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*A City of Many
Colors & Cultures*



Welcome!

Denver, The Mile High City, is a vibrant outdoor city located at the base of the majestic Rocky Mountains. Brilliant blue skies and 300 days of sunshine inspire urban adventures for all ages.

Explore African-American cultural influences with a visit to the historic **Five Points** neighborhood, one of the nation's first business districts to be predominantly African-American owned. Considered the "Harlem of the West" in the early 20th century, many of the world's greatest jazz musicians played here, including Billie Holiday, Duke Ellington and Miles Davis and is home to several first-rate jazz clubs today.



Just blocks from the city center, you'll find the impressive **Blair-Caldwell African American Research Library**, housing an extensive collection of exhibits and reference materials that trace black history in the West. It was named after Omar Blair, a member of the Tuskegee Airmen, and Elvin R. Caldwell, a local politician. Former Denver Mayor Wellington Webb's office, the city's first African-American



mayor, has been re-created. The library also houses extensive collections of publications, personal papers, church histories and artworks that document everything from political to music history.

A short walk from the **Blair-Caldwell Library** is the **Black American West Museum & Heritage Center**. The museum details the contributions blacks made to the settlement of the American West and brings the stories vividly alive through historic photographs and rare artifacts.



The building itself was once the home of Dr. Justina Ford, Colorado's first African-American female doctor. Nearby, the **Stiles African American Heritage Center** celebrates the positive contributions made by African-Americans through guided tours, cultural exhibits, artifacts and memorabilia.



In addition, local favorites like the **Cleo Parker Robinson Dance Company** present original productions that utilize the universal language of dance to honor African-American heritage.

If you visit Denver in January, you'll be here to participate in the Martin Luther King Jr. commemoration, coined the "**Marade**" (march and parade combined). Events begin in Denver's



City Park and culminate at the **State Capitol**. Statues of Martin Luther King Jr., Rosa Parks and other civil rights heroes join together to form the “I Have a Dream” monument in City Park, a moving tribute to Dr. King.

Every spring the neighborhood hosts the **Five Points Jazz Festival**, highlighting the best of the national and local jazz scenes. In June, the **Juneteenth Music Festival** is a party of music, food and dance in celebration of the ending of slavery in the United States. More than 100,000 people attend each year. In July, the popular **Colorado Black Arts Festival** gives local artists a venue for exhibiting their work. Whatever the season, the sights, sounds, unique flavors and colorful history of Denver are sure to set the stage for an exceptional cultural experience.



TOURIST INFORMATION CENTERS



Head to one of the city's conveniently located **Tourist Information Centers**.

Experts will tell you about can't-miss attractions, activities and events. Three tourist centers are located downtown (at 1575 California

Street, **Denver Union Station** and at the **Colorado Convention Center**). There's also a Tourist Information Desk at **Denver International Airport**.

Mile High History



Denver has long been a gathering place for people of all cultures. First were the high plains American Indians who followed the buffalo herds and lived throughout the Front Range. These included the Ute, Arapaho and Cheyenne tribes, which had their own distinct cultures.



When prospectors discovered gold in 1858, thousands of people crossed the Great Plains and settled in and around Denver. More than a third of the cowboys riding the cattle drives of this era were African-Americans, many of them freed slaves who migrated westward after the Civil War.

Asian immigrants worked on the railroads and many of them settled in Denver. Hispanic Americans have a long history in the region and their influence can be felt everywhere. Today, Denver is a city of many colors and cultures, a rich tapestry of diverse and fascinating people.



Neighborhoods



Denver boasts a collection of distinctive neighborhoods where the curious traveler can find hidden gems, like locals' favorite eateries, shops, booksellers and galleries.



In addition to **Five Points**, visitors will want to check out some of Denver's other noteworthy neighborhoods. The **Art District on Santa Fe**—including the **Museo de las Americas-RiNo**

(River North Art District) and **Tennyson Street Cultural District** are home to dozens of galleries, shops and restaurants. Locals love **Old South Gaylord** and **South Pearl Street**, with plenty of restaurants and shops near beautiful **Washington Park**.

The **Art District on Santa Fe** has art galleries, studios and innovative businesses. The neighborhood's traditionally Hispanic roots are evident around every corner, from colorful murals and the exhibitions at **Museo de las Americas** to



the Latino influence on the neighborhood's restaurants. **Highlands** is a hip neighborhood of outdoor eateries, shops, galleries and craft breweries. Federal Boulevard, south of Alameda, is the center of Denver's Asian community. Dozens of Vietnamese, Thai, Chinese and Pan-Asian shops, restaurants and markets line the street.

Dining & Nightlife



Innovative, award-winning chefs make Denver a hotspot for creative cuisine and farm-to-table dining.

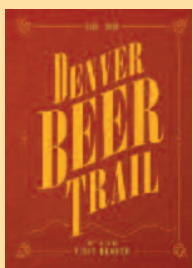
Restaurants draw on local products like Palisade peaches, Colorado lamb and Olathe corn.



Feast on two of Denver's most prized foods: green chiles and tacos at the city's traditional Mexican restaurants and bakeries. Check out tasty South American and Latino restaurants that capture flavors from Brazil to the Caribbean, as well as delicious Native American and Asian fusion cuisine.

Craving seafood? Fresh fish is flown in from both coasts. Try some of the best sushi between Chicago and Los Angeles. Go off-the-beaten path in south Denver and explore Vietnamese, Thai and Ethiopian cuisine or relax at outdoor cafés in historic **LoDo** (Lower Downtown).

When the sun sets in The Mile High City, the nightlife soars at dance clubs, martini bars, pubs, sports bars and comedy clubs.



DENVER BEER TRAIL

The Denver Beer Trail provides a sampling of Denver's top craft 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.

VISITDENVER.com/denverbeertrail

Shopping



Downtown Denver offers a variety of shopping opportunities, from famous names to local gems. Explore the Victorian 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 mecca 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 toys!

Arts, Culture & Music



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**.



The architectural wonder, **Denver Art Museum**, is 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 year-round!

Historic **Five Points** is home to the **Black American West Museum & Heritage Center** and is steeped in jazz history. From intimate clubs to spectacular venues such as the famous **Red Rocks Park & Amphitheatre**, 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 renowned golf courses.



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

Visit 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.



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DOWNTOWN DENVER

1 COLORADO STATE CAPITOL.

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



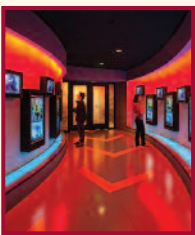
2 HISTORY COLORADO CENTER.

True Colorado experiences come alive at the History Colorado Center in downtown Denver. historycolorado.org



3 THE CELL.

The Counterterrorism Education Learning Lab is dedicated to educating citizens on the most salient issue of our time - terrorism. thecell.org

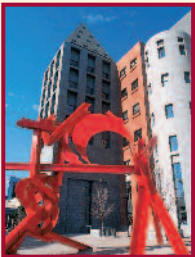


4 BYERS-EVANS HOUSE MUSEUM.

One of Denver's oldest homes – an elaborate 1883 Victorian mansion. historycolorado.org/museums/byers-evans-house-museum

5 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 DENVER ART MUSEUM.

Experience a renowned American Indian art collection, Western art, contemporary art and more. denverartmuseum.org



7 CLYFFORD STILL MUSEUM.

This single-artist museum showcases the art of abstract expressionist Clyfford 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. Reservations required. usmint.gov

9 CIVIC CENTER PARK.

This park is a metropolitan oasis with flower gardens, Western statues and a Greek Theater. civiccenterconservancy.org

10 DENVER FIREFIGHTERS MUSEUM.

See outstanding exhibits and hands-on activities about the history of firefighting in Denver. denverfirefightersmuseum.org



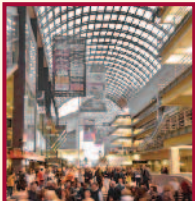
11 COLORADO CONVENTION CENTER.

A giant blue bear art sculpture greets visitors to this modern facility, located within walking distance of 10,000 hotel rooms. denverconvention.com



12 DENVER PERFORMING ARTS COMPLEX.

This vibrant performing arts complex boasts 10 venues for Tony Award®-winning theater, symphony, Broadway shows, opera, ballet and more. dcpa.org



13 ELITCH GARDENS THEME & WATER PARK.

Located downtown, the park has thrill rides, a complete water adventure park and daily shows for nonstop family entertainment. elitchgardens.com



14 CHILDREN'S MUSEUM AT MARSICO CAMPUS.

This museum provides fun, hands-on experiences for newborns through eight-year-olds and their adult caregivers. mychildsmuseum.org



15 DOWNTOWN AQUARIUM.

This unique aquarium has fish, mammals and plants, and even Sumatran tigers in a family friendly facility where you can dine next to the sharks. downtownaquariumdenver.com



16 PEPSI CENTER.

The center is the 20,000-seat home for the NBA Denver Nuggets, NHL Colorado Avalanche and NLL Colorado Mammoth, as well as concerts and events. pepsicenter.com

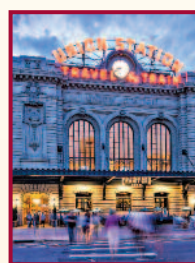
17 LARIMER SQUARE.

A restored section of Denver's oldest street, this block of Victorian buildings now houses sleek urban restaurants, boutiques, bars and nightspots. larimersquare.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. unionstationindenvr.com



19 16TH STREET MALL.

Free shuttle buses traverse this mile-long pedestrian promenade, which is lined with outdoor cafés and shops. VISITDENVER.com

20 LODO.

Short for "Lower Downtown," this 26-square-block historic district is home to bars, brewpubs, restaurants, cafés, clubs and art galleries. lodo.org

21 COORS FIELD.

Home to Major League Baseball's Colorado Rockies, Coors Field is located in the LoDo neighborhood. coloradorockies.com



22 SAKURA SQUARE.

The center of Denver's Japanese community, Sakura Square features gardens, fountains, restaurants and a famed Buddhist temple. sakurasquare.com

23 DENVER PAVILIONS.

An entertainment and shopping complex in the heart of downtown includes a cineplex, a bowling alley and restaurants and nightspots. denverpavilions.com



AIRPORT TRANSPORTATION

Denver International Airport is a major airline hub and it's easy to get to downtown Denver. For a small fee, hop on the airport rail line that whisks passengers to Denver Union Station and vice versa. It has six stops along the way and takes about 37 minutes.

24 KIRKLAND MUSEUM OF FINE & DECORATIVE ART.

The museum offers a nationally acclaimed display of 20th century decorative arts and a retrospective of Colorado painter Vance Kirkland (1904-1981). kirklandmuseum.org



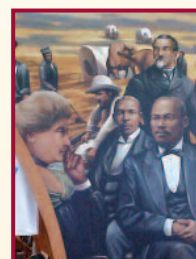
25 MOLLY BROWN HOUSE MUSEUM.

Visit the Victorian home of the "Unsinkable Molly Brown". mollybrown.org



26 BLAIR-CALDWELL 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 pioneers who helped settle the West. blackamericanwestmuseum.org



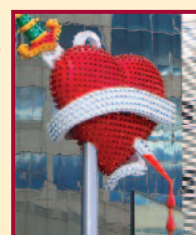
28 SPORTS AUTHORITY FIELD AT MILE HIGH.

The 76,000-seat stadium is home to the NFL Denver Broncos, MLL Denver Outlaws and the Colorado Sports Hall of Fame. sportsauthorityfieldatmilehigh.com



29 MUSEUM OF CONTEMPORARY ART DENVER.

Designed by London architect David Adjaye, the museum offers five galleries of changing exhibits and a rooftop café. mcadenver.org





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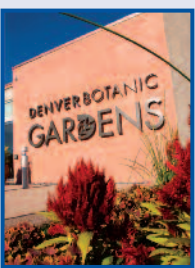
A DENVER MUSEUM OF NATURE & SCIENCE. A Denver institution, this museum is a maze of dioramas, dinosaurs, gems and treasures from around the world. Includes an IMAX theater and planetarium. dmns.org



B DENVER ZOO. Home to the Toyota Elephant Passage and to more than 4,000 animals, this is one of the most popular Denver attractions. denverzoo.org



C DENVER BOTANIC GARDENS. This urban oasis offers distinctively themed gardens, an outdoor café, a gift shop and unique art exhibitions. botanicgardens.org



D CHERRY CREEK. With more than 500 shops and restaurants, this is Denver's largest shopping paradise. Shop in the upscale Cherry Creek Shopping Center or the tree-lined streets of Cherry Creek North. shopcherrycreek.com, cherrycreeknorth.com



E FORNEY MUSEUM OF TRANSPORTATION. Explore the history of transportation with over 500 antique cars, locomotives, rare and exotic vehicles and more. forneymuseum.org

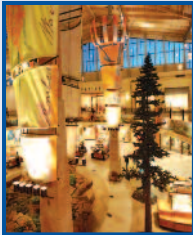


F MUSEO DE LAS AMERICAS. Denver's museum of Latino art, culture and history celebrate the rich cultural diversity of Latin American countries and the Southwestern United States. museo.org

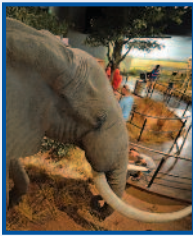


G MIZEL MUSEUM. The museum introduces ever-changing exhibits on the history, culture and art of Jewish heritage from around the world. mizelmuseum.org

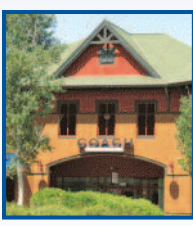
H THE STREETS OF SOUTHGLENN. Denver's urban lifestyle destination features sidewalk cafés, restaurants, and unique local and national retailers. shopsouthglenn.com



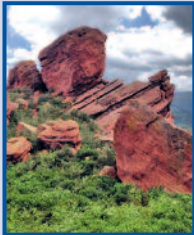
J ART & NATURAL HISTORY MUSEUM AT CU SOUTH DENVER. A world-class collection of wildlife art and natural history exhibits, interactive galleries and an IWERKS giant-screen theatre. southdenver.cu.edu



K OUTLETS AT CASTLE ROCK. Colorado's largest outlet mall is just 25 minutes south of downtown Denver on I-25. outletsatcastlerock.com



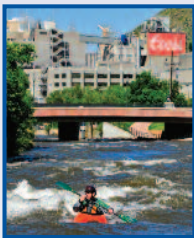
L RED ROCKS PARK & AMPHITHEATRE. World-famous amphitheater is flanked by 300-foot red sandstone rock formations and offers a star-studded summer concert series. The Visitor Center has a Performers Hall of Fame museum and a restaurant. During the day, the free park offers easy hiking trails. redrocksonline.com



M COLORADO RAILROAD MUSEUM. See Colorado's largest railroad exhibit with more than 100 historic cars and locomotives. coloradorailroadmuseum.org



N COORS BREWERY. The largest single brewery in the world offers free tours and samples to those over 21 years of age. millercoors.com



O BUFFALO BILL MUSEUM & GRAVE. The final resting spot of the West's most famous scout and showman is located on top of Lookout Mountain. buffalobill.org



P CENTRAL CITY & BLACK HAWK. These historic gold-mining towns have come alive with casino gambling and have more than 30 casinos, featuring slot machines, blackjack and poker. centralcitycolorado.com, blackhawkcolorado.com



Q BELMAR. The downtown district for the City of Lakewood features shops, restaurants, outdoor cafés, cultural art, a 2.1 acre park and public plaza. belmarcolorado.com

R WINGS OVER THE ROCKIES AIR & SPACE MUSEUM. Housed in a 1930s Air Force hangar, this museum features dozens of historic airplanes, space vehicles and interactive exhibits. wingsmuseum.org



S THE SHOPS AT NORTHFIELD STAPLETON. The Shops at Northfield Stapleton is a pedestrian-friendly gathering place for shopping, dining and entertainment. northfieldstapleton.com

T DICK'S SPORTING GOODS PARK. Home to the MLS Colorado Rapids professional soccer team, the park includes an 18,000-seat stadium and 23 soccer fields in the nation. dickssportinggoodspark.com



U THE WILD ANIMAL SANCTUARY. A 320-acre Rescue & Educational Facility where large carnivores roam free is one of the few places in America where you can see lion prides and other carnivores living in natural habitats. wildanimalsanctuary.org



V BOULDER. This picturesque city is home to the University of Colorado, the Pearl Street Mall and outdoor festivals. bouldercoloradousa.com

W FLATIRON CROSSING SHOPPING MALL. One of the most popular malls in Metro Denver boasts an indoor shopping center and an outdoor village lined with stores and restaurants. flatironcrossing.com

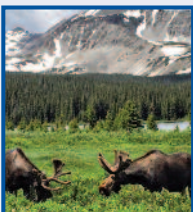
X BUTTERFLY PAVILION. This enclosed tropical paradise has more than 1,600 free-flying butterflies. butterflies.org



Y WATER WORLD. For some wet and wild fun, visit America's largest family water park featuring aquatic attractions on 64 landscaped acres. waterworldcolorado.com



Z ROCKY MOUNTAIN NATIONAL PARK. One of the most scenic spots in America has 412 square miles of lakes, wildflowers, meadows, mountains and spectacular panoramic views. nps.gov



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