Outdoor Adventure

Come early or stay over to enjoy numerous skiing opportunities 2 hours or less from Denver. For a quick opportunity, try Echo Mountain, just 36 miles from downtown with 9 runs - some suitable for beginners. Loveland Ski area is just 53 miles from downtown Denver and offers 1,365 diverse acres of terrain and breathtaking views from the second-highest chairlift in the world. If you're looking for something more advanced, Arapahoe Basin Ski area is less than 90 minutes from Denver has a clear focus on extreme terrain for the veteran skier.

Denver offers miles of hiking trials suitable for all abilities. For urban hiking in the heart of Denver, try the 2.5 mile loop at City Park or the 3.5 mile look at Confluence Park. If you're looking for nature and wildlife, try the 2.5 mile Lowry Park loop for view of both downtown Denver and the Rocky Mountains. Finally, the Rocky Mountain Arsenal National Wildlife Refuge offers more than 15 miles of hiking trials.

Rocky Mountain National Park offers 415 square miles of spectacular mountain environments. Visit the overlooks on Trial Ridge Road or explore 300 miles of hiking, wildlife, and star-filled nights. Just 90 minutes from Denver visit not-to-miss experiences in Colorado Springs like the Garden of the Gods and Pikes Peak.

Art

The Art District on Santa Fe is a hub of Denver’s art scene with 30 galleries and artist studios. The Santa Fe offers everything from contemporary and traditional art in a variety of styles including painting, sculpture, mixed media, photography, and graphic art. The Golden Triangle Creative District is home to eight museums and 15 galleries, including the Walker Fine Art gallery, as well as specialty art stores. Explore the history of Abstract Expressionism at the Clyfford Still Museum. Learn about the African American men and women who helped settled and develop the west at the Black American West Museum located in the former home of Dr. Justina Ford, the first Black female doctor in Denver.
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Shopping

Denver has a variety of neighborhood boutiques offering one-of-a-kind gifts. **Rockmount Ranch Wear** is a Denver landmark making Western wear since before the streets were paved dressing celebrities and locals alike. **Larimer Square** is a one-stop shopping destination housed in historic buildings with everything from home furnishings, custom hats, jewelry, and apparel. Settle in at the **Tattered Cover Book Store** - one of the country's largest independent book stores - for hot tea, snacks, and an extensive selection of books.

Family Friendly

Denver is full of family-friendly fun. Start at **City Park** to enjoy the best of outdoor activities like hiking (see above), tennis courts, horseshoes, two lakes, and two playgrounds. Lions and Tigers and Bears - oh my! Take a walk on the wild side by visiting the **Denver Zoo** offering 83 acres and over 3,000 animals. A variety of animal encounters are also available year round. Also located at City Park is the **Denver Museum of Nature and Science**. Opened in 1868, the Museum strives to encourage a passion for science and nature with exhibits focusing on everything from gems and minerals and space to Egyptian Mummies and North American Indian cultures. The **Downtown Aquarium** is a unique public aquarium and dining/entertainment complex with over a million gallons of underwater exhibits home to over 500 species.

Helpful Resources:
- Visit Denver - [www.denver.org](http://www.denver.org)
- Denver Black Pages - Connect to Black Denver - [https://denverblackpages.com/](https://denverblackpages.com/)
- LGBTQ+ Denver Resources - [https://www.denver.org/about-denver/lgbt/](https://www.denver.org/about-denver/lgbt/)
- Explore Denver Video - [https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=UHMV5WK4anA](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=UHMV5WK4anA)