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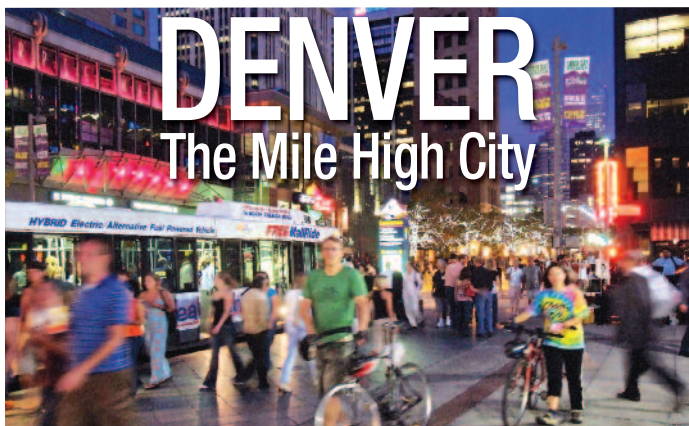
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The Mile High City

Denver is a young, active city with 300 days of sunshine, brilliant blue skies and breathtaking mountain scenery. Founded in 1858 as a gold mining camp, Denver is located at the base of the majestic **Rocky Mountains**, 5,280 feet (1.6 km) above sea level – exactly one mile high.



Much of the city's rich Western history has been preserved in the architecture and in museums, which vividly illustrate the stories of entrepreneurs,

heroes and heroines of the past. When gold was discovered, Denver became a boomtown filled with fortune seekers, wagon trains and cowboys.

Today, Denver is Colorado's sophisticated capital city with a walkable downtown centered around the **16th Street Mall** – a mile-long (1.6 km) pedestrian promenade lined with outdoor cafés and shops.

Stroll up and down the mall, or catch one of the free shuttle buses that stop regularly on every corner. For expert advice and information, stop in at one of the **Visitor Information Centers**.

Just minutes from downtown, the upscale **Cherry Creek** neighborhood tempts locals and visitors alike with hundreds of boutiques, galleries, stores and restaurants.

Denver's arts and cultural scene is thriving, including world-class museums, neighborhood arts districts, astonishing public art displays, and an impressive offering of art exhibits and Tony Award-winning stage productions.

In Denver, you are never far from nature. Grab your walking shoes, or hop on a **Denver B-cycle**, the citywide bicycle

sharing program, to explore Denver's 200 parks or 850 miles (1,367 km) of bike and pedestrian trails that connect the city's neighborhoods.



Tee off at one of 90 metro area golf courses, or watch one of the seven professional sports teams that play throughout the year – including soccer, football, hockey, basketball and baseball.

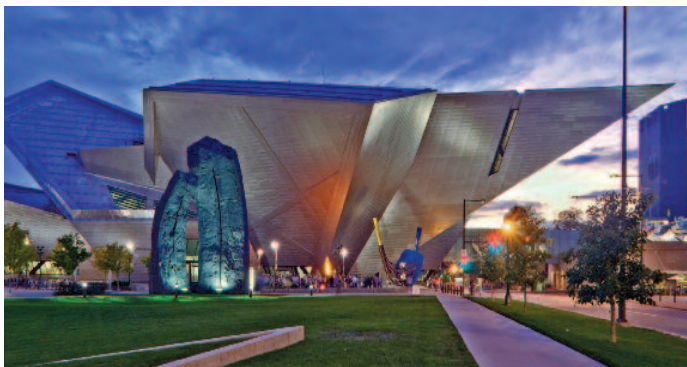
Whether you prefer live music clubs in places like historic **LoDo** (Lower Downtown), samples of Denver-brewed beer in one of many brewpubs, or locally sourced cuisine prepared by nationally recognized chefs, you'll find plenty of entertainment options year-round.

Denver welcomes you to discover what the locals know and to experience our Western hospitality.



The Colorado Convention Center's 40-foot (12-meter) Blue Bear, "I See What You Mean", by Denver artist Lawrence Argent, has become a Mile High City icon.

Art, Culture & Fun



With some of Colorado's highest mountain peaks as the city's scenic backdrop, your trip to Denver will be filled with adventures inside and out.

Visit the amazing **Denver Art Museum**, with its striking building designed by Daniel Libeskind and explore one of the world's most comprehensive collections of Native American art works. Next door,



the **Clyfford Still Museum** showcases masterpieces from the nearly 2,000-piece collection of the famed, American abstract artist.

A must-see attraction is the famous **Red Rocks Park & Amphitheatre**, which was named the top outdoor venue in the country by *Rolling Stone* magazine, and has hosted everyone from The Beatles to Bruce Springsteen. Stop by the Visitor Center featuring the Performers Hall of Fame or the Trading Post and the Colorado Music Hall of Fame, or hike the beautiful trails that surround the amphitheatre.

The **Denver Museum of Nature & Science** is home to an IMAX theatre, a state of the art planetarium and thousands of natural treasures. The Prehistoric Journey exhibit takes visitors on a billion year journey through the history of the earth and includes incredible dinosaur bones. Expedition Health is a fascinating look at the functions of the human body. And Space Odyssey lets you explore the cosmos, with Martian landscapes and real space vehicles. Adjacent to the museum, the

Denver Zoo is a virtual safari, featuring such exhibits as Predator Ridge – home to a pride of majestic African lions – and the must-see Toyota Elephant Passage, which transports you to a village where you'll encounter enormous Asian elephants, rhinos and tapirs.

If you're a nature lover, be sure to explore the tranquil beauty of the **Denver Botanic Gardens**. Wander through 45 different gardens filled with exotic plant life and journey through a tropical paradise in one of the nation's top conservatories. Another touch of nature can be found at the **Butterfly Pavilion**, home to 1,600 free-flying butterflies in a natural garden setting.

Take a thrilling ride on a roller-coaster or water slide at **Elitch Gardens Theme and Water**



Park, the only downtown amusement park in America, or explore the nearby **Downtown Aquarium**, an interactive aquarium featuring more than 15,000 fish, sharks, birds and even Sumatran tigers.

Venture to **Dinosaur Ridge** to learn more about prehistoric inhabitants, or climb aboard an old-fashioned locomotive at the **Colorado Railroad Museum**. And, just a short drive away is **Golden**, where you can learn how beer is brewed during a tour at **Coors Brewery**, the world's largest brewing site.

Unique Neighborhoods



Denver is home to a collection of distinctive neighborhoods and small communities where the curious traveler can find hidden gems, such as favorite local restaurants, shops and galleries. Denver offers diversity, creativity and a casual, welcoming atmosphere.

Enjoy the shops, galleries and restaurants that line the streets of **Cherry Creek North**, and then spend some time across the street browsing at **Cherry Creek Shopping Center's** wide array of name brand, upscale stores, including Neiman Marcus, Tiffany & Co., Macy's, Burberry and Louis Vuitton.



In the historic **Five Points**, discover African American heritage at the **Black American West Museum** and the

Blair-Caldwell African American Research Library. The **Art District on Santa Fe** celebrates Latino culture with its more than 30 art galleries, theatres and restaurants, featuring authentic recipes passed down through generations.

The **Golden Triangle Museum District** is home to many art galleries and museums including the **Denver Art Museum**, the **Clyfford Still Museum**, the **History Colorado Center**, the **Molly Brown House Museum** and the **Kirkland Museum of Fine & Decorative Art**, which showcases more than 3,000

20th Century decorative art objects.

Highlands is an eclectic urban neighborhood filled with interesting shops, not to mention popular restaurants serving everything from sushi to modern Mexican cuisine. The **Tennyson Street Cultural District** offers visitors a variety of great cafes and shops filled with art, antiques, jewelry, one-of-a-kind gifts and books.

Old South Gaylord and **South Pearl Street** provide a relaxed atmosphere with parks, quaint residential streets, locally owned restaurants, bars, antique stores, galleries and boutiques. **RiNo** (River North Art District) is a creative neighborhood "where art is made" in unique artists' studios and galleries, and is earning a reputation for great food and drink, thanks in part to **The Source**, a grouping of local brewers, artisan bakers, butchers, specialty grocers and more, all under one roof.

In the heart of downtown, **LoDo** (Lower Downtown) offers dining, nightlife, shopping and the **Museum of Contemporary Art Denver**, which has changing exhibits by internationally renowned artists. The

adjacent Platte River Valley features the lovely **Confluence Park** and **Sports Authority Field at Mile High**,

which is home to the Denver Broncos football team and the Colorado Sports Hall of Fame.



Beer, Wine & Spirits



Denver brews more beer than any other American city and is home to **Coors Brewery** – the largest single brewing site in the world. Take a



free tour to see this classic Rocky Mountain brewery. More than 200 beers are

produced and served every day in Denver's tap houses, brew pubs, breweries, and gastro pubs, with new spots opening every week. Don't miss tastings and tours at downtown's **Wynkoop Brewing Co., Great Divide Brewing Co., Denver Beer Co.**, and dozens more. Come see why Denver is known as "the Napa Valley of Beer."



Growing side-by-side with beer brewing is Denver's distillery and winery scene. Fifteen years ago, there was not a single distillery in Colorado – today there are more than 40 producing whiskey, brandy, vodka, gin and rum. Don't miss a free tour of **Stranahan's Whiskey Distillery** – the original Colorado whiskey producer. **Infinite Monkey Theorem, Mile High Winery** and **Balistreri Vineyards** are just a sampling of the many urban wineries popping up in neighborhoods across Denver, offering tastings and tours of their hand-crafted wines.



Denver's superstar chefs aren't the only ones coming up with innovative creations. Skilled bartenders at The Mile High City's restaurants, nightclubs and lounges mix fantastic cocktails (often using Colorado-distilled spirits) on a nightly basis. Cheers!

MILE HIGH CULTURE PASS

With the Mile High Culture Pass in hand, you'll receive admission to some of the city's most fascinating attractions, all for one low price. Both three- and five-day passes are available.

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Denver Dining & Nightlife



When the sun goes down, Denver's nightlife heats up. The city is filled with dance and comedy clubs, live music and more than 2,000 restaurants. Visitors can savor innovative, farm-to-table cuisine prepared by nationally recognized chefs or delve into authentic Southwestern and Mexican recipes passed down through generations. Wherever you go, you can bet on fresh, locally sourced ingredients. Buffalo and beef are traditional Western fare and pair well with a pint of handcrafted beer. Denver brews more beer than any city in the world, with more than 200 different beers made here daily.



LoDo, the 26-square-block Lower Downtown historic district, is the place to be for incredible restaurants, live music, art galleries, sports bars

and brewpubs – many housed in renovated Victorian buildings. The biggest brewpub in the country, **Wynkoop Brewing Co.**, was co-founded by Colorado governor (and former Denver mayor) John Hickenlooper. Take in a Rocky Mountain sunset from a rooftop café, while horse-drawn carriages clatter by on the streets below. **Larimer Square**, where Denver was founded, is now filled with acclaimed, chef-owned bistros, creative cocktail lounges and exclusive nightclubs.



Denver Pavilions is an entertainment and retail complex with contemporary clubs, bars and restaurants. The nearby **Denver Performing Arts Complex** encompasses 10 venues and is home to a Tony award-winning theatre company, the Colorado Symphony Orchestra, opera and ballet. Touring Broadway productions make regular appearances and on any given night, you're sure to find a great production.



In the summertime, **Red Rocks Park & Amphitheatre** is the destination for a one-of-a-kind musical experience. This famous venue is a natural acoustical wonder with a 9,000-seat amphitheatre that has played host to everything from world famous rock groups to top symphony orchestras.



Nonstop Shopping



Denver is the largest shopping destination in a 600-mile radius and draws visitors from near and far. The tree-lined streets of the **Cherry Creek Shopping District** are home to upscale shops, boutiques, galleries and department stores, all just 2.5 miles (4 km) from downtown, and accessible via public transportation and B-cycle, via the scenic Cherry Creek Bike Path.



sophisticated clothing and home stores. Other boutiques, coffee shops and bookstores are scattered in the surrounding blocks.



Downtown Denver has a variety of shopping opportunities, and the **16th Street Mall's** free shuttle makes it easy to get around. The **Denver Pavilions** entertainment complex features the I ♥ Denver Store (offering all Colorado made art, furnishing and souvenirs), Forever 21, H & M and more.

Nearby are the shops of **Larimer Square**, one of Denver's trendiest blocks. Here, shoppers can find treasures in

If you love to read, make a stop at the **Tattered Cover** bookstore on 16th and Wynkoop. In addition, Metro Denver has more shopping options including **Park Meadows Retail Resort**, **Flatiron Crossing**, **The Shops at Northfield Stapleton**, **The Outlets at Castle Rock**, **Belmar** and **The Streets at Southglenn**.



No matter what you're shopping for, you can find it in Denver.

Denver International Airport

Getting to Denver is easy, with service via all of the major U.S. airlines and nonstop flights to and from Frankfurt, London, Reykjavik, Tokyo and Mexico City, among others. **Denver International Airport (DEN)** is currently the fifth busiest airport in the U.S., and 13th busiest in the world with 1,600 daily flights, including more than 180 worldwide destinations. flydenver.com



History & Culture-Western Style



Denver is the natural gateway to the beauty, romance and history of the American West.

At Denver's **History Colorado Center**, stories are told daily of what life was



like for pioneers, Native Americans, soldiers, cowboys, railroaders and miners who have called Colorado home over

the years. The interactive museum offers the chance to fly off a virtual ski jump and travel into a re-created mine shaft.

Stop in at **Rockmount Ranch Wear** in downtown to try on and buy some authentic Western clothing, from the original snap-button Western shirt to cowboy hats, worn by rock stars, movie idols and more.

Discover the lives and legacies of African-Americans in the frontier days at the **Black American West Museum**. The **Denver Art Museum's** outstanding Western art collection includes a vast exhibit of Native American textiles, pottery and



contemporary works providing a vivid look at Western history. Or, learn more about the "Unsinkable" Molly Brown, The Mile High City's famous Titanic survivor and her rise to fame and fortune during the 19th century gold rush, at the **Molly Brown House Museum**.

One of the West's most famous figures, **Buffalo Bill Cody**, is buried high on



Lookout Mountain just outside of Denver, a spot offering a panoramic view of Denver and the Great Plains. The **Buffalo Bill Museum & Grave** depicts in words and pictures the exciting life of this army scout, buffalo hunter and showman.

For a taste of some frontier favorites, head to the **Buckhorn Exchange**, serving prime beef and buffalo steaks, ribs and elk in a genuine Old West setting, or **The Fort**, a world-renowned restaurant housed in a full-size replica of an adobe fur trading fort with scenic views of downtown Denver.

Outdoor Adventures



With 300 days of sunshine a year (more annual hours of sun than Miami Beach or San Diego), Denver provides visitors with plenty of time to enjoy the great outdoors.



Denver has more than 850 miles (1,367 km) of paved, off-street biking, hiking and jogging trails, one of the largest urban trail networks in America. If you want to explore on two wheels, hop on a **Denver B-cycle**, the city's popular bike sharing program. It's cheap, eco-friendly and fun. Sturdy, red Trek bikes are available at 83 convenient stations near major attractions and neighborhoods across the city.



Denver has 200 beautiful parks within city limits, offering spectacular views, fresh air and open space. **Denver Mountain Parks**

operates 14,000 acres (56.6 square km) of rugged terrain in the nearby Rockies, including **Mount Evans** (the highest paved road in North America), **Genessee Park** (where a herd of



buffalo roam) and **Lookout Mountain**, on the top of which is the final resting place of Buffalo Bill, the famous frontier scout and showman. And just a short drive away, the natural wonders of **Rocky Mountain National Park** are waiting to be explored.

There are more than 90 golf courses in Metro Denver, including **Arrowhead**, consistently ranked as one of the top 10 public courses in America for its gorgeous scenery, which includes a number of holes set in between towering 400-foot high red rocks.



Adventure is never far away. Head to the nearby mountains for whitewater river rafting, world-class skiing, fly fishing, hiking, rock climbing, mountain biking or zip lining.

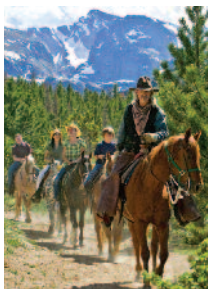
Rocky Mountain Day Trips



Denver makes an excellent base from which to tour the scenic and historic nearby Rocky Mountains. One half of Colorado is public land, preserved in a collection of national parks and national forests, creating one of the world's most beautiful outdoor playgrounds. Here, you can experience the crisp mountain air and invigorating scenery up close, while hiking, horseback riding, skiing, fly fishing, boating, river rafting and mountain climbing.

Within a one to two-hour drive from Denver, there are a variety of exciting destinations. Here are just a few:

Rocky Mountain National Park (112 km/70 miles northwest): One of the country's most beautiful parks, this wilderness area, filled with lakes, waterfalls and meadows of wildflowers under snow-



capped peaks, offers the very best of scenic drives, hikes or walks. At the entrance to the park, stroll in downtown Estes Park and tour the historic Stanley Hotel, where Stephen King was inspired to write *The Shining*.

Mount Evans (72 km/44 miles west): Enjoy panoramic mountain views as you take a scenic drive or get out and explore the many hiking trails. **Echo Lake** is a picturesque stop along the road to the top of Mount Evans, the highest paved road in North America, more than 14,264 feet (4,348 m) at its summit.

Gold Country (50 km/31 miles west): The historic mining towns of **Central City**, **Black Hawk**, **Idaho Springs** and **Georgetown** offer activities that range from panning for gold and shopping along streets lined with Victorian buildings, to taking a ride on a narrow gauge steam locomotive or experiencing the thrill of white-water rafting. Central City and Black Hawk are also home to 24-hour casinos, with poker, slot machines, blackjack and more.

Pikes Peak Country (96 km/60 miles south):

Nestled at the base of the famous mountain in Colorado Springs are plenty of attractions including the



U.S. Air Force Academy, **U.S. Olympic Training Center**, **Garden of the Gods** and **Cave of the Winds**.

Boulder (46 km/28 miles northwest): Located 35 minutes northwest of Denver, Boulder is a captivating university town enriched with natural beauty, hip urban culture and a vibrant love of the outdoors.

Ski Country (100 km/62 miles west): There are almost a dozen resorts within a short drive of Denver offering year-round recreation, skiing, golfing, horseback riding and more.



Downtown Denver

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- 📍 Tourist Information
- 🚊 Light Rail and Station
- 🚇 Free MetroRide (Rush Hours only)
- 🚶 Bike/Pedestrian Trail
- ➡ One-Way Traffic
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- 🚶 10-minute walk from Colorado Convention Center

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