

DURANGO, CO SUMMER ITINERARY

Day 1

Start your Durango summer vacation out right by treating the family to breakfast at The Lone Spur Cafe; known for their biscuits and gravy. After breakfast, it's time to explore the wonders of nature and technology at the Powerhouse Science Center along the Animas river walk. After exploring the museum, stop and pick up lunch from 2nd Deli and Spirits and head to one of the many local parks to eat while the kids burn off some extra energy. Next, get ready for high octane fun at Durango Adventures and Zipline Tours where ziplining, axe throwing, and outdoor laser tag will surely get your hearts pumping. Top off your first day in Durango at Steamworks Brewing Company for local craft beer and an extensive food menu with something for everyone.

Day 2

Your second day in Durango is all about riding the historic rails of the Durango and Silverton Narrow Gauge Railroad. The D&SNG also offers shorter trips to Cascade Canyon for those that have young children or limited time. Before you head to the train station be sure to grab a coffee and breakfast at the downtown Bread location. You can pack a lunch for the train or explore the restaurants of Silverton. Coming back into Durango, you may want to check out the D&SNG Railroad Museum located at the train station where you can explore railroad memorabilia, historic train exhibits, miniature train collections, and more. After a day on the train, dinner beckons at one of Durango's best BBQ places - Serious Texas BBQ. There are 2 locations, and the one just south of downtown Durango has a mini-golf course. The whole crew will enjoy playing mini-golf near the river along with some seriously tasty bbq.

Day 3

Your third day in Durango is for horseback riding, and Durango has an assortment of horseback riding guides and tours. Depending on the outfitter and length of the ride, some will treat you to breakfast or lunch. Check with your guide before to be sure. If not supplied on the ride, there are many wonderful places to eat breakfast and/or lunch. Stop in the Durango Welcome Center for more ideas on where to eat. After riding, you may want to go to Durango Hot Springs & Spa for a relaxing soak in the 26 unique thermal mineral water features while the kids play in the saltwater pool. For dinner, there is nothing like a local Mexican restaurant. Be sure to try Gazpacho on East 2nd Avenue for it is rated one of Durango's best restaurants.

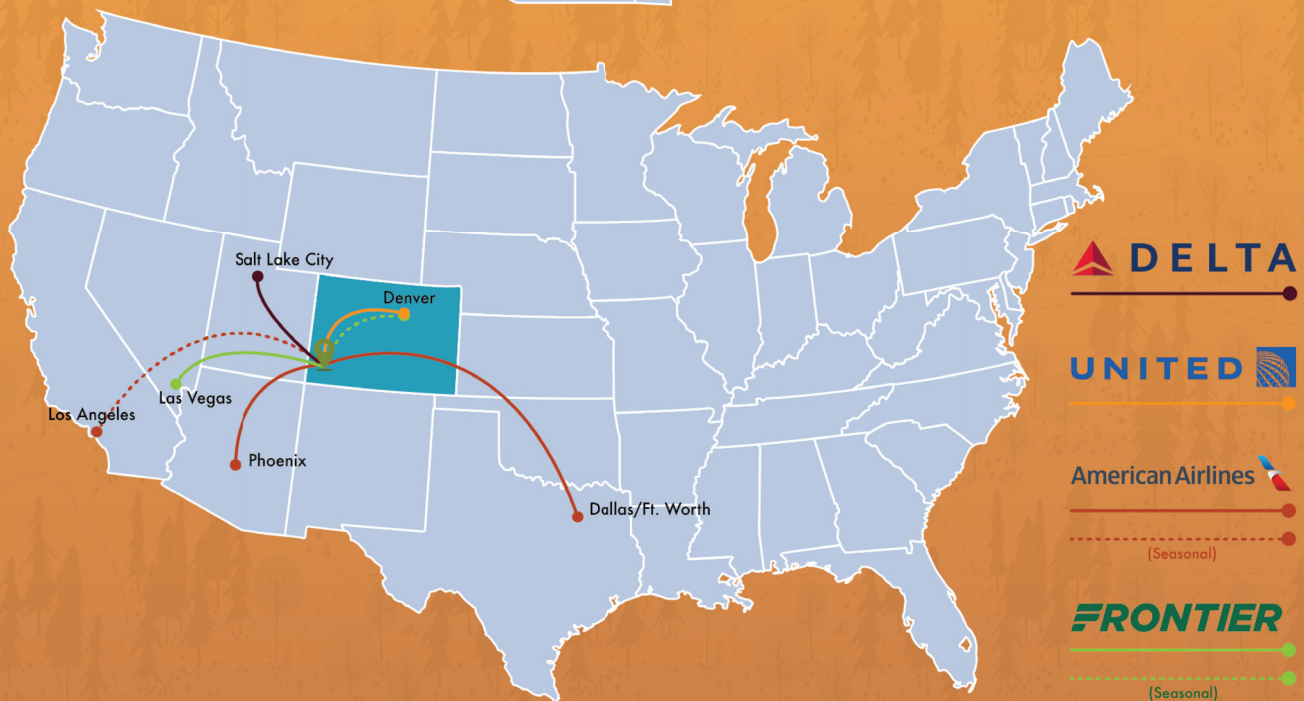
Day 4

On your last day in Durango take a step back in time for a cultural experience that is out of this world at Mesa Verde National Park. Before you head to the park grab breakfast from the Durango Diner or Oscar's Cafe, both are old-fashioned diners and Durango favorites. After breakfast head over to Mesa Verde National Park and stop at the Visitor and Research Center for up-to-date information on the park. Those with an adventurous spirit can take a tour of the sites. However, for those not able to navigate the steps and ladders, much can be seen from the overlooks. Ranger-guided tours must be purchased ahead of time at recreation.gov. Younger children will enjoy filling out the Junior Ranger Guidebook as they explore the park. After completing the guide book they can get sworn in as Junior Rangers and receive a Junior Ranger Badge. On your last night in Durango, head to Ska Brewing for a relaxing evening of craft beer, delicious food, and if you're lucky you can catch some local, live music.



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