Welcome to Colorful Colorado, home of the Mile High City! If you’re visiting for the first time or are returning to Denver, award-winning restaurants, unforgettable attractions and more await your discovery. Denver’s cultural scene is thriving like never before and is home to world-class museums, a downtown amusement park and one of the nation’s most popular zoos. Denver is sure to fill your trip with a wide range of sights and sounds, making for a truly memorable experience.

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Hotels in Downtown Denver

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303.292.3893
www.brownpalace.com

The Curtis is a uniquely fun boutique hotel in the heart of downtown Denver. You don’t just stay at The Curtis, you experience it! From the minute you walk through the lobby doors, you’re immersed in the best of pop-culture. Chic, contemporary guest rooms are dressed with flat screen televisions and iPod speaker systems. The Curtis is in the center of all the great Denver attractions — just two short blocks off the celebrated 16th Street Mall, directly across the street from the Denver Performing Arts Complex, and a short block from the Colorado Convention Center.

303.571.0300
www.thecurtis.com

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Grand Hyatt Denver is a Four-Diamond downtown Denver luxury hotel offering unparalleled services and gracious amenities. Relax in the city’s most spacious guestrooms with stunning views and sumptuous beds. Formerly the Hyatt Regency Denver, the perfectly situated downtown Denver hotel gives you immediate access to all the vibrant area offers, whether you wish to meet clients, attend a convention, take in a show or stroll along the 16th Street Mall.
303.295.1234
www.granddenver.hyatt.com

Experience The Ritz-Carlton, Denver — an unforgettable hotel surrounded by majestic Rocky Mountain views and cosmopolitan delights. Located in the heart of downtown, this Denver luxury hotel offers convenient access to the city’s business and financial districts, Larimer Square shopping district, 16th Street Mall pedestrian promenade, world-class museums and an endless array of outdoor activities. After a day in the city, guests can indulge in a soothing spa treatment or enjoy an exceptional meal at Elway’s, which is located at the street level of the hotel.
303.312.3800
www.ritzcarlton.com/denver

Old-world charm meets modern design sensibility in the Magnolia Hotel Denver. The rooms feature modern executive suites with flat screen TVs, fireplaces, plush bedding ensembles and studio kitchens. Hotel amenities include high-speed Internet, an executive conference center, American breakfast buffet, hosted evening reception and a distinctive bedtime cookie buffet. The downtown hotel is located within walking distance to the 16th Street Mall, all four professional sporting venues, the Colorado Convention Center, and both the theatre and entertainment districts.
303.607.9000
www.magnoliahoteldenver.com

Perfectly located on the 16th Street Mall, the Sheraton Denver Downtown Hotel is at the heart of Denver’s business and financial districts. It’s within walking distance to many downtown Denver local attractions. At the far end of 16th Street, you’ll find everything from the Denver Art Museum to Colorado’s State Capitol. The hotel is one block from the Pavilions shopping and entertainment complex, featuring movie theaters, upscale shopping, restaurants and an array of activities and events. The Sheraton Denver Downtown Hotel offers 1,231 rooms with beautiful mountain and downtown views.
303.893.3333
www.sheratondenverdowntown.com
Denver Marriott City Center, soaring over the Mile High City, this downtown Denver hotel takes service and sophistication to spectacular new heights. Unique amongst Downtown Denver hotels, the Marriott City Center features panoramic views of the Rocky Mountains and the city skyline. Located in the heart of the Mile High City, the hotel is situated in close proximity to the business, shopping, and entertainment districts including LoDo, Larimer Square and the 16th Street Mall, as well as top attractions, including Six Flags Elitch Gardens, Coors Field, Invesco Field at Mile High, Pepsi Center and the Convention Center. The hotel offers 24 spacious conference rooms and 27,000 sq ft of elegantly designed meeting space, the perfect destination for any corporate or social event. It offers high-speed internet access in all of hotel rooms, perfect for business travelers. 303.297.1300
www.marriott.com/denver

Hotels Near the Denver Federal Center

The Comfort Suites Denver West/Federal Center is located in the foothills of the Rocky Mountains near the Denver Federal Center and minutes from Denver attractions and shopping. Many points of interest are near this hotel, including the Coors Brewing Company and the Colorado Mills Mall. 303.231.9929
www.comfortsuites.com

The Denver Marriott West is conveniently located only minutes from Colorado Mills Mall, the Denver Federal Center, and downtown Denver. The hotel features newly renovated guest rooms with flexible work spaces. Convenient onsite amenities enrich your experience with a fitness center, indoor and seasonal outdoor pool, Allie’s American Grill, Starbucks® Coffee Café with complimentary wireless Internet, expanded business center, and the Blue Mesa Sports Grill. 303.279.9100
www.marriott.com
Across the street from the Denver Federal Center, the Hamptons Inn Denver West/Federal Center is approximately 34 miles from the Denver International Airport. During limited hours, the hotel offers free shuttle service to the DFC and places within a five-mile radius; this would include to the Colorado Mills Mall. Hotel amenities include a swimming pool, hot tub, exercise room, free breakfast, and free local calls. Laundry service is also available. All rooms have wood furnishings, work areas, coffeemakers, refrigerators, microwaves, hairdryers, irons, and two phones with dataports.

303.969.9900
www.hamptoninn.com

Adjacent to the Denver Federal Center just off Highway 6, the Sheraton Denver West Hotel provides spectacular views of the Rocky Mountains on one side and a city-from-afar view from the other. The hotel features a variety of room choices and a Concierge floor offering guests a daily continental breakfast and snacks throughout the day. Just above the lobby is a health club featuring a heated lap-pool and a fitness room. Also available for guest use are a sauna, hot tub and locker rooms. The Sheraton Denver West also features a European spa offering a variety of stress-relieving treatments. The hotel offers free van transportation within a five-mile radius, 24-hour desk service and a state-of-the-art business center.

303.987.2000
www.starwoodhotels.com

TownePlace Suites is Marriott’s affordable solution for longer stay travelers, offering a variety of room options with amenities such as fully equipped kitchens, ample workspace with voice mail and separate voice and data phone lines, housekeeping on your schedule and friendly 24-hour staffing. The residential design of TownePlace Suites creates the feel of a townhouse community, assuring guests a relaxing stay with all the conveniences of home. Our dedicated staff can help you settle in and discover the best local restaurants, shopping, and attractions.

303.232.7790
www.marriott.com
TRANSPORTATION IN DENVER

Denver has a very efficient public transportation system and offers many choices for you to get around the city. Public transportation is abundant in Denver whether you choose taxi cabs, buses or light rail.

Taxicabs
This is a 24/7, 365 days-a-year taxi referral service that allows you to choose from several leading taxi companies.
1.800.TAXI.CAB (800.829.4222)

Freedom Cab
You can make an online reservation Monday through Friday, 8:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.
303.444.4444
www.freedomcabs.com

Metro Taxi
Metro Taxi is Denver’s largest taxi company and most modern computer-dispatched fleet. We locate the nearest Metro Taxi to you using a Global Positioning System to ensure you get efficient and timely service. Wheelchair-accessible vehicles are also available.
303.333.3333
www.metrotaxidenver.com
Regional Transportation District (RTD)

RTD can get you where you want to go with more than 140 local, express and regional bus routes serving 10,000 bus stops, six light rail lines providing 35 miles of light rail service, and nearly 80 park-n-Rides.

www.rtd-denver.com

Interactive System Map is a trip planner, schedule finder and interactive system map at the RTD website. Use the Interactive Map to pan, zoom, search for addresses and bus routes, bus stops, light rail lines, stations, park-n-Rides, call-n-Rides and even access schedules at the click of a button. Please note that the 2009 Interactive System Map works best for high-speed Internet users.


Accessibility. RTD was one of the first transit agencies in the country to respond to the needs of the disabled community. Learn about accessibility on RTD’s website.

www.rtd-denver.com/Accessibility.shtml

Travel by Light Rail. Whether you’re heading downtown for work or school, shopping or dining in LoDo, hitting the ballgame, or enjoying a night on the town, RTD light rail is going your way.

www.rtd-denver.com/lightRail_subHome.shtml

Other Transportation Services

FREE MallRide is downtown Denver’s free bus service for commuters, workers and visitors. There is a stop located at every intersection on the 16th Street Mall between RTD’s Civic Center Station and Union Station. The FREE MallRide also connects with light rail C and E lines at Union Station; Lower Downtown (LoDo)/Coors Field/16th Street Mall; the D, F and H lines at the 16th/California Station (northbound travel); and the 16th/Stout Station (southbound travel). FREE MallRide Information and Resources:

www.rtd-denver.com/FREEMallRide.shtml

For detailed information about transportation to and from Denver International Airport, please visit www.flydenver.com.
DENVER/LAKEWOOD DINING GUIDE

While visiting Denver, be sure to try some of the popular dining spots. Whether it’s a buffalo burger, Rocky Mountain oysters or a Denver omelet you crave, the mile high has something to satisfy your cravings!

Dining in Central Denver

The Sushi Den is consistently ranked as some of the best sushi in the city. It’s a high-energy restaurant with three separate dining rooms and two floors. Sushi Den is a swanky must-try sushi restaurant with inventive dishes and arguably the freshest fish you can find this side of the Rockies and this far from a coast. Sushi Den is known for flying in fresh fish daily from Japan, but what truly sets it apart is its smoky flavored wasabi. Reservations are accepted on weekdays but expect to wait for a table on any night of the week and cozy up to one of their two full bars.

303.777.0826
www.sushiden.net

A note on the menu says that the Cherry Cricket’s food is “way too good for a bar this fun.” Fun is indeed the operative word here; just take a look at some of the descriptions. Appetizers are “Horzidurvees,” and hot items are designated as “screamin’” or “semi screamin’.” The beer menu manages to impress with a large selection, including Stella Artois and Smithwicks.

303.322.7666
www.cherrycricket.com
The burger is an American symbol. No wonder it’s what CityGrille on Capitol Hill does best. Serving up its award-winning burgers, green chili and fries to Denver natives, CityGrille keeps another important burger principle in mind by keeping its prices low. With a full bar, nightly specials and a blueberry-habanero BBQ sauce, CityGrille is making an American symbol look good!

303.861.0726
www.citygrille.com

Located just near Capital Hill, Table 6 is a special Denver dining destination nestled amid houses and other small businesses in a quiet, family neighborhood. The menu consists of classic entrees and the ever-changing nightly specials offer variety from the regular menu. The wait staff is among the more professional in town, and the in-house sommelier can suggest something to complement your meal from the splendid wine list.

303.831.8800
www.table6denver.com

Step out of the present and into the 1940s at the Denver Chophouse & Brewery. Lined with wood floors and classy tables, you’ll feel like you’ve stepped into the days of Bing Crosby. Staying with that era, music from the 30s and 40s plays while you dine. The food is top-notch with menu items like plank salmon, filet mignon, and crab cakes. The Chophouse Bloody Marys also have a reputation for being perfectly spiced and the ingredients are just right!

303.296.0800
www.chophouse.com

Tomayo is not your typical “eat chubby burritos while rocking out to mariachi bands” kind of Mexican restaurant. This is Modern Mexican cuisine. The restaurant is bigger than it looks on the outside with an amazing terrace, multiple dining rooms, comfortable tables and booths, and an eye-catching bar with a fabulous tile collage as a focal point.

720.946.1433
www.modernmexican.com

Named one of the top five American establishments to drink tequila in by Food and Wine magazine, LoLa has also become one of Denver’s most acclaimed dining destinations serving cuisine inspired by Mexico’s coastal regions. With over 150 tequila selections, Lola has a sleek and sexy space conducive to an evening of serious mixology study. Lola’s brunch starts early and ends late with live music on Sundays.

720.570.8686
www.loladenver.com
Maggiano’s Little Italy is known for its family-style dining menu. Located in the heart of downtown Denver at the Pavilions shopping complex on the 16th Street Mall, the restaurant has all things Italian. From bruschetta to lobster ravioli to Italian dessert favorites like cheesecake and tiramisu, Maggiano’s has what you’re looking for.

303.260.7707
www.maggianos.com

Dining in Lakewood

Belmar is Lakewood’s urban center offering an eclectic assortment of dining and entertainment choices.

It’s pie time at The Oven! Enjoy a delicious, freshly baked slice or the whole pie to go! Award-winning restaurateur Mark Tarbell focuses on culinary excellence served up in a warm, comfortable atmosphere. The Oven features wood-fired pizzas with fresh, natural toppings like house-made mozzarella, smoked ricotta, seasonal roasted vegetables and sausage from local favorite Marczyk’s Fine Foods.

303.934.7600
www.theovenpizzaevino.com

Calling sushi lovers everywhere! Wasabi Sushi Bar has fantastic lunch specials and happy hour deals. Roll it up and eat it at Wasabi!

303.935.8888
www.wasabistl.com

For a true dining adventure, escape to Elephant Bar Restaurant, the family-friendly restaurant serving fresh sandwiches, salads, fish dishes and superb Pan-Pacific specialties. The menu, the atmosphere, and the experience are unforgettable. The Elephant Bar is now serving take-out.

303.922.7907
www.elephantbar.com

Fresh, contemporary and consistently outstanding are the trademarks of P.F. Chang’s China Bistro. This stylish, high-energy bistro combines traditional Chinese cuisine and American hospitality to create a truly unique dining experience.

303.922.5800
www.pfchangs.com
At Ted's Montana Grill, the Classic American Grill, everything is fresh, made from scratch, just as you order it. They use all-natural beef, bison and chicken. And in keeping with co-founder Ted Turner’s focus on the environment, it’s an eco-friendly establishment that is as passionate about the environment as we are about our food. Recyclable paper menus, paper straws and reusable glass are just a few of the industry-leading ways Ted’s does its part so you can eat great and do good.

303.922.7770
www.tedsmontanagrill.com

Step into Baker Street Pub & Grill and be transported back in time to Sherlock Holmes’ London apartment. Baker St. is open daily from 11 a.m. – 2 a.m. and offers lunch, dinner, and a late night menu featuring such British favorites as fish and chips and shepherd’s pie. With one of the longest happy hours in town, from 2 p.m. – 9 p.m. Monday through Friday and all day Sunday, you will also find a large selection of draught and bottled beers, live entertainment, and billiards and darts.

303.953.5510
www.sherlockpubco.com

Colorado’s most beloved Indian restaurant, Little India Restaurant & Bar is located in the heart of Belmar overlooking the plaza and just steps from Belmar 16 Movie Theater. The family-owned restaurant features authentic Indian cuisine, delicious cocktails, a relaxing patio, and a casual dining room. Be sure to check out its well known All-You-Can-Eat lunch buffet.

303.937.9777
www.littleindiaadenver.com

The Colorado Mills/Denver West area is located near the junctions of I-70, US 6 and Colfax Avenue in Lakewood. There are several restaurant options at the mall and within a one-mile radius.

The Yard House is an upscale-casual eatery known for its extensive menu, classic rock music, and world’s largest selection of draft beer. Each Yard House location features a transparent keg room containing more than 600 barrels, some 1,000 gallons of beer, and an endless fleet of tap handles — 100 to 250, depending on the location. The American cuisine includes an impressive selection and late-night dining is available. Each restaurant can accommodate groups for large parties. The Yard House has a state-of-the-art sound system while an abundance of flat screens showcase the day’s sports and special events.

303.278.9273
www.yardhouse.com
Hops Restaurant and Brewery is a casual dining microbrewery restaurant offering fresh, made-from-scratch menu items in a relaxed atmosphere. Hops features signature dishes created from high-quality, fresh ingredients and prepared in a display style kitchen that allows you to view the cooking process.
303.216.2469
www.hopsonline.com

Quality, comfort and value are three key ingredients that make The Keg Steakhouse & Bar experience like no other. The menu features tender, juicy steaks, slow-roasted prime rib, succulent shellfish, fresh salads, irresistible desserts and an outstanding wine list.
303.238.7500
www.kegsteakhouse.com

Inspired by the Italian Mediterranean way of cooking, Romano’s Macaroni Grill features a unique menu selection. The simple recipes require the finest ingredients such as imported artisan pastas, vine-ripened tomatoes, colorful vegetables, extra virgin olive oil, fresh lemons, select seafood, grilled meats and fresh, fragrant Italian herbs.
303.216.1519
www.macaronigrill.com

Since opening in 1978, Mimi’s Cafe has been a favorite destination for restaurant goers who want to relax and connect over freshly prepared meals. The colorful French-cottage themed buildings and lush gardens let guests know right away that Mimi’s is a special place to visit.
303.384.0350
www.mimiscafe.com

Union Boulevard is a major street directly outside the Denver Federal Center along the west side. It offers several dining options.

Old Chicago is a restaurant chain featuring a menu centered around its pizza but also featuring more traditional fare such as pastas, burgers, and calzones. Each store also carries 110 – 130 types of beer (depending on the season), with generally 30 on draft, challenging its patrons to complete its famed World Beer Tour (WBT). Patrons can sign up for the WBT at no cost to receive a card that tracks all beers consumed.
303.988.5990
www.oldchicago.com
240 Union has been serving the west metro Denver area fabulous meals and spirits in its one-of-a-kind showroom of a restaurant since 1989. The 60-foot, open kitchen puts on quite a show preparing the finest contemporary American cuisine in the area. The menu changes with the seasons and offers daily specials with a fresh variety of selections and fish. Hand-tossed, applewood oven-roasted pizzas and specialty pastas round out the selections featuring prime beef, pork, lamb and chicken.
303.989.3562
www.240union.com

Voted “Best View” and “Best Sunday Brunch Buffet,” Simms Steakhouse is a Denver favorite that overlooks the majestic lights of the city. It's the perfect spot for cocktails and conversation before or after your meal. The menu features Certified Angus Beef steaks, fresh seafood specialties, and other delicious chef creations.
303.237.0465
www.simmssteakhouse.com

Known in Lakewood for eating, drinking and gathering, Chad's Grill offers a varied menu featuring rotisserie meats, Certified Angus Beef, pasta, pizza and seafood. Chad's has full bar service with 16 micro brews, specialty martinis and wine selection. It has been locally owned and operated since 1982.

Jose O'Shea's takes great pride in using the best ingredients in its homemade Mexican dishes. They make all their sauces and meals individually, every day, to ensure utmost flavor. Service is the key aspect that separates them from other restaurants. These are just a few of the efforts that allow Jose O'Shea's to deliver the best Mexican Food in Lakewood since 1978.
303.988.7333
www.joseosheas.com
ENTERTAINMENT IN DENVER

Denver has more live music venues than Los Angeles and many of the greatest acts come here. Denver is renowned for its music scene, catering to every music lover’s taste, from classical to punk to jazz. Whether you’re in the mood for a big act, cover bands, or a local band, Denver has every genre of music. Besides the well-known concert and entertainment venues, you can find live music in many bars and restaurants throughout town.

The Denver Performing Arts Complex (DPAC) is the largest performing arts complex under one roof, and the second-largest center of its kind in terms of number of venues and seating capacity. Connected by an 80-foot-tall glass roof, DPAC houses 10 performance spaces on its four-block, 12-acre site. The DPAC is home to a Tony Award-winning repertory theatre company, Broadway touring productions, contemporary dance and ballet, magnificent chorales, a major symphony orchestra, internationally acclaimed opera and more.
303.893.4100
www.denvercenter.org

As the region’s only full-time professional orchestra, the Colorado Symphony Orchestra (CSO) embraces a tradition of musical excellence by presenting a wide variety of symphonic performances — from classical repertoire to innovative new forms — in Boettcher Concert Hall. Each season, approximately 250,000 patrons attend CSO concerts, including a 21-week Masterworks series of classical programs as well as Pops, Family, Holiday and Summer Parks concerts.
303.623.7876
www.coloradosymphony.org
Adams Mystery Playhouse, Denver’s Original Murder Mystery Dinner Theater, offers guests one of the most exciting times in Denver! Guests are entwined in the plot as they dine and help solve a mystery. Adams Mystery Playhouse supplies a complete dose of humor alongside suspense and excitement to provide one of Denver’s most unusual and surprising entertainment options.

303.455.1848

www.adamsmysterplayhouse.com

The Lumber Baron Dinner Theatre, located a short drive from downtown Denver in beautiful Historic Highlands, is an exciting way to break out of the normal dinner routine. Performers interact with guests to try to solve a murder mystery, all while enjoying a delicious gourmet meal. The Lumber Baron Inn & Gardens has five spacious suites for those who wish to make it a truly memorable night. Overnight B&B guests at the Lumber Baron get two-for-one on the dinner-show tickets. It is perfect for parties, receptions, showers and unique get-togethers of all kinds while in Denver.

1.888.284.2790

www.denver.com/lumber-baron-inn

Wells Fargo Theatre is located inside the Colorado Convention Center. The 5,000-seat theatre offers a wide variety of entertainment, including concerts, comedy acts, family shows, and sporting displays. The Wells Fargo Theatre also plays a marvelous host to general sessions, assemblies, and seminars. Newly constructed in 2004, the Wells Fargo Theatre was designed to be both aesthetically and acoustically pleasing. It has quickly established a reputation of being one of the most versatile theatres in the Denver metro area and also one of the most attractive.

303.228.8000

www.denverconvention.com

For over 50 years, the Historic Denver Coliseum has provided Colorado with an extraordinary variety of entertainment and special events. Owned by the people of the City and County of Denver, the Coliseum boasts comfortable “people-sized” seating close to the action. The furthest seat is only 28 rows from the floor and all seats have unobstructed views. Opened in 1952, today the Denver Coliseum is home to the National Western Stock Show and hosts a multitude of other events, including rodeos, motor shows, circuses, concerts, dances, exhibits and trade shows.

720.865.4220

www.denvercoliseum.com
Championed by *USA Today* as one of the Top Five Comedy Clubs in the country, Comedy Works has been Denver’s premier destination for the very best in stand-up comedy since 1981. As one of the nation’s true comedy landmarks, it routinely attracts the country’s top comedians. Jerry Seinfeld, Roseanne, Jay Leno, Tim Allen, Ellen DeGeneres, Dave Chappelle, Chris Rock, Richard Lewis, Jamie Foxx, Lewis Black and Joan Rivers have all graced the Comedy Works stage.
303.595.3637
www.comedyworks.com

**Concert Venues**

The Blue Bird Theater  
303.377.1666  
www.bluebirdtheater.net

Cervantes  
303.297.8390  
www.cervantesmasterpiece.com

The Fillmore  
303.832.5380  
livenation.com

The Ogden  
303.832.1874  
www.ogdentheatre.net

Paramount Theatre  
303.623.0106  
www.denverparamount.com

Pepsi Center  
303.405.1100  
www.pepsicenter.com
Denver is home to many great attractions besides the Rocky Mountains. Denver has been described as urban sophistication meets outdoor adventure. With 300 days of sunshine, a walkable downtown, thriving art and cultural scenes, and the Rocky Mountains always in the background, there are so many reasons why Denver is a great place to visit. While you’re in Denver, take the time to explore the many great attractions in the Mile High City!

**16th Street Mall** is Denver’s hub of shopping, dining and entertainment that stretches for 16 blocks in the heart of downtown between Market and Broadway streets. Locals and visitors alike enjoy strolling down the Mall’s wide, pedestrian-friendly sidewalks to people-watch and visit with friends. The street is also wi-fi friendly for business people and students.

16th Street Mall
303.534.6161
www.downtowndenver.com

**The City of Black Hawk** (west of Denver) is a town of heavy-set men in snakeskin roach killers, cocktail waitresses in short, black mini-skirts, and a hope—a hope that you might win it big. Despite Black Hawk’s 22 casinos (which is more than Atlantic City), the town lacks the neon glow that characterizes its bigger-than-life counterparts, Reno, Las Vegas or the boats in Kansas City. Instead, it has something very Colorado—cowboys. There are shuttles that pick up people in various Denver metro locations for transport to Black Hawk.

The City of Black Hawk
www.cityofblackhawk.org

**Denver Aquarium** was purchased by Landry’s Restaurants, Inc. in 2003 when it was Denver’s Ocean Journey Aquarium. In July 2005 the redesigned aquarium complex was reopened as the Downtown Aquarium. The entertainment and dining complex features a public aquarium boasting more than one...
million gallons of underwater exhibits highlighting fascinating ecosystems around the world and housing over 500 species of animals, an interactive sting ray reef touch tank, the Aquarium Restaurant, the Dive Lounge, and the Nautilus Ballroom. There are exhibits of ecosystems ranging from underwater to desert to rainforest. 303.561.4450

www.aquariumrestaurants.com

The Denver Art Museum is a private, non-profit, educational resource for Colorado. The museum's mission is to enrich the lives of Colorado and Rocky Mountain residents. The museum acquires, preserves, and presents artwork in both the permanent collections and temporary exhibitions, and by supporting these works with exemplary educational and scholarly programs. Today, the 356,000-square-foot museum complex includes collection gallery space, three temporary exhibition venues, and the Lewis I. Sharp Auditorium. The Denver Art Museum is internationally recognized for its family-friendly environment and has received critical acclaim for encouraging art appreciation through interactive activities. 720.865.5000

www.denverartmuseum.org

There are several reasons that Denver Botanic Gardens was recently named one of the top ten public gardens in the nation by Country Living Gardener magazine, but here’s one of the most touching: This garden takes advantage of all the senses, providing touchable, smellable, tasty, colorful and aural outdoor experiences all rolled into one. The therapeutic garden also serves as a landscape-design model for the facilities that cater to patrons with disabilities or special needs, featuring wheelchair-accessible paths, raised beds, container plantings and other amenities. 720.865.3585

www.botanicgardens.org

Whether you’re young or old, a trip to the zoo is always an exciting thing. At the Denver Zoo, kids and grown-ups alike can marvel at over 4,000 animals, from lions and tigers to kangaroos and giraffes to grizzly bears and arctic wolves. Visitors can explore recreated rainforests, wander down pathways flanked by tundra wildflowers, study Asian elephants in their natural habitats and have a picnic without ever leaving the park. The Denver Zoo is one of the most exciting family-friendly attractions in Denver. 303.376.4800

www.denverzoo.org
The 868-acre Red Rocks Park and Amphitheater, nestled in the Rocky Mountain Foothills just 15 miles outside of Denver near Morrison, was once listed among the Seven Wonders of the World — and with good reason. Ship Rock and Creation Rock, the largest of the monoliths, tower 300 feet above the Red Rocks Amphitheater. These massive brick-colored sandstone monoliths are taller than Niagara Falls. Its natural acoustics make the amphitheatre the favorite of many musicians and fans alike, hosting some of the greatest bands and musicians in history.

720.865.2494
www.redrocksonline.com

Denver is well known as the Mile High City, but visitors will be surprised to find that it’s also one of the flattest major U.S. cities — it’s actually located on a wide Rocky Mountain plateau. For confirmation that you really are a mile high, climb the front stairs of the State Capitol Building until you reach the 15th step (marked for your convenience), an official 5,280 feet above sea level. In addition to being able to check off another box on your list of Denver tourism stops, take a tour of the Corinthian-style Colorado granite Capitol with its gold leaf covered dome.

303.886.8604
www.colorado.gov

The U.S. Mint in Denver originally opened in the mid-1800s to change gold and silver found by miners and prospectors in the surrounding hills into coins and ingots. The Denver facility was bought by the U.S. Treasury in 1863 and transformed into a U.S. Mint. However, it wasn’t until 1906 that the Denver facility began actually minting coins after being an Assay Office for the interim years. Today, free 20-minute tours at the Denver-based U.S. Mint show visitors how blank ore becomes treasury coins.

1.800.872.6468
www.usmint.gov

Amusement Parks & Centers

Dave & Buster’s
2000 S. Colorado Blvd. Ste. D
Denver, CO 80222
303.209.2906
www.daveandbusters.com

Dave & Buster’s is a 56,000 square foot dining and entertainment facility featuring world-class pocket billiards, shuffleboard and the latest video games and interactive simulators. Great food, great fun — the perfect place to host your next special event!
Elitch Gardens Theme Park & Island Kingdom Water Park [Downtown Denver]
2000 Elitch Circle
Denver, CO 80204
303.595.4386
www.elitchgardens.com

Located in downtown Denver, Elitch Gardens is a 119-year-old tradition of affordable family fun and entertainment offering two parks in one, a family theme park and the Island Kingdom Water Park. With over 65 attractions and award-winning shows, Elitch Gardens is the top destination in a five-state region for family fun and entertainment. Elitches also features a summer concert series, Frightfest throughout October, as well as special events. Adjoining Island Kingdom Water Park features 11 rides and cabana rentals. The water park is open Memorial Day through Labor Day. Elitch Gardens is conveniently located in downtown Denver. Guests may also arrive via RTD bus or light rail. Both options have stops at Elitch Gardens.

Lucky Strike Lanes [Downtown Denver]
500 16th St. Ste. 340
Denver, CO 80202
303.629.9090
www.bowlluckystrike.com

With custom décor and Hollywood flare, Lucky Strike Lanes is Denver’s first bowling lounge. Featuring 12 state-of-the-art bowling lanes, four pool tables and a 40-foot bar, it’s the place to go for a group, a party and a hip American menu with a twist.

Lucky Strike Lanes [West Metro]
415 South Teller St.
Lakewood, CO 80226
303.935.5793
www.bowlluckystrike.com

Lakewood’s first upscale bowling lounge and restaurant. Featuring 16 state-of-the-art bowling lanes, a 40-foot bar with high definition screens and a private party room, it’s the place to go for a group party. Serving a hip American menu with a twist.
COLORADO SKIING

Colorado is known for its world renowned skiing. If you wish to hit the slopes during your stay, please checkout some of our best mountain towns.

Arapahoe Basin
28194 US Hwy 6
Keystone, CO 80435
888.ARAPAHOE (272.7246)
www.arapahoebasin.com

Aspen Mountain
Aspen Highlands
Buttermilk
Snowmass
800.525.6200
www.aspensnowmass.com

Beaver Creek
970.754.4636
www.beavercreek.com

Breckenridge
1.800.789.SNOW (7669)
www.breckenridge.com

Copper Mountain
888.219.2441
www.coppercolorado.com

Crested Butte
800.810.7669
www.skicb.com

Echo Mountain
19285 Highway 103
Idaho Springs, CO 80452
303.325.7347
www.echomtnpark.com
Denver is home to many sports teams and is part of a select group of only 13 U.S. cities with teams from four major sports. Whether you want to attend a professional sporting event, minor league, or collegiate game, Denver can offer you a variety of sporting events to attend all year round.

The Denver Broncos of the National Football League have drawn crowds of over 70,000 since their AFL origins in the early 1960s at Mile High Stadium, and continue to draw fans today to their current home, Invesco Field at Mile High. The team has advanced to the Super Bowl six times and has won back-to-back Super Bowls in 1998 and 1999.

The Colorado Rockies came to Denver in 1993. One of the top priorities of former Mayor Federico Pena was bringing Major League Baseball to the city, an effort which culminated in the construction of Coors Field and the creation of the Colorado Rockies (National League) as an expansion franchise in 1993. They appeared in their first World Series in 2007.

Denver is also home to the Colorado Avalanche, a National Hockey League team that relocated from Quebec City in 1995. They have won two Stanley Cups (1996 and 2001) while in Denver and play at the Pepsi Center.

The Denver Nuggets of the National Basketball Association, formerly the Denver Rockets, are hosted by the Pepsi Center. The Nuggets have one American Basketball Association (ABA) Conference title, three ABA Division titles, and seven NBA Division titles as of the 2009-2010 season.
Other professional sports teams

The Colorado Rapids of the Major League Soccer team, played at Invesco Field at Mile High through 2006 until a new stadium, Dick’s Sporting Goods Park, was built in nearby Commerce City in 2007. Commerce City is a northern suburb of Denver.

The Colorado Mammoth of the National Lacrosse League is hosted by the Pepsi Center. The Mammoth won the NLL Championship in 2006.

The Denver Outlaws of Major League Lacrosse play at Invesco Field.

Other sports teams

The Glendale Raptors have both men’s and ladies’ rugby teams, as well as youth leagues, located in Glendale as part of the Glendale Rugby Football Club.

The Colorado Buffaloes are the collegiate teams at the University of Colorado in Boulder.

The Colorado State Rams are the collegiate teams at Colorado State University in Fort Collins.

The Denver Pioneers are the collegiate teams at the University of Denver in Denver.
DENVER EVENTS CALENDAR

There’s always something to do in Denver. Whether you’re trying to find something to do after your meeting or conference, or you’ve decided to extend your trip, you won’t have to look far to find something going on around town. Our monthly events calendar profiles annual events that have become mainstays and even Denver traditions!

January
National Western Stock Show & Rodeo is nearly a century old with more than 15,000 animals displayed and sold at this annual event, including more than a dozen ticketed events from auctions to bull riding.

Martin Luther King Jr. Parade is billed as the largest Martin Luther King Jr. march in the United States. The annual event draws upward of 30,000 participants who gather at City Park and proceed to Civic Center Park for a rally.

February
Carnival is held at the end of February when Shining Stars Foundation hosts a fundraiser at the Colorado History Museum for the Aspen Winter Games to be held in mid-March. The event features live Brazilian samba music, food, drinks and more.

March
The St. Patrick’s Day Parade is the city’s biggest annual parade featuring horses, stagecoaches, marching bands, floats and fun.
April
The Cherry Creek Sneak starts at Cherry Creek Drive North. Participants race, sprint, walk or crawl competitively through a five-mile course on streets near Cherry Creek.

Earth Day at Denver Botanic Gardens is free at the 1005 York Street location only.

Major League Baseball begins in April! The Colorado Rockies Opening Day is the season’s first home game and draws a huge crowd throughout LoDo and the Ballpark communities in downtown Denver. Nothing signals the advent of spring more than baseball! The sport is tightly meshed into American culture with historic firsts, iconic performances, record-setting events, and traditions from hot dogs slathered in mustard to unexpected curveballs and seventh-inning stretches.

Major League Soccer with the Colorado Rapids and teams from both the eastern and western conferences vie for glory in regular season matches on to the playoffs and cup finals.

May
Denver’s Cinco de Mayo celebration is billed as the largest Cinco de Mayo event in the United States. This annual extravaganza draws more than 400,000 attendees to Civic Center Park where hundreds of booths sell Latino food, crafts and art.

The Downtown Denver Arts Festival takes place during Memorial Day weekend. Over 135 artists bring mixed media, clay, fiber, photography, furniture, glass, jewelry, wood and more to display their work at the Denver Pavilions at 16th and Glenarm.

Furry Scurry is an annual two-mile walk or run through Washington Park with or without canine accompaniment. It benefits the Denver Dumb Friends League and the area’s homeless animals.

The Mile High Amazing Race is based on the popular television series. In mid-May, teams race to checkpoints, perform tasks and conquer challenges along the way. Starting from downtown Denver around the Pepsi Center, this event benefits the Leukemia Lymphoma Society.

June
The CHUN Capitol Hill People’s Fair exists as a celebration of the diverse Denver urban community and its residents. As Colorado’s premier arts and crafts festival, the uniqueness and magic of the People’s Fair is created by the careful blending of great family fun, carefully selected handmade arts and crafts, delicious culinary delights, fabulous entertainment, and the commitment to raise funds for and promote the missions
of non-profit organizations.

**Film on the Rocks** occurs from mid-June until mid-August at Red Rocks Amphitheatre in Morrison. The film festival features classic films, live bands and is emceed by top comedians.

**Greek Festival** celebrates Denver’s Greek community and serves up baklava and more with art exhibits, live music, dancing and a big, fat overall good time.

**Juneteenth** celebrates the end of slavery in Texas at the Five Points neighborhood with a parade, gospel extravaganza, entertainment and exotic food.

**PrideFest** starts with a morning parade to a flamboyant festival with food, live music and information about LGBT [lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender] community activities.

**July**

**Cherry Creek Arts Festival** in Denver’s Cherry Creek North neighborhood hosts visual, performing and culinary artists. There are vendor booths, family activities, and four stages of live entertainment, including cooking demonstrations and live music.

The **Colorado Dragon Boat Festival** at Sloan’s Lake Park in Lakewood offers Dragon Boat races. You can explore villages from three Asian countries, performing artists, a Marketplace, plenty of children’s activities, a Taste of Asia food court and much more featured at the Colorado Asian Pacific American community’s annual cultural festival.

The **Colorado Irish Festival** is the largest such celebration in the Rockies, including Irish dancing, drama, storytelling, food and drink.

The **Moonlight Classic** allows you to cruise on your bike through the city in the middle of the night. Imagine the exhilaration of pedaling through the deserted streets of Denver with the moon lighting the course for you and thousands of other cyclists.

Summer Brew Fest at the main lot B of Coors Field hosts over 25 state and local breweries offering over 70 Colorado crafted beers. Accompanied by live entertainment, this celebration revels in the state’s craft beverages and benefits the Colorado Environmental Coalition.

**August**

Join this Celtic celebration featuring pipe bands, drumming, Scottish athletic competitions, highland dancing
and folk music at the Annual Colorado Scottish Festival and Rocky Mountain Highland Games.

The Annual Rocky Mountain Balloon Festival features 65 hot air balloons floating over Chatfield State Park, in addition to exciting exhibits, activities and vendors.

September
The Colorado Performing Arts Festival hosts dance, theater, music, opera and storytelling at the Denver Performing Arts Complex, with nine theaters seating 10,000.

Festival Italiano has quickly become one of the best festivals in Denver. Held in the Belmar shopping area in Lakewood, the Italian extravaganza offers some truly different activities. For adults, there are wine seminars and tastings, chef demos and Italian lessons. For kids, there is grape stomping — Balistreri Vineyards makes wine every year from it, called Little Feet Merlot —, face painting and storytelling. There is terrific food, a bocce ball tournament, chalk art, Sinatra singers, traditional Italian flag throwing, and pizza dough tossing.

The Great American Beer Festival is held every September at the Colorado Convention Center. This event allows beer lovers to sample some of the finest beers in the world and it offers multiple opportunities to learn about all things beer.

The Denver Nuggets’ regular season starts in September; they are part of the NBA Western Conference. National Basketball Association (NBA) is composed of thirty teams in North America (twenty-nine in the United States and one in Canada). It’s an active member of USA Basketball, which is recognized by the International Basketball Federation as the National Governing Body (NGB) for basketball in the United States.

Are you ready for some football with the National Football League and the Denver Broncos? You can count on the National Football League to deliver non-stop grid action, leading to playoffs and the incomparable Super Bowl. Invesco Field, located minutes from downtown Denver, is the home of the 1998 and 1999 Super Bowl-winning team, the Denver Broncos.

The Taste of Cherry Creek has mouthwatering dishes from Denver’s finest eateries to benefit the Denver Susan G. Komen Race for the Cure in conjunction with the Susan G. Komen Breast Cancer Foundation.
October
National Hockey League packs a motherlode of milestones. Those most memorable to the Denver community are when the Colorado Avalanche won the Stanley Cup twice, in 1996 and 2001. The franchise was founded in Quebec and was the Quebec Nordiques until moving to Colorado in 1995. Since then, the Avalanche have won eight division titles and went to the playoffs in each of their first 10 seasons in Denver, with the streak ending in 2007.

Susan G. Komen Race for the Cure is held every first Sunday in October. Susan G. Komen Race for the Cure is the largest series of 5K runs/fitness walks in the world.

November
The Denver International Wine Festival is held during the first week in November. The University of Denver’s School of Hotel, Restaurant and Tourism Management hosts the Chef’s Wine and Food Competition, the student-crafted Vintners’ Grand Dinner, and the Grand Tasting of International Wines and Food featuring hundreds of wines from over 19 countries.

The Downtown Denver Grand Illumination occurs over the last weekend in November. The City and County Building, Larimer Square, Denver Pavilions, Union Station, Skyline Park, and the 16th Street Mall will be lit up and decorated for the holidays.

December
Light up Larimer occurs in mid-November when organizers light up the shopping district for the holiday season. Every weekend through early January becomes an extravaganza of carolers, tuba concert, ice sculpting and more.

9NEWS Parade of Lights is the first week of December when marching bands, lights, floats and giant balloons parade along two miles of downtown Denver streets. The parade starts at the Denver City and County Building, with the Denver skyline in the background.

Blossoms of Light is the illumination of 12 acres of gardens. Carolers, dancers and more unfold at the Denver Botanic Gardens throughout the month.

Denver Christkindl Market lasts from the last weekend in November until the day before Christmas Eve. Vendors from Germany and other foreign countries offer hand-carved wooden figurines and other handicrafts at Skyline Park where German food and beer, pastries, candies and Glühwein (mulled wine) are featured.
DENVER BARS GLOSSARY

If you’re looking for a great happy hour, live music, or a fun time after hours, Denver has tons of bars to choose from. Some are recommended below but if you have time, go out and explore the many establishments Denver has to offer. Whether you want a neighborhood bar, dance club, karaoke or upscale bar, Denver has a plethora of choices!

Downtown Denver
Blake Street Tavern
2401 Blake Street
Denver, CO 80205
303.975.0505
www.blakestreettavern.com

Breckenridge Brewery
2220 Blake Street
Denver, CO 80205
303.297.3644
www.breckenridgebrewery.com

El Chapultepec
1962 Market Street
Denver, CO 80202
303.205.9126
“Best Jazz Club”

Fado Irish Pub
1735 19th Street
Denver, CO 80202
303.297.0066
www.fadoirishpub.com

Hard Rock Café
500 16th Street
Denver, CO 80202
303.623.3919
www.hardrock.com

Lannie’s Clocktower Cabaret
1601 Arapahoe Street
Denver, CO 80202
303.293.0075
www.lannies.com
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<td>Lime</td>
<td>1484 Larimer Street, Unit C</td>
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<td>Lodo’s Bar and Grill</td>
<td>1946 Market Street</td>
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<td>2199 California St.</td>
<td>303.294.9991</td>
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<td>Shakespeare’s Pub &amp; Billiards</td>
<td>2830 Walnut St.</td>
<td>303.433.6000</td>
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<td>Sing Sing</td>
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<td>1634 18th St.</td>
<td>303.297.2700</td>
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<td>Central Denver</td>
<td>Dazzle Restaurant &amp; Lounge</td>
<td>303.839.5100</td>
<td><a href="http://www.dazzlejazz.com">www.dazzlejazz.com</a></td>
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<td>Funky Buddha Lounge</td>
<td>776 Lincoln Street</td>
<td>303.832.5075</td>
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<td>Govnr’s Park</td>
<td>672 Logan Street</td>
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<td>Uptown Tavern</td>
<td>538 East 17th Avenue</td>
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<td>Steuben’s</td>
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Lakewood
Baker Street Pub and Grill
7260 W. Alaska Dr.
Lakewood, CO 80226
303.953.5510
www.sherlockspubco.com

Elephant Bar
7111 W. Alaska Dr.
Lakewood, CO 80226
303.922.7907
www.elephantbar.com

Jose O'Shea’s
385 Union Blvd.
Lakewood, CO 80228
303.988.7333
www.joseosheas.com

The Keg Steakhouse & Bar
14065 W. Colfax Drive
Golden, CO 80401
303.238.7500
www.kegsteakhouse.com

Las Margaritas
6981 W. Alaska Dr.
Lakewood, CO 80226
303.777.0194
www.lasmargs.com

Lucky Strike Lanes
405 S. Teller St.
Lakewood, CO 80226
303.935.5793
www.bowluckystrike.com

Old Chicago
145 S. Union Blvd.
Lakewood, CO 80228
303.988.5990
www.oldchicago.com

Yard House
14500 W. Colfax Ave, Ste. 341
Lakewood, CO 80401
303.278.9273
www.yardhouse.com
If you’re looking for gifts to take back home or something for yourself, Denver has the place to shop! If you’re a bargain hunter looking for brand names, visit one of Denver’s outlet malls. If you’re in the mood to shop, make sure you visit Denver’s malls, stores and shopping centers!

**SHOPPING GLOSSARY**

**Malls and Shopping Centers in Denver**

**Cherry Creek Shopping Center**
3000 E. First Ave.
Denver, CO 80206
303.388.3900
www.shopcherrycreek.com

**Denver Pavilions**
500 16th St., Suite 10
Denver, CO 80202
303.623.2075
www.denverpavilions.com

**FlatIron Crossing**
One West FlatIron Crossing Drive
Broomfield, CO 80021
720.887.7467
www.flatironcrossing.com

**Park Meadows**
8401 Park Meadows Dr.
Lone Tree, CO 80124
303.792.2533
www.parkmeadows.com
Malls and Shopping Centers near the Denver Federal Center

Belmar
408 S. Teller St.
Denver, CO 80226
303.742.1520
www.belmarcolorado.com

Colorado Mills
14500 W. Colfax Ave, #100
Lakewood, CO 80401
303.384.3000
www.coloradomills.com
USEFUL RESOURCES & MAPS

When visiting Denver there are so many things to do and places to see it can be hard to know where to start. For the inside scoop on the best of Denver, hear it from the locals!

The Westword is the definitive source of information for news, music, movies, restaurants, reviews, and events in Denver.

www.westword.com

To look up anything about Denver from history and facts to free activities, from guides to high altitude tips, check out Denver’s authoritative website. You’ll find all the tools you need to plan your trip to Denver!

www.denver.org

Check out events, sports, restaurants, reviews, recommendations and more at Metromix Denver. Hear from Denver locals about the best places to go and the best things to do around town!

denver.metromix.com
Driving Directions
From Denver International Airport to the Denver Federal Center:
1. Start on Pena Blvd. and head towards I-70 West
2. Take exit #274 onto I-25 South.
3. Take exit 3209B onto US 6 West.
4. Take the Kipling Street South exit.
5. Turn right on Center Avenue to arrive at the DFC.
Ski Towns / Resorts [distance from Denver]

1. Arapahoe Basin (68 miles)
2. Aspen / Aspen Highlands (199 miles)
3. Avon / Beaver Creek (107 miles)
4. Breckenridge (82 miles)
5. Buttermilk (196 miles)
6. Copper Mountain (78 miles)
7. Crested Butte (228 miles)
8. Denver
9. Dillon (69 miles)
10. Durango (337 miles)
11. Echo Mountain (286 miles)
12. Eldora (50 miles)
13. Estes Park (67 miles)
14. Frisco (72 miles)
15. Glenwood Springs (158 miles)
16. Grand Lake / Granby (103 miles)
17. Gunnison (200 miles)
18. Howelson Hill (158 miles)
19. Keystone (73 miles)
20. Leadville (301 miles)
21. Loveland Ski Area (46 miles)
22. Monarch / Salida (157 miles)
23. Ouray (301 miles)
24. Pagosa Springs (276 miles)
25. Powderhorn (228 miles)
26. Silverton Mountain (323 miles)
27. Ski Cooper (110 miles)
28. Snowmass (184 miles)
29. Solvista Basin (86 miles)
30. Steamboat Springs (157 miles)
31. Sunlight (170 miles)
32. Telluride (330 miles)
33. Vail (98 miles)
34. Winter Park (76 miles)
35. Wolf Creek (252 miles)