

### COLORADO TOURISM OFFICE

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Welcome to Colorado, home to four National Parks, nine National Monuments, one World Heritage site, seven Historic Railroads, 28 ski resorts, 58 peaks over 14,000 feet/ 4,000 meters, more than 300 breweries, and 29 hot springs.

Hike through alpine meadows coated in wildflowers and glacier-formed lakes; experience a concert in a red-rock amphitheater; ride horseback on a ranch; raft down miles of whitewater rapids; or ski at any of our world-famous ski resorts.

Colorado's western state heritage is preserved through living-history forts, narrow-gauge railroads, mining museums, and Native American cliff dwellings. Easy access from all over the world is provided through the Gateway to the West, Denver International Airport, and easy connections to regional airports across the state.

Colorado will fulfill your dream of a fun, activityfilled holiday!

## COLORADO RESOURCES

For Colorado resources including itineraries, images, and press releases please visit our Dropbox link, <u>here</u>.

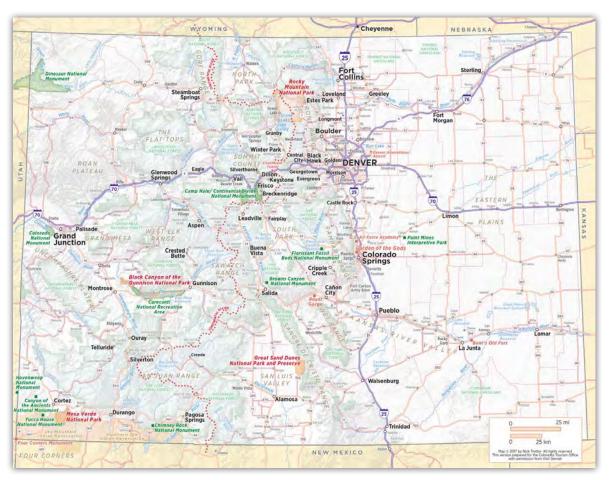


### MAJOR CITIES

Denver Loveland Fort Collins **Estes Park** Snowmass **Glenwood Springs Grand Junction** Ouray Telluride Durango **Colorado Springs** Pagosa Springs Alamosa Aspen Vail **Steamboat Springs** Winter Park Breckinridge



**Colorado National Monument** 



## TRANSPORTATION

Denver International Airport is served by daily international flights on Air Canada, Air France, Aeromexico, British Airways, Frontier, Icelandair, Lufthansa, Southwest, United, Volaris, Norwegian, Copa Airlines, and Westjet. Regional airports throughout the state provide commercial airline service to the gateway city of Denver.

Major interstates include I-70, which runs west-east; and I-25, which runs north-south. Highways 50, 160 and 285 provide western access in the southern half of the state from I-25.



COLORADO

## CLIMATE

Colorado has an average of 300 days of sunshine a year and enjoys blue skies year round. Colorado is a "mile high" at 5,280 feet or over 1600 meters. With this higher altitude the air is thinner and the sun is strong so it is important to keep in mind these few tips. Be sure to hydrate all the time (with water not soda and alcohol). Wear sunglasses and sunscreen. Dress in layers as our temperatures can vary throughout the day.

## TOURISM ATTRACTIONS

Anasazi Heritage Center Buffalo Bill's Museum & Grave Colorado National Monument Colorado Vineyards **Cumbres & Toltec Scenic Railroad Dinosaur National Monument Dude and Guest Ranches** Durango & Silverton Narrow Gauge Railroad Garden of the Gods

Georgetown Loop Railroad Glenwood Caverns Adventure Park Royal Gorge Bridge and Park Greeley Independence Stampede History Colorado Center Mine Tours National Western Stock Show Natural Hot Springs Red Rocks Park & Amphitheatre

Rio Grand Scenic Railroad Royal Gorge Route Railroad The Broadmoor Manitou and Pikes Peak Cog Railway U.S. Olympic & Paralympic Museum Whitewater Rafting

### NATIONAL PARKS

Black Canyon of the Gunnison National Park Great Sand Dunes National Park Mesa Verde National Park **Rocky Mountain National Park** 



Glenwood Springs Canyon, Colorado River

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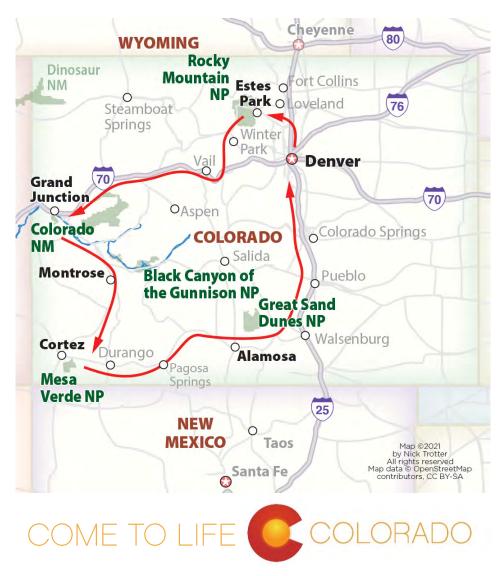
# **Colorado National Parks**







MESA VERDE NATIONAL PARK



For more information visit www.colorado.com



ROCKY MOUNTAIN NATIONAL PARK

- DENVER to ESTES PARK
  2 hours
  119 KM / 74 miles
- ESTES PARK to GRAND JUNCTION via Trail Ridge Road
   5 hours
   378 KM / 235 miles
- GRAND JUNCTION to MONTROSE
  hour 15 minutes
  90 KM / 61 miles
- MONTROSE to DURANGO 2 hours 30 minutes 192 KM / 119 miles
- DURANGO to CORTEZ
  hour
  74 KM / 46 miles
- CORTEZ to PAGOSA SPRINGS
  2 hours
  151 KM / 94 miles
- PAGOSA SPRINGS to ALAMOSA 1 hour 45 minutes 174 KM / 108 miles
- ALAMOSA to COLORADO SPRINGS 2 hours 30 minutes 272 KM / 169 miles
- COLORADO SPRINGS to DENVER
  1 hour 15 minutes
  113 KM / 70 miles

#### NOTES:

 Drive times may vary dependent on weather, construction and stops

## BEST OF THE WEST: DARK SKIES

ARIZONA, COLORADO, UTAH







Welcome to the largest concentration of designated dark sky locations in the world! Learn more about dark sky certified places from the International Dark-Sky Association (IDA) at darksky.org.

#### Salt Lake International Airport, UT to Capitol Reef National Park, UT (IDA Dark Sky Park)

- 3 hr 25 min
- 218 mi / 351 km
- Overnight: Torrey, UT (IDA Dark Sky Community)

#### Torrey, UT to Bryce Canyon National Park, UT (IDA Dark Sky Park)

- 2 hr 25 min
- 113 mi / 182 km
- Overnight: Bryce Canyon, UT

#### Bryce Canyon, UT to Cedar Breaks National Monument, UT (IDA Dark Sky Park)

1 hr 15 min

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- 59 mi / 95 km
- Overnight: Brian Head, UT or Cedar City, UT







#### Brian Head, UT to Page, AZ

Options: Visit Antelope Canyon, AZ, Horseshoe Bend, AZ or Rainbow Bridge National Monument, UT (IDA Dark Sky Sanctuary)

- 2 hr 40 min
- 148 miles / 238 km
- Overnight: Page, AZ

#### Page, AZ to Grand Canyon National Park, AZ (IDA Dark Sky Park)

- 2 hr
- 115 mi / 185 km
- Overnight: Grand Canyon Village, AZ

#### Grand Canyon National Park, AZ to Sedona, AZ (IDA Dark Sky Community)

Option: Visit Village of Oak Creek, AZ (IDA Dark Sky Community)

- 2 hr 10 min
- 110 mi / 177 km
- Overnight: Sedona, AZ

#### Sedona, AZ to Flagstaff, AZ (First Certified IDA Dark Sky Community)

- 50 min
- 30 mi / 48 km
- Overnight: Flagstaff, AZ

#### Flagstaff, AZ to Natural Bridges National Monument, UT (First Certified IDA Dark Sky Park)

Options: Lowell Observatory (in Flagstaff, AZ), Meteor Crater (in Winslow, AZ), Sunset Crater National Monument (IDA Dark Sky Park), Wupatki National Monument (IDA Dark Sky Park), &/or Hovenweep National Monument, UT (IDA Dark Sky Park)

- 4 hr 29 min
- 243 mi / 391 km
- Overnight: Monticello, UT (note: 1 hr 15 min Northeast of Natural Bridges)













Natural Bridges National Monument Utah

#### Monticello, UT to Black Canyon of the Gunnison National Park, CO (IDA Dark Sky Park)

Option: Visit Canyon Country Discovery Center's observatory (in Monticello, UT) &/or Norwood, CO (IDA Dark Sky Community)

- 3 hr 12 min
- 174 mi / 280 km
- Overnight: Ridgway, CO (IDA Dark Sky Community) (note: 50 min South of Black Canyon of the Gunnison)

#### Ridgway, CO to Lake City\*, CO

\*Application in process for Dark Sky Community certification

- 2 hr 20 min
- 108 mi / 174 km
- Overnight: Lake City, CO

#### Lake City, CO to Great Sand Dunes National Park, CO (IDA Dark Sky Park)

- 2 hr 45 min
- 134 mi / 216 km
- Overnight: Alamosa, CO

#### Alamosa, CO to Westcliffe/Silver Cliff, CO (IDA Dark Sky Community)

- 2 hr
- 96 mi / 154 km
- Overnight: Westcliffe, CO

#### Westcliffe, CO to Denver, CO

- 2 hr 45 min
- 146 mi / 234 km
- Overnight/Departure: Overnight in Denver or depart via Denver International Airport

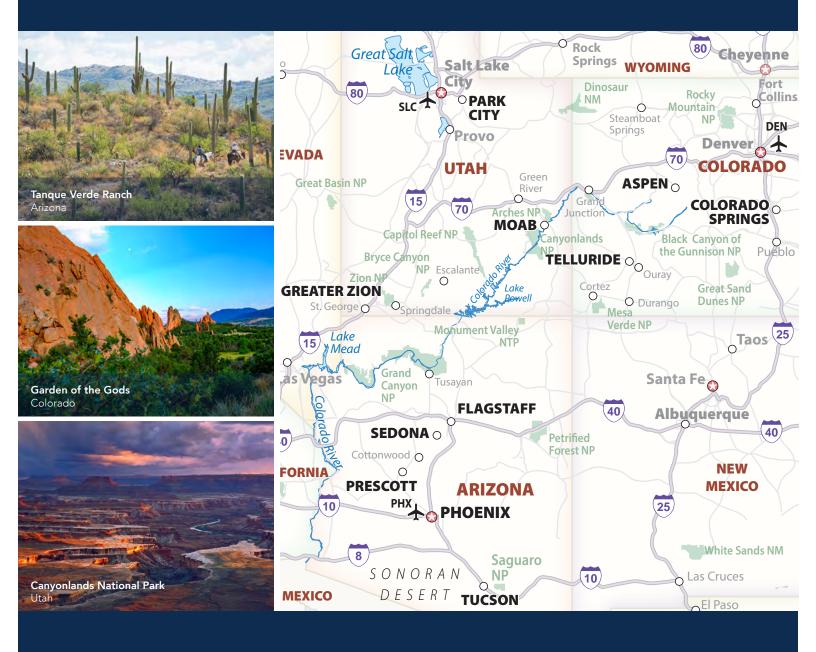
Note: Detours may be necessary depending on seasonal road closures or inclement weather.

For more information on these dark skies, click below: <u>Utah's Dark Sky Places</u> <u>Arizona's Dark Sky Places</u> <u>Colorado's Dark Sky Places</u>

### Arizona, Colorado, and Utah

# Best of the West: Luxury Inclusions

As you travel through iconic destinations and the breathtaking landscape, consider including these luxury add-ons through your multistate adventure.









## Arizona





#### Southern Arizona (Tucson)

#### HOTELS

Ritz Carlton at Dove Mountain, Miraval, Tanque Verde Guest Ranch

#### ACTIVITIES

• Relax & Recharge

Rejuvenate at lavish on-property spas - including Experiences Spa (Ritz Carlton at Dove Mountain), Life in Balance Spa (Miraval), and La Sonoran Spa (Tanque Verde Guest Ranch).

Horseback Riding

Saddle up at Spanish Trail Outfitters and enjoy a truly Western experience on a special sunset ride.

• Whiskey Tour & Tasting

Experience a tour of the Whiskey Del Bac distillery and Arizona's first malt house, as well as a comprehensive tasting of featured single malts.



Page Springs Cellars Cornville

#### Central Arizona (Greater Phoenix & Scottsdale)

#### HOTELS

The Canyon Suites at the Phoenician, Castle Hot Springs, Arizona Biltmore

#### ACTIVITIES

World-Class Shopping

Shop at Scottsdale Fashion Square, the Southwest's distinctive address for luxury shopping, dining and entertainment.

• Sunrise or Sunset Hot Air Balloon Ride Be transported high up in the sky over the Sonoran desert on a Hot Air Balloon ride with Rainbow Ryders.

#### • Award-Winning Dining

FnB Restaurant is co-owned by Charleen Badman, a James Beard award-winning "Best Chef of the Southwest" in 2019.





#### North Central Arizona (Sedona & Prescott)

#### HOTELS

L'auberge de Sedona, Enchantment Resort, Terra Farm + Manor

#### ACTIVITIES

- Water to Wine Explore the Verde River by kayak with Sedona Adventure Tours.
- Wine Tasting

Make a day of the Verde Valley Wine Trail, featuring a collection of welcoming wineries between Cottonwood and Jerome.

• Pink Jeep Tours

Soak in the natural beauty and energy vortexes of Sedona with Pink Jeep Tours.

## Colorado







The Broadmoor Hotel Colorado Springs

#### Aspen

#### HOTELS

The Little Nell, The Hotel Jerome, The St. Regis Resort Aspen

#### ACTIVITIES

- Fly Fishing in the Roaring Fork River You'll find world-class fly fishing year-round just outside of Aspen in the Roaring Fork River's Gold Medal waters—a coveted designation from the Colorado Wildlife Commission.
- Visit the Maroon Bells
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Explore the Maroon Bells, the most photographed mountain peaks in North America, towering 4267 m. above the pristine, glacial Maroon Creek Valley, offering some of the most spectacular natural views in the world.

Aspen FOOD & WINE Classic

Each year, the world's most accomplished winemakers, celebrity chefs and culinary luminaries come together in one breathtaking setting at the FOOD & WINE Classic in Aspen.



Lizard Head Pass Telluride

#### **Colorado Springs**

#### HOTELS

The Broadmoor, The Broadmoor Wilderness Property: Cloud Camp

#### ACTIVITIES

• Onsite Activities at The Broadmoor

Enjoy luxurious onsite activities including The Forbes Five-Star Spa, the world renowned Golf Club, dining at Colorado's only Forbes Five-Star and AAA Five-Diamond restaurant at the Penrose Room, and more.

• Visit Garden of the Gods Park

Don't miss one of the most incredible geological wonders of the world!



#### Telluride

#### HOTELS

The Madeline, Mountain Lodge, Lumiere

#### ACTIVITIES

• Experience a Festival in Telluride

Renowned as one of the most scenic and intimate festival settings in the country, the world-famous mountain town Telluride has it all—whether musical, cultural, culinary, scientific, athletic or just a dash of unusual.

• Telluride Water Adventure

The mountains around Telluride are the headwaters of many Colorado River tributaries and home to turquoise lakes where families can add fishing, tubing, rafting or stand-up paddleboarding to their outdoor adventure mix.

#### • Dunton Hot Springs

Just across the mountain from Telluride, Dunton Hot Springs is a romantic 1800's ghost town set in an extraordinary alpine valley.

## Utah





Park City

#### Moab

#### HOTELS

Hoodoo Moab—Curio Collection by Hilton, Sorrell River Ranch, Red Cliff Lodge

#### ACTIVITIES

- Redtail Air Adventures
  Scenic airplane tours of Moab's national parks and the surrounding areas
- Redrock Ballooning
  Hot Air Balloon rides of Moab's beautiful landmarks.
- Il Posto Rosso Restaurant Modern, coastal Mediterranean inspired restaurant specializing in fine proteins sourced from a variety of local farms, gardens and ranches.





#### Park City

#### HOTELS

St. Regis, Stein Eriksen, Waldorf Astoria

#### ACTIVITIES

- Mountaintop Yoga and Meditation Ride a helicopter to an invigorating yoga and meditation session on top of a serene mountaintop with Lodge at Blue Sky.
- Deer Valley Ski With an Olympian Ski with one of six Olympic snowsport athletes at Deer Valley Resort in the winter.

#### • Viking Yurt

Take a sleigh ride up 1,800 feet to a charming yurt for a sixcourse Nordic-themed gourmet dining experience.



#### Greater Zion

#### HOTELS

Red Mountain Resort, Cliffrose Sprindale, The Advenire

#### ACTIVITIES

- Zenjen Yoga At Private Butte Landing By Zion Helicopters Helicopter ride to a private Butte with spectacular panoramic views of Zion National Park for a celebrity yoga experience
- Painted Pony

Art-filled eatery serving eclectic Southwestern cuisine, fine wine & cocktails in a cozy atmosphere in St. George

• The Ledges Golf Course Play golf with red rock panoramas from the rim of Snow Canyon State Park