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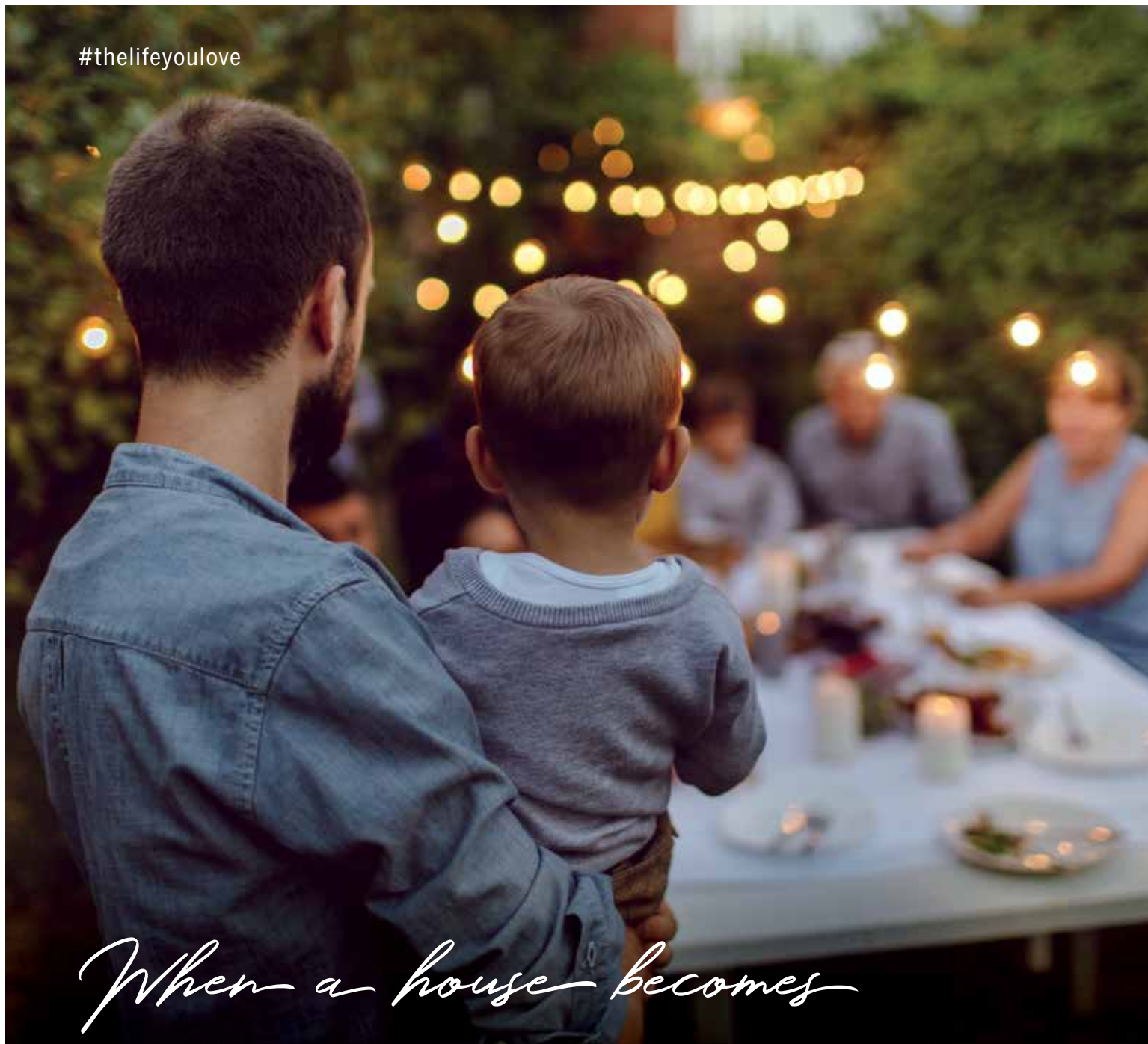
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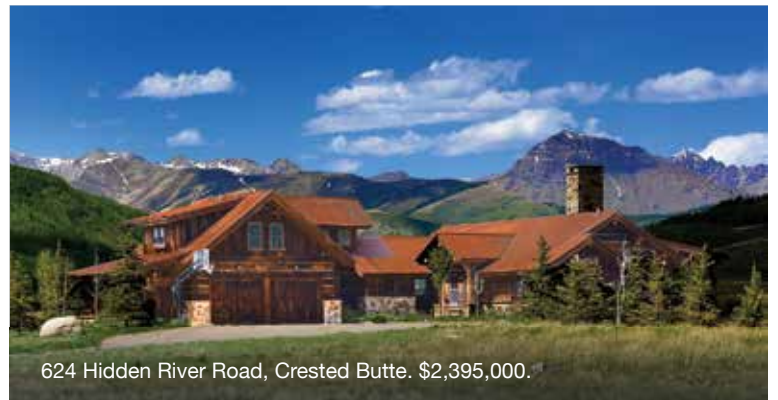
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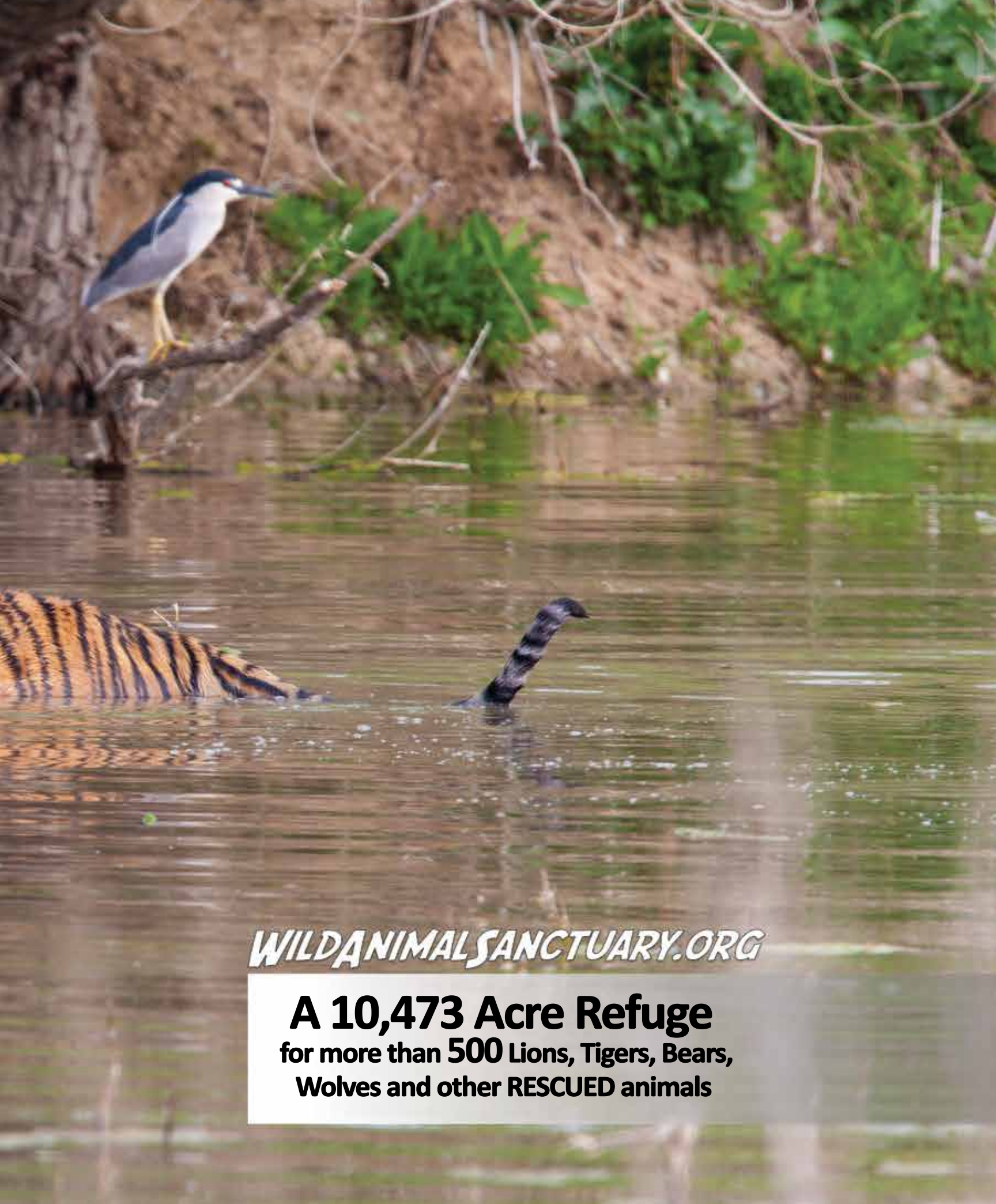
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It's summer in Colorado and that means it's time to get up, get out and get moving. There's no shortage of fun and adventure, from beautiful hikes and rides to pristine golf courses and raging whitewater rafting. Whether you're in the mountains or the city, busy and active is what it's all about, and your first challenge will be figuring out how to fit in everything. So we're excited to bring you the summer edition of **Colorado Traveler**, where you'll be introduced to all that is fun and memorable during these warm seasonal months.

Let's begin our travels through the state with a couple of great reads. Our writers, Sarah Kuta and Rebecca Treon have compiled their bucket lists of stellar events, running the gamut from hiking with llamas to capturing the beautiful sights to shopping and dining in some of the state's best-known establishments. From laid-back and casual to energetic events that will get your heart pumping, the adventure awaits and is right here at your fingertips.

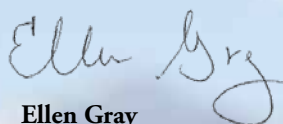
Speaking of outdoor adventures, have you ever wondered about those tent-like structures found in many a mountain area? Those are yurts, and they're catching on with the camping crowd that craves a bit more luxury and refinement than old-fashioned canvas or polyester tents. There are a great variety of yurts available for rent, running the gamut from rustic to downright luxurious ... in a campy sense. Monica Stockbridge offers unique insight into what you can expect to find when you stay in one of these fun and yes, out-of-the-ordinary, structures.

Of course, summer in Colorado means great music, great food and great scenery. What better place to get your fill of all three than at one of the many outdoor festivals that are so popular here? From top-notch performances ranging from rock to opera to symphony and ballet, Eric Elkins showcases the arts in all their glory, under the stars and amid the bounty of nature. Food aficionados will swoon over the dizzying lineup of festivals featuring all manner of culinary delights, conveniently located pretty much wherever your travels take you this summer.

And speaking of food, how about those world-famous Palisade Peaches? We are excited to announce that summer means the sweetest, juiciest peaches in all the land, and writer Eric Elkins has the inside dish on the restaurants and drinking establishments that are concocting unique and mouthwateringly delicious peach-based delicacies, using top-notch Palisade, Colorado peaches.

While you're in Denver, don't forget to check out the cool new Dairy Block, an inventive and very fun new venue teeming with shops, bars and restaurants. It's a place where you'll want to be seen, and where you'll want to return on your next visit.

Enjoy Colorado ... now get out and have some fun this summer!



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Planning for Your Future, Without a Crystal Ball

Finding Confidence in What 2019 Has in Store

By LIV Sotheby's International Realty, Kelli Williams

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Planning for a successful financial future means keeping your eyes on trends and if investing in real estate, like many do, knowing when the market is at its high. Most people know that Colorado real estate has been on the rise for the last number of years and 2019 is no different. A number of record-breaking sales have occurred, one of the many indicators that 2019 is a healthy year for the real estate market. With that said, unknowns lie ahead, including an impending presidential election. While no one has a crystal ball to grant a peek into the future, what we do know is that we are currently experiencing a strong market with some significant tailwinds for continued growth. Plus, even with the unknowns that exist, there are certain universal principals that provide more assurance when making long-term financial decisions.

Nationwide, indicators point to a strong economy for the full year of 2019. In fact, according to a report by Deutsche Bank, January produced one of the highest performances in more than 30 years for the S&P 500. Next, the unemployment rate is one of the lowest we've seen in nearly 50 years. Keeping this in mind, 2020 and beyond will most likely bring a level of unrest as the political landscape shifts for the

upcoming election and hesitation to make large financial decisions typically goes hand-in-hand with this type of climate. The current, strong market fundamentals are a reason to position yourself now for future uncertainty.

Speaking to Colorado specifically, the economy is also strong. According to the 54th Annual Colorado Business Economic Outlook from the University of Colorado Boulder, the population has increased by over 560,000 people since 2010 and over 65,000 jobs were added just last year. The growth of people moving to our state is a driving force behind the robust economic and real estate strength here. While a recession in Colorado doesn't seem likely in the near future, experts are wary of a more dramatic dip in the economy in 2020 and later years. Which means that those interested in making large financial decisions, such as buying or selling real estate, should take the strength of the current state of the economy as yet another reason to act.

Regarding Colorado real estate, there are many critical drivers that are important for potential buyers and sellers to keep their eye on. First, buyers have the advantage of historically low mortgage interest rates, which are nearing 4%.

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Second, liquidity produced by strong equity markets has created additional purchasing power for buyers. "While it's anyone's guess how long this strong duo of low interest rates and strong equities will continue, most expect a degree of softening over the medium-term," said LIV Sotheby's International Realty's Executive Vice President and Financial Officer, Steven Kirby. Third, paired with abundant liquidity, which helps sellers find capable buyers, inventory is also up substantially in Colorado, meaning that buyers have more choices. Ultimately, when buyers have both the means and the appropriate number of choices, the market is the most efficient, with more deals getting done.

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Riot in RiNo

Noble Riot is Denver's new wine bar paradigm

by **Monica Parpal Stockbridge**



Back when Troy Bowen and Scott Mattson were working at Denver's Mondo Vino wine shop around 2012, they had a pretty good thing going. "We loved the wines we were selling and we loved our guests," Bowen recounts. There was just one small gap. "We'd talk about the wines, have passionate conversations, and send them out to the world. There was no chance to engage with people while they were drinking the wines."

That revelation planted the seed for what would blossom into Noble Riot, Denver's newest and most dynamic wine bar, which Bowen and Mattson opened with Nicole Mattson (Scott's wife) and Joel Kampfe in April of this year. Tucked into a vibrant alley in the heart of River North, this bright, 40-seat wine bar is one part hip hangout, one part welcoming refuge. "It's a weird combination," Bowen says. "It's very much of the neighborhood. It's fun, funky, and connected and tied to what RiNo was and what's it's become."

We'd argue that it's weird in the best way. Enter through the street art-soaked alleyway to the intimate space, where floor-to-ceiling windows welcome plenty of late afternoon light reflected by blond wood accents and decorative wine bottles. It's cozy — though Noble Riot intends to expand the space to about three times its current size later this year.

For now, guests can take a seat at the bar, banquettes or community table, and flip open the menu — or, rather, the zine. The slim black-and-white booklet lists musings, a manifesto, and the available wines, all of them limited production, biodynamic or otherwise low-intervention vino by the glass and by the bottle.

And yet, the best experience will be when you put down that menu. You aren't likely to find your go-to Sauv Blanc here, anyway, and the wines on hand are constantly changing. At Noble Riot, it's best instead to start a conversation, taste a flight or two, and go on a winetasting adventure. "We're engendering this spirit of fascination and revelation and community and mayhem and a little bit of fun," Bowen says. "Those things happen a lot better when you're looking up versus looking down."

Which is how we arrive back to that early revelation. Because while there's no doubt that Bowen and his team are the geekiest of wine geeks, the goal at Noble Riot is about more than just wine; it's about creating an experience. It's about interaction at the community table, adventuring into the unknown through sips and gulps and garnering a new perspective as you go. It's about creating a moment in time, and — above all — having fun. "Life is too short to drink a bad wine," Bowen says. "We're gonna find out what it is you love, and we're going to go for it."

Want a taste of what Noble Riot is serving this summer? Below, Bowen shares some of his favorite wines of the moment:

Martha Stoumen Post-Flirtation White

"Martha is a badass winemaker who traveled to France, Germany, New Zealand and Sicily then back home to Sonoma County seeking the best winemakers she could find. Her wines are expressive, sexy and easy to drink. This is a blend of grapes normally found in southern France, but on the palate, it's all California sunshine and pleasure."

Gut Oggau Theodora

"This Austrian producer makes some very fun unfiltered wines without additives or chemicals. The wines are named after family members, who are artistically represented on the labels. This white wine — named after one of the family's daughters — is a bright and perky blend of Gruner Veltliner and Welschriesling with a pretty undercurrent of savory mystique."

Vina Gonzales Bastias Naranjo

"This is an enchanting orange wine — which is white wine made like a red wine by letting the skins have contact with the juice — that has something for everyone. With a floral jasmine nose and clean, dry apricot and white tea notes on the palate, this is one of our very best sellers from a biodynamic producer who uses no sulfur or machines!"

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Just Peachy

Time to enjoy Palisade's pitted prizes

by Eric Elkins

Late summer in Colorado is a wonder of possibility. The gorgeous, cloudless mornings and cooling monsoon afternoons. The patios and rooftops full of revelers. The outdoor music and warm evening rambles from bar to restaurant to bar to bar and the gentle breeze that accompanies your happy stumble to bed.

But most of all, it's the Palisade peach harvest that makes summer really feel like summer.

Palisade is located on the Western Slope of Colorado, and it's the perfect microclimate for fruit farmers — a lush valley fed by the Colorado River, the area is prized for its rich bounty of orchards.

And all across the state, chefs, brewers, and bartenders keep a lookout for those first crates of fuzzy, sweet goodness, an inspiring and delicious ingredient to infuse into their late summer menus. We asked several what they had in mind for the coming season, and though things can change quickly when you source locally, here's an idea of what they're planning.

Chef Andrea Frizzi at Il Posto in the RiNo Art District is adding a sweet and savory Palisade peach risotto with la tur cheese and tarragon to the menu. The dish will pair well with their simple and elegant “secondi,” like the duck breast or rack of lamb. But be sure to order the house beef tallow candle with ciabatta to start things off — it's every bit as indulgent as it sounds.

Over in the Congress Park neighborhood of Denver, local legend Chef Jeff Osaka will feature peaches prominently at 12@Madison, the flagship of his restaurant group.



Peach cocktail from Bin 707 Foodbar

Mister Tuna's King Crab



Hearth & Dram

“Most people lean to a sweet dish or dessert when using peaches,” he says. “But I like a savory application with pork chops and peaches. The typical combination with pork chops is apples or applesauce, but when Palisade peaches are in season it’s hard to resist.” Chef Osaka deglazes the skillet he uses for the pork chops with chicken stock, then adds in sliced peaches, butter, and soy sauce.

Up in the hills above Boulder is one of the most beautiful restaurants in the state. The Flagstaff House, with its awe-inducing views of the city below, will be all about Palisade peaches when they make their way to the Front Range.

Executive Chef and owner Chris Royster will feature the fruit across several dishes, from a smoked Palisade peach, cucumber, and pretzel panzanella to a chilled peach soup with black pepper ham, grilled peaches, and thyme. He’ll also pair peaches with duck breast and an earl grey risotto. The Flagstaff House’s desserts are a highlight of any meal, and their lavender poached Palisade peaches with candied ginger streusel, vanilla yogurt, and brown butter pound cake will wrap up the evening perfectly.

Hearth & Dram near Union Station takes the novel approach of adding Palisades to their in-house pickling program, and then integrating them into their seasonal menu. In the works this summer is a pickled peach panzanella salad with nardello peppers and cornbread croutons. Don’t be surprised if you find something equally inventive on the cocktail menu, too.

Of course, if you really want to celebrate the season, then heading over the mountains to Riverbend Park in the Town of Palisade is the only way to go. The three-day Palisade Peach Festival is August 15-18, and it’s truly the best way to eat all the peaches, in every form imaginable. From fresh off the tree to pie to pickles, this extravaganza is definitely not the pits. Sign up for a “Feast in the Fields,” where tables are set up in the orchards themselves; get messy at the BBQ throwdown; learn from local chefs as they demonstrate techniques; or test your mettle during the peach-eating contest.

And while you’re on the Western Slope, do not miss a chance to eat at Bin 707 Foodbar in Grand Junction, one of the top restaurants in Colorado. My pal, award-winning chef Josh Niernberg is all about peaches year-round (they sell the heck out of their bourbon peach cobbler every day), but especially when the season hits at the end of July. Bin 707 sources their peaches exclusively from High Country Orchards nearby, and they always roll out something special in season. This year, they’re planning on Palisade heirlooms and peaches, with stracciatella, lovage, lemon balm, Koji Vin, and wild-caught Gulf shrimp “aguachile.”

They’ll use house-made peach jam for their extensive charcuterie and cheese program, but be sure to order the Palisade Peach Pow cocktail to start your meal.

Chef Niernberg’s sister restaurant Taco Party (also in Grand Junction) will highlight the local wonders as well. “We will use the peaches with Big B’s Apple Cider Vinegar and fresh locally grown jalapeños to make a gastrique to use throughout the menu in place of citrus,” he says. “For instance, our guacamole will have fresh peaches and the peach jalapeño gastrique, rather than lime juice. It’s one of our many tricks to use and source local and help define ‘Colorado cuisine’ through the lens of Southwestern food.”

Back in Denver, Chef Troy Guard, overlord of many popular local restaurants, will modify his Mister Tuna’s King Crab, which is a signature dish at the restaurant. Made with Rebel Farms arugula, brown butter, and black lava salt, the indulgent entrée incorporates seasonal fruit to bring in a balanced sweetness. It’s especially popular when the local peaches are in season.

Taco Party



"Welcome Home Oscar" from Ste. Ellie

One of my favorite summer delights is Chef Carrie Baird's Palisade peach pizza. Lovingly wood-fired, and with a garlic oil base, it's topped with roasted peaches, prosciutto, capicola, aged mozzarella, balsamic reduction and arugula (I eat it without the pork, and it's still spectacular).

Last year, restaurant empire builder Chef Frank Bonanno launched "BOCO Peach Week," celebrating the fuzzy wonders in all of his restaurants around Denver. This year, each Bonanno Concept restaurant will feature Palisades in their cocktails, desserts and special menu items throughout the week. They're also planning a peach dinner at Osteria Marco in Larimer Square.

Colorado's bar magicians will be incorporating Palisades into their concoctions as well.

You can experience the joy of the season right this moment in Infinite Monkey Theorem's canned Peach Bellini. Whether you visit the local winery at their RiNo tasting room and pair your balanced bubbly beverage (made with sparkling Riesling and Palisade peach juice) with food truck fare, or ask for it in just about any local bar or restaurant, or just pick up a four-pack at a local grocery store and take it with you, you'll rejoice in the fizzy fun that opening a can unleashes. They ship, too!

Eli Kerlin at The Way Back in the Highlands has his own plan for the summer bounty, with an as-yet unnamed cocktail comprised of vodka, fresh peach juice, Creme de Violette from the local Golden Moon Distillery, and sparkling wine. It'll be that perfect balance of rich, acidic, and bubbly.

Over at Ace Eat Serve, their Peach Slushy is made with white wine and lemon and served with a peach slice — drink this Slurpee for grownups on their excellent patio.

Dion Griego, bar manager at the Ste. Ellie on Platte St., is mixing up a refreshing summer cocktail he calls "Welcome Home Oscar," which is a fun and frisky mix of Fidencio Mezcal, Amaro Nonino, fresh Palisade peach syrup, pineapple juice, and lime juice.

Up over the Highland Bridge at Mizu, the award-winning rockstar TJ Vong has his own fancy confection in the works for peach season, called "Expect the Unexpected." The bourbon cocktail, with help from nigori sake, brûléed peach thyme syrup, and lemon, is served over pebble ice for a cold and warm sensation all at once.

And what would peach season be without all of the desserts?

Smōk in The Source Hotel is known for their kick-ass meats, but that's not keeping Bill Espiricueta, executive chef and owner of the joint, from using his considerable chops to bring something special to the season. His peach hand pies, all sweet and flaky goodness, will have just a touch of the savory — an essential element from the beacon of barbecue.

At Steuben's (Uptown and in Arvada), one of my all-time favorite pastry chefs, the indomitable Nadine Donovan, will serve up her Fried Palisade Peach Pie, along with a range of house-made ice creams (no doubt you'll find endless additional treats highlighting the fuzzy fruit).

If you're looking for healthy and casual fare, Olive & Finch won't disappoint. This summer, Chef Mary Nguyen is planning a Palisade peach honey mousse cake, with panna cotta and white chocolate.

With a snowy mountain winter and a mild, rainy spring on the Western Slope, this year's peach harvest is expected to be particularly bountiful. That's good news for locals and visitors, because it means the bumper crop of peaches (and apricots, too!) will be making their way to our plates and glasses in late summer.



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There are so many unique and interesting things to do, places to go and sites to see in Colorado. Here are a few city-bound events that are certain to infuse a ray of summer sunshine in the mix.



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Sistine Chapel Exhibit at The Stanley

People are raving about the internationally acclaimed Michelangelo's Sistine Chapel Exhibition, an immersive presentation of museum-quality, near life-size reproductions of the iconic master's frescoes that adorn the Sistine Chapel in Rome. The exhibit, in The Hangar at Stanley Marketplace through August 13, allows visitors to experience one of the world's greatest artistic achievements: Michelangelo's renowned ceiling frescoes from the Vatican's Sistine Chapel, reproduced in near-original size in a format that allows viewers to get face-to-face with the masterpieces. Through 34 artfully displayed reproductions, this innovative presentation includes pieces like *The Creation of Adam* and *The Last Judgment* and brings them just a few feet away from the audience.

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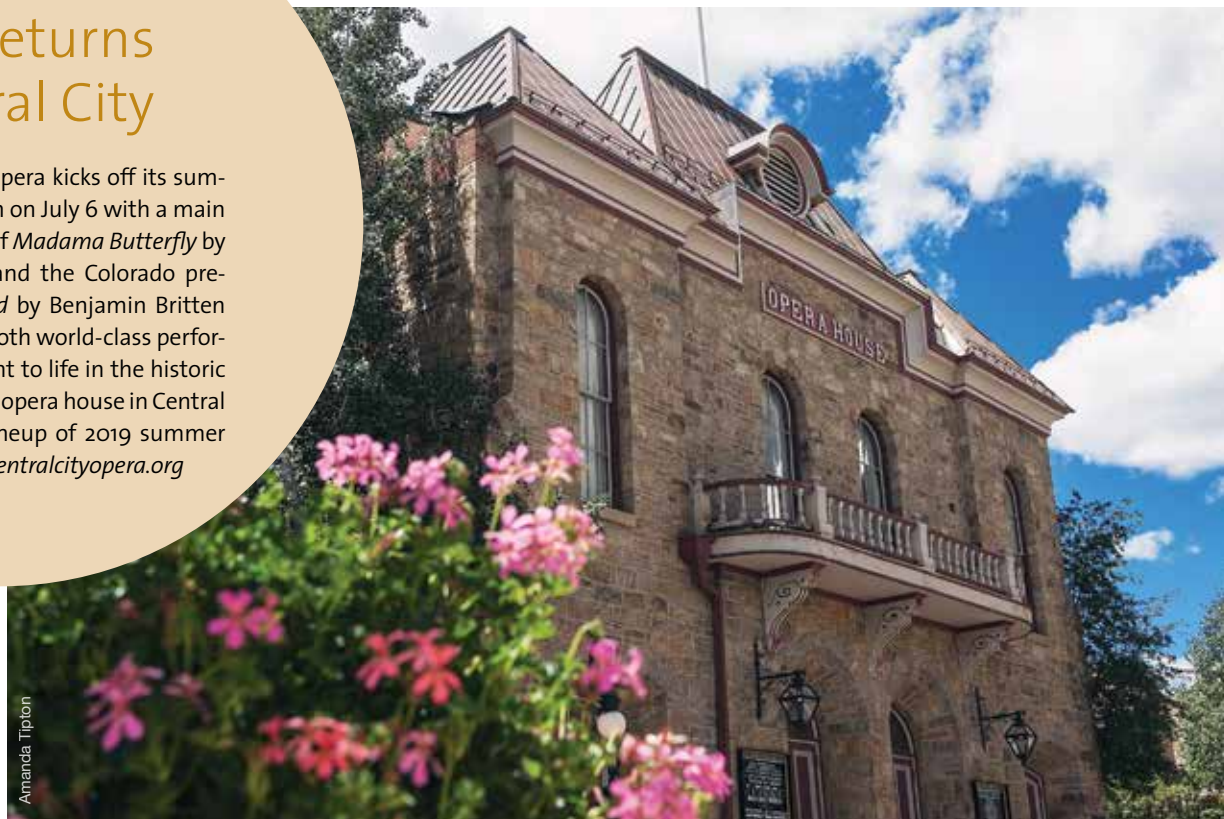
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Amanda Tipton

Shop, Sip, Sup

Denver's Dairy Block is
an all-day experience



By **Eric Elkins**

If you're not looking for it, you might miss it.

You could walk right by the alleyway between Wazee and Blake, bisecting 18th and 19th Streets in downtown Denver, as you're wandering the usual bar crawling routes along LoDo's nightlife district. And if you're walking by during the day, you'll see the cornhole boards down the alley and a glimpse of the public art, but unless you turn and make your way in, you might not realize you're standing near the first fully activated pedestrian alley in Denver.

But whether you're there day or night, the alley and the buildings around it make up the Dairy Block, which is a little haven of fun and food.

Once home to the historic Windsor Dairy, the block hosts restaurants, bars, shops, and even a coworking space. It's anchored by the design-forward Maven Hotel and the 16-venue Milk Market — a vision of local restaurant empire builder, Chef Frank Bonanno.



“Milk Market is a gateway to Denver,” says Bonanno. “Straight from the airport, it’s where out-of-town guests come first to get settled and learn about our incredible city. From the initial conception of the space, we strove to be so much more than just a food hall. Working with our local institutions like the Denver Zoo, the Denver Museum of Nature and Science, and local vendors big and small throughout the city, Milk Market is constantly activated and a community platform promoting unity in downtown Denver.”

Take a lap through Milk Market, and you’ll find bars, sit-down restaurants, quick-service food counters, and a New York-style pizza slice concept called Engine Room out on the alley. What makes the market especially unique is the way it was all created, curated, and cultivated by Chef Bonanno and his team. It’s a one-stop way to experience the many facets of the elevated cuisine Bonanno brings to Denver.

But the Dairy Block is more than the Milk Market, with several additional Denver legends contributing to the “micro-district” as well.

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Chef Kelly Whitaker, known for his Italian-inspired-with-a-twist cuisine, has two concepts inside Free Market, which spans a quarter of the block on the alley. Chef Whitaker is a champion of house-milled grains, and restaurants Brutø and BØH are no exception. Brutø's flatbreads and other grain-based delights are roasted in a Stefano Ferrara pizza oven imported from Naples, and the raw bar is a perfect spot for oysters and bubbly. Meanwhile, the coffee counter BØH serves up fresh pastries and breads, along with other grain goodness (like porridge and polenta).

Over in the Maven Hotel, stop in at Kachina Southwestern Grill for Frito pie (served properly, with the bag), Navajo tacos, and a Colorado bison empanada.

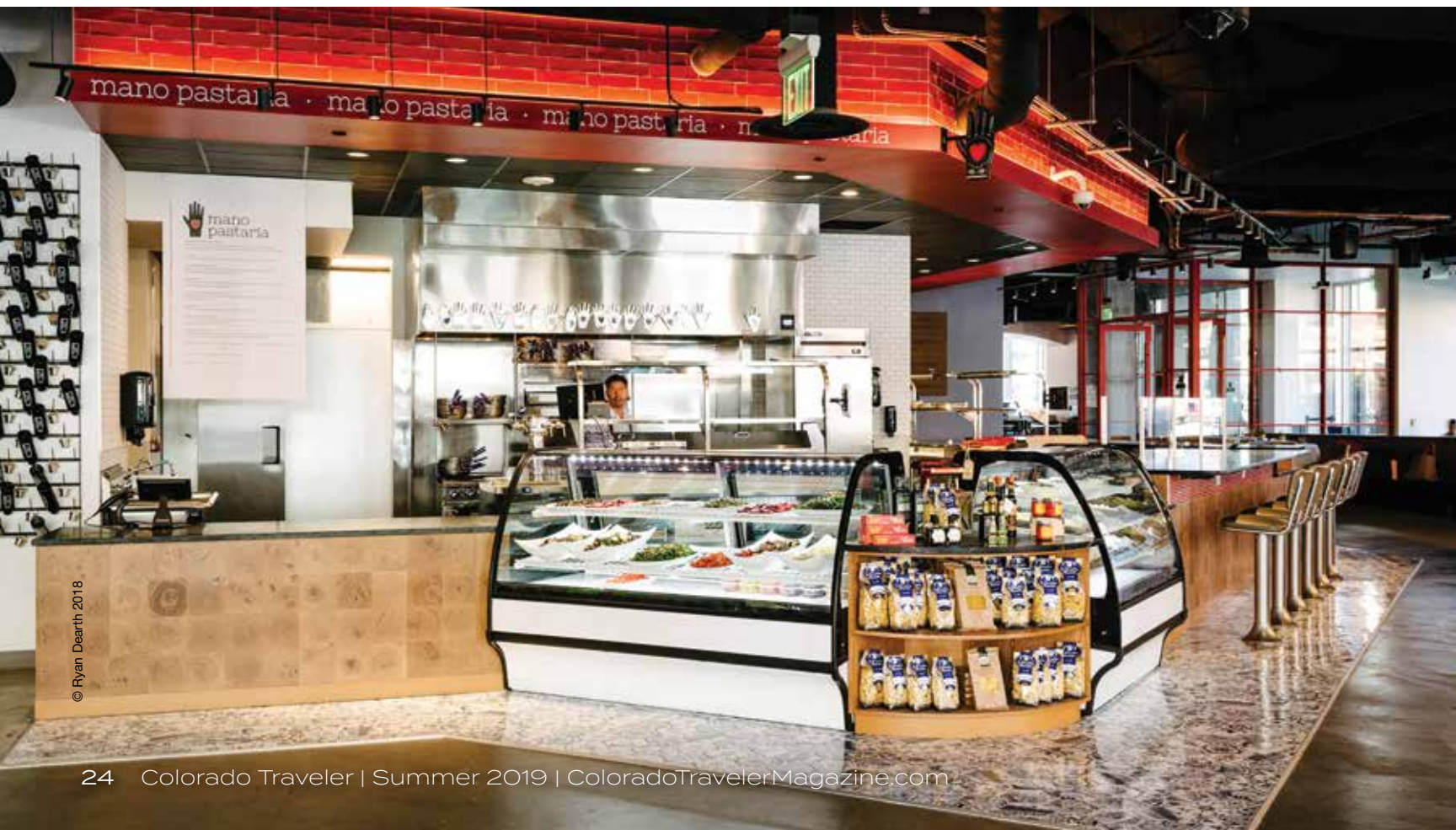
The bar scene in the Dairy Block is compelling enough to keep a proper cocktail lover set for a full evening (see sidebar). From the whimsical stylings of Devin Chapnick at Poka Lola, to the Derby-themed Run for the Roses speakeasy (where local fave Steven Waters employs some of the most beloved bartenders in the city), to the whiskey-flavored Seven Grand, not to mention Blanchard Family Wines for the oenophile in your crew, the drinks are a good reason to stick around.

"You could visit daily and experience something new each time," says Bonanno. "Every day, every hour is truly different." The morning coffee rush transitions to the business lunch; indulgent afternoons become happy hour reunions. The dinner and nightlife crowds turn up just as the alley's festive lights and public art come alive for the evening.

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And it's not just the food and cocktails that maintain the energy of the Dairy Block. No trip would be complete without a stroll through the retail spaces.

The 3,000-square-foot Fetch Shop is the first-ever brick-and-mortar from Denver's roving quarterly market producers formerly known as Denver Flea. And true to their legacy, Fetch is a dynamic, ever-changing experience that highlights local products. The founders think of it as a "retail test kitchen," where local retailers can set up shop for whatever amount of time that makes sense — pop-up or long term — getting immediate feedback about their products.



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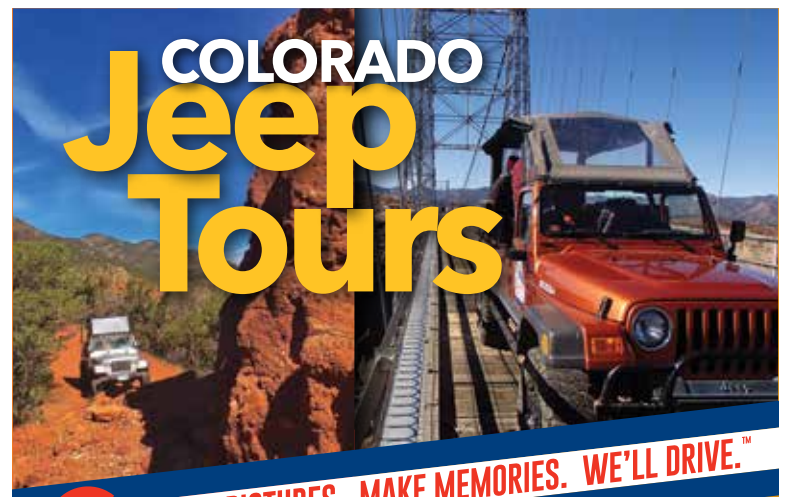
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Along with its food counters, Free Market hosts a collection of retail experiences, including a weekend marketplace. And you'll also find a slew of additional shops along the alley and throughout the block, with a focus on unique products and services. These boutiques are purveyors of everything from leather goods to distinctive jewelry to men's and women's clothing you won't find anywhere else.

Whatever time of day you visit The Dairy Block, you'll find something unique and worthwhile.

"The Dairy Block offers guests an opportunity to experience craft cocktails, gorgeous artwork, shopping from local vendors, and Instagrammable moments at every corner," says Chef Frank. "It offers visual stimulation, an incredible food and drink scene, unique shopping experiences, and luxurious accommodations, all in one city block."

Go see for yourself.

Raise a Glass

Where to grab a drink at the Dairy Block

by **Monica Parpal Stockbridge**

The Dairy Block is one of the hottest new places to grab a drink in Denver, and there is no shortage of options. Here are a few of our current favorite places to stop in for a cocktail:

Run for the Roses

You've never seen a basement bar as bright and sophisticated as Run for the Roses. This subterranean refuge opened in the Dairy Block in May of this year, where owner Steven Waters has enlivened the space into an elegant and inclusive cocktail lounge. Finding the nondescript entrance and journeying through the dim corridor might feel like discovering a speakeasy, but the transparent glass front and welcoming host reveal that there's no need for special passwords here. The only difficulty will be choosing a beverage from the 52-card menu of classic cocktails. Waters suggests going with his take on a Daiquiri (Bacardi Silver rum, fresh lime, demerara sugar and Plantation Xaymaca rum), which he says is one of his favorite cocktails of all time. www.rftrbar.com

Blanchard Family Wines

On a block where local chefs, local artisans and local history reign supreme, you might think that Blanchard Family Wines — founded in Sonoma — would be an outlier. And yet, this award-winning wine tasting room has fit right in ever since it opened late last year. The winery is committed to limited-production wine sourced from grapes in the Russian River Valley and Alexander Valley — some of the best that California wine country has to offer. And with friendly service, wine flights and stunning charcuterie boards, Blanchard Family Wines has quickly become, well, part of the family. www.bfwdenver.com/



Poka Lola Social Club

Whether it's the lighthearted name, the summer-ready outdoor patio or the nostalgic soda fountain influence, there's something irresistible about Poka Lola Social Club. Located in the Maven Hotel and buzzing with the energy of hotel guests, ballpark goers and social passersby, this two-year-old cocktail bar is both posh and playful. Order a bottled cocktail like the New-Now (vodka, limoncello, elderflower liqueur and sparkling wine) or fast-forward into post-workday bliss with Bar Snacks — your bartender's choice pairing of a shot and a beer — only \$6 during happy hour (daily from 4-6 p.m.). www.pokaloladenver.com/ **CT**

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Your Bucket List of the Best of Colorado



Great Sand Dunes National Park

by **Rebecca Treon**

Newcomer or native, Colorado offers a fantastic array of unique and once-in-a-lifetime experiences, running the gamut from great food to fun festivals. Following is the ultimate checklist of 31 must-do activities in the Centennial State.

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Eat This: Everywhere

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- 1 **Sample a Rocky Mountain Oyster.** No bull: prepared well, they're a local delicacy. Thin sliced, battered in corn meal flour and deep fried, they're available at classic Western eateries like The Fort in Morrison (a replica of Bent's Fort) or The Buckhorn Exchange (Denver's oldest restaurant, it's full of artifacts of the old west).
- 2 **Sip a marg at The Rio.** The state's local Colo-Mex chain serves legendary margaritas whose top-secret recipe carries such a kick there's a three drink per-person limit.
- 3 **Savor high tea at the Brown Palace Hotel.** Denver's oldest hotel, nearly every president and countless celebs have held court there over the years. Offered daily in the elegant lobby, high tea is accompanied by long-timer John Kite tickling the ivories.
- 4 **Indulge in fresh and local produce.** Colorado is home to some incredible seasonal produce, despite the short growing season. Sample Palisade peaches, Rocky Ford melons and Olathe sweet corn whenever possible.
- 5 **Sip a martini at the Cruise Room.** The historic pink-hued deco bar is inside the Oxford Hotel, lined with panels depicting "cheers" in several languages. Legend has it that the bar once featured a pro-Nazi panel — torn down by a group of Marines, it was never seen again.
- 6 **Take a distillery tour.** Stranahan's was a Colorado first, but many others have followed suit in Denver (Laws Whiskey House, Golden Moon, and Leopold Bros. to name a few metro-area faves) and beyond (Peach Street, Marble, Woody Creek, Montanya... the list goes on).
- 7 **Grab a legendary late-night burger at My Brother's Bar.** While development has sprouted up around it, this LoDo stronghold (in a building dating back from the 1880s) has no plans of going anywhere. Good thing — its burgers are a Denver classic.
- 8 **Go to the Great American Beer Festival.** Or, if that's too overwhelming/tickets are gone, consider checking out places like Falling Rock, whose rotating craft beer selection offers a slice of what's at the fest.
- 9 **Go to Casa Bonita.** The kitschy landmark isn't known for its food (get the sopapillas) but it's a must-do at least once while in Denver.

Oxford Hotel

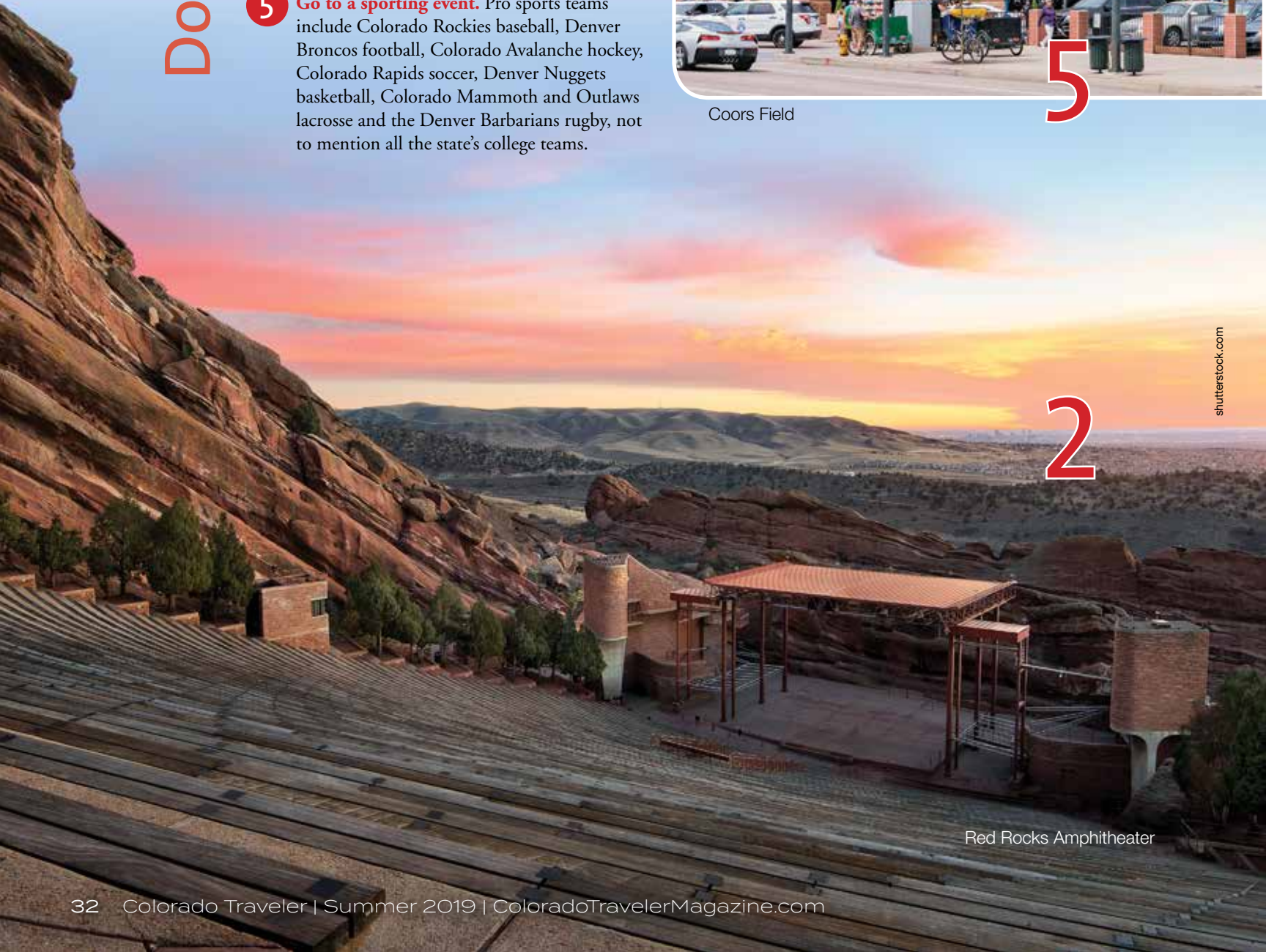
Do This: City Limits

- 1 **Buy a classic western wear shirt at Rockmount.** Founded in 1946 by “Papa” Jack Weil, the ranchwear company invented the snap button western shirt (literally).
- 2 **See a concert at Red Rocks.** The natural amphitheater has hosted rock legends from the Beatles to Mumford and Sons.
- 3 **Check out live jazz at El Chapultapec.** The iconic hole-in-the-wall jazz joint has hosted the likes of Ella Fitzgerald and Frank Sinatra.
- 4 **Go to the National Western Stock Show.** The annual western heritage event draws visitors from around the globe for rodeo, live music, mutton bustin’, chainsaw carving, fiddling and more.
- 5 **Go to a sporting event.** Pro sports teams include Colorado Rockies baseball, Denver Broncos football, Colorado Avalanche hockey, Colorado Rapids soccer, Denver Nuggets basketball, Colorado Mammoth and Outlaws lacrosse and the Denver Barbarians rugby, not to mention all the state’s college teams.



Coors Field

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Red Rocks Amphitheater

Do This: Farther Afield



Ashcroft Ghost Town

- 1 **Hike the Manitou Incline.** The popular staircase-style hike climbs 2,000 feet in elevation to reach the summit, but the view at the top is worth the sweat.
- 2 **Visit a ghost town.** To name a few, St. Elmo, Ashcroft, and Dearfield are all remnants of Colorado's Gold Rush days. Gold Hill, near Boulder, may look like a ghost town, but is still a thriving small community.
- 3 **Soak in a natural hot springs.** Historic Glenwood Springs is the world's largest, Steamboat's Strawberry Park is clothing-optional after dark, part of Mt. Princeton is in a river and Dunton Hot Springs is part of a luxurious resort — whatever your choice, it's a must.
- 4 **Visit Mesa Verde and the Four Corners.** Mesa Verde is the home of the Ancestral Puebloans, who built the phenomenal cliff dwellings in the 12th century. It's a breathtaking, once-in-a-lifetime experience to explore their way of life. Nearby, you can literally be in four states at once, where you can straddle the spot where the borders of Colorado, New Mexico, Arizona and Utah meet at the Four Corners.

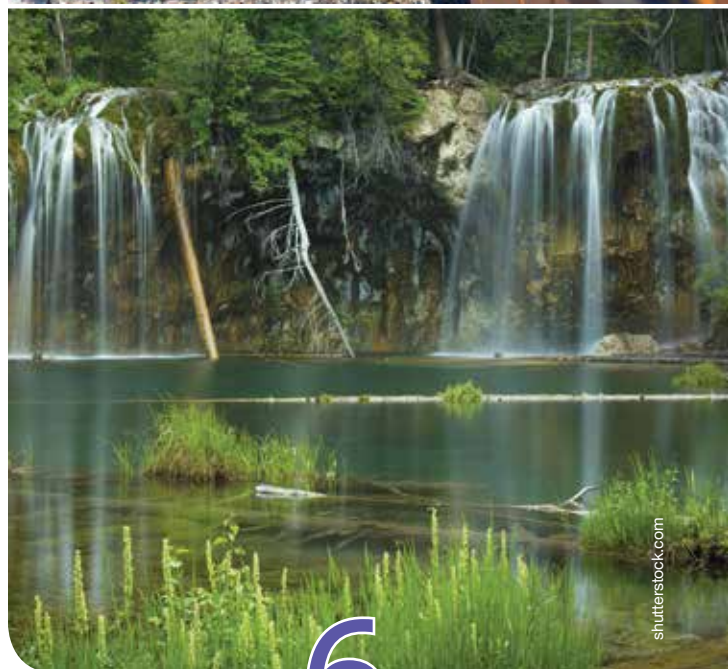


Mesa Verde National Park

Durango-Silverton Railroad

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- 5 **Ride a historic train like the Durango-Silverton Railroad.** Get a slice of what life was like way back when, when Durango and Silverton were mining towns. The train winds through gorgeous scenery to Silverton, where the Old West is perfectly preserved, down to costumed interpreters and ragtime piano players in the saloon. The train offers several themed rides during the season, featuring beer tasting or live music.
- 6 **Hike Hanging Lake.** The park service now limits the number of hikers at any given time (tickets required) because the trail was so heavily trafficked it was damaging the fragile ecosystem. The hike increases 1,000 feet in elevation within the first mile and a half, with a view from the top that makes the trek worth it: pristine crystal-clear turquoise waters and waterfalls await at the summit.
- 7 **Go to a Dude Ranch.** You'll ride horseback, learn what it's really like to wrangle cattle, fly fish, hike, learn to two-step and best of all, get away from the daily grind. Options range from the reasonably priced Rainbow Trout Ranch (only an hour from downtown) to the Home Ranch, near Steamboat Springs, a luxury Relais & Chateaux property.
- 8 **Stay at the Stanley Hotel.** Stephen King's visit to the notoriously haunted hotel inspired him to write *The Shining*. At the gateway of Rocky Mountain National Park, the historic hotel offers special events surrounding its colorful past with a backdrop of mountain peaks.
- 9 **Glamp in a yurt.** The Mongolian round tents are an affordable and comfortable alternative to either a hotel or tent camping. They're found all over the state, and most offer some amenities and on-property activities. The Platte River Fort Resort & Event Center, near Greeley, is the state's newest option.
- 10 **Visit the Sand Dunes.** The tallest dunes in North America, the Sand Dunes are open 24/7 all year round. Go sand sledding, play in the Medano Creek, gaze at the unpolluted night sky, or just get that perfectly 'grammable shot of the dunes with the mountains in the background.



Hanging Lake

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Do This: Farther Afield

- 11 **Experience wild animals in an unforgettable habitat.** The 780-acre Wild Animal Sanctuary is home to more than 500 lions, tigers, bears, leopards, mountains lions and other large carnivores rescued from around the world. Travel along the elevated mile-long walkway and watch these wonderful animals below, as they frolic, feed and meander in an incredible environment featuring species-specific habitats. Or, get cozy with wolves. At the Colorado Wolf and Wildlife Center in Divide, the pack is so tame visitors can literally get close enough to get a wolf kiss. Oh, and also get a ton of education about what makes wolves so special.
- 12 **Summit a '14er.** Peak baggers know that Colorado has the most peaks with an elevation of 14,000 feet or more of any state. Every Coloradan has to climb at least one — the easiest for beginners are Longs Peak and Bierstadt.
- 13 **Go leaf peeping.** Colorado's fall foliage is viewable during a fleeting window of just a few weeks in mid-September. The I-70 corridor offers great scenic drives, but for best results, seek out some back roads for a beautiful weekend afternoon.
- 14 **Go to a Pow Wow.** Witnessing members of the 568 recognized Native American tribes in the United States gather together in traditional dress to dance to ceremonial music is an awe-inspiring experience. Pow Wows are held almost year-round across the state — research etiquette before you go.



Wild Animal Sanctuary

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- 15 **Take a classic photo at Maroon Bells,** a hike near star-studded ski retreat Aspen. Treat yourself to an Aspen getaway while you're at it but do it like a local. Stay at the cozy (think in-room fireplaces and private hot tubs) and affordable Molly Gibson, stroll the walkable downtown area for some shopping, hit the mining museum, the art museum and the opera house, attend an outdoor concert, chat with locals (everyone in Aspen has a story) and have a nightcap at Jimmy's, an Aspen institution.
- 16 **Channel your inner hippie in Boulder.** Cruise Pearl Street Mall and watch some buskers, chill at Chautauqua Park, and check out the remarkable Dushanbe Tea House. Fondly known as 'the Republic,' it's the place to get your chakras aligned, buy some mala beads and do all kinds of yoga.
- 17 **Visit a dispensary.** Colorado was the first state to legalize recreational marijuana use, so it's a rite of passage to go to a pot shop — this is not your mother's weed. CT

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Sounds of Music

Colorado's Music Scene Moves to
a Higher Level

by Bill Husted



When it comes to music, Colorado hands-down is one of the country's top places for pretty much any type of performance. The thing is, musicians want to play here, especially in the summer when they can choose from a wide variety of wonderful outdoor venues. From picturesque Red Rocks to the serene beauty of The Denver Botanic Gardens, performers love to strut their stuff, and audiences love listening to their sounds.



For more insight into the local music scene, we spoke with Libby Anschutz, who has music in her bones and songs in her head. For Anschutz, it's about more than making great music, it's also about giving back in meaningful ways. The lowkey easy-going bandleader daughter of Colorado money-man Phil Anschutz, she believes in philanthropy and in giving back to the state and country that have embraced her brand and her band.

"I am philanthropy-minded," she says. "I hope that all people want to be."

Her band is Track Suit Wedding, a soulful rock combo that plays these parts and beyond: Red Rocks, the intimate alt theater venues in Denver, the Broadmoor (dad's B&B), and street festivals, most recently Day of Rock. Track Suit Wedding was a standout there in May among 25 bands on five stages – all to raise money for Amp the Cause, a non-profit run by Denver power-couple Walter and Christie Isenberg that supports child-focused health and educational organizations.

Anschutz joined spoken-word, hip hop, jazz artist Michael Franti and legendary Colorado promoter Chuck Morris on a trip to Uganda in March for the Global Livingston Institute. They performed at huge festivals with Ugandan music stars to bring out thousands of people for music and medicine – free testing for HIV, cervical cancer and a dose of family planning. The online videos of the concerts are impressive and moving.

"I often go back to look at the photos and watch the videos because I want to have that experience again," Anschutz told CBS in a recent interview. "It's that powerful to me."

Franti, an activist in many arenas, is a native Californian but he spends so much time in Colorado we have adopted him. He performed a free concert in Denver this spring, he played Aspen on

June 4 and filled up Red Rocks with his band Spearhead on June 7. The Red Rocks gig included a VIP party for local nonprofit *Take Note Colorado*.

Anschutz and Franti hopped on then-Governor John Hickmlooper's idea to encourage all Colorado students to take up music, making instruments and instruction readily available in public schools. Dubbed Take Note Colorado, the agency hosts concerts all year long featuring Colorado's biggest names (members of the The Fray, Big Head Todd & the Monsters, The Lumineers, Track Suit Wedding, Michael Franti & Spearhead). This year Take Note Colorado once again tops off with the annual Sing It To Me Santa, a Dec. 7 extravaganza at the Ogden Theatre.

The Lumineers is another wildly popular hometown band that supports Take Note Colorado. Band cofounder Wesley Schultz explains his passion for Colorado and music. "Ten years ago, Jer (co-founder Jeremiah Fraite) and I moved to Denver and have called it home ever since. There's been a lot of growth and change for our band and our city in that time." This August, The Lumineers are slated to be the opening act at the much-anticipated Mission Ballroom, a state-of-the-art venue in RiNo operated by AEG Presents Rocky Mountain.

"We feel lucky to be a part of history by opening the Mission Ballroom. We are also happy announce that this show will benefit a school which is local to the venue -- Wyatt Academy -- by keeping its music program alive through the donations and proceeds of our Mission Ballroom show."

There's a lot of giving from Anschultz, Franti and The Lumineers. And in Colorado, fans give the love right back.

"I believe in random acts of kindness," says Anschutz. "Do the right thing when nobody is looking. I hope that's not a fairy tale."



Colorado's Endless Summer

Festivals of Every Flavor

By Eric Elkins

Summer in Colorado is all about being outside. Hiking, camping, patio sipping, al fresco dining, lazy days by a rooftop pool. The dry heat and sun have truly settled in, with the cooling punctuation of afternoon rainstorms breaking up the day.

And the faceted festivals across the state roll out week after week, with something fun to experience all the way into September, when the days stay warm but grow a little shorter.

How to decide where to spend your precious weekends of warmth and wonder? Just depends on what you love.

The Taster

Whether you want to taste a ton of seasonal brews or dig into bites of locally sourced treats, Colorado still has quite a few food festivals left this season.

The **Slow Food Nations** festival is celebrating another big year in Denver July 19-21. This year's theme celebrates "Where Tradition Meets Innovation," and you won't want to miss the Taste Marketplace in Larimer Square, where the street is shut down to celebrate a diversity of cultures and traditions while advocating for "good, clean, and fair food." Supported by workshops, talks, and other festivities, the three-day experience will leave you with deeper intention about what you eat and why.

If you're on the Western Slope of Colorado, you'll want to hit up the **Palisade Peach Festival** from August 15-18 (see page 14 for more details about peach season), but don't miss the Olathe Sweet Corn Festival about an hour down the road at Montrose County Event Center on August 3. Celebrate the joys of those precious kernels and live music all day while supporting local nonprofits.

If you're in Downtown Denver on August 15 and are hit with the smell of grilled meat wafting through the city, hoof it over to **RARE**, the Denver Steak Championships, in the Galleria space at the Denver Center for the Performing Arts. Help judge the steak stylings of more than 20 Denver chefs as they compete to serve perfect bites paired with unique cocktails. With both classic and traditional competitions, RARE is going to be very well done.

And at the end of August, over Labor Day Weekend, be sure to attend **The Taste of Colorado** in Civic Center Park, where you'll dig into menu items from 50-plus local restaurants. With sample bites or full dishes, you can stroll and graze for three days straight. If that's not entertaining enough, stick around for live music, arts and crafts booths, and activities for the kids.

Finally, the **Denver Food and Wine Festival** runs September 4-8, and it's an elevated experience. The Grand Tasting at the Pepsi Center Fairgrounds hosts more than 40 Colorado restaurants with hundreds of wine and spirits to go with the fancy dishes. Other events over the course of the four days include wine seminars, The Shakedown bartender competition, a brunch festival at the Dairy Block, and even Dinner Under the Stars. Colorado's food scene just gets better and better, and this festival showcases just how that's happening.



The Rocker

Speaking of music, summer is made for outdoor shows. And whether you're looking for a dusty mosh pit or a refined strings serenade, you'll find it in Colorado.

A celebration of local music, **The Underground Music Showcase** (aka The UMS) takes over South Broadway the last weekend of July, and it's a rare treat. Literally hundreds of bands representing a dramatically diverse array of styles, will play over the course of the festival. From indoor venues to rooftops to outdoor stages, bands, singer-songwriters, DJs, and more will keep you dancing for three long, happy days and nights. Wear comfortable shoes.

Several thousand bluegrass lovers will convene on the little town of Westcliffe, Colorado for the **High Mountain Hay Fever Bluegrass Festival** July 11-14. Set in the gorgeous high plains of south central Colorado, the event will feature more than a dozen bands over the three evenings — a mix and match of bands and singers in one of only 14 Dark Sky regions in the world. Which means stunning mountain views during the day and stellar sky-watching each night.

Want to celebrate local brews with your bluegrass? Then zip up I-70 for Keystone's 23rd annual **Bluegrass and Beer Festival**, August 3 and 4. With three stages and more than 40 featured craft beers, expect serious mountain music mayhem. Keystone also hosts its **Wine and Jazz Festival** July 13 and 14, and **Mountain Town Music Festival** on August 17. Lots of opportunities to enjoy high-country hijinks.

Not to be outdone by Keystone, Vail has its own celebration, with the 31st season of the **Vail Dance Festival**; a full two weeks of movement and music. With dancers and troupes coming in from all over the world, you'll experience a range of styles and experiences, and even the chance for a bit of education, if you're so inclined. The Martha Graham dance company is among the featured performers, as is the American Ballet Theatre and renown choreographer Alonzo King.

And if you're deeper in the Rockies, **Jazz Aspen Snowmass** is legendary, both for its stunning venues and the high-caliber talent making their music at high altitude. This year's luminaries include Sting, Weezer, H.E.R., Luke Combs, and Portugal. The Man, among others.

You say you still didn't get enough live bluegrass this summer? Don't fret (get it?), because the 29th Annual **Folks Festival** in Lyons, CO will fill your craving before the season winds down. This three-day event is bonkers, and the lineup this year is especially stellar. Ani DeFranco, St. Paul and the Broken Bones, Josh Ritter, Ben Folds, and even the legendary Violent Femmes will bluegrass your socks off (whether or not you're donning them with Birkenstocks).



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The Cultural Connoisseur

Sometimes you want it all — the food, the music, the arts, the culture — in one place, with a chance to learn and grow. And maybe eat deep-fried food on a stick.

Mountain towns love their hot air balloon festivals — the cool, calm mornings and majestic vistas lend themselves to gorgeous flights and epic photos. Steamboat Springs hosts their 38th annual **Hot Air Balloon Rodeo** July 13-14, supported by Art in the Park when the morning flights are over. The **Snowmass Balloon Festival** is September 6-9, and with the main launch area on the golf course, catch mirror-image reflection photos as balloonists “splash and dash” through the water hazards, gently drifting their gondolas along the surface. You’ll want to be on the field by dawn for these festivals, because hot air balloons are up and out early.

Saddle up to experience the wild west at Golden’s **Buffalo Bill Days**, July 25-28. With the titular entertainer entombed just above the city (his grave is a popular tourist destination), the festival is a celebration of a time long gone. Enjoy their “Best of the West” parade, Cody’s classic wild west show, “mutton bustin’” (where kids ride sheep bronco-style), and of course all the food and live music to go with it.

For even more western culture, visit **Leadville Boom Days** August 2-4. At two full miles above sea level, the historic mining town is a delight. Check out the parade, the Boom Days Car Show, mining competitions, and even an actual burro race!

The **Colorado Dragon Boat Festival** on the shores of Sloan’s Lake in Denver is an annual favorite — a celebration of Asian and Asian-American heritage, complete with dragon boat races, an array of vendors in the Taste of Asia food court, performers on five stages, and an arts and culture marketplace. This year’s highlighted country is Vietnam, so show up hungry.

If you want to high step to a celebration of Celtic culture, head up to Estes Park for the **Longs Peak Scottish Irish Highland Festival**, September 6-8. With Celtic music all weekend long, along with feats of strength and skill (jousting, dancing, even a strongman competition), this 40-year tradition is the largest of its kind in the country.

For something a little more informal, the **Union Station Buskerfest** (August 1-4) honors street performers and their particular skills and

talents. Comedy, magic, fire dancers, an acrobatic street circus — artists travel from all over the world for the festival. It’s also a celebration of Colorado Day — 143 years and counting!

And the **Cheesman Park Art Fest** is consistently ranked as one of the top craft festivals in the nation, with 150 artists from around the country participating in the juried competition. Food trucks supply the snacks, while live bands supply the tunes. Cheesman Park is home to some of the oldest trees in the city, which means lots of gentle shade when you need it.

On September 7 and 8, just outside downtown Denver in the Belfair neighborhood, celebrate Italian culture with 10,000 of your fellow aficionados at the 15th annual **Festival Italiano**. And though the food is the star of the event, the live music and entertainment, activities and artisans make for a fun and festive couple of days.

Hungry for more culture? The **Denver International Festival** takes over Civic Center Park on August 3, and celebrates our global community through music, dance, food, and traditional art. It’s a family-friendly all-day event, with dozens of food trucks, world music, and programs for kids.

We would be remiss if we failed to mention **PoloFest Denver 2019**. On August 31, participants will enjoy a day of entertainment and outdoor fun, amazing polo matches and great music. PoloFest benefits the Equine Partnership Program, which helps horses rehab from bad situations and helps children overcome trauma, neglect and abuse through the beautiful friendship and healing power of connecting with horses.

Now about that food on a stick. The **Colorado State Fair** runs August 23–Sept 2 in Pueblo, and it’s a serious extravaganza. The Fairgrounds is transformed into a small city, with rodeos, a full-on carnival, live music (Hi, Beach Boys and 38 Special!), and livestock competitions each day. Get your fill of monster trucks, enjoy the demolition derby, catch some bronco bustin’, or just wander the grounds with your deep-fried Twinkie and a cold beer. What could be better?

If you’re venturing into the sun and fun of a Colorado festival, be sure to carry water with you, reapply sunscreen regularly, and keep your smile ready!

But Wait ... There's More!

If you didn't find the festival you wanted to attend or you want to pack in all the fun you can this summer, here are some more great events.

July - August 4

Bravo Vail

Vail Music Festival brings world-renowned musicians to picturesque venues throughout the Vail Valley for nearly seven weeks.
bravovail.org

Weekends in July through August 4

Colorado Renaissance Festival

Take a magical tour through time and legend, as you wander down the village streets and pathways of the Colorado Renaissance Festival.
coloradorenaissance.com



July 1-7

Greeley Stampede

Stampede Arena, Greeley
A festival of rodeo events, concerts, and family fun.
greeleystampede.org

July 5-14

Crested Butte Wildflower Festival

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crestedbuttewildflowerfestival.com

July 20-21

Winter Park Jazz Festival

Rendezvous Event Center
The 37th Annual Winter Park Jazz Festival has Grammy-nominated artists all weekend, including a concert by Boys II Men.
playwinterpark.com/jazzfest

Aug. 2-4

Arise Musical Festival

Sunrise Ranch, Loveland
A unique celebration of music, yoga, camping, art and community.
arisefestival.com

Aug. 9 - 18

Breckenridge International Festival of Arts (BIFA)

Breckenridge
A 10-day program featuring music, dance, film, visual arts and family entertainment.
breckcreate.org

August 11

Aspen Festival Orchestra

Benedict Music Tent, Aspen
Featured conductor, Michael Stern with The Percussion Collection and Jan Lisiecki on piano.
aspenmusicfestival.com

August 25

Brews and Views Beer Festival

Hudson Gardens
Craft beers, fine dining and great music amid landscaped gardens.
hudsongardens.org

Aug. 30-Sept. 2

Telluride Film Festival

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September 6-8

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September 7-8

Stanley Arts Festival

Stanley Marketplace
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stanleyartsfestival.org

September 7

Boulder Valley Wine Festival

Louisville Community Park
Featuring 200+ wines from local Colorado wineries, along with food, live music, and retail vendors.
eventbrite.com

September 12-15

Breckenridge Wine Classic

Breckenridge
Raise your glasses and join us at this four-day wine classic where you can sample hundreds of wines!
breckenridgewineclassic.com

September 13-15

Telluride Blues & Brews Festival

Town Park, Telluride
Three days and nights filled with great music, craft beers, and breathtaking views.
tellurideblues.com

Sept. 20-22 and Sept. 27-29

Denver Oktoberfest

Larimer Square
Celebrating its 50th year, Denver Oktoberfest is the place to be.
thedenveroktoberfest.com

Outdoors, In Style

Where to go for Colorado's best glamping ... and more

by Monica Parpal Stockbridge



Tennessee Pass Yurts

There's something rejuvenating about getting away from the city and spending time in the outdoors. Breathing the clean air, taking in the view and connecting with nature can bring a much-needed sense of peace and perspective. And while pitching a tent or sleeping under the stars sounds romantic, camping isn't everyone's cup of tea.

That's why we love "glamping" — that playful portmanteau that evokes glamorized camping for an elevated outdoor lodging experience. Glamping can be the perfect way to spend time in the great outdoors without sacrificing your creature comforts.

When it comes to glamping, some people love a good yurt — a circular tent stretched around a wooden framework, inspired by traditional nomadic dwellings. Others swoon over stylish safari tents with fancy firepits and Turkish linens.

So, for your next adventure, consider venturing outside the hotel room and into the great wide open. There are many ways to get your glamping fix, and here are just a few of our favorites.

For those who enjoy fine dining off the grid ...

The Tennessee Pass Yurts maximize the cozy factor. Located in Eagle County just north of Leadville off Highway 24, Tennessee Pass offers a popular Nordic center in the winter and sunny mountain retreat in the summer. The **Tennessee Pass Sleep Yurts** make an excellent mountain getaway for up to six guests, with handcrafted log beds complete with soft linens and down comforters. A kitchenette with sink, single propane burner and fresh water comes stocked with complimentary coffee, hot chocolate, and cider — plus cookware for preparing a light meal.

However, it's best to leave the cooking to the professionals here, thanks to the off-the-grid dining experience at the Tennessee Pass Cookhouse. Make a reservation for dinner (\$89 per guest), Thursday-Sunday, seven nights a week in the winter, or book a lunch or dinner for a larger group. Once you park, you'll enjoy an easy one-mile hike to the cookhouse, then dine on Colorado Rack of Lamb, Oven Roasted Pheasant, or Grilled Elk Tenderloin under glowing lantern light. Sleep yurts are \$240/night. TennesseePass.com



Courtesy of Dolores River Campground

Dolores River Campground

For those who like glamping paired with music ...

You've heard of Red Rocks — the world-renowned natural outdoor amphitheater carved from striking red rock formations in Morrison, Colorado. You may not know that you can eliminate the drive back to the city and continue the under-the-stars magic by camping in high-end tents nearby. Just about two miles away from the amphitheater, **Red Rocks Glamping** offers approximately 50 luxury tents during 30 nights throughout the summer — all coordinated with Red Rocks shows. Each tent comes with a queen bed, two twin beds, or four cots as well as pillows, comforters and towels. Book a tent online, park in the designated parking area and grill out with other glampers before hailing a rideshare to Red Rocks (usually less than \$10 one way). After the show, recount the concert experience under battery-operated tent lights or grab a hot shower at the campground's restroom facilities. There's even a central charging station to make sure your phone has plenty of juice to document the whole adventure on Instagram. Rates under \$200/night. redrocksglamping.com/

For those who seek a bit of wild Western charm ...

To take in the natural beauty of Colorado's extraordinary southwestern region, check into **Dolores River Campground**. This charming campground on the outskirts of the San Juan National Forest offers plenty of choices when it comes to accommodations, including two private yurts overlooking the Dolores River, each with a private deck and fire pit. Inside, handcrafted wooden beds, table and chairs lend a rustic feel. Bring your own bedding or chip in \$20 extra for linens.

While the yurts provide a pleasant escape, the new covered wagon glamping experience offers something extra special. Introduced in 2018, these Conestoga wagons were handcrafted in Utah but destined for a true Colorado riverside experience. Pioneering guests will enjoy a king-size bed and bunk bed (linens included) in each of the two wagons, as well as a dining table and chairs, mini-refrigerator and microwave, and outdoor picnic table and firepit. Those lodging at the yurts and the wagons are invited to shower at the remodeled bathhouse, which was designed with beetle-kill pine, granite counters and flushing toilets as well as an outdoor dish-washing sink and two outdoor showers. Summer rates for the yurts are \$77/night; \$125/night for wagons. doloresrivercampground.com/



Courtesy Collective Vail of Collective Retreats

Collective Vail of Collective Retreats

For campers who seek high thread counts and spa showers ...

You don't need to book a high-end resort to enjoy the finer things in life. At **Collective Vail of Collective Retreats**, a glamping destination just north of I-70 at 4 Eagle Ranch in Wolcott, you'll enjoy a high-country getaway in high style. Choose between the Summit Tents and the Journey Tents, each of which offers plush bedding, Turkish towels, private flush toilets and hot running water. The Summit tents even feature ensuite bathrooms and spa showers. The creature comforts continue with a selection of coffee, tea, cocoa, and a hot water kettle in each tent, with options to order breakfast and a la carte lunch and dinner.

Of course, part of the fun of glamping is your proximity to nature. Here, guests enjoy onsite activities such as horseback riding, hiking and mountain biking (at an additional cost). Concierge service and daily housekeeping offer an upscale touch; the onsite winery doesn't hurt, either. Journey tents start at \$150/night; Summit tents start at \$300/night. collectiveretreats.com/retreat/collective-vail/



Never Summer Nordic

For backcountry adventurers seeking seclusion ...

Glamping and backcountry adventure are not mutually exclusive, and **Never Summer Nordic** ensures you can do both with ease. This backcountry hut system in State Forest State Park is ideal for those who truly want to get away from civilization — not to mention electricity, running water and cell phone coverage. And yet, there's something special about escaping the everyday grind to simplify, slow down and soak in the wonder of nature. With more than 72,000 acres of land, State Forest State Park is a playground for everyone, from hikers to backcountry backpackers to ATVers.

There are several different options for yurt experiences with Never Summer Nordic, and the North Park Yurts, a division of Never Summer Nordic, are the most comfortable of the lot. With drive-up accessibility, solar-powered lighting, real queen beds and fully stocked cooking areas, these are perfect for first-timers. If a cabin for a crowd is more your style, book the Willow Lodge cabin on the same property, which sleeps up to 20 with eight queen-sized beds. North Park Yurts run \$100-120/night; Willow Lodge runs \$250-\$275/night (both have a two-night minimum on weekends). neversummernordic.com/



Courtesy of Arapaho Valley Ranch

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Arapaho Valley Ranch

For those who love intimate fire pits and tiny saloons ...

Just a two-hour drive from Denver, **Arapaho Valley Ranch** is located on a family-owned guest property tucked in the forest along a 15-mile dirt road. Here, guests can choose from three glamping tents or five spacious tipis, each with cozy bedding, a cooler for food and beverages and a camp kitchen with basic cooking and dining supplies. Each glamping tent has its own wooden deck and private firepit with firewood. Restrooms and showers are just a short walk away.

Also on the property, guests can enjoy views of Little Indian Lake and drinks and camaraderie at the Red Dog Saloon. Touted as Colorado's smallest bar, Red Dog occupies only 80 square feet inside the property's early 19th-century lodge and quickly fills with glampers, campers and even through-hiking backpackers seeking a glass of whiskey or beer. Tents and tipis book for \$150 to \$175/night (two-night minimum). arapahovalleyranch.com

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Spirited Connection

Medium Rebecca Rosen Offers Comfort
and Advice From the Departed

by **Ellen Gray**



There are times when we just need to believe. Perhaps we've lost our way, we've reached a crossroads, or maybe we merely want to connect. We wait, we hope, we wonder. And then, unexpectedly, a sign. Seemingly insignificant on the surface, it may appear at a random moment. Nothing remarkable, maybe a smooth stone, a spider, flickering lights, a bird overhead. Take heed, because those subtle signs may well be a loved one trying to communicate with the living.

I had never given much thought to the spirit world, readily assuming that once people passed they were in another place that really had no bearing on my life. So when I sat in on a small group session with Rebecca Rosen, I had no expectations and certainly no preconceived ideas of what I was about to experience.

Rebecca Rosen is a medium; she communicates with the dead and brings relevance to the lives of the living. I lost my father (a wonderful, funny man devoted to family and golf) a couple years ago and was interested in learning whether she could provide some insight into how he was doing.

She began the group with everyone seated in a circle. She chanted a short meditation, encouraging us to connect our bodies to the earth and to open our minds. There are times in a group when no one is really being receptive and allowing spirits to communicate, she pointed out. If people are shut down and not willing to hear the spirits, then there's not going to be a lot of activity. Lucky for us, this group was ready to hear from loved ones and others who had departed.

Immediately upon beginning, Rosen heard from "Joe", (names have been changed for the sake of privacy). Joe was the husband of Lisa, who was seated next to me. Joe had died within the past year and clearly wanted to reach out to his wife. "There's someone who had a connection to a motorcycle," Rosen observed. Lisa teared up and acknowledged this was her husband. And from there it became even more interesting. "I have an overwhelming feeling of desperation to set the record straight. He wants me to tell you he's sorry. He's talking about your

daughters. Do you have a tattoo for him?" Rosen wondered. "I do," Lisa sobbed. "Now who's Jack?" "That's my dad and grandfather," said the man to my right (we'll call him Ron). "Was there a heart-related issue?" Rosen asked. Ron acknowledged his grandfather was afflicted. "Was he a strong catholic?" Rosen wondered. Ron answered affirmatively. "He's dressed like John Wayne," Rosen intoned. "He liked cowboys," Ron said. Spirits often appear in the form of their ideal, she explained.

The conversations continued, as Rosen bounced around the room, zeroing in on spirits and communicating their messages to the people in the group. It was interesting to watch people light up as she hit the mark, and then continued down a path of further exploration. Whether it was rocks as a sign (the woman in question held a stone in her lap and had a bag full of them that she randomly collected because "they called to me,") or a direct message to a loved one, Rosen's connections ran the gamut but in the end left everyone feeling empowered and positive. The takeaway: I went in a skeptic and walked out relieved and I'll admit happy to know my father is still enjoying himself, and hopefully getting in a few rounds of golf, wherever he is.

Rosen's calling as a spiritual medium became apparent when she was 20 years old and a student at the University of Florida. "Back home, my father had attempted suicide and my family was falling apart," she acknowledges. "I slipped into a depression and it manifested itself through an eating disorder, called sleep eating. Every night for over six months, I'd sleepwalk into the kitchen and start carb-loading until moments later I'd 'wake up' and realize what I was doing. I felt helpless and out of control. As I would cry myself back to sleep, I would pray and beg for someone or something to help me out of this dark night of the soul."

Not long after she began to pray, Rosen's deceased Grandma Babe and her guardian angel, Maya, took over her hand as she was journaling in a bookstore, "writing messages through me," a process she later discovered was automatic writing. "For over an hour they relayed helpful and healing words as I wrote furiously across the pages. Grandma Babe knew I was doubting the experience, so gave me a few details to run by my father to validate it was really her spirit I was channeling. Sure enough, my dad not only validated the information, but was blown away and encouraged me to continue connecting with her," Rosen recalls.

“Grandma Babe suffered from severe postpartum depression and took her own life when I was just 10 years old,” she continues. “She said she was coming to me to help save me from going down the same dark road of depression. She asked me to work with her daily, along with my angel, to do the work on healing myself from the inside out. Eighteen months later I was healed and whole again.”

It was these tools, passed on to Rosen, that served as the basis of her first book, *Spirited*, which she describes as part memoir, and part self-help for readers to learn to tap into their own innate intuitive gifts and work with their team in spirit.

Interestingly, Rosen traces her connection to the spirit world back to her childhood. “I grew up in a middle-class Jewish home and had a very typical childhood, lots of good friends and great memories of being a kid and teenager,” she reflects. “I do recall having many conversations with my ‘imaginary friends,’ that I now know were not imaginary at all! These were spirits and angels that many young children can sense and see. And I remember just ‘knowing’ things, seeing the truth so clearly in any situation, often times leaving my parents speechless as to how I would know with such certainty. This was me tapping into my innate intuitive gift, something we all have to different degrees, and they can be especially strong in young children because our minds aren’t talking ourselves out of it – we’re just downloading truth as if it were fact.”

Obviously, a gift such as Rosen’s could easily be construed as a burden rather than a blessing. I asked her how she presents information that is bleak or upsetting. “At the beginning of a reading I pray and ask only what is highest and best for the individual, only information that is helpful or healing to come through,” she explains. “So if something comes up that we might label as ‘bad’ or ‘negative’ I share it in a way that I’m guided, in a way they can best hear it. I remind them that if it’s coming up, knowledge is power, and to use the information to either embrace the experience as a learning opportunity or change it. The future is not set in stone, and we have free will to make certain choices to alter the outcome. Knowing this, the guidance can be seen as empowering and helpful to the receiver.”

Her openness to the spirit world made me wonder what happens when she visits a place that resonates with the departed, such as a cemetery. How do you cope with all the noise and how do you process all the emotions? I pressed. “While we don’t have the power to control it – turn it off – we always have the choice to tune in to it or not. So in times where I don’t want to tap into it, I simply tune it out,” she explains.

As evidenced by the tears and relief that washed over the entire small group I experienced, Rosen’s ability to communicate with the spirit world truly can be a gift to those in pain. I asked her what advice she offers someone who loses a loved one. “To know that while the physical loss is very painful and real, their spirit energy lives on in our hearts and we can access this eternal love connection to them by going within. Nobody is closer to their own inner guidance and connection to departed loved ones than you, and we can all tap into our intuitive gifts for ourselves. It simply requires making the time to be still and feel your way into this energy, while suspending doubt long enough to believe it is real.”

Rosen recently released a new book, *Begin With Prayer and Meditation*, which many have used as a resource to begin their own healing process. “Everything we need to know lies within us. We all have a God Spark within that connects us to something bigger than ourselves and to each other,” she explains. “And we all have the ability to talk with God/Source and Spirit (prayer) and to receive divine guidance and connection (meditation). There is no right or wrong way to do it, simply make time and space and go within and ask for what you want or need, then open your mind and heart to receive this download of divine energy, insight and guidance.”

For information on attending one of Rosen’s small group readings or to learn more about her books and mediations, visit rebeccarosen.com



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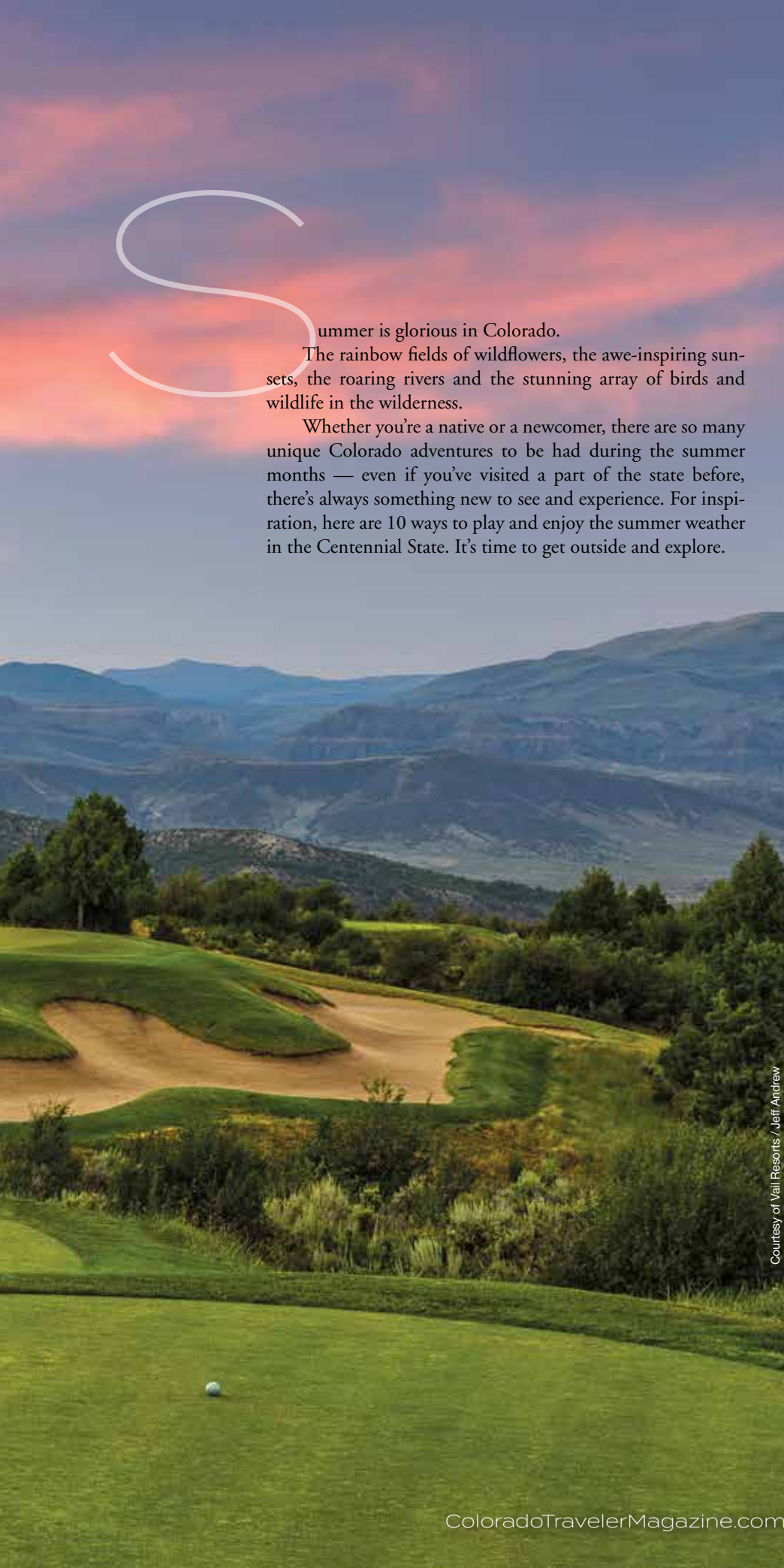
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Steppin' Out Colorado Style

10 Must-Try Summer Adventures

By **Sarah Kuta**





Summer is glorious in Colorado. The rainbow fields of wildflowers, the awe-inspiring sunsets, the roaring rivers and the stunning array of birds and wildlife in the wilderness.

Whether you're a native or a newcomer, there are so many unique Colorado adventures to be had during the summer months — even if you've visited a part of the state before, there's always something new to see and experience. For inspiration, here are 10 ways to play and enjoy the summer weather in the Centennial State. It's time to get outside and explore.

Courtesy of Vail Resorts / Jeff Andrew

Golf on a Mountain Course

With its craggy peaks and lush valleys, Colorado is home to some amazing mountain golf courses with a view. Mountains, evergreen trees and immaculately manicured greens create a stunning backdrop at every hole of **Beaver Creek Golf Club**, a Robert Trent Jones, Jr. course boasting challenging fairways. Nearby, the **Red Sky Ranch & Golf Club** offers two championship courses designed by Greg Norman and Tom Fazio, where you're likely to spot deer, elk and many species of mountain birds (the two Red Sky courses are separated by a ridge that doubles as a wildlife migration corridor). Though both courses are semi-private, you can book a tee time when you stay at several nearby hotel partners, including **The Westin Riverfront Resort & Spa** in Avon, where you can unwind after a day on the links in the resort's award-winning 27,000-square-foot **Spa Anjali**.

In Water or Offroad

This summer is expected to be one of the best whitewater rafting seasons on record, thanks to abundant snowfall over the winter. Enjoy a half-day of adventure on the Arkansas River with the experienced and knowledgeable guides at **Raft Masters**. You and your crew will enjoy the thrill of this adventurous trip famous for its steep drops, huge waves and action-packed rapids like Sunshine Falls, Sledge Hammer and Boat Eater. Looking for a fun and unique way to see the Royal Gorge? **Colorado Jeep Tours** offers half-day off-road jeep expeditions and full-day packages with other attractions, such as a ride on the Royal Gorge Route Railroad, wine tasting and more. And if you're headed to the Royal Gorge Bridge & Park, you'll save money by booking a Royal Gorge Jeep Tour that includes free Royal Gorge Bridge tickets. Best of all, the tours are both kid-friendly and dog-friendly!

Mountain Bike for the Views

Durango is a mountain biking mecca with more than 300 miles of trails within 30 minutes of downtown. Plus, it's a super-cool town with a laid-back vibe and plenty to do after you hit the trails. Whether you're a novice or an extreme adventurer on two wheels, the **Horse Gulch trail system** offers a little something for every skill level. There are more than 57 miles of trails to choose from across 1,519 acres, so you can stay and play all day without getting bored. For a difficult but rewarding ride, also consider the Hogsback Trail, which gains nearly 700 feet in elevation in just 1.7 miles. The trail, which is part of the 300-acre **Overend Mountain Park** (an area locals call "Test Tracks"), offers a killer workout and sweeping panoramic views.

Hike the Maroon Bells

Though you've likely seen a photograph (or two!) of Colorado's famed **Maroon Bells**, you really need to see this gorgeous panorama in person — you'll see Maroon Peak and North Maroon Peak reflected in a clear blue mountain lake, flanked by stunning alpine meadows filled with trees. You can take a quick one-mile roundtrip hike along the Maroon Lake Scenic Trail, or take a longer jaunt on the 3.2-mile one-way Maroon Creek Trail or the 3.6-mile roundtrip Crater Lake Trail. The nearby Silver Bell campground offers 14 tent sites or, for a more luxurious base camp, check into **Viceroy Snowmass**, where you can soothe your tired muscles in the resort's three new outdoor soaking tubs, designed specifically to soothe your calves, quads and lower back. As an added bonus, the resort and the Maroon Bells trails are dog-friendly, so you can bring your four-legged friends along for the journey.

Ride Horses in the Mountains

You'll feel especially connected with nature when you experience Colorado's summer landscape on horseback. Even if you have no experience with these gentle beasts, you can still enjoy a relaxing ride through nature while listening to the gentle "clip-clop" of your horse's hooves hitting the trail. Though you may feel like a cowboy, you won't have to rough it at **Vista Verde Ranch** near Steamboat Springs. This luxury, all-inclusive dude ranch will pair you up with a horse for your entire stay, so you can really get to know each other during the resort's horsemanship clinics and daily trail rides (in the fall, you can even participate in a cattle round-up on horseback!). Plus, the ranch's "cowboy cuisine," gorgeous grounds and private cabins make this the ultimate Colorado retreat.

Fly Fish in a River

There's no question: fly fishing is challenging, particularly when you compare it to standard fishing. But it's also incredibly rewarding and a great way to explore Colorado's mountain rivers, creeks and lakes. If you don't know the first thing about tying flies or how to tell the difference between Colorado's various types of trout, never fear — there are plenty of local outfitters who can take you on your first fishing trip. For a more immersive experience, you'll want to check out **The Broadmoor Fly Fishing Camp**, a relaxing retreat along a private five-mile stretch of the Tarryall River. Each day, you'll head out on a guided fly-fishing excursion, punctuated by delicious meals and other activities, like hiking, stargazing and bird-watching in the 120,000 acres of wilderness. The camp also offers a daily fly-tying workshop each evening before you head back to your circa-1920s cabin.





Standup Paddleboarding on a Mountain Reservoir

Sure, swimming can be fun, but many of Colorado's lakes and reservoirs are fed by snowmelt, which means the water can be ice cold even at the end of summer. Another way to get out on the water? Standup paddleboarding, more commonly referred to as "SUP." You can SUP all over Colorado, including at many reservoirs and lakes within an hour's drive of Denver. But the state's beautiful mountain scenery is really on display at **Dillon Reservoir**, a 3,300-acre body of water located at 9,017 feet in elevation in Summit County. Head to **Frisco Bay Marina**, where you can rent a standup paddleboard and explore on your own or sign up for a guided tour or lesson. (If paddleboarding isn't your thing, they also rent canoes, kayaks, powerboats and more.)

Road Bike in the City

Want a more leisurely bike riding experience? Hop on one of **Hotel Teatro's** vintage bikes and cruise around to Denver's best craft breweries. This boutique hotel even provides a brewery map curated by their in-house craft beer concierge, so you can sip all the best local sours, IPAs and porters during your ride. If you're in the mountains instead, hit up one of several bike rental shops in Glenwood Springs, then pedal your way along the 42-mile paved **Rio Grande Trail**. Stop for lunch in Carbondale, or continue all the way to Aspen. Just don't forget to pack sunscreen and lots of water, and be sure to save some energy for the ride back.

Rock Climb in the Garden of the Gods

Take your rock climbing experience to the next level with a visit to the Garden of the Gods. If you're an experienced climber, all you need is a free permit to explore these towering sandstone rock formations. Or, if you're new to the sport or just want someone else to take care of the details, you can book a guided ascent through **Front Range Climbing Co.**, which offers trips for climbers of all skill levels. After a day on the rocks, unwind with a therapeutic massage before retreating back to your private cottage at the nearby **Garden of the Gods Resort & Club**.

Trek with a Llama

Though multi-day backpacking trips are a great way to immerse yourself in nature, there's that pesky element of having to carry all your food, water and gear as you traipse through the backcountry (and no matter how light you try to pack, those backpacks get heavy). That's where llamas can help. These animals can help lighten your load by carrying some of your gear. Explore the wildflowers of the San Juan Mountains during a guided summer llama trip with **Redwood Llamas**, based in Silverton. You'll spend four or five days on the trail, eating "backcountry gourmet" food and camping under the stars. If you have experience, you can even lease a llama and set off to explore on your own.



5 New Ways To Do Yoga in Colorado

by Sarah Kuta

If your yoga practice is starting to feel a bit flat, summer is the perfect time to stretch yourself beyond your comfort zone.

Tired of being confined by the studio walls? Shake up your yoga practice this summer with these five unique options.

Yoga on the Rocks

Start your Saturday mornings with a moment of zen — and an incredible view — at **Yoga on the Rocks**. During an hour-long yoga session (\$16) led by a variety of instructors (and a different DJ each week), you'll flow on the steps of the iconic Red Rocks amphitheater in Morrison. Hurry, because tickets tend to sell out fast (they also offer barre if that's more your style!).

Yoga at the Gardens

Deep breathing is a hallmark of any yoga practice. At **Yoga at the Gardens**, you'll inhale the sweet scents of Colorado flowers and plants at the Denver Botanic Gardens (\$10 for members, \$12 for non-members). Choose from sunrise or evening sessions throughout the summer and early fall.

Yoga at a Brewery

Merge your love for two of Colorado's favorite pastimes when you do yoga at a brewery. These classes are held at breweries all over the Front Range, including regular sessions at Longmont's Wibby Brewing, Boulder's Sanitas Brewing and Denver's Ratio Beerworks, just to name a few. Your entry fee typically includes a beer after the class. Check out the event's calendar the next time you visit your favorite brewery to find a class near you.

SUP Yoga

As if standup paddleboarding wasn't a challenging enough workout on its own, why not throw a little yoga into the mix? You'll focus on balance, core engagement and being present when you practice on a paddleboard in the middle of a lake. There are regular sessions at Boulder Reservoir, Union Reservoir, Bear Creek Lake Park and Chatfield Reservoir, as well as many other lakes along the Front Range and in the mountains.



Goat Yoga

Goats are pretty baaaaaad at standing still, which makes goat yoga a hilarious and often chaotic exercise in mindfulness, patience and focus. You're guaranteed to leave feeling refreshed and happier than when you started — it's hard not to smile when you're doing downward dog next to an adorable baby goat. You can find public goat yoga sessions all over Colorado, as well as request your very own private goat yoga class through **Rocky Mountain Goat Yoga**.

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American - RiNo

Chef/owner Steven Redzikowski serves up contemporary American cuisine in this innovative epicurean marketplace located in the River North (RiNo) district. Housed in a reclaimed 1880's foundry, the atmosphere is as innovative as the food. Co-owner Bryan Dayton delivers fabulous cocktails, artisan wines & beers.

3350 Brighton Blvd. | 720.542.3721

Annette

Gastropub - Aurora

A wonderful restaurant inside the vibrant and eclectic Stanley Marketplace, this delicious eatery was included in *Bon Appetit's* list of 50 best new restaurants in the country. Chef/owner Caroline Glover serves farm-to-table and wood-fired fare that will leave you anticipating your next culinary adventure at this charming venue.

2501 Dallas St. | 720.710.9975

Ash'Kara

Israeli and Middle Eastern - Denver

Ash'Kara, explores the continuous evolution of Israeli cuisine, with ingredients and flavors from across Europe and North Africa, including Yemen, Syria, Morocco, Egypt, Turkey and Spain, into a menu of shareable items from the restaurant's wood-fired oven.

2005 W 33rd Ave | 303.537.4407

Atelier by Radex

French - Downtown

Acclaimed chef Radek Cerny's French-influenced restaurant in Denver's City Park neighborhood. Cerny's creations have been dubbed "edible works of art" that are "as stunning as they are delicious."

2011 E. 17th Ave. | 720.379.5556

Avanti Food Hall

Eclectic - LoHi

Bi-level shipping container with a variety of vendors (pizza, sushi & more), plus a rooftop bar.

3200 N Pecos St. | 720.269.4778

Avelina

American - Downtown

A sophisticated stunner in the heart of Lower Downtown (LoDo), Avelina turns out captivating New American cooking from an open kitchen that peers over a beautifully designed dining room.

1550 17th St. | 720.904.6711

Bamboo Sushi

Sushi - LoHi

Part of the Sustainable Restaurant Group out of Portland, Ore., Bamboo Sushi is the world's first certified sustainable sushi restaurant. With a focus on reducing the carbon footprint, the restaurant is dedicated to serving high-quality, sustainable fish in a presentation owner Kristofor Lofgren calls "deconstructed sushi in a bowl."

215 17th St. | 303.284.6600

Bar Dough

Italian - Highlands

Bar Dough is an Italian kitchen that has an elevated take on traditional cuisine in a cozy neighborhood setting. Acclaimed chefs Max Mackissock and Carrie Baird's menu of inventive small plates, traditionally prepared meats and fish, handmade pasta and wood fired pizza has drawn rave reviews locally and nationally.

2227 W 32nd Ave | 720.668.8506

Barolo Grill

Italian - Cherry Creek

This Denver favorite features a seasonal menu showcasing authentic northern Italian dishes with locally sourced ingredients. The spectacular wine cellar at this award-winning eatery includes a large collection of Barolo wines.

3030 E. 6th Ave. | 303.393.1040

Beast & Bottle

Contemporary - Uptown

Blocks from Denver's city center, Beast + Bottle has raised the bar on the "farm-to-fork" genre of cuisine. They work with ranchers, farmers and other purveyors, offering unique cuts of meat prepared in their in-house butchery, and organic ingredients. Serving breakfast, lunch and dinner, Beast + Bottle offers a delicious adventure in dining in a friendly, comfortable setting.

719 E. 17th St. | 303.623.3223

Beatrice & Woodsley

American - Baker

The tastes of the Old World and new cuisine blend wonderfully to create a memorable dining experience. Beatrice & Woodsley is as original as the name implies, and has garnered great attention and kudos from foodies around town. The dinner menu is a delight, and the brunch is sure to put a smile on your face.

38 S. Broadway | 303.777.3505

Beckon

European - RiNo

Chef Duncan Holmes, who served as culinary director of Boulder's Frasca Food and Wine, is serving up a creative menu in this bustling European-style café. From breakfast to dinner, the food is wonderful, and the setting – with a pop-art influence – makes it a fun experience.

2845 Larimer St. | 303.954.0230

The Bindery

Contemporary - Highlands

A fresh and wonderful addition to the LoHi scene, Bindery pays tribute to culinary artisans and foodmakers around the world, including European bakeries, corner neighborhood markets and lively eateries.

1817 Central St. | 303.993.2364

Bistro Vendôme

French - Downtown

This utterly charming bistro right in the heart of Larimer Square, is a favorite of Parisians and pretty much anyone with an affinity for delicious and authentic French fare. A unique experience and an unforgettable meal.

1420 Larimer Street | 303.825.3232



Blackbelly Market

Contemporary - Boulder

Award-winning chef Hosea Rosenberg opened this beloved Boulder favorite in 2014, and it quickly earned accolades for "best new restaurant." He expanded with Blackbelly Butcher, Boulder's only whole animal, artisanal butcher shop and sole independent retailer licensed to make and sell its own cured and fermented meats. This inventive chef achieved national culinary fame as winner of TV's *Top Chef, Season 5*.

1606 Conestoga St., #3, Boulder | 303.247.1000

Blue Island Oyster Bar

Seafood - Cherry Creek

Chef DJ Nagle has crafted a wonderful menu that brings the coast to the mile-high city. As the name implies, the oysters are simply divine shipped from blue island shellfish farms in New England. This hip bar serves up a wonderful assortment of wines, beer and cocktails that complement every seafood serving, from steamed mussels, lobster rolls, clam chowder or succulent crab cakes.

2625 E. Second Ave. | 303.333.2462

Bones

Asian - Capitol Hill

An Asian-inspired noodle house with a twist that's uniquely Frank Bonanno's, the chef/owner of top-notch local eateries. Situated between two other popular Bonanno restaurants, Luca d'Italia and Mizuna, Bones offers a unique, casual dining experience that nevertheless has a gourmet feel. The space is small; the flavors are anything but. And the noodle bowls are all the rage.

701 Grant St. | 303.860.2929

Broadway Market

Food Hall - Downtown

Inspired by village food halls where people have been gathering to eat and mingle for centuries, Broadway Market offers a mile-high spin on cuisine from all over the world in a comfortable and classic environment.

950 Broadway | 720.390.7132

Bubu Asian

Fusion - Downtown, Lowry

Chef Troy Guard delivers a healthy twist on the Asian-fusion concept, featuring build-your-own-bowls using freshest ingredients. Protein selections are rounded out with a choice of locally sourced vegetable toppings, and the Lowry location offers full dinner service including share plates, ramen bowls and raw favorites.

7559 E. Academy Blvd., Lowry 1423 Larimer St., Downtown | 303.36.2025



Death & Co.

Elliott Clark

Cart + Driver

Italian - RiNo

Chef Kelly Whitaker spins creative, offering up everything from authentic briny oysters to delicious salads and house-made pastries. Pizza is a staple at this unique establishment, which has developed a loyal and enthusiastic local fan club since opening in a 640-sq.-ft. shipping container space in Denver's RiNo arts district. Experience the great fare of southern Italian farms at this fun and friendly venue.

2500 Larimer St. | 303.292.3553

Cattivella

Italian - Stapleton

Acclaimed chef Elise Wiggins introduces her latest sensation in the Eastbridge project in Denver's lively Stapleton neighborhood. Cattivella, which means "naughty girl," lives up to its moniker with a fun take on wood-fired Italian fare served in a hip, fun setting. From the entertaining exhibition kitchen, watch as meals are prepared before your eyes.

10195 E. 29th Dr. | 303.645.3779

ChoLon Modern Asian Bistro

Asian - Downtown

Named after the largest market in Saigon, this historic LoDo restaurant offers a creative spin on traditional Asian dishes, along with handcrafted cocktails that enhance the vibrant flavors. The large projection screen in the lounge makes ChoLon a suitable location for business meetings and presentations.

1555 Blake St., Ste. 101 | 303.353.5223

Chook Charcoal Chicken

Contemporary - Platt Park

Chook, in Aussie lingo, means chicken. Chook aspires for delicious, responsible food, easy to take home, equally enjoyed in a relaxing and thoughtful environment. Food that's clean, sourced from those who care and respect our land, cooked to the highest ideals.

1300 S Pearl St. | 303.282.8399

Citizen Rail

American - Downtown

Located next to Hotel Born, this restaurant is all about the grill, which serves as the focal point for diners. Executive Chef Christian Graves presents a smorgasbord of wood-fired dishes, from smoking to searing to grilling. A heated patio lets the happy hour crowd enjoy the sites of the lively Union Station neighborhood.

1899 16th St. | 303.323.0017

Colt & Gray

Contemporary - Downtown

Enjoy everything from juicy burgers and beer to delectable lobster dishes complemented by vintage wines at this cozy local pub. The classic setting is augmented by the affordability of a neighborhood restaurant that prides itself on superior food and service.

1553 Platte St., No. 120 | 303.477.1447

CooHills

French - Downtown

With a focus on local, regional, and farm-fresh ingredients, this LoDo hotspot invites you to relax in its uniquely modern, European setting. Enjoy crudo salads, cheese or salumi selections or warm cassoulets served before, during or even after plates of pasta, fresh seafood, grilled or smoked meats, and locally grown vegetables. You can pull up to the community table, tuck in at your own intimate table or enjoy the outdoor terrace for a spirited drink.

1400 Wewatta St. | 303.623.5700

Coperta

Italian - Downtown

Coperta is run by brother and sister duo Paul and Aileen Reilly. This quaint Italian restaurant offers up delicious classic Italian dishes as well as some off-menu selections and a mozzarella bar. Not to mention a fabulous wine selection.

400 E. 20th | 303.393.6917

Dead Battery Club

Cocktails - Downtown

Aromatic food is created for you to unplug and recharge, a battery of racy gastronomic delights, inspired by healthful Mediterranean living. Talented chef Scott Parker leads the way with tapas, buns from around the world, and other fare for morning through late night.

2420 17th St. #103, Denver | 303.477.2444

Death & Co.

American - RiNo

An ultra-hip eatery inside the even hipper Ramble Hotel, this Manhattan restaurant/speakeasy opened its second location in Denver. Known for excellent and original craft cocktails, you'll want to try 'em all while sampling some of the fun and eclectic menu items.

1280 25th St. | 720.330.2660

Del Frisco's Double Eagle

Steak House - DTC

Truly a classic American steakhouse, Del Frisco's specializes in aged USDA-prime beef, hand-cut steak, chops and fresh seafood. The atmosphere is everything you'd expect from a great steak place, and the hand-shaken martinis are an extra bonus.

8100 E. Orchard Rd. | 303.796.0100

Denver Central Market

Global - RiNo

Located in Denver's RiNo neighborhood, Denver Central Market brings a chic restaurant vibe to the area. It's a one-stop shop of specialty vendors offering up some delicious artisan bread, ice cream, coffee, meat and cheese and so much more.

2669 Larimer St.

duo Restaurant

Contemporary - Highlands

This farm-to-table treasure is tucked away in one of Denver's hippest neighborhoods and offers a relaxed and unassuming environment. A word of advice: save room for dessert. Yasmin Lozada-Hissom, duo's renowned pastry chef, presents magical treats to top off any meal.

2413 W. 32nd Ave. | 303.477.4141

El Five

Mediterranean - LoHi

Nestled high above LoHi on the fifth floor, El Five boasts spectacular, unobstructed city views of the downtown Denver skyline, and a large open-air patio. El Five is a melting pot of all the Mediterranean regions, creating dishes without a home country, that taste like favorites from each one.

2930 Umatilla St. | 303.524.9193

Elway's

Steakhouse - Downtown, Cherry Creek, Vail, DIA Denver

Broncos legend John Elway and longtime friend Tim Schmidt teamed up to open this wildly popular restaurant which since day one has attracted a fun, high-profile mix of movers and shakers. The food is topnotch and the bartenders know their craft.

303.399.5353

Euclid Hall Bar & Kitchen

Tavern - Downtown

Located in historic Euclid Hall, this American tavern specializes in fine cocktails, craft beers and innovative, high-quality pub food from around the world. The eatery is a convenient location for Pepsi Center attendees, LoDo club-goers and Denver Center for the Performing Arts patrons.

1317 14th St. | 303.595.4255

The Family Jones Spirit House

Distillery / Tapas - Highlands

One of Denver's hottest venues, this is the place to be for delicious fare and unique cocktails. The décor is both trendy and sophisticated, and the staff never fails to deliver. True to its moniker, you can also purchase the spirits that are distilled inhouse.

3245 Osage St. | 303.481.8185

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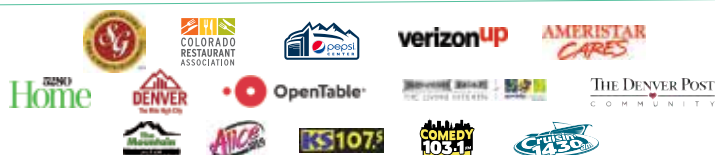
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FNG

American - Highlands

Denver Chef Troy Guard has done it again, this time with an innovative neighborhood eatery where you'll discover an elevated level of comfort food. From sandwiches and burgers to steak and fish, the food is wonderful and stays true to the high expectations of one of the city's best-known restaurateurs.

3940 W. 32nd Ave. | 303.963.5931

Frasca Food and Wine

Northern Italian – Boulder

Frasca is the creation of Master Sommelier Bobby Stuckey and Chef Lachlan Mackinnon-Patterson. Their shared passion for Friulano cuisine and fine wine is reflected in the exquisitely prepared fare and a comprehensive wine list.

1738 Pearl St. | 303.442.6966

French 75

French - Downtown

Chef Frank Bonanno trained with the best, including the French Laundry in Napa, and Daniel in Manhattan. Now he adds to his repertoire of fabulous restaurants with French 75, offering fine French dishes in a relaxed setting.

717 17th St. | 303.405.7575

Fruition

Seasonal - Cherry Creek

Chef Alex Seidel, named one of Food & Wine's best new chefs of 2010, creates a seasonal menu of sophisticated comfort food using only the highest-quality, local ingredients. Fruition's symphony of mood, service and cuisine reflect a grace that elevates this dining experience to a new level.

1313 E. 6th Ave. | 303.831.1962

Gozo

Mediterranean - Baker

South Broadway is brimming with flavor, and the taste of Italy shines through in this unique, contemporary restaurant. There's everything from tapas-style smaller plates to larger entrees, but it's the wood-fired pizza that keeps 'em coming back for more.

30 S. Broadway | 720.638.1462

Guard and Grace

Steakhouse - Downtown

A refreshing take on the big, fancy, modern steakhouse, Guard and Grace offers the gamut — delicious cuts of beef, a 4,000-bottle glassed-in wine cellar, and a visually stunning space that provides a huge change from the dark wood ambience of many a steakhouse.

1801 California St. | 303.293.8500

Hearth & Dram

American - Downtown

Located in downtown Denver's Union Station neighborhood, this is a rustic American restaurant and modern saloon, featuring wood-fire cooking and more than 300 whiskeys from around the world.

1801 Wewatta St. | 303.623.0979

Hop Alley

RiNo – Chinese

Hip Chinese restaurant featuring modern shared plates, plus craft beer, cider & clever cocktails.

3500 Larimer St. | 720.379.8340

Humboldt Fish & Wine

New American – Uptown

Chef-inspired and reinterpreted classics, a fresh oyster menu, seasonal fresh salads, small plates for sharing, as well as entrees featuring sustainable seafood, all-natural steaks and a great burger or two.

1700 N Humboldt St. | 303.813.1700

Il Posto

Italian - RiNo

Milanese chef/owner Andrea Frizzi prepares excellent dishes inspired by northern Italy. Featuring locally grown organic farm ingredients, the sophisticated restaurant is always a local favorite.

2601 Larimer St. | 303.394.0100

Izakaya Ronin

Sushi - RiNo

A popular place for dinner or late night, with a menu that features extensive sushi and sake selections and ever-changing chef's menu. Enjoy a meal in the first floor dining room, then head downstairs to the repurposed boiler room to the late-night moguri Izakaya (a speakeasy), for pub-style Japanese small plates and creative cocktails.

3053 Brighton Blvd. | 303.953.1602

Jax Fish House & Oyster Bar

Seafood - Multiple Locations

This acclaimed seafood haven prides itself on serving sustainable seafood, and Jax brings sumptuous ocean fare to our landlocked state, with highly regarded executive chef Sheila Lucero at the helm. If you're an oyster aficionado, this is the place!

Locations in LoDo, Glendale & Fort Collins

Jovanina's Broken Italian

Italian – Downtown

Jovanina's offers a fresh, modern take on Italian cuisine sourcing the best local and regional ingredients of the season. Handmade pastas and rustic, wood-fired ovens are the heart of the menu. Vibrant, vegetable-forward dishes, seafood, steaks, and chops.

1520 Blake St. | 720.541.7721

JULEP

Southern - RiNo

This Southern-style restaurant stays true to the tradition of southern hospitality in a sophisticated setting. Husband-and-wife duo Kyle and Katy Foster grew up in the South and bring their wonderful "family-to-table" traditions to Denver.

3258 Larimer St. | 303.295.8977

The Kitchen

American - Downtown, Boulder

Enjoy the spirit of the family kitchen in this neighborhood restaurant. This spot serves exceptional contemporary American cuisine with local, organic ingredients and is deeply committed to eco-friendly practices and the community.

Boulder: 10390 Pearl St. | 303.544.5973

Denver: 15th St. | 303.623.3127

Leña

Latin - Baker

Nestled in an intimate cozy setting, Leña is a Latin American-inspired restaurant that emphasizes sharing and communal dining. The venue's focal point is the white oak, wood-fired grill that serves up a tempting assortment of grilled meats, seafood and vegetables. The tortillas and empanadas are homemade, and the traditional offerings represent South and Central America, Spain and Mexico.

14 Broadway | 720.550.7267

Lola Coastal Mexican

Coastal Mexican - LoHi

Just a scenic stroll or a few minutes cab ride from downtown, Lola Coastal Mexican offers everything from custom guacamole mixed tableside to a varied array of remarkable, fresh entrees reminiscent of coastal Mexico. Patio seating, terrific weekend brunch and tantalizing cocktails are also a part of what makes Lola Coastal Mexican the place to be.

1575 Boulder St. | 720.570.8686

LeRoux

Downtown – European

Chef Lon Symensma, the inspiration behind Cholon, opened this charming gem to showcase melt-in-your-mouth French cuisine complemented by old-world wines and innovative cocktails.

1555 Blake St., Ste. 102 | 720.845.1673

Los Chingones

Mexican - Multiple Locations

Restaurateur Troy Guard's foray into the world of Mexican food is really all about tacos, and his selections are drawing rave reviews. Locals are going gaga over the octopus tacos, the shrimp tacos, the butternut squash tacos. Pretty much everything you would ever dream of putting in a taco has made its way into one at Los Chingones. It's not a fancy place, it's just plain fun.

2461 Larimer St. | 303.295.0686,

4959 S. Newport St. | 303.567.4258

Matsuhisa

Sushi - Cherry Creek, Aspen, Vail

This unique sushi restaurant is owned by world-renowned Chef Nobu Matsuhisa. Located in Aspen, Vail and Denver, Matsuhisa offers up some delicious sushi and new-style Japanese cuisine for lunch and dinner as well as a great selection of cocktails, beer, sake and wine.

98 North Steele St. | 720.408.6656

Mercantile Dining & Provision

American - Downtown

Acclaimed chef Alex Seidel takes diners on a culinary journey featuring fresh Colorado ingredients, many farmed from Fruition farms' artisanal sheep dairy and creamery. Located in Union Station, the atmosphere is hip, friendly and urban. Alex Seidel gained a following as owner of the award-winning Fruition restaurant, and now takes diners to a new level of inspired eating.

1701 Wynkoop St. | 720.460.3733

Milk Market

Global - Downtown

A fantastic gourmet food hall right in the heart of downtown Denver, featuring all the favorite fare of Chef Frank Bonanno and his wife Jacqueline. It's all here and all delicious, from salads, fried chicken, burgers and bao buns to libations and sweets.

1800 Wazee St. | 303.792.8242

Mister Tuna

American - RiNo

This trendy restaurant in Denver's RiNo neighborhood is another culinary delight from well-known restaurateur Troy Guard. The space is as cool as the fare, featuring sleek furnishings, raw bar, large open kitchen and an enormous wall mural at one end. The menu is varied and delicious, featuring homemade pastas, and a rotisserie that lends a special flavor of seafood, meats and veggies.

3033 Brighton Blvd. | 303.831.8862

Mizuna

French - Capitol Hill

Hailed as one of North America's best restaurants, Mizuna delivers tantalizing French cooking through culinary artistry. The menu changes monthly to reflect the bounty of the season, and this charming little restaurant is the flagship of Frank Bonanno's stellar lineup.

255 E. 7th Ave. | 303.832.4778

Morin

French - LoDo

Morin is a free-spirited French restaurant that plays at the intersection of contemporary cuisine and traditional French technique. Born out of chef Max Mackissock's French heritage, Morin is a place where the senses come alive, and a shared plate of freshly shucked oysters conjures up memories of family vacations on France's Normandy coast. Morin offers refined, inventive French food in a fun, convivial setting.

1600 15th St. | 303.623.0534

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American - Cherry Creek

Award-winning executive chef Paul Nagan stars in this stunning new restaurant adjacent to the jawdropping Jacquard Hotel. Featuring modern American fare, globally inspired shareable plates, great happy hour options and wonderfully original wine library.

222 Milwaukee St. | 303.515.2000

The Nickel

American - Downtown

A unique setting inside the iconic Hotel Teatro, the Nickel offers up mouthwatering Rocky Mountain comfort food. Don't miss the great popular brunch, or inventive cocktails in the barrel bar, all in a great setting that pays tribute to the hotel's storied past.

1100 Fourteenth St. | 720.889.2128

Old Major

Contemporary - Downtown

When a restaurant prides itself on serving sustainable cuisine, that definition can be all over the board. Not so at Old Major, a venue that cures its farm-raised meats in-house, serves sustainable seafood and sources ingredients from local farms. An experience in contemporary farmhouse cuisine.

3316 Tejon St. | 720.420.0622

Olive & Finch

American - Uptown, Cherry Creek

For a delicious alternative to a heavy meal, Olive & Finch is inspired by European cafes that excel in locally handcrafted, fresh food. This charming marketplace and eatery serves sublime fresh-baked pastries, artisan sandwiches, soups and salads, made from scratch using organic and locally sourced produce.

1552 E. 17th Ave. | 303.832.8663

3390 E. First Ave. | 303.955.0455



Milk Market

Ototo

Japanese - Platt Park

Ototo offers diners an intimate setting to enjoy Japanese robata-style tapas, sashimi, grilled whole fish and noodles. A robata grill with bincho-tan charcoal infuses a distinct flavor into the food, and an extensive raw bar features catch of the day – fresh and on-point. Ototo is the creation of Toshi Kizaki, a well-known fixture of Denver's culinary scene for more than 30 years.

1501 S. Pearl St. | 303.733.2503

Panzano

Italian - Downtown

Decorated chef Elise Wiggins offers excellent contemporary northern Italian cuisine. Each handmade dish is unique and made with local, organic, sustainable ingredients. An award-winning wine list features hand-selected pairings that will please even the most discriminating palate.

909 17th St. | 303.296.3525

The Plimoth

American - North Central

The menus are constantly changing at The Plimoth, as the restaurant's team of talented, creative chefs continue creating food that is fun, fresh and flavorful. Whether your taste runs toward a smoked salmon salad, smoked pastrami tartine or creatively prepared steak, you won't be disappointed when you order items that taste as good as they sound.

2335 28th Ave. | 303.297.1215

Potager

New American - Capitol Hill

Potager means kitchen garden. Immensely satisfying, locally sourced and seasonally driven fare. Rustic dining room and the organic New American menu changes monthly to reflect what's market fresh.

1109 N Ogden St | 303.832.5788

Quality Italian Steakhouse

Italian - Cherry Creek

This unique Italian-American steakhouse brings together regional Italian cuisine with traditional steakhouse fare. Quality Italian presents a menu combining these two cuisines and also offers up a dynamic cocktail program and extensive wine list.

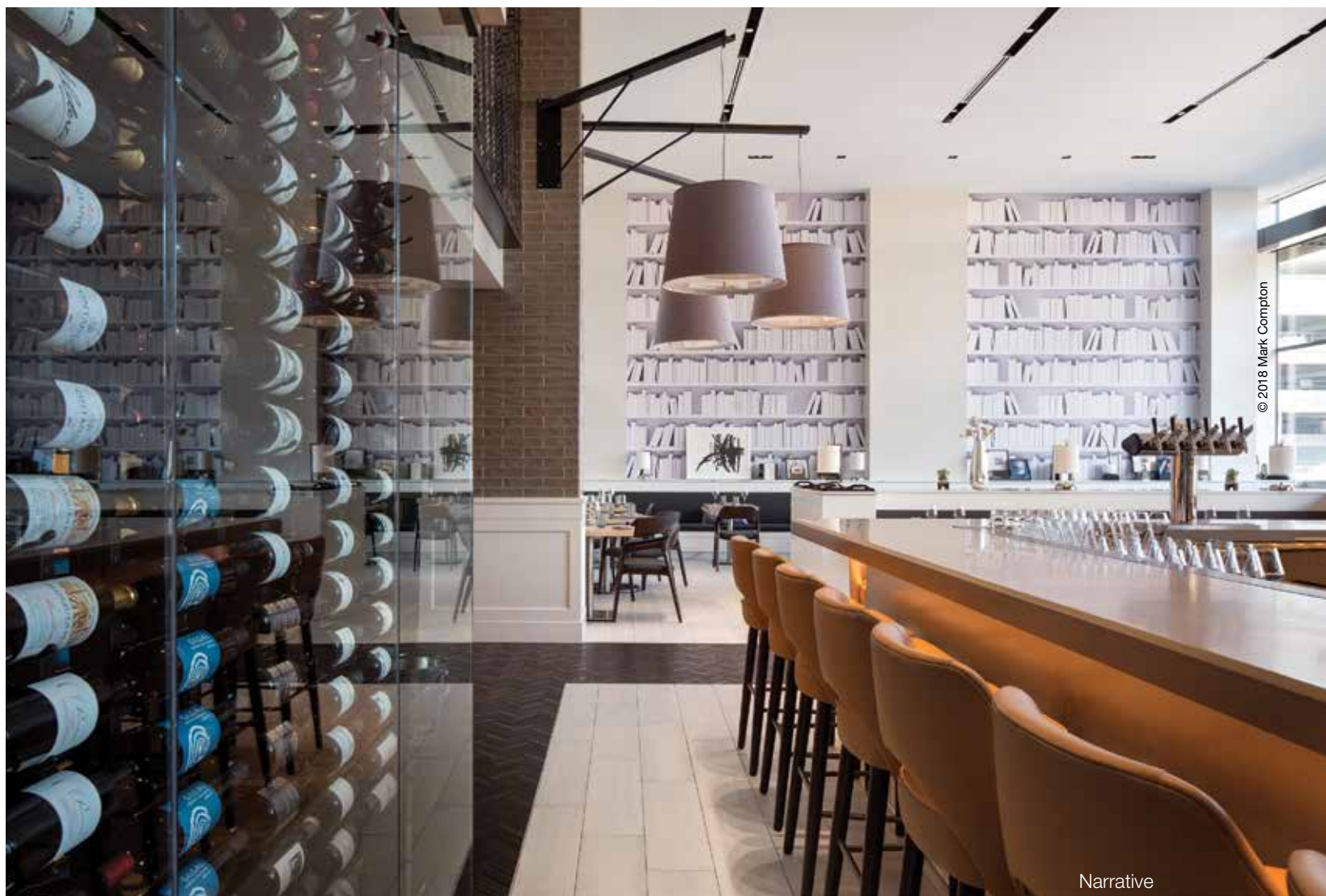
241 Columbine St. | 303.532.8888

Range

American - Downtown

A very cool Colorado-themed restaurant, housed in an even cooler setting: an historic bank-turned-hotel, right in the middle of Downtown Denver. The delicious food matches the incomparable setting; the bar scene is fun and the sea scallops are not to be missed! Oh, and desserts are awesome too.

918 17th St. | 720.726.4800



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Rioja

Mediterranean - Downtown

Featuring a menu inspired by Mediterranean food and influenced by local ingredients, Rioja offers pure food and bright flavors. With a wine list that offers fun, interesting varietals and a menu that features plenty of vegetarian options, this spot is consistently rated among the top restaurants in Denver.

1431 Larimer St. | 303.820.2282 | riojadenver.com

Root Down

American - Highlands, DIA

The Root Down credo is that food should be sensational, igniting all the senses to create a full dining experience. Following a field-to-fork mentality, food is as organic, natural and local as possible, and menus are globally influenced and inspired.

1600 W. 33rd Ave. | 303.993.4200

Safta

Middle Eastern, Israeli – RiNo

A delightful sojourn into the wonderful flavors of modern Israel. James Beard Award-winning Chef Alon Shaya, whose New Orleans restaurant Saba is a huge hit, opened Safta in the Source Hotel in the River North area. Influenced by the Middle East, Europe and North Africa, the cuisine evokes tastes of Israel, Bulgaria, Yemen, Syria, Morocco, Turkey, Palestine and Greece.

3330 Brighton Blvd. | 720.408.2444

Santo

Mexican - Boulder

Inspired by acclaimed Chef Hosea Rosenberg's home in Taos, N.M., this special eatery is a heartfelt tribute to the flavors and sights of Northern New Mexico. The rich blending of Spanish, Native American and Mexican foods results in mouthwatering flavors in sauces, salsas and more.

1265 Alpine Ave., Boulder | 303.386.3509

Sarto's

Italian - Jefferson Park

Sarto's social Italian eatery serves authentic Italian cuisine from its made-from-scratch menu. Whether you are looking for an extensive multi-course meal or a quick bite to eat, Sarto's social Italian eatery offers it all.

2900 W. 25th Ave. | 303.455.1400

Stanley Marketplace

Global - Aurora

Stanley Marketplace is unique because not only can you grab some delicious market-style food, it's also a place for you to eat, drink, shop, exercise, play, work, and so much more. Nestled in Aurora, the venue has a lot to offer.

2501 Dallas St. | 720.990.6743

Steakhouse No. 316

Steakhouse - Boulder

Straight from Aspen, Steakhouse 316 features prime cuts, lobster tails and more. Husband and wife owners Craig and Samantha Cordts Pearce have done it again, with a wonderful restaurant done in a film-noir style décor.

1922 13th St. | 720.729.1922

Stoic & Genuine

Seafood - Downtown

Located in the hip and happening Union Station in Denver's lower downtown neighborhood, Stoic & Genuine has a simple motto: fresh is everything. This multi-coastal seafood house and oyster bar flies in fresh seafood daily and features an innovative menu. Executive chef Jennifer Jasinski is also behind three of our other favorite Denver restaurants: Rioja, Bistro Vendôme and Euclid Hall.

1701 Wynkoop St. | 303.640.3474

Stout Street Social

American – Downtown

Stout Street Social is your stop for lunch, dinner and weekend brunch featuring a variety of American fare and a huge bar with more than 40 craft beers on tap. Broad menu choices of small and large plates, sushi and fresh seafood, salads and hearty entrees.

1400 Stout St. | 720.214.9100

Super Mega Bien

Mexican - RiNo

Their website says it all: "Super Mega Bien is for travelers of all walks." It's all about delicious food and great fun at this Latin-inspired restaurant located in the Ramble Hotel in RiNo. You can't go wrong with any of the family-style shareable dishes, or small plates served on colorful dim sum carts. It's deliciousness in every bite.

1260 25th St. | 720.269.4695

Sushi Den

Sushi - Platt Park

Regarded as one of the premiere sushi and Japanese restaurants in the U.S. since the mid '80s, this popular spot continues to set a standard for high-quality cuisine. With its own pesticide-free farm for produce, plus seafood flown in from Japan, Sushi Den leads Denver restaurants in quality.

1487 S. Pearl St. | 303.777.0826

Tables

American - Park Hill

Owners and chefs Amy Vitale and Dustin Barrett transformed this spot into a cozy, eclectic restaurant with personality and charm. The creative New American cuisine and friendly service are bright spots. Menus are regularly updated to feature the freshest seasonal ingredients.

2267 Kearney St. | 303.388.0299

TAG

Continental - Downtown

Chef/owner Troy Guard uses fresh local ingredients to offer a cross-cultural culinary adventure. Guard's playful cuisine, described as continental social food, melds classic and contemporary styles in a chic urban atmosphere to inspire a sense of community among friends. The menu is unconstrained by national boundaries, drawing from Chef Guard's Hawaiian rearing and his travels in Asia and Latin America.

1441 Larimer St. | 303.996.9985

Tamayo

Mexican - Downtown

Highly regarded chef Richard Sandoval delivers a perfect take on modern Mexican cuisine. Sit at the bar and peruse more than 100 tequilas and agave-based spirits, then get ready to indulge. The menu boasts all the delights of Mexico with a contemporary flair, paying tribute to Chef Sandoval's deeply rooted ties to his grandmother's and father's authentic Mexican cooking.

1400 Larimer Square | 720.946.1433

Tavernetta

Italian - Downtown

The James Beard Award-winning team of Lachlan Mackinnon-Patterson, Bobby Stuckey and Peter Hoglund first received acclaim with Frasca Food and Wine, their popular Boulder restaurant. Now Tavernetta, in the Union Station neighborhood, wows the Denver crowd, with an innovative Italian-themed menu for lunch and dinner.

1889 16th Street | 720.605.1889

Uchi

Sushi – Curtis Park

Non-traditional take on Japanese cuisine. The award-winning Uchi, which translated from Japanese means "house," was first opened in Austin, Texas by James Beard Award winner Chef Tyson Cole.

2500 Lawrence St. | 303.444.1922

Ultreia

Spanish - Downtown

The fabulous Crafted Concepts group has done it again with this Union Station gem that serves up great food indigenous to the Iberian Peninsula countries of Spain and Portugal. The name says it all, loosely translated to "onward" and referring to encouraging words to pilgrims on the pilgrimage in Spain – befitting a restaurant located in a transit hub.

1701 Wynkoop St. in Union Station | 303.534.1970

Urban Farmer Denver

Steakhouse - Downtown

A modern farm-to-table steakhouse located adjacent to the historic Oxford Hotel, this eclectic restaurant emphasizes locally sourced ingredients and authentic straightforward preparations. The great fare is enhanced by a wonderful selection of locally crafted beers and spirits.

1659 Wazee St. | 303.262.6070

Zolo Grill

Southwestern - Boulder

Chef Justin Goerich serves modern Southwestern cuisine using the best local, seasonal and organic ingredients. Everything is made inhouse, including smoked chorizo, bacon, pickles, desserts, sauces and salsas. Behind the bar, mixologist and master of tequila Giovanni Buonsante shakes up the most delicious handcrafted margaritas in Boulder, featuring more than 150 varieties of tequila.

2525 Arapahoe Ave., Boulder | 303.449.0444

SHOPPING



Cherry Creek Shopping Center

The Rocky Mountain region's premier shopping environment features more than 160 shops such as Neiman Marcus, Tiffany & Co., Burberry and Hyde Park Jewelers, plus popular dining hotspots like Elway's, Kona Grill and 801 Chophouse.

3000 E. 1st Ave. | 303.388.3900
ShopCherryCreek.com

Colorado Mills

Denver's only indoor outlet mall features high-end shops including Coach Factory, Saks Fifth Avenue Off 5th, Last Call by Neiman Marcus and Eddie Bauer Outlet. Great restaurants round out the mix, along with numerous entertainment options such as United Artists Theaters & IMAX, Jumpstreet and The Putting Edge.

14500 W. Colfax Ave.
303.384.3000
Simon.com/Mall/Colorado-Mills

Denver Pavilions

Located on the 16th Street Mall in the heart of downtown, this three-story, open-air shopping center has it all: 40 shops and restaurants, bowling lanes and a movie theater. Ride the free 16th Street Mall Shuttle to your favorite retailers, including Banana Republic, Express & more.

500 16th St. | 303.260.6000
DenverPavilions.com

Denver Premium Outlets

A premier outlet shopping destination featuring a diverse mix of popular designer and lifestyle brands, including Kate Spade New York, Tory Burch, Cole Haan, Michael Kors and Polo Ralph Lauren. Denver's newest shopping experience!

13801 Grant St. in Thornton
303.200.3815
premiumoutlets.com/outlet/denver

Flatirons Crossing

Set on a rise between Boulder and Denver, Flatirons Crossing invites you to enjoy blue skies, fun restaurants and top-flight movies. Explore more than 200 fashion and specialty retailers, including Coach, Coldwater Creek, Bebe, BC Surf and Sport, and more.

One W. Flatiron Crossing
720.887.7467
FlatironCrossing.com

Aspen Grove

Located in Littleton, this pet-friendly, open-air retail village is home to over 55 stores and restaurants, including Pottery Barn, The Gap, Apple, See's Candies, Hot Mama, Ted's Montana Grill and more.

701 S. Santa Fe Dr. | 303.794.0640
ShopAspenGrove.com

Belmar

An eclectic and well-planned destination for shopping, dining and events, Belmar is reaching new heights in the Denver scene. Located in the beautiful suburb of Lakewood, Belmar is a trendy escape from the busy city.

408 S. Teller St. | 303.742.1520
BelmarColorado.com

Cherry Creek North

More than 350 businesses make up the Cherry Creek neighborhood, representing local and national brands. Check out this retail and dining area where you will find fashion, jewelry and home furnishings, spas, salons, art galleries and restaurants.

299 Milwaukee St | 303.394.2904
CherryCreekNorth.com

16th Street Mall

Built in 1982, the 16th Street Mall is a tree-lined, pedestrian promenade that runs through the center of downtown. Lined with outdoor cafés, shops and restaurants, the mall has a great family-friendly atmosphere and a vibrant nightlife. Free shuttle buses cruise the mile-long Mall seven days a week.

Entire Length of 16th St.
303.534.6161
DowntownDenver.com

Antique Row

Although known locally as "Antique Row," this eclectic mix of merchants offers the gamut, including high-quality antiques, garden supplies, fine wines, antique rugs, handcrafted picture frames, tiles, vintage lighting, custom furniture craftsmen, a host of fabulous dining and a tea room.

1100-1800 S. Broadway
Antique-Row.com

Golden Triangle Museum District

Denver's Golden Triangle district is brimming with restaurants and culture. Within walking distance of downtown, it features more than 50 galleries, museums and specialty stores. Don't miss free First Friday Art Tours every month from 5 p.m. to 9 p.m. with complimentary shuttle service.

Bordered by Lincoln St.,
Colfax Ave. & Speer Blvd.
720.253.2774
GoldenTriangleofDenver.com

Highlands

Three diverse commercial districts comprise this neighborhood: cosmopolitan Lower Highlands (LoHi), charming Highlands Square and artsy Tennyson Street. Denver's largest neighborhood features local and national retailers, restaurants, landmarks, art galleries and entertainment.

32nd & Lowell Streets
303.892.1112
Highlands-Square.com

Historic Downtown Golden

If you want a change of pace from busy malls or more populated shopping districts, this is definitely the place to be. With one-of-a-kind boutiques that offer all things unique, serious shoppers who want to bring back that hard-to-find gift will love this district with a flavor all its own.

DowntownGolden.com | VisitGolden.com

Historic Downtown Littleton

Visit one of the few remaining historic shopping districts along the Front Range and experience a true hometown atmosphere where people smile and take life a little slower. With more than 250 eclectic shopping, dining and entertainment options, you are certain to find just what you're looking for.

West Main St. btwn. Santa
Fe Drive & South Rio Grande
303.795.5006
DowntownLittleton.com



Larimer Square

Located in the heart of downtown, the shops at Larimer Square offer a truly distinctive selection of fashion, jewelry, gifts and home accessories for shopping connoisseurs and fashionistas of all ages.

[Larimer St. between 14th & 16th Streets](#) | 303.534.2367
[LarimerSquare.com](#)

LoDo

Nestled between Coors Field and the Pepsi Center, LoDo is Lower Downtown's prime destination for fun and trendy shops. The eclectic stores and vibrant historic district offer everything from antiques and ranchwear to fine jewelry and eyewear.

[1616 17th St.](#) | 303.628.5428
[LoDo.org](#)

Old South Gaylord St.

One of the oldest business districts in Denver, here you can find passionate business owners who offer personal service. Old South Gaylord Street offers a variety of upscale boutiques, galleries and restaurants, as well as professional services and talented regional craftsmen.

[1059 S. Gaylord St.](#) | 303.733.2670
[SouthGaylordStreet.com](#)

Old South Pearl St.

This laid-back neighborhood features an eclectic mix of shops, boutiques and restaurants. An antidote to the modern megamall, it features seasonal events year-round, one-of-a-kind stores and some of the city's most popular nightspots.

[1569 Pearl St.](#) | 303.892.1112
[SouthPearlStreet.com](#)

Olde Town Arvada

With more than 150 unique shops, Olde Town Arvada has plenty of variety. Whether you're in the market for books, clothing, handmade jewelry, furnishings and antiques or a great restaurant, this vibrant shopping district is full of treasures.

[7307 Grandview Ave.](#)
303.420.6100
[OldeTowneArvada.com](#)

Outlets At Castle Rock

The Outlets at Castle Rock is the largest open-air outlet center in Colorado, housing more than 100 name-brand stores, including Coach, Polo Ralph Lauren, Tommy Hilfiger and many more.

[5050 Factory Shops Blvd.](#)
303.688.4495
[OutletsAtCastlerock.com](#)

Outlets At Loveland

A true gem tucked at the foot of the Rockies between Greeley and Fort Collins, the Outlets at Loveland is a great destination for hikers wanting a little shopping to top off a perfect day, or anyone looking for a fun and upscale experience. Featuring more than 40 great outlets, including Ann Taylor, Under Armour, Nike and J. Crew.

[5661 McWhinney Blvd.](#)
970.663.1916
[OutletsAtLoveland.com](#)

Outlets At Silverthorne

Nestled in the scenic Rockies, just off 1-70 on your way to the mountains, the Outlets at Silverthorne is home to three villages of impressive retail including Nike, Polo Ralph Lauren, GAP, Coach, Banana Republic, J.Crew, Columbia and more. A beautiful setting for some fabulous buys.

[246-V Rainbow Dr.](#) | 970.468.5780
[OutletsAtSilverthorne.com](#)

Park Meadows

A unique and visually stunning retail resort, Park Meadows features fashionable stores and delectable dining choices, along with entertainment and events. With over 165 retailers and 14 full-service restaurants, shoppers experience the classic Colorado lifestyle while enjoying the beautiful resort setting.

[8401 Park Meadows Center Dr.](#)
303.792.5384 | [ParkMeadows.com](#)

Pearl Street Mall

A four-block pedestrian mall in Boulder, Pearl Street is home to a number of locally owned businesses and restaurants, national chains and the Boulder County Courthouse. This popular tourist destination is loaded with charm, from the fountains and gardens to street performers.

[Btwn. the 1100 & 1400 blocks of Pearl St.](#) | 303.892.1112
[BoulderDowntown.com](#)

River Arts North District (RiNo)

Situated just north of downtown, RiNo is home to an eclectic mix of galleries, artists, wineries, breweries, and more. If you're in the market for unique, fabulous art, RiNo is the place to be, with a host of galleries showcasing works by some of the city's most talented artists.

[North of downtown Denver](#)
[RiverNorthArt.com](#)

The Shops at Northfield Stapleton

Located just minutes from downtown, The Shops at Northfield Stapleton is a pedestrian-friendly, open-air shopping district featuring specialty shops and restaurants including Macy's, Bass Pro Shops' Outdoor World and Harkins Theatres 18.

[8340 Northfield Blvd.](#)
303.375.5475
[NorthfieldStapleton.com](#)

Streets at Southglenn

This destination builds on the character of the surrounding neighborhood with a mix of retailers, restaurants, entertainment and services. Southglenn is an unmatched upscale shopping, dining and entertainment experience.

[S University Blvd & E. Arapahoe Rd](#)
303.539.7141
[ShopSouthglenn.com](#)

Southlands

An outdoor lifestyle center with a community plaza and four blocks of retail shops, restaurants and entertainment options, Southlands offers a movie theater, Barnes & Noble, Eddie Bauer, Irish Bistro and Pub and more.

[6155 Main St.](#) | 303.627.5000
[ShopSouthlands.com](#)

Southwest Plaza

Conveniently located in southwest metro Denver, Southwest Plaza features popular retailers and restaurants such as Forever 21, BC Surf and Sport, and Tokyo Joe's, plus department stores including Dillards flagship store.

[8501 W. Bowles Ave.](#) 303.973.7062
[SouthwestPlaza.com](#)

Tennyson Street Cultural Arts District

Located in the Berkeley District, the Tennyson Cultural Arts District offers music, live performance, film, and art galore.

[Located in Northwest Denver btwn. Sheridan & Lowell and 38th & 52nd Ave.](#) [BerkeleyDistrict.com](#)

Town Center At Aurora

An indoor mall with more than 150 fun stores including Macy's, Dillard's and Victoria's Secret. A neighborhood shopping destination, the Town Center has great options for dining, children's fashion, home electronics and everything for your style.

[14200 E. Alameda Ave.](#)
303.344.9764
[Simon.com/Mall/Town-Center-at-Aurora](#)

Twenty-Ninth Street

Twenty-Ninth Street is the premier mixed-use outdoor shopping center in Boulder, featuring local and national eateries and shops like Anthropologie, Apple, Sephora, California Pizza Kitchen and more.

[1710 29th St.](#) | 303.444.0722
[TwentyNinth.com](#)

Village Shops at The Landmark

Featuring the best designers in Denver and some of the finest retailers in the world, Village Shops at the Landmark is one of the foremost shopping destinations in the city.

[Quebec St. btwn Bellevue & Orchard](#)
303.892.1112
[VisittheLandmark.com](#)

ATTRACTIONS



ARTS VENUES

Art District on Santa Fe

Home to many artists and studios, this arts district has become a national model of success in community revitalization. The art district has cultivated a friendly, welcoming feel for both seasoned collectors and new art lovers.

801 Kalamath St. | 303.868.8680
ArtDistrictOnSantaFe.com

Arvada Center for the Arts

With two performance venues, three galleries and a multidisciplinary arts education program, the Arvada Center showcases theatrical shows, musical performances and local and touring art exhibitions.

6901 Wadsworth Blvd. | 720.898.7200
ArvadaCenter.org

Civic Center

Just steps away from the Denver Art Museum, the Clyfford Still Museum, the U.S. Mint and more, the park is an historic urban oasis nestled amid one of the country's grandest architectural campuses.

14th Ave Pkwy & Broadway | 303.861.4633
CivicCenterConservancy.org

Clyfford Still Museum

The Clyfford Still collection represents one of the most comprehensive single-artist collections in the world, encompassing approximately 2,400 works, most never before exhibited.

1250 Bannock St. | 720.354.4880
ClyffordStillMuseum.org

Colorado Ballet

A treat for classical and modern dance enthusiasts, the Colorado Ballet boasts 30 members from around the globe presenting a variety of exciting performances.

1278 Lincoln St. | 303.837.8888
ColoradoBallet.com

Colorado Springs Fine Arts Center

More than a museum, here you will find an arts district, combining a museum, theatre and art school, featuring special performances, standup comedy and concerts.

30 W. Dale Street, Colorado Springs
719.634.5581 | CSFineArtsCenter.org

The Colorado Symphony

Performing traditional, modern and classical works, the Colorado Symphony offers year-round concerts featuring everything from light summer shows to performances by celebrated musicians.

1000 14th St. | 303.623.7876
ColoradoSymphony.org

Denver Art Museum

Founded in 1893, the city's largest museum is one of the most storied in the state with more than 68,000 pieces of art. With an extensive American Indian collection, the museum is a must-see for art lovers.

100 W. 14th Avenue Pkwy. | 720.865.5000
DenverArtMuseum.org

Denver City Attractions

Denver City Attractions provides a showcase for live theater, touring Broadway shows, acting classes for the community and more, located at the Denver Center for the Performing Arts.

1101 13th St. | 303.893.4100
DenverCenter.com

Kirkland Museum of Fine & Contemporary Art

With painting, sculpture, furniture, ceramics and an elastic hodgepodge of classic works from the past 100 years, this one-of-a-kind facility features some of the best-known designers of our time.

1201 Bannock St. | 303.832.8576
KirklandMuseum.org

Mizel Museum

The Mizel Museum, an educational, nonprofit organization, is Denver's only museum that addresses today's social justice issues through the lens of Jewish history and values. The museum's programs, events and exhibits are designed to combat discrimination and hatred and encourage positive change in our communities.

400 S. Kearney St.
720.785.7300 | MizelMuseum.org

Museum of Contemporary Art Denver

Featuring regional, national and international artists, the vast array of rotating exhibits and public educational programs promotes creative experimentation with art and ideas for visitors of all ages.

1485 Delgany St. | 303.298.7554
MCADenver.org

Sangre de Cristo Arts Center

The museum's latest expansion now includes the acclaimed Buell Children's Museum and Jackson Sculpture Gardens, and today this beautiful city incorporates high-quality art exhibits, performing arts, dance arts, an award-winning children's museum and comprehensive arts educational programming. This is a don't miss venue when you visit Pueblo!

210 N. Santa Fe Ave. in Pueblo
719.295.7200 | SDC-Arts.org

THE GREAT OUTDOORS

Chautauqua Park

The Chautauqua movement of the early 1990s promoted simplicity, learning and art appreciation. That spirit lives on in this haven for cultural enrichment. Rental cottages are available at the park.

900 Baseline Rd. | 303.442.3282
Chautauqua.com

City Park

This beautiful park adjacent to downtown Denver features lakes, historical monuments, playgrounds, tennis courts, and is home to the Denver Museum of Nature & Science, IMAX and the Denver Zoo.

2001 Colorado Blvd. | DenverGov.org/Parks

Denver Botanic Gardens

As one of the top-ranked facilities in the United States, the Denver Botanic Gardens presents a wide range of grounds and stunning collections from all corners of the world.

1007 York St. | 720.865.3500
BotanicGardens.org

Garden of the Gods Visitor & Nature Center

The Garden of the Gods Visitor & Nature Center is the most-visited attraction in the Pikes Peak region, offering free admission, iconic views, interactive museum exhibits, world-class shopping, and the fun and exciting Geo-Trekker Theater movie experience.

1805 N. 30th St. in Colorado Springs
719.634.6666 | GardenOfGods.com

Mount Goliath Mount Evans Scenic Byway

Located 17 miles from Idaho Springs near Mt. Evans, this stunning area abounds with wildflowers and wildlife. Great views and hiking trails make this a local gem.

Bailey, CO | 720.865.3585
MountEvans.com

Denver Mountain Parks

The entire parks system contains more than 14,000 acres of parklands in the mountains and foothills just west of downtown. It also encompasses a wide variety of striking Colorado terrain, perfect for activities like hiking and sightseeing.

303.987.7800
DenverMountainParks.wordpress.com

Flatirons Vista Trailhead

Enjoy hiking, mountain biking, horseback riding, trail running and picnicking on the Trailhead's two- or three-mile loop through the Ponderosa pines and meadows along the Flatirons.

3663 State Hwy. 93 | 303.441.3440
ProTrails.com/trails

Red Rocks Amphitheatre

Once known as the "Garden of the Angels" and later as the "Garden of the Titans," this stunning venue is a favorite for concertgoers and musicians. Towering red rocks frame the site, and the views are nothing short of incredible.

18300 W. Alameda Pkwy, Morrison
720.865.2494
TheRedRocksAmphitheatre.com

Washington Park

At more than 100 years old, the area known to locals as Wash Park is one of the largest parks in Denver, featuring flower gardens, a 2.6-mile jogging trail, two lakes, a bowling green, tennis courts and more.

S. Downing St. & E. Louisiana Ave.
303.698.4692 | WashPark.com

OUTDOOR FUN

Castle Rock Adventure Park

Tons of adventure in one place, including 10 thrilling zip lines, a three-level challenge sky trek and an epic adventure tower featuring a 42-ft. climbing wall, rappelling stations and the world's first flight line!

1375 W. Plum Creek Pkwy. | 720.733.9477
castlerockziplinetours.com

Elitch Gardens

America's only downtown theme park and waterpark has operated continuously for more than 120 years. Elitch's is sheer fun, making this a go-to destination for locals and out-of-town visitors.

2000 Elitch Circle | 303.595.4386
ElitchGardens.com

Glenwood Caverns Adventure Park

Enjoy mountains of adventure including cave tours, thrill rides, restaurants, kids' activities and more in this park situated on top of Iron Mountain with breathtaking views of the Roaring Fork Valley and surrounding mountains.

51000 Two Rivers Plaza Rd.
in Glenwood Springs
970.945.4228 | GlenwoodCaverns.com

The North Pole

Since 1956 this Christmas-themed family amusement park has delighted visitors. Featuring more than 25 rides and attractions, gift shops featuring unique toys and gifts, and a 1919 band organ evoking memories from years past. But the highlight is a trip to Santa's House to greet the jolly old elf himself!

Santa's Workshop
5050 Pikes Peak Hwy. in Cascade
719.684.9432 | NorthPoleColorado.com

Royal Gorge Bridge & Park

Home of America's highest suspension bridge and zip line, the park is filled with adrenaline-packed rides and breathtaking views of Colorado's natural wonders. An unforgettable experience for all.

4218 County Rd. 3A in Canon City
RoyalGorgeBridge.com

Soaring Tree Top Adventure

Enjoy some of the longest zip lines in the U.S. as you soar on a Colorado eco tour over the San Juan Mountains on 27 different zip lines ranging from 56 ft. to 1,400 ft. in length over 1.5 miles of cable. Cross the Animas River and soar through majestic old-growth ponderosa pines and beautiful aspen groves.

964 County Road 200 in Durango
970.769.2357 | SoaringColorado.com

Red Rocks Amphitheatre

shutterstock.com

MUSEUMS AND MORE

The Bradford Washburn American Mountaineering Museum

The nation's only museum dedicated to mountaineering history, featuring exhibits on climate, science, cultures and the humanities as they relate to mountains.

710 10th Street in Golden | 303.996.2747
MountaineeringMuseum.org

The Butterfly Pavilion

This treasure features a visually thrilling rainforest with 1,600 free-flying tropical butterflies, live animal exhibits and interactive fun for all ages.

6252 W. 104th Ave. | 303.469.5441
Butterflies.org

Cheyenne Mountain Zoo

USAToday named this the fourth-best zoo in America. Home to more than 170 different species in total, this is the highest zoo in the country at an elevation of 6,800 ft. above sea level. The zoo was founded in 1926 by philanthropist Spencer Penrose to house his growing collection of exotic animals.

4250 Cheyenne Mountain Zoo Rd.
in Colorado Springs | 719.833.3925 | CMZoo.org

Children's Museum of Denver

Engage with interactive playscapes, daily educational programming and popular special events. Serving children and their grown-ups, the museum provides a dynamic learning environment to explore.

2121 Children's Museum Dr.
303.433.7444 | MyChildrensMuseum.org

Colorado Gators Reptile Park

A unique opportunity to meet, pet, hold and take pictures with a little alligator. Large African Sulcata tortoises wander freely about, and don't miss the albino alligators, Mr. Bo Mangles and Morris the Hollywood alligator from "Happy Gilmore." Also on display are fearsome Nile crocodiles, Burmese pythons, a 17' reticulated python, and more.

6162 Cr. 9 N. in Mosca
719.378.2612 | ColoradoGators.com

Colorado Railroad Museum

Revel in the sights and sounds of more than 100 narrow-and standard-gauge steam and diesel locomotives, passenger cars, cabooses and more in the museum's 15-acre railyard, and visit the Depot General Store where you'll find thousands of trail gifts.

17155 W. 44th Ave., Golden | 303.279.4591
ColoradoRailroadMuseum.org

Colorado Sports Hall of Fame

Take a journey through Colorado Sports history, where you will learn about world-famous and lesser-known athletes in a variety of sports ranging from football to track and field to fencing. All of the athletes showcased in the museum have demonstrated characteristics that represent the true glory of athletic competition: sportsmanship, leadership, courage, sacrifice, endurance and power.

Broncos Stadium at Mile High, Gate 1
1701 Bryant Street | 720-258-3888
ColoradoSports.org

Colorado State Capitol

Opened in 1894, the Colorado State Capitol stands as a living museum of history and an active seat of state government. See where legislation takes place in the House and Senate chambers during free daily tours.

200 E. Colfax Ave. | 303.866.2604
Colorado.gov

Denver Museum of Nature & Science

For more than 100 years, the Denver Museum of Nature & Science has allowed visitors to explore the cosmos and uncover brilliant gems and minerals. Enjoy the IMAX theater and planetarium or go toe-to-toe with a T-Rex... if you dare!

2001 Colorado Blvd. | 303.370.6000 | DMNS.org

Denver Zoo

From the birth of an exotic animal to the exhilaration of a world-class exhibit opening, the area's largest zoo is an adventure for the senses.

2300 Steele St. | 303.376.4800 | DenverZoo.org

Downtown Aquarium

Dive into food and fun – and an underwater adventure! Enjoy the Aquarium restaurant and explore more than 1 million gallons of sealife including sharks, otters, tigers and more.

700 Water St. | 303.561.4450
DowntownAquarium.com

Fiske Planetarium

What's your sign? Test your astronomy knowledge at the University of Colorado's popular planetarium. Check out the dazzling array of laser and star shows, live star talks & more.

2414 Regent Dr. | 303.492.5002
Fiske.Colorado.edu

Forney Museum of Transportation

A unique collection of more than 600 artifacts representing historical transportation. The exhibits include buggies, motorcycles, steam locomotives, aircraft, carriage, fire apparatus, sleighs, bicycles and much more. Check out the Union Pacific 'Big Boy' Steam Locomotive, Amelia Earhart's 1923 Kissel Gold Bug and more.

4303 Brighton Blvd. / 303.297.1113
ForneyMuseum.org

History Colorado Center

A fascinating view of Colorado history comes alive, with a comprehensive collection of books, artifacts and photographs that encapsulate the state's history. History is truly brought to life in this award-winning architectural venue.

1200 Broadway | 303.447.8679
HistoryColorado.org

Molly Brown Museum

Experience the legacy of the Unsinkable Molly Brown, a leading socialite and philanthropist best known as one of the survivors of the RMS Titanic.

1340 Pennsylvania St. | 303.832.4092
MollyBrown.org

National Center for Atmospheric Research

How do clouds form? Why is climate changing? Learn all this and more at NCAR, which is dedicated to understanding our earth on a national and international scope.

1850 Table Mesa Dr. | 303.497.1000
NCAR.UCAR.edu

ProRodeo Hall of Fame

Visitors love this educational and entertaining museum that preserves the legacy of the western spirit, including cowboy contests, heritage and culture of the original competitions. You'll see champions of the past, present and future. The new kid's area features a dress-up area, bouncy animals, a bucking chute, barrels, roping dummies and more.

101 Pro Rodeo Drive in Colorado Springs
719.528.4764 | ProRodeoHallOfFame.com

Rocky Mountain Arsenal

National Wildlife Refuge

This area supports more than 330 species of wildlife such as bald eagles, hawks and more, on a 15,000-acre expanse of short-grass prairie.

6550 Gateway Rd. | 303.289.0232
fws.gov/Rocky_Mountain_Arsenal

Counterterrorism Education Learning Lab (The CELL)

A fascinating exhibit dedicated to the prevention of terrorism through education, empowerment and engagement. This is a one-of-a-kind dynamic, interactive experience with content developed by world-renowned experts providing an indepth understanding of the history of terrorism, methods employed by terrorists, and current issues facing U.S. national security.

99 West 12th Ave. | 303.844.4000
TheCell.org

The Wild Animal Sanctuary

Housing more than 450 rescued lions, tigers, bears and other carnivores, this 720-acre space is the largest carnivore sanctuary in the world. Come view the animals on the mile-and-a-half of elevated walkway and step into the wild.

1946 County Rd 53, Keenesburg 303.536.0118 |
WildAnimalSanctuary.org

Wings Over The Rockies Air & Space Museum

Located on the former grounds of Lowry Air Force Base, Colorado's Air and Space Museum offers a trip through history from distinctive aircraft nose art to stirring exhibits.

7711 E. Academy Blvd. | 303.360.5360
WingsMuseum.org

THE SCENE

Film on the Rocks: Top Gun

Red Rocks Amphitheatre

Tom Cruise stars in the 1986 high-flying action classic, presented at the Red Rocks Amphitheatre.

www.redrocksonline.com

July 1

Santana & The Doobie Brothers

Pepsi Center

Legendary guitar player Carlos Santana and his band honor Woodstock's 50th Anniversary alongside The Doobie Brothers.

www.pepsicenter.com

July 3

Blues Traveler

Red Rocks Amphitheatre

The legendary blues and jam band performs at Red Rocks on the 4th of July.

www.redrocksonline.com

July 4

Dead & Company

Folsom Field, Boulder

Former Grateful Dead bandmembers, among others, continue to play, this time at the Folsom Field Stadium in CU Boulder.

www.boxoffice-tickets.com

July 5-6

Jay Leno

Vilar Performing Arts Center, Vail

"The hardest working man in showbusiness", podcast host, and former late-night host performs standup comedy in Vail.

www.vilarpac.org

July 5

Jake Shimabukuro & Trace Bundy

Chautauqua Auditorium, Boulder

Virtuosic ukulele player Jake Shimabukuro plays alongside guitar master Trace Bundy for an evening of acoustic bliss.

www.chautauqua.com

July 6

Melissa Etheridge

The Hudson Gardens & Event Center

Singer-songwriter known for hits such as "My Window" and "I'm the Only One" comes to Hudson Gardens.

www.hudsongardens.org

July 7

(July 8 at Chataqua Auditorium, Boulder)

The Mavericks & Los Lobos

Denver Botanic Gardens

The genre-defying Mavericks perform alongside Mexican-American rock band Los Lobos, who celebrate their 40th anniversary performing together.

www.botanicgardens.org

July 8

MercyMe

Red Rocks Amphitheatre

Acclaimed Christian band MercyMe, known for their chart-topping hit "I Can Only Imagine."

www.redrocksonline.com

July 8

Charlie and the Chocolate Factory

The Buell Theatre

The musical based on Roald Dahl's classic children's book features many songs from the original 1971 motion picture.

www.denvercenter.org

July 9-28

Return to the Rocks: Face Vocal Band

Red Rocks Amphitheatre

The all-vocal rock band from Boulder makes its return to Red Rocks.

www.redrocksonline.com

July 10

Hugh Jackman

Pepsi Center

Beloved Australian actor performs songs from his musical movie roles, accompanied by a live orchestra.

www.pepsicenter.com

July 10

Hootie & The Blowfish and Barenaked Ladies

Fiddlers Green Amphitheatre

Classic rock band Hootie & The Blowfish perform alongside cult-favorite Canadian band Barenaked Ladies.

www.fiddlersgreenamp.com

July 11

Donnie Baker

Denver Improv Comedy Theater

Funnyman Donnie Baker will leave you laughing.

www.denver.improv.com

July 11

Steve Martin & Martin Short

Budweiser Events Center, Loveland

Musicians, actors, and comedians Steve Martin and Martin Short appear for a night of musical sketches and comedy.

www.treventscomplex.com

July 12 (Also appearing July 13 at

Pikes Peak Center in Colorado Springs)

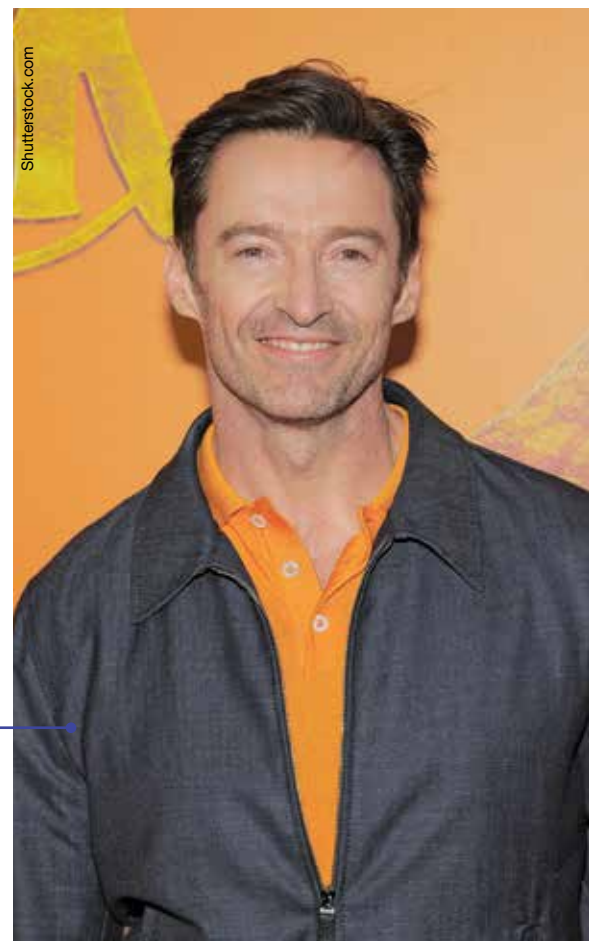
Drums Along the Rockies

Broncos Stadium at Mile High

Colorado's most popular marching music event, including Denver marching group the Blue Knights.

www.ascendperformingarts.org

July 13



Robert Cray

Chautauqua Auditorium, Boulder

Five-time GRAMMY winner Robert Cray brings his genre-blurring mix of blues, soul, and R&B.

www.bouldertheater.com

July 13

Cody Jinks

Red Rocks Amphitheatre

AEG Presents country singer Cody Jinks at Red Rocks Amphitheatre.

www.redrocksonline.com

July 13

Michael Buble

Pepsi Center

Michael Buble's big-band sound and endless charm come to the Pepsi Center.

www.pepsicenter.com

July 13

Daniel Sloss

Boulder Theater

The Scottish comedian performs new standup material hot off the success of his Netflix comedy specials.

www.bouldertheater.com

July 13

Pink Martini & Mary Chapin Carpenter

Red Rocks Amphitheatre

Self-proclaimed "little orchestra" Pink Martini collaborates with singer-songwriter Mary Chapin Carpenter live at Red Rocks.

www.redrocksonline.com

July 14

Michael McDonald

Chautauqua Auditorium, Boulder

13-time GRAMMY-nominated singer Michael McDonald returns to Colorado performing material from his first album in nine years.

www.chautauqua.com

July 15 (Also appearing July 17 at Vilar Performing Arts Center and at Denver Botanic Gardens on July 18)

Lyle Lovett and His Large Band

Red Rocks Amphitheatre

Lyle Lovett and His Large Band perform with special guests Ricky Skaggs and Kentucky Thunder.

www.redrocksonline.com

July 15

Norah Jones

Red Rocks Amphitheatre

Norah Jones performs live at Red Rocks alongside Mavis Staples.

www.redrocksonline.com

July 16

The Head and The Heart

Red Rocks Amphitheatre

The popular American folk band recently released their fourth studio album, "Living Mirage."

www.redrocksonline.com

July 17-18

The String Cheese Incident

Red Rocks Amphitheatre

Hailing from Telluride, the progressive bluegrass band performs for three nights at Red Rocks.

www.redrocksonline.com

July 19-21

Colorado Symphony: Brett Mitchell – Lunar Landing 50th Anniversary Celebration

Boettcher Concert Hall

Music Director Brett Mitchell conducts a show honoring the 50th anniversary of the lunar landing.

www.coloradosymphony.org

July 20

Patton Oswalt

Paramount Theatre

Patton Oswalt performs a fun evening of standup comedy.

www.paramountdenver.com

July 20



Josh Turner

Pikes Peak Center, Colorado Springs

Grammy nominee Josh Turner entertains with gospel and country sounds.

www.pikespeakcenter.com

July 20

Seal

The Hudson Gardens & Event Center

The Grammy-winning artist behind *Kiss from a Rose* performs live at Hudson Gardens.

www.hudsongardens.org

July 21

Diana Ross

Red Rocks Amphitheatre

The former lead singer of the legendary Motown group "The Supremes" in a solo concert.

www.redrocksonline.com

July 22

Killer Queen – Tribute to Queen

Red Rocks Amphitheatre

Killer Queen performs a tribute to the legendary rock band Queen, with Patrick Myers performing as Freddie Mercury.

www.redrocksonline.com

July 23

Trampled by Turtles

Red Rocks Amphitheatre

The bluegrass/rock band performs alongside special guests Deer Tick and The Dead South.

www.redrocksonline.com

July 24

Tedeschi Trucks Band

Red Rocks Amphitheatre

Always a great sound, the band is winner of the 2012 Grammy award for Best Blues Album.

www.redrocksonline.com

July 26-27

Toots & The Maytals

Vilar Performing Arts Center

One of the most influential Reggae bands plays with The Gladiators, featuring Droop Lion.

www.vilarpac.org

July 26

Jason Aldean & Kane Brown

Fiddlers Green Amphitheatre

Country music legend Jason Aldean performs alongside special guest Kane Brown.

www.fiddlersgreenamp.com

July 26



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Rodrigo y Gabriela

Denver Botanic Gardens at Chatfield
The classical guitar duo hailing from Mexico performs their mix of flamenco and modern sensibilities at the Botanic Gardens.
www.botanicgardens.org
July 28

John Prine & Colorado Symphony Orchestra

Red Rocks Amphitheatre
Country and folk singer John Prine is accompanied by the Colorado Symphony Orchestra.
www.redrocksonline.com
July 28

Trace Adkins

Paramount Theatre
The Louisiana country star comes to the Paramount Theatre.
www.paramountdenver.com/
July 28

Buddy Guy

Vilar Performing Arts Center
Blues legend Buddy Guy performs selections from his 18th album "The Blues is Alive and Well."
www.vilarpac.org
July 30

Peter Dinklage

Red Rocks Amphitheatre
Peter Dinklage returns to Red Rocks on his FINALE tour, his final tour after a 53-year long career.
www.redrocksonline.com
July 31

Suzanne Vega

Boulder Theater
Eclectic folk revivalist Suzanne Vega comes to Boulder.
www.bouldertheater.com
July 31

Adams County Fair

Riverdale Regional Park, Brighton
The fair is almost as old as the county itself! Join nearly 70,000 fun seekers at this five-day event for music, food, and fun.
www.adamscountyfair.com
July 31-Aug. 4

Weird Al Yankovic with the Colorado Symphony

Red Rocks Amphitheatre
The Colorado Symphony joins the comedic icon on stage for one night only this summer!
www.redrocksonline.com
August 1

Arise Music Festival

Sunrise Ranch, Loveland
A celebration of music, yoga, camping, art and community.
www.arisefestival.com
August 2-4

My Morning Jacket

Red Rocks Amphitheatre
Catch this popular American rock band on tour at the legendary Red Rocks Amphitheatre.
www.redrocksonline.com
August 2-3

Colorado Symphony Orchestra: Harry Potter and The Half Blood Prince in Concert

Boettcher Concert Hall
A full screening of the feature film scored live by the Colorado Symphony Orchestra.
www.coloradosymphony.org
August 2-4

Yoga on the Rocks

Red Rocks Amphitheatre
Experience an extraordinary venue from a different perspective - Downward Dog.
www.redrocksonline.com
August 3

The Oak Ridge Boys

The Hudson Gardens & Event Center
The group's four-part harmonies and upbeat songs are unique and distinctive.
www.hudsongardens.org
August 3

Leo Kottke

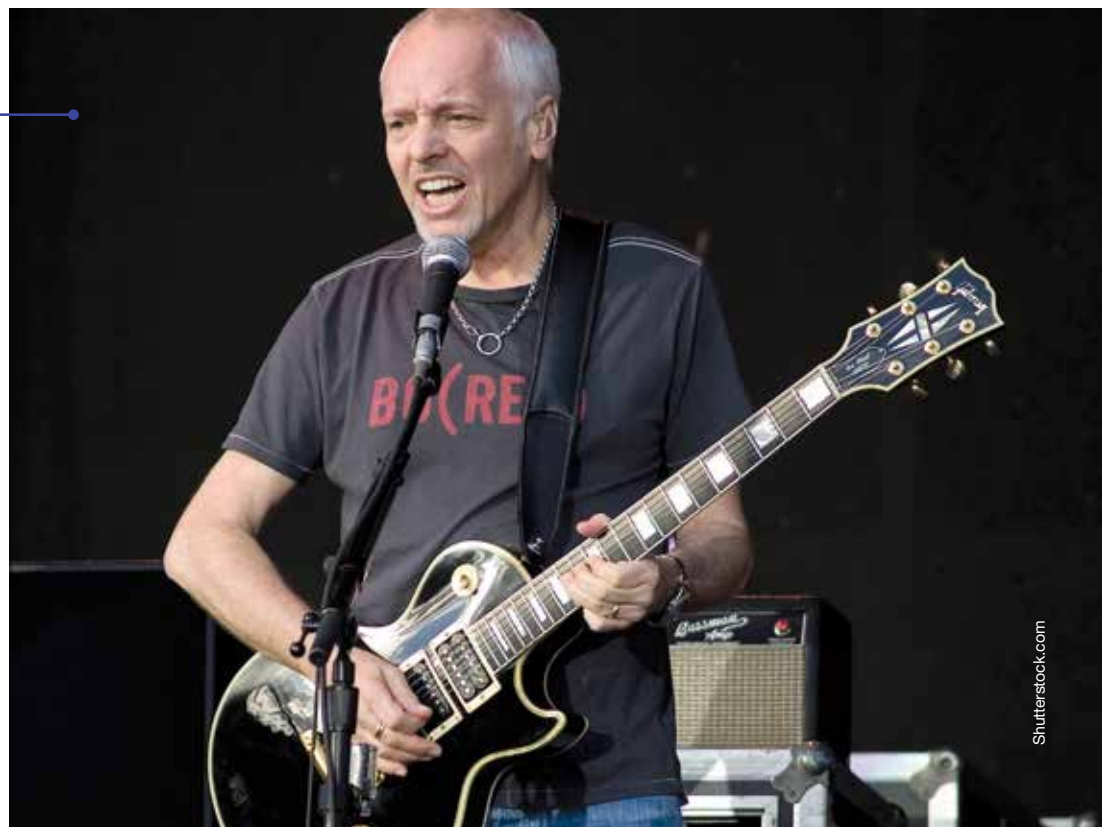
Boulder Theater
Join acoustic guitarist Leo Kottke at the Boulder Theater for an evening of blues, jazz, and folk music.
www.bouldertheater.com
August 3

Gregory Alan Isakov

Red Rocks Amphitheatre
Singer-songwriter Gregory Alan Isakov brings contemporary, indie and country folk music to the legendary Red Rocks Amphitheatre.
www.redrocksonline.com
August 4

The Mighty Ducks

Red Rocks Amphitheatre
Film on the Rocks features film The Mighty Ducks live at Red Rocks Amphitheatre.
www.redrocksonline.com
August 5



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Wiz Khalifa

Fillmore Auditorium

Catch rapper & singer-songwriter Wiz Khalifa on his *Decent Exposure Summer Tour*.

www.livenation.com

August 6

Flume

Red Rocks Amphitheatre

Flume & Friends 2019 brings electropop and good vibes to Red Rocks Amphitheatre.

www.redrocksonline.com

August 6-7

Mary J Blige/Nas

Fiddlers Green Amphitheatre

Hip-hop and R&B legendary artists Mary J Blige and Nas on tour together for the first time.

www.livenation.com

August 7

The Lumineers

Mission Ballroom

Two-time Grammy-nominated rock band The Lumineers hits the stage in a brand-new venue.

www.axs.com

August 7

Anastasia

The Buell Theatre

A dazzling new musical that follows the journey of a young woman as she travels from the Russian Empire to 1920's Paris.

www.denvercenter.org

Aug. 7-18

Arturo Sandoval

The Little Nell, Aspen

See 10-time Grammy winner and one of the most dynamic and vivacious live jazz performers.

www.axs.com

August 8

Backstreet Boys: DNA World Tour

Pepsi Center

The Backstreet Boys celebrate 26 years together and the release of their new album, *DNA*.

www.pepsicenter.com

August 8

Billy Joel

Coors Field

Songwriter Hall of Famer Billy Joel promises to bring a memorable performance to Denver.

www.livenation.com

August 8

Indigo Girls

Botanic Gardens

An enjoyable evening with the phenomenal folk-rock duo.

www.botanicgardens.org

August 8 (Also appearing Aug. 9 at Chautauqua Auditorium in Boulder)

OAR with American Authors

Red Rocks Amphitheatre

American rock band, featuring American Authors, known for their hit "Best Day of My Life."

www.redrocksonline.com

August 8

Zac Brown Band – Caroline Jones

Coors Field

Catch Zac Brown Band with special guest at the iconic Coors Field.

www.mlb.com

August 9

Trey Anastasio Band

Mission Ballroom

Trey began his career as a guitarist and singer for the band Phish. This is Trey Anastasio Band's first headline in nearly two years.

www.axs.com

August 9-10

Alison Wonderland

Red Rocks Amphitheatre

Alison Wonderland is an Australian electronic dance music producer, DJ, and singer.

www.redrocksonline.com

August 10

The Temptations

Memorial Hall, Pueblo

World renowned ambassadors of soul, conscience, and style.

www.pueblomemorialhall.com

August 10

The Guess Who

Philip S. Miller Park, Castle Rock

Canadian rock band that had international success in the 1960's and '70s. One of their hits includes "American Woman."

www.crgov.com

August 11

Judy Collins with Joan Osborne singing the songs of Bob Dylan

Botanic Gardens

An enjoyable evening of blues, pop and folk music.

www.botanicgardens.org

August 12

Taj Mahal Quartet + Marc Cohn with Blind Boys of Alabama

Chautauqua Auditorium, Boulder

A fun mix of blues, soul, and gospel genres.

www.tickets.chautauqua.com

August 12

John Hiatt

Botanic Gardens

American singer-songwriter known for hits such as "Have A Little Faith in Me" and "Thing Called Love."

www.botanicgardens.org

August 13

Judah and The Lion

Red Rocks Amphitheatre

Join Judah & The Lion on their *Pep Talks Worldwide Tour* at legendary Red Rocks Amphitheatre.

www.redrocksonline.com

August 13

Steve Miller Band and Marty Stuart and His Fabulous Superlatives

Mission Ballroom

Rock and Roll Hall of Famer Steve Miller Band hits the road with support from Marty Stuart and His Fabulous Superlatives.

www.axs.com

August 13



Lionel Richie

Red Rocks Amphitheatre

Music icon Lionel Richie comes to Red Rocks Amphitheatre as part of his 2019 *Hello Tour*.

www.redrocksonline.com

August 14

George Clinton and Parliament Funkadelic

Mission Ballroom

Guest performers include Dumpstaphunk, Fishbone, and Miss Velvet and the Blue Wolf.

www.axs.com

August 15

Mumford & Sons

Fiddlers Green Amphitheatre

Popular folk/alternative rock band best known for hits like "I Will Wait" and "Little Lion Man".

www.stubhub.com

August 15-17

Asleep at the Wheel

Vilar Performing Arts Center

American country music group and 10-Time Grammy Award Winners bring their unique sound.

www.vilarpac.org

August 15

John Butler Trio + Yonder Mountain String Band

Red Rocks Amphitheatre

Singer-songwriter John Butler and Colorado-based jamgrass act Yonder Mountain String Band team up for a memorable performance.

www.redrocksonline.com

August 16

Shenandoah

Grizzly Rose

Shenandoah is known for their powerful presence in the country music genre.

www.shenandoahband.com

August 16

Chris Issak

Hudson Gardens and Events Center

American musician widely known for popular hits such as "Wicked Game," "Baby Did A Bad Bad Thing" and "Somebody's Crying."

www.hudsongardens.org

August 17

Slightly Stoopid/Hirie/Tribal Seeds/Matisyahu

Red Rocks Amphitheatre

Slightly Stoopid invites Hirie, Tribal Seeds and Matisyahu on their *How I Spent My Summer Vacation 2019 Tour*.

www.redrocksonline.com

August 17



The B-52s

Lake Dillon Amphitheatre

What better way to watch this 1950's rock 'n roll band than in a beautiful mountain venue?

www.tickets-center.com

August 17 (Also appearing Aug. 18 at Fiddlers Green Amphitheatre)

Colorado Classic Bike Race

Various locations in Colorado

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www.coloradoclassic.com

August 22-25

Colorado State Fair & Rodeo

Colorado State Fairgrounds

This 11- day event is filled with live music, rodeo, carnival games, horse show, vendors.

www.coloradostatefair.com

Aug. 23-Sept. 2

Phish

Dick's Sporting Goods Park

American rock band known for their improvisation, extended jams, and bending of genres.

www.tix.axs.com

Aug. 30-Sept. 1

Movie Night @ Coors Field

Coors Field

Enjoy a post-game viewing of The Sandlot at Coors Field!

www.mlb.com

September 1

Amos Lee

Red Rocks Amphitheatre

American singer-songwriter whose musical style encompasses folk, rock, and soul.

www.redrocksonline.com

September 2

Bon Iver

Red Rocks Amphitheater

American indie folk band founded in 2006 performing at Red Rocks!

www.redrocksonline.com

September 3

blink-182 & Lil Wayne

Pepsi Center

An unlikely pair of music acts co-headline this once-in-a-lifetime North American tour.

www.pepsicenter.com

September 4

Erma Bombeck – At Wit's End

Garner Galleria Theatre at the DCPA

The beloved humorist captured the frustrations of her generation by asking, "If life is a bowl of cherries, what am I doing in the pits?"

Denvercenter.org

Sept. 4-22

STS9

Red Rocks Amphitheatre

STS9's new "Push the Sky" concept will be felt at Red Rocks Amphitheatre.

www.redrocksonline.com

September 6-7

Day Out with Thomas

Colorado Railroad Museum

Every Saturday & Sunday in September, enjoy a ride on Thomas the Train!

www.ticketweb.com

September 7-22

American Indian Cultural Celebration

Denver Art Museum

The 30th Annual Friendship Powwow and American Indian Cultural Celebration features traditional American Indian dancers, booths, and more.

www.denverartmuseum.org

September 7

Mark Knopfler

Red Rocks Amphitheatre

The Dire Straits frontman is adored for his masterful guitar sounds.

www.redrocksonline.com

September 10

Old Dominion

Red Rocks Amphitheatre

Old-fashioned country charm, lyrical wit and rock n' roll all rolled into one.

www.redrocksonline.com

September 11

KISS

Pepsi Center

End of the Road World Tour.

www.pepsicenter.com

September 12

Florida Georgia Line

Fiddler's Green Amphitheater

Breaking records with their chart-topping debut singles, Florida Georgia Line rolls out the hits.

www.fiddlersgreenamp.com

September 13

Social Distortion and Flogging Molly

Mission Ballroom

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www.axs.com

September 13

Incubus and Dub Trio

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www.livenation.com

September 14



GreenSky Bluegrass and Rayland Baxter

Red Rocks Amphitheatre

This funky band offers a contemporary twist on bluegrass.

www.redrocksonline.com

September 14

Hop, Skip & a Jump Start

Children's Museum of Denver

Get the whole family active in this stroller-friendly 5k along the South Platte River Trail.

www.mychildsmuseum.org

September 15

Carrie Underwood

Pepsi Center

The Cry Pretty Tour 360.

www.pepsicenter.com

September 16

Of Monsters and Men

Mission Ballroom

This Icelandic pop band reached #1 with their hit song "My Head is an Animal".

www.axs.com

September 16

Lynyrd Skynyrd

Fiddler's Green Amphitheater

Legendary rock band Lynyrd Skynyrd performs at Fiddler's Green.

www.fiddlersgreenamp.com

September 21

Denver Beer Week

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www.denver.org/denver-beer-week/

September 27 - October 5

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16th Street Mall

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www.16thstfair.com

September 27 - 28

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www.runsignup.com

September 28

The Who

Pepsi Center

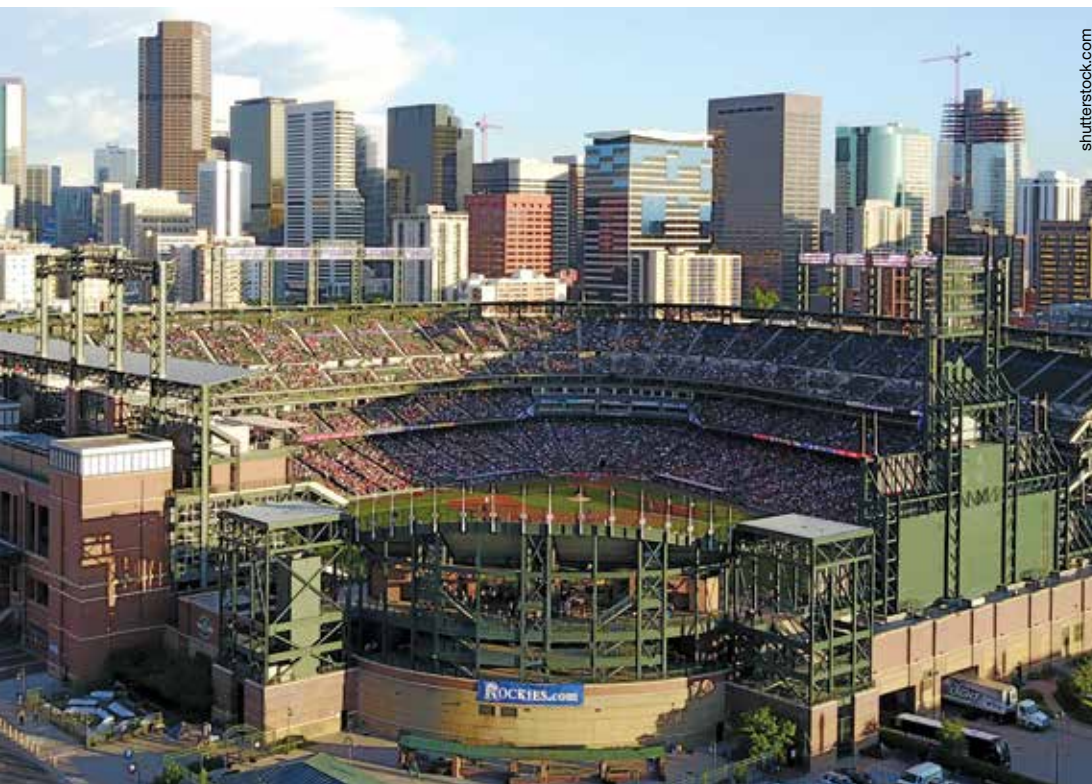
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www.pepsicenter.com

September 29

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SPORTS



COLORADO ROCKIES

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July 2	vs. Houston Astros
July 3	vs. Houston Astros
July 12	vs. Cincinnati Reds
July 13	vs. Cincinnati Reds
July 14	vs. Cincinnati Reds
July 15	vs. San Francisco Giants
July 16	vs. San Francisco Giants
July 17	vs. San Francisco Giants
July 29	vs. Los Angeles Dodgers
July 30	vs. Los Angeles Dodgers
July 31	vs. Los Angeles Dodgers
August 2	vs. San Francisco Giants
August 3	vs. San Francisco Giants
August 4	vs. San Francisco Giants
August 12	vs. Arizona Diamondbacks
August 13	vs. Arizona Diamondbacks
August 14	vs. Arizona Diamondbacks
August 16	vs. Miami Marlins
August 17	vs. Miami Marlins
August 18	vs. Miami Marlins
August 26	vs. Atlanta Braves
August 27	vs. Boston Red Sox
August 28	vs. Boston Red Sox
August 29	vs. Pittsburgh Pirates
August 30	vs. Pittsburgh Pirates
August 31	vs. Pittsburgh Pirates
September 1	vs. Pittsburgh Pirates
September 10	vs. St. Louis Cardinals
September 11	vs. St. Louis Cardinals
September 12	vs. St. Louis Cardinals
September 13	vs. San Diego Padres
September 14	vs. San Diego Padres
September 15	vs. San Diego Padres
September 16	vs. New York Mets
September 17	vs. New York Mets
September 18	vs. New York Mets
September 27	vs. Milwaukee Brewers
September 28	vs. Milwaukee Brewers
September 29	vs. Milwaukee Brewers

DENVER OUTLAWS

All games played at Broncos Stadium at Mile High

Tickets: www.ticketmaster.com

July 4	vs. Chesapeake BayHawks
July 11	vs. Atlanta Blaze
July 21	vs. Dallas Rattlers
August 3	vs. Boston Cannons
August 24	vs. New York Lizards

COLORADO RAPIDS

All games played at Dicks Sporting Goods Park

Tickets: coloradorapids.com

July 4	vs. New England Revolution
July 15	vs. Arsenal FC
July 20	vs. New York City FC
August 3	vs. Montreal Impact
August 10	vs. San Jose Earthquakes
September 7	vs. Seattle Sounders FC
September 11	vs. LA Galaxy
September 29	vs. FC Dallas

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