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The magic of unwinding in a steaming hot spring as snowflakes fall from the sky is one of the greatest joys of winter in Colorado. Hop on the Colorado Historic Hot Springs Loop to discover some of the state's best winter soaking locales — and spend your time in between dips enjoying some quintessential cold-season activities.

Itinerary Tip

Backcountry Safety

Get out in front of backcountry danger this winter, and keep safety top-of-mind! Seek education and training prior to heading out, or utilize a professional guide or a seasoned mentor to explore Colorado's backcountry. [Find more ways to get informed and stay safe in Colorado.](#)

Sustainability Activity

Travel Like a Local

There are special places and unique vistas around nearly every Colorado corner. You can help ensure these places exist for generations to come by staying on roads and trails, keeping speeds in check, leaving campsites and picnic spots just as you found them, and following instructional signs while you're out and about in our state.

Day

1

Insider's Tip

Start in Glenwood

Start your hot-springs trek in Glenwood Springs before heading on to Ouray on Day 2.

Activity

Sunlight Mountain Resort

If you love Sunlight in winter, wait until you discover the joys of Sunlight in the summer. But don't stop there. Each season offers a number of...

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Lunch

Slope & Hatch

Taps, tacos, dogs and more. Fresh, affordable, chef-driven cuisine.

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Activity

Glenwood Escape Room

A balance of high and low tech elements, puzzles and clues create an adventure for the mind. We like to make our rooms challenging but fun so that...

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Dinner

Grind

When we first opened GRIND we had a vision for a “burger joint” with the sensibilities of a farm to table restaurant. We wanted to be a local hang...

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Activity

Glenwood Hot Springs Resort

If you're like us, you want a bigger, wilder experience. Something that elevates the dreams, adventures and spirit that few destination...

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Lodging

Hotel Colorado

The Historic Hotel Colorado is located in Glenwood Springs directly between Aspen and Vail. You'll enjoy our legendary service, modern amenities,...

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Day

2

Breakfast

Sweet ColoraDough

Sweet ColoraDough is a bakery located in Glenwood Springs, Colorado specializing in doughnuts, pastries, pies, cupcakes, cakes, tea, coffee, and...

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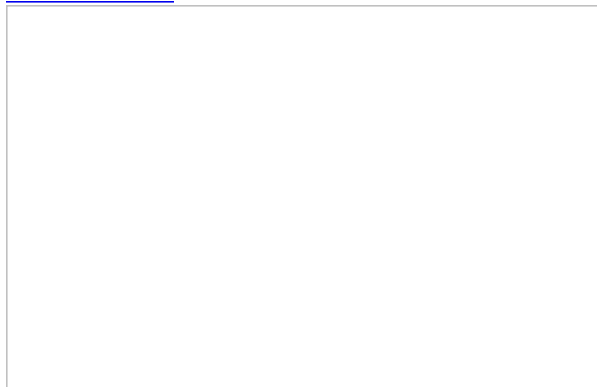
Activity

Ouray Hot Springs Swimming Pool

Nearly one million gallons of clear hot springs water, without the sulfur smell common in many hot springs. There are 3 pools ranging from 80 to...

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Lunch

Ouray Cafe & Steakhouse

Ouray Cafe and Steakhouse serves all the great meals you would expect. Prime rib, omlets and the Super Nacho Platter are some of the really yummy...

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Activity

Ouray Ice Park

The Ouray Ice Park is an outdoor park featuring ice climbing, viewing, all for free! Several local outfitters offer lessons and guided climbs.

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Dinner

Outlaw Restaurant

The Outlaw Restaurant still has the same sign hung in 1969. Those who return come back with happy memories of the past, while newcomers take away...

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Activity

The Blue Pear

The Blue Pear prides itself on bringing the extraordinary, quirky, and lovely to Ouray. We enjoy finding those unique gifts that can set us apart...

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Lodging

St. Elmo Hotel

Stay at the St. Elmo and enjoy a complimentary full gourmet breakfast which includes a hot entree with a buffet of other items, including fresh...

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Day

3

Breakfast

Artisan Bakery

Come enjoy breakfast, lunch, or just a pastry and coffee, in a cozy little restaurant on main street, Ouray CO. Located at the south side of town,...

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Insider's Tip

Make Your Way to Pagosa Springs

Take the scenic 3-hour drive to Pagosa Springs for more hot springs and winter adventure!

Activity

Mountain Paws Dog Sledding

Drive your own team of excited Alaskan huskies through the spectacular beauty and along the scenic trails of the San Juan National Forest near...

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Lunch

Kip's Grill & Cantina

Kip's Grill started operating out of a caboose on the side of the Highway in Del Norte, Colorado in 1996. The goal was to create seriously fresh,...

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Activity

The Springs Resort

Relax and renew at The Springs Resort - hot springs capital of Colorado, with 25 natural geothermal soaking pools, located downtown Pagosa Springs...

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Itinerary Tip

Don't worry!

The day isn't over yet, you're just going for a nice soak in the hot springs.

Dinner

Riff Raff Brewing Company

Founded in 2013, Riff Raff Brewing Company opens in downtown Pagosa Springs, Colorado, in May 2013. The brewery is Pagosa Springs' first downtown...

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Lodging

Fireside Cabins

OPEN ALL YEAR ROUND Deluxe 1- and 2-bedroom cabins on 10-acres located along the San Juan River. There is plenty of room to roam and we're able...

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Day

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Breakfast

The Rose

The Rose diner in downtown Pagosa Springs has been a local landmark for three decades.

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Sustainability Activity

Head to Buena Vista

Once there, donate time or money at the [Ark-Valley Humane Society](#) before exploring the area. The lifesaving work of Ark-Valley Humane Society is only possible because of donors and volunteers.

Lunch

Eddyline Restaurant, Brewery & Tapouse

Wood-fired pizza & grill, Award winning Ales & Lagers, Colorado's only 16oz micro-cannery!

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Activity

Snowshoe at Browns Creek

Embark on a snowshoeing adventure on this challenging trail near Nathrop in the San Isabel National Forest. From parts of the trail you can see the huge 14er mountains and Browns Canyon across the valley. About 3 miles up the trail is an amazing waterfall that is way bigger than you would expect.



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Itinerary Tip

Get Your Gear

Rent your snowshoes from [The Trailhead](#).

Dinner

216 Ferraro's

Specializing in fresh house-made pasta daily, including spaghetti, fettuccine, linguini, pappardelle, rigatoni and ravioli. Fresh Oysters & Daily...

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Activity

Mount Princeton Hot Springs Resort

Enjoy a touch of luxury in these modern cozy log cabins. Rustic at heart, each cabin houses either a 1 or 2 bedroom layout, a loft with 2 queen...

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Lodging

Surf Chateau

The Surf Chateau invites you to step away from the world of conventional corporate rooms and step into a place where thoughtful design, balanced...

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Day

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Breakfast

The Patio Pancake Place

The Patio Pancake Place strives to deliver the best in wholesome breakfast and lunch fare.

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Activity

Howelsen Hill

Strap on your Nordic skis and head out to Howelsen Hill, the oldest operating ski hill in North America. Explore their 13 miles of Nordic trails and experience a piece of Steamboat's winter Olympic heritage.

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Insider's Tip

Head North After Breakfast

Wake up with breakfast in Salida and then head 3 hours north to Steamboat Springs' winter wonderland.

Lunch

Salt and Lime

Salt and Lime in Downtown Steamboat Springs is a new twist on Mexican food

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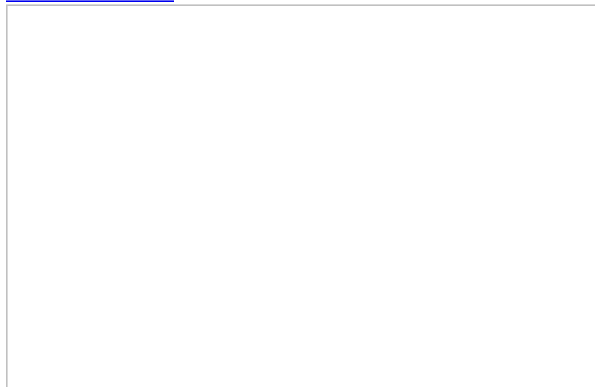
Activity

Old Town Hot Springs

Old Town Hot Springs is one of Colorado's premier hot springs and has been a site for recreation and rejuvenation for over 100 years. We are a family...

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Dinner

The Cabin

The Cabin features a menu of fresh favorites for every palate including great burgers, steaks, salads and appetizers.

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Activity

Night Skiing at Steamboat Resort

The Christie Peak Express high-speed chairlift whisks you to top of Christie Peak (8,000') to embark on your night adventure across five trails including Sitz, See Me, Vogue, Stampede and Lil' Rodeo. All levels of skiing and riding will be available.

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Lodging

The Steamboat Grand

With the resort right out the front door, The Steamboat Grand Hotel has lodging to fit every need, from five-bedroom penthouses to hotel rooms...

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