute tribes. Visitors will journey across Colorado learning the culture and history and Ute life. Tribal members will share the stories while Ute life is shown in the exhibits. Included are survival of the culture, political self-determination and economic opportunities, and what's a Ute Museum without celebration of the Bear dance?

In addition to the museum there are expansive grounds with pathways, outdoor seating and shaded lawns all accompanied by informational and educational exhibits. The Ute Ethnobotany Garden is the largest feature with only plants native to the region presented. Panels detail how the plants were used by the Ute from food and medicine to textiles, dyes and soap. The nearby Peace Pole is part of an international project with poles around the world. The same sentiment is proclaimed in hundreds of languages. "May Peace Prevail on Earth" features the message in English and Nuu-'apaghapi, the language of the Ute.

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Delve into the history of Fort Collins this afternoon with a guided tour from **Traces of the Past History Tours**. Your program presenter is dressed in historic period clothing.

Check into the **Elizabeth Hotel**, which is situated in the center of Old Town. Relax and refresh before dinner at **The Regional**, a restaurant specializing in hometown American food sourced from Colorado suppliers. Enjoy a unique shopping experience in **Historic Old Town**. There are treasures to be had.

Day 2

Grab a coffee, juice and pastry, and we're off to an early start at **Poudre River Waterway Park** for stand-up paddle boarding (SUP) and kayaking. It doesn't matter if you're a first-timer or paddle everyday; there are outfitters to set you up.

Depart Fort Collins by following Highway 14 and the **Cache La Poudre River**, the state's only designated Wild and Scenic River. There are pull-outs along the **Scenic Byway** for photo-ops.

Arrive at **State Forest State Park Moose Visitor Center**. The terrain is similar to Rocky Mountain National Park but without the crowds. A population of over a thousand moose are the park's calling card. Birding is a great activity on every trail, but the 1.5-mile Ranger Lakes Nature

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Day 3

Check out from your lodging and eat breakfast at **Freshies**, a favorite Steamboat Springs stop. Everything is hand-prepared. It's on to the **Yampa River Core Trail**. Running through the heart of Steamboat Springs along the Yampa River, the trail is 7.5 miles. There are numerous stops along the scenic Yampa River. Watch fly fishermen place the perfect offering in front of the river's trout. The **Yampa River Botanic Park** has grown from a flat horse pasture in 1992 to a six-acre gem with more than 50 gardens. Blending seamlessly with the gardens are ponds, sculptures and benches, making it one of the jewels of northwest Colorado. There are also shopping and art galleries all along the Core Trail. Lunch today is at **Yampa Sandwich Co**. The menu offers more than 20 sandwiches, plus salads and soups.

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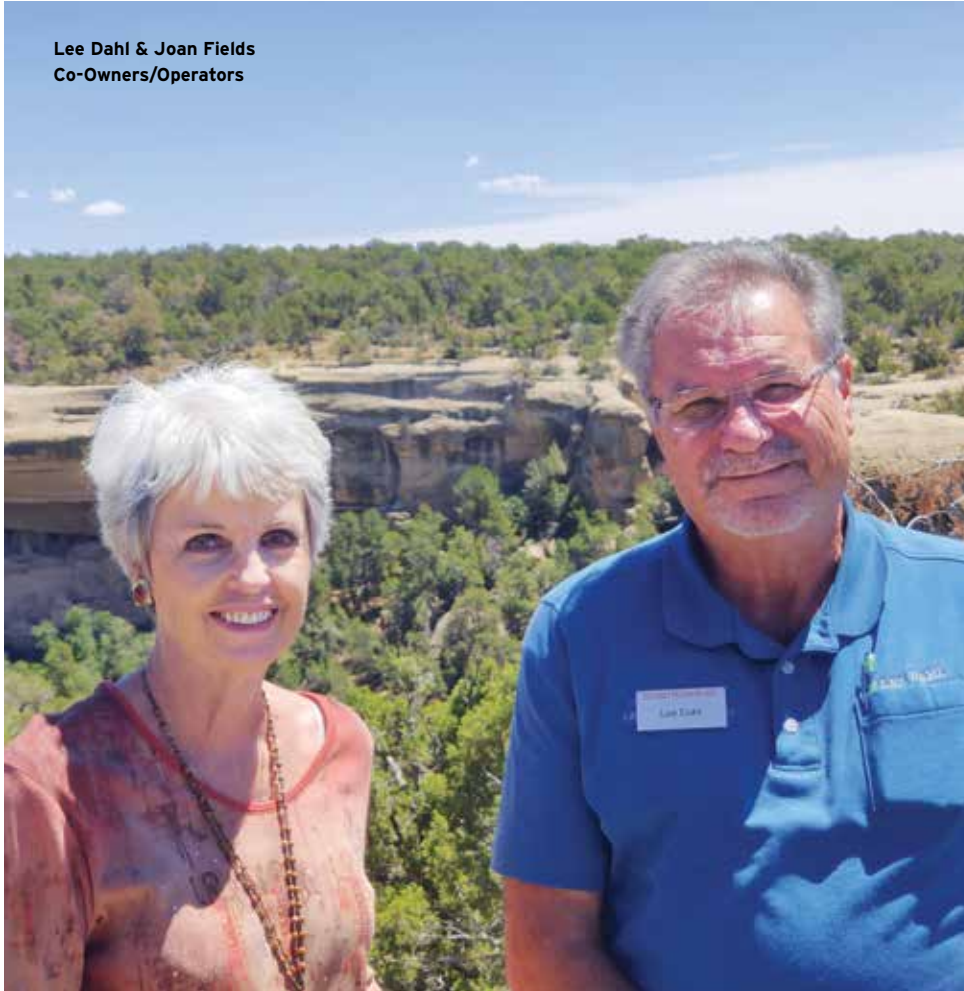
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everywhere you go, you can see something new and different. People often think Colorado is just about mountains, but it is so much more than that if you have someone explain it to you and show you the differences. Learning about and appreciating the differences one can experience in Colorado, as well as the commonalities, it is possible to really appreciate the uniqueness of Colorado's landscape, culture and beauty.

With nearly 25 years in the business, how has your approach to organizing trips changed, and do participants come with different expectations than 1998?

Tour participants used to want to be led by the hand, shown what they are supposed to see, and follow along. Now they are more independent and somewhat more informed because they can Google everything, and that means we need to be very informed about where we are taking them and what they will be seeing and experiencing.

Why is it important to also be active in Tour Colorado, primarily a supplier organization?

We find being a member of Tour Colorado gives us a much better relationship with our suppliers and we know that Tour Colorado members are interested in Group Tours. Also Tour Colorado suppliers know what group expectations are. This allows us to work well together in providing groups with the best possible experience. We are confident that Tour Colorado members understand and will meet our expectations and those of a group leader. ●

How did you get started in the tour industry?

Lee: I had been driving motorcoach tours for over 15 years. After driving so many of the tours that I didn't feel were done very well, my thought was that they could be done better.

Joan: I had worked in law offices for 30+ years and was burned out and wanted a career change. I am a Colorado native, have a passion for Colorado and love to travel.

US: It worked out that we had the opportunity to collaborate together on a tour for a historical preservation organization and realized that our thoughts, strengths and abilities were a good match, and in 1998 we decided to give it a go.

What sort of tours/programming does Leisure West Tours offer?

We specialize in Colorado because that is what we love and know the best. We strive to emphasize learning and education about Colorado so those who travel with us have an understanding of the places they visit and what they are seeing and why they are visiting that place.

What distinguishes Colorado visually and characteristically that makes it such an appealing destination?

We just finished a tour of National Parks and Monuments of Colorado. Each of the Parks or Monuments is totally unique from each other. The differences are so great that



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What Fort Collins attractions would you recommend for groups?

We have a breadth of attractions that are popular with groups. We are the craft beer capital of Colorado, so attractions like New Belgium Brewing and Odell Brewing Company offer tours for large parties and are great introductions to craft beer. Our downtown is also a major attraction for groups because it's the inspiration for Disneyland's Main Street, U.S.A. and provides a very quintessential all-American experience. It's very walkable and easy to explore, with easy motorcoach parking and beautiful views of the Rocky Mountains.

Does Fort Collins offer outdoor activities?

We have over 50 natural areas within the city that are protected for environmental purposes that contain many hiking trails and paved pathways that are ideal "soft excursions" for groups that don't want a strenuous experience. We're also next to the Cache la Poudre River, which is the state's only Wild & Scenic River. There are five rafting companies that utilize the river for commercial trips.

What Fort Collins dining experience would you recommend for groups?

Ginger and Baker offers fantastic group service and can take reservations in advance. The restaurant is in a building that dates back to 1905, and they have



completely remodeled the beautiful space. The menu focuses on delicious farm-to-table ingredients and baked goods, and there is also a teaching kitchen that can really immerse your group in Ginger and Baker's philosophy and showcase how the meals are prepared.

What distinguishes Fort Collins from other cities in Colorado?

We are always receiving feedback that people feel they are not a visitor and that they are truly treated like a local in Fort Collins. We're also very well-positioned and in close proximity to quintessential Colorado attractions like Rocky Mountain National Park as well as other group-friendly cities like Cheyenne. We are an excellent hub-and-spoke for groups to consider.

What would a personal itinerary around Fort Collins look like for you?

I would start the day by heading to Horsetooth Reservoir with my paddleboard after stopping at Vatos Tacos to get a breakfast burrito for fuel. After paddleboarding, I would come back to Old Town for a bite to eat while listening to an outdoor concert or people-watching in the town square. That evening, I would catch a show at the Comedy Fort, which is an incredible stand-up comedy venue that offers performances almost every night.

How has Tour Colorado benefited Visit Fort Collins and its other members?

Tour Colorado is really the preeminent voice for group tourism in the state, and they do a phenomenal job representing us at shows for tour operators across the country. Any groups that visit the state and work directly with Tour Colorado are ahead of the game since they are so up-to-date on DMOs, hotels and attractions that save the operators valuable time. ●

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