

CHEYENNE, WYOMING

By Scott and Elaine Harris

When many people think of Cheyenne, Wyoming, images of cowboys, rodeos and trains dance in their head. This capital city is certainly that, but it's also so much more. It's home to world-class mountain biking, climbing, camping, craft breweries, outstanding scenery and some of the best steaks you can find. A visit to Cheyenne offers great opportunities for all to enjoy.

STAY

The Nagle Warren Mansion, a true gem located in downtown Cheyenne, was built in 1888 by businessman Erasmus Nagle. The mansion, which was purchased and restored in 1997 by innkeeper Jim Osterfoss, was turned into a bed-and-breakfast with 12 guest rooms, three conference rooms and luxury around every corner.

The historic B&B is completely opulent, with exquisite Victorian appointments, a stunning collection of rare art pieces and bright, colorful stained-glass bay windows that afford a perfect morning wake-up. The decor of the rooms abounds with period furnishings, and some rooms allow for expansion into a suite that includes a classic study area providing a peaceful environment for both work and relaxation. Guests enjoy a daily home-cooked classic breakfast, which features fresh, local ingredients prepared by the in-house chef that are served in the formal dining room.

EAT

Cheyenne is home to the Rib & Chop House, a casual restaurant known for its premium, certified Angus beef steaks and some of the freshest seafood in the West. Its award-winning baby back ribs are marinated for 24 hours in a secret seasoning, slow-cooked in a special oven, lightly glazed with a housemade barbecue sauce and then finished on the grill. All dishes are served — as its tagline states — with true “Rocky Mountain Hospitality.”

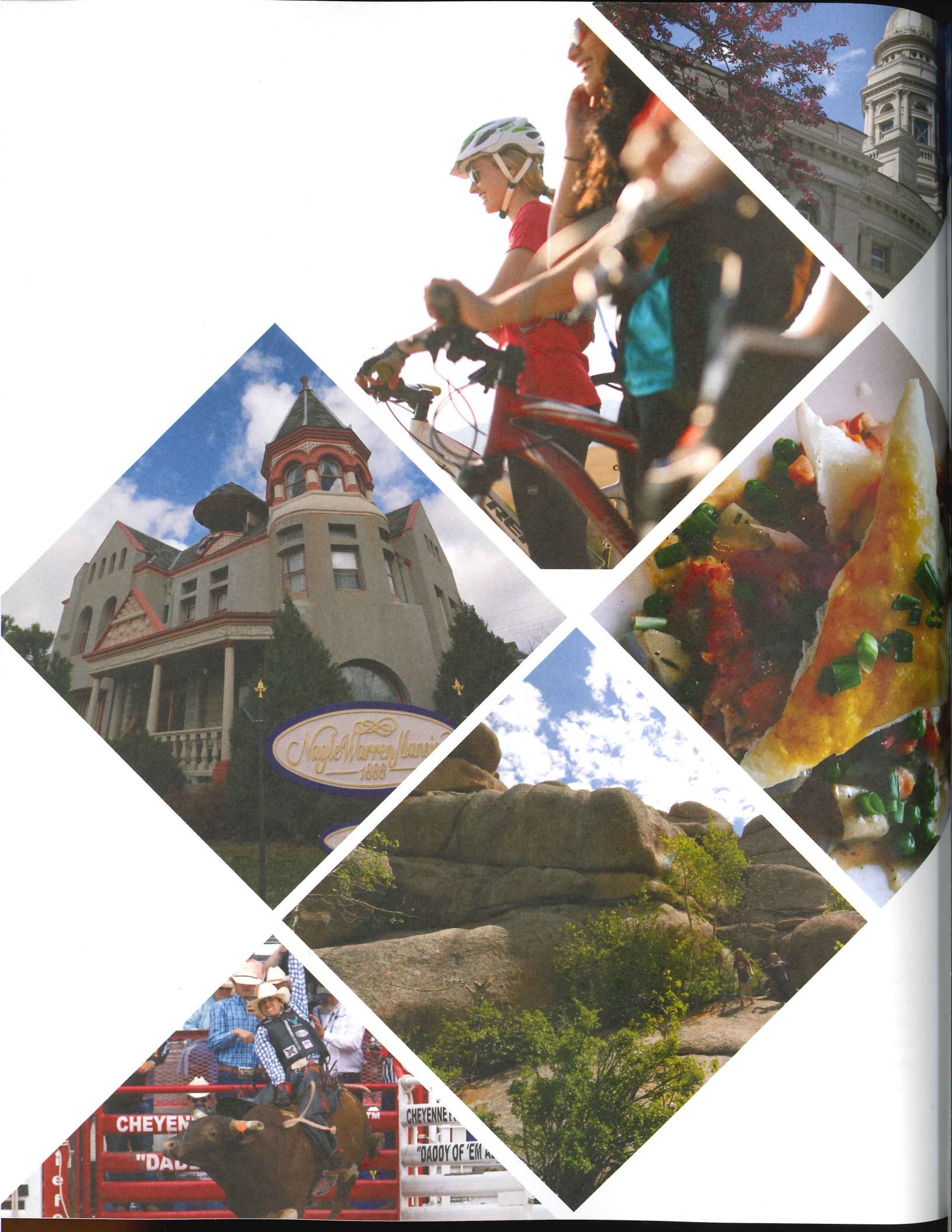
The Luxury Dining Car is definitely worth a visit. It was an operating trolley car on the streets of Cheyenne from 1894 to 1912 and has been operating as a working diner since 1926. Today, guests enjoy meals that still are prepared from scratch, and some recipes, like the green chili and sausage gravy, are decades old, but deliciously cosmopolitan.

PLAY

Locals call it “rock-reation,” but the name Vedauwoo (vee-da-voo) is a version of the Arapaho Indian word bito’owu, meaning earthborn. This southwest region of Wyoming is an area featuring rock formations of 1.4 billion-year-old granite. Enjoy the beauty and wildlife that flourish here, but it also offers dozens of climbing routes and 20 multiple-use bike trails that take adventurers to huge rock formations with spectacular views. For the anglers, world-class fly-fishing is abundant alone or with the assistance of a professional guide.

SHOP

The Frontier Mall offers many high-end shops that will please the most discriminating shopper. Also, the revitalized downtown area offers many lovely, hidden boutiques and antique shops where you can search for that special, one-of-a-kind treasure.



CLASS

luxury with a purpose

