Welcome to DENVER
The Mile High City

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With an open, welcoming spirit and a vibrant nightlife, The Mile High City is the perfect destination. Since the early 1970s, the city has championed civil rights and has quickly become one of the most accepting cities in the nation. *OutTraveler* voted Denver one of its top up-and-coming destinations - one of only two domestic cities on the list!

The Mile High City is outdoor-oriented and filled with urban adventures. Whether you’re into hiking, cycling, whitewater rafting, running, snow skiing or golf, it’s all within easy reach, and the skies are famously blue and sunny.

Denver is known for its world-class cultural attractions, thriving craft breweries and booming music scene, all near the Rocky Mountains. It is truly the gay and lesbian center of the West, with many hotels and restaurants catering especially to the LGBTQ community.
It’s always a good time to experience Denver’s thriving art scene. You’ll find a broad spectrum of art galleries near downtown, in historic Lower Downtown (LoDo), RiNo (River North Art District) and at the Art District on Santa Fe where art galleries serve up food, beverages and entertainment, while showcasing the works of local artists during First Friday art walks.

If you enjoy the excitement of live entertainment, check out the performing arts scene. The Denver Performing Arts Complex is home to Broadway touring shows, musicals, concerts, operas, ballets and symphonies. Or, venture outside the mainstream and take in one of the many innovative productions on smaller stages throughout the city like The Clocktower Cabaret.

And after the sun sets, Denver’s lively nightlife offers diverse choices for LGBTQ visitors, including gay and lesbian bars, dance clubs and drag and cabaret shows.

As the largest city in a 600-mile radius, Denver attracts members of the LGBTQ community from all over the world. The annual Denver PrideFest, one of the biggest LGBTQ events in the country, takes
place over Father’s Day weekend. The free two-day festival features a parade, a rally, music and food in Civic Center Park. And every July, the community rediscovers its Western roots at the three-day Rocky Mountain Regional Gay Rodeo. Denver also hosts many LGBTQ-themed indoor activities like the CinemaQ Film Festival, which features LGBTQ films.

LEARN MORE ABOUT DENVER
DENVER365.com
Denver’s most robust event calendar.

OUT FRONT
Colorado’s LGBTQ event, lifestyle and news source. outfrontonline.com

THE GLBT COMMUNITY CENTER OF COLORADO
glbtcolorado.org

DENVER INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT
flydenver.com

TOURIST INFORMATION CENTERS
DOWNTOWN
1575 California Street

COLORADO CONVENTION CENTER
Main entrance at 14th & California Streets

DENVER UNION STATION
1701 Wynkoop Street

DENVER INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT
Main Terminal
Denver has long been a gathering place for people of all cultures. First were the high plains Native Americans who followed the buffalo herds and lived throughout the Front Range. When prospectors discovered gold in 1858, thousands of men and women crossed the Great Plains and settled in and around Denver.

By the 1980s, Denver was dubbed the gay oasis of the West. Today, Denver is a city of many colors and cultures, a rich tapestry of diverse and fascinating people.

### HIGHLIGHTS OF GAY DENVER’S HISTORY

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<td>Denver’s gay and lesbian community mobilizes to elect Federico Peña, Denver’s first Latino mayor and executive ally to the community.</td>
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<td>The GLBT Community Center of Colorado, the producer of PrideFest, adds a second day of festivities.</td>
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<td>Denver’s PrideFest ranks third largest in the nation.</td>
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<td>Colorado adopts the Colorado Civil Union Act, establishing relationship recognition for same-sex couples.</td>
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Denver boasts a collection of distinctive neighborhoods with hidden gems and locals’ favorite eateries, shops, booksellers and galleries. Try line dancing at Charlie’s Denver, circuit parties at Tracks or drag queen bingo at Hamburger Mary’s.

Discover where art is made in RiNo, (River North Art District). With a blend of urban charm, street art and industrial revival, this district is home to jazz bars, restaurants, brewpubs, art galleries and studios.

The Capitol Hill and Uptown neighborhoods offer diverse retail and dining options, as well as prominent live music venues.

The Art District on Santa Fe and the Tennyson Street Cultural District features galleries, shops and restaurants. Visit Old South Gaylord and South Pearl Street, with enclaves of see-and-be-seen restaurants and shops, near beautiful Washington Park.

Highlands is a hip neighborhood full of restaurants, shops and galleries. With spectacular views of the city from the many rooftop patios, this neighborhood is a great destination for visitors.

Explore the newest addition to Denver’s Golden Triangle Creative District at the Kirkland Museum of Fine & Decorative Art with its "salon style" galleries featuring the work of Colorado artists, including Vance Kirkland, as well as international furniture and decorative art.
When the sun goes down, Denver’s nightlife heats up. The city is filled with dance and comedy clubs, live music and restaurants where visitors can savor innovative, farm-to-table cuisine. Wherever you go, you can bet on fresh, locally sourced ingredients.

Larimer Square, where Denver was founded, is now filled with acclaimed chef-owned bistros, creative cocktail lounges and exclusive nightclubs.

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. Denver Union Station has been transformed into a transportation, dining, shopping and entertainment hub, all centered around a boutique hotel.

DENVER BEER TRAIL
The Denver Beer Trail provides a sampling of Denver’s top micro-breweries. Follow the suggested routes or pick and choose from the list of featured breweries. The printed guide is available at Tourist Information Centers or check out the online version at VISITDENVER.com/denverbeertrail.
Downtown Denver offers a variety of shopping opportunities, from famous names to local gems. Explore the historic buildings of trendy Larimer Square, filled with independent shops, boutiques, bookstores, wineries and galleries, as well as some of the hottest restaurants. Take a walk down the 16th Street Mall, a mile-long promenade lined with stores and outdoor cafés. Denver Pavilions, located on the Mall, houses shops like H&M and restaurants in a two-square-block entertainment center.

Cherry Creek is the largest shopping destination between St. Louis and San Francisco. Stroll the tree-lined streets of Cherry Creek North or explore the upscale Cherry Creek Shopping Center. Together, these are home to nearly 500 world-class shops, department stores, galleries, spas and one-of-a-kind boutiques.

There are plenty of local shopping options throughout Denver’s vibrant neighborhoods, and don’t miss museum gift shops for art, handmade jewelry, books and more!
Denver Performing Arts Complex in downtown boasts 10 different venues and hosts Broadway touring shows. Enjoy the latest production from the Tony Award®-winning Denver Center Theatre Company. You’ll also find music, opera, ballet and modern dance in the Ellie Caulkins Opera House.

Denver Art Museum is an architectural wonder and renowned for its American Indian and Western art collections, as well as contemporary and traveling exhibitions. The Clyfford Still Museum earned international recognition for its collection from this leader of the Abstract Expressionist movement.

Also of architectural note is the MCA Denver, which houses a revolving array of contemporary, international exhibitions. Additionally, the Museo de las Americas features collections of ancient, folk and modern Latino art.

The city also hosts film, music and art festivals all year long!

Explore chic jazz clubs, renovated theaters, dive bars and dance clubs. Enjoy a concert under the stars at the famous Red Rocks Park & Amphitheatre, where legendary musicians take the stage. Music of all genres fills the air in The Mile High City.
With 300 days of sunshine, it’s hard to stay indoors. Take a stroll in City Park or rent a Denver B-cycle and tour vibrant neighborhoods. Denver has 85 miles of paved, off-street biking, hiking and jogging trails, plus many top-rated golf courses.

Enjoy Colorado’s ski country at dozens of resorts offering year-round recreation – skiing, golf, hiking, horseback riding and more.

Visit quaint, historic towns where you can travel by locomotive. Try your luck panning for gold in old mining towns or opt for the modern alternative – world-class casinos. Experience whitewater rafting, or enjoy a spa treatment at a luxury Rocky Mountain resort.

Drive up the highest paved road in America to the 14,264-foot summit of Mount Evans, or enjoy the beautiful Rocky Mountain National Park, an awe-inspiring paradise filled with lakes, waterfalls, wildlife and meadows of wildflowers.
DOWNTOWN DENVER

1. COLORADO STATE CAPITAL: Modeled after the U.S. Capitol with a gold-plated dome, the building has free tours on weekdays. The 13th step at the entrance is exactly one mile high. colorado.gov/capitol

2. HISTORY COLORADO CENTER: True Colorado experiences come alive at the History Colorado Center in downtown Denver. historycoloradocenter.com

3. THE CELL: The Counter-terrorism Education Learning Lab is dedicated to educating citizens on the most salient issue of our time - terrorism.

4. CENTER FOR COLORADO WOMEN’S HISTORY: One of Denver’s oldest homes – an elaborated 1883 Victorian mansion.

5. DOWNTOWN DENVER PUBLIC LIBRARY: Designed by Michael Graves, this downtown library is the largest between Los Angeles and Chicago and houses an acclaimed Western art collection.

denverlibrary.org

6. DOWNTOWN DENVER ART MUSEUM: Experience a renowned American Indian art collection, Western art, contemporary art and more.

denverartmuseum.org

7. CLIFFORD MILL AQUARIUM: This single artist museum showcases the art of abstract expressionist Clifford Still, one of the 20th century’s most influential artists.

clyffordstillmuseum.org

8. U.S. MINT: More than 50 million coins are made here every day. Free tours examine every step in the process, from stamping to bagging. Nationals required. usmint.gov

9. CIVIC CENTER PARK: This park is a metropolitan oasis with flower gardens, Western statues and a Greek Theater. civiccentersquare.org

10. DENVER FIREFIGHTERS MUSEUM: See outstanding artifacts and hands-on activities about the history of firefighting in Denver.
denverfirefighters.org

11. COLORADO CONVENTION CENTER: A giant blue bear sculpture greets visitors to this modern facility, located within walking distance of 10,000 hotel rooms.
denverconventioncenter.com

12. DENVER PERFORMING ARTS CENTER: This site performs arts complex boasts 10 venues for Tony Award-winning theater, symphony, Broadway shows, opera, ballet and more.
artcomplex.com

13. EUGENIA GARDENS THEME & WATER PARK: Located downtown, the park has thrill rides, a complete water recreation park and daily shows for nonstop family entertainment.
eugeniagardens.com

14. CHILDREN’S MUSEUM AT THE MARCUS CAMPUS: This museum provides fun, hands-on experiences for newcomers through eighth-year-olds and their adult caregivers.
mychildsmuseum.org

15. DOWNTOWN AQUARIUM: This museum’s unique aquarium has fish, marine mammals and plants and even Sumatran tigers in a family-friendly facility where you can dive next to the sharks.
denveraquarium.com

16. PEPSI CENTER: The center is the 10,500 seat home for the NBA Denver Nuggets, NFL Colorado Avalanche and NHL Colorado Mammoth, as well as concerts and events. pepsicenter.com

17. LAHNER SQUARE: A restored section of Denver’s oldest street, this block of Victorian buildings now houses shoot- up restaurants, boutiques, bars and nightlife.
lahnersquare.com

18. DENVER UNION STATION: Denver’s revitalized historic train station serves as a transportation hub with restaurants, bars, unique retail shops and The Crawford Hotel.
unionstationdenver.com

19. 16TH STREET MALL: Free shuttle buses traverse this mile-long pedestrian promenade, which is lined with outdoor cafes and shops.
visitdenver.com

20. LODD: Short for “Lower Downtown,” this 22-square-block historic district is home to bars, bookstores, restaurants, cafes, clubs and art galleries.
loddenver.com

21. COORS FIELD: Home to Major League Baseball’s Colorado Rockies, Coors Field is located in the LoDo neighborhood.
coloradorockies.com

22. LAKURIA SQUARE: The center of Denver’s Japanese community, Sakura Square features gardens, fountains, restaurants and a famed Buddhist temple.
svdk.org

23. DENVER MUSEUMS PAVILIONS: An enter- tainment and shopping complex in the heart of downtown includes a cinema, a bowling alley, restaurants and nightlife.
svdk.org

kirklandmuseum.org

25. MOLLY BROWN HOUSE MUSEUM: Visit the Victorian home of the “ Unsinkable Molly Brown”.
mollybrown.org

26. BLAIR COLD-springs, W EST AFRICAN AMERICAN RESEARCH LIBRARY: Explore the legacy of African Americans in the Rocky Mountain West, located in Historic Five Points.
history.denverlibrary.org/blair

27. BLACK AMERICAN WEST MUSEUM & HERITAGE CENTER: This fascinating museum tells the story of “Black Cowboys” and pion- eers who helped settle the West.
jawfff.org

28. SPORTS AUTHORITY FIELD AT MILE HIGH: The 75,000 seat stadium is home to the NFL Denver Broncos, MLB Denver Outlaws and the Colorado Rapids of Major League Soccer.
Sportsauthorityfieldatmilehigh.com

29. MUSEUM OF CONTEMPORARY ART DENVER: Designed by London architecture firm Adjaye, the museum offers exhibits of changing exhibits and a rooftop café.
mcaDenver.org

AIRPORT TRANSPORTATION
Denver International Airport is a major airline hub and it’s easy to get from there to downtown Denver. For a small fee, take the airport rail line that whisk passengers to Denver Union Station and vice versa. It has six stops along the way and costs only $5.

Get around Denver with 5-cents.

Visit www.denver.com for rental rates.
METRO DENVER

The history of transportation with over 50 antique cars, locomotives, rare and exotic vehicles and more. nromymuseum.org

The Visitor Center has a Performers Hall of Fame museum and a restaurant. During the day, the free park offers easy hiking trails.

Butterfly Pavilion. This enclosed tropical paradise has more than 1,600 free-flying butterflies. butterfly.org

System Horticulture offers free-flying butterflies. butterfly.org

A 200-acre rescue & educational facility where large carnivores roam free is one of the few places in America where you can see lions, tigers and other carnivores living in natural habitats. wildanimal santuary.org

Three, four, or five of Denver’s most popular attractions for seven days.

Red Rocks Park & Amphitheatre. This world-famous amphitheater is ranked by 300-foot rock sandstone rock formations and offers a star-studded summer concert series. The Visitor Center has a Partners Hall of Fame museum and a restaurant. During the day, the free park offers easy hiking trails. redrocksonline.com

The streets at SouthGlenn. Denver’s urban lifestyle destination features sidewalk cafes, restaurants, and unique local and national retailers. shopsouthglenn.com

The M useum in Denver’s museum of Latino art, culture and history celebrates the rich cultural diversity of Latin American countries and the Southwestern United States. museo.org

The Denver Botanic Gardens. This urban oasis offers distinctively themed gardens, an outdoor café, a gift shop and unique art exhibitions. botanicalgardens.org

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