

MILE HIGH DIY

Denver wasn't always the thriving urban destination that it is today. Founded in 1858 as a mining camp, Denver's roots are in the Old West. Around every corner, you'll find some remnant of the pioneer era, as the past blends seamlessly into the present. Take some time to uncover the city's bygone days by exploring a few of city's attractions that keep the spirit of the west alive today.



SPIRIT OF THE WEST

THE SPIRIT OF THE OLD WEST IS ALIVE AND WELL IN THE MILE HIGH CITY! THESE ATTRACTIONS KEEP DENVER'S HISTORY ALIVE.

DENVER ART MUSEUM

The Denver Art Museum boasts an extensive collection of artworks by such western masters as George Catlin, Frederic Remington, Charles M. Russell and others. Their Indigenous Arts of North America collection is similarly impressive, representing art from tribes across the U.S. and Canada.

HISTORY COLORADO CENTER

Celebrate Colorado's colorful history at this downtown museum! Virtually travel the plains in a Model T Ford, soar off from the world's first ski jump in Steamboat Springs, don a headlamp to descend into a Silverton mine and more.

AMERICAN MUSEUM OF WESTERN ART THE ANSCHUTZ COLLECTION

Gilded-framed masterpieces are displayed across three floors of the 139-year-old Navarre Building at this non-profit museum. Parlors on each level—outfitted in period-appropriate décor—add to the venue's historic vibe.

ROCKMOUNT RANCH WEAR

The classic snap-button Western shirt is a Denver original, invented by "Papa" Jack Weil way back in 1946. The flagship Rockmount store in Lower Downtown has a large selection of cowboy shirts, hats, boots and accessories.

BLACK AMERICAN WEST MUSEUM

For decades, Hollywood westerns depicted a Wild West that was populated almost entirely by white people. This museum puts this myth to rest permanently by highlighting the prominent role Black people played in the settlement of Colorado as miners, soldiers, homesteaders, schoolteachers, ranchers, blacksmiths, cowboys and lawmen.

THE FORT

Taste the Old West at The Fort Restaurant, located in a replica of a 1930s adobe fur-trade fort. Tesoro Cultural Center also calls The Fort home and is dedicated to telling the story of Colorado's history as shared by Southwest, Spanish, Mexican, American Indian, African American and Early European cultures.