

## [Adventure in the Arkansas River Valley](#)

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Ditch the crowds and adventure in the "real" Colorado. The Arkansas River Valley welcomes you with stops in scenic Leadville, Buena Vista and Salida.

Sustainability Activity

Help with Trail Maintenance

The [Buena Vista Singletrack Coalition](#) is always looking for volunteers and donations to maintain their beautiful tracks for future generations.

Day

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Activity

Top of the Rockies - Scenic and Historic Byway

Designated a National Scenic Byway in 1998.

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Lunch

### Casa Sanchez

Excellent service and excellent Mexican food. Tortilla soup, natural margaritas and seafood burrito are crowd favorites.

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### Activity

Hike the Interlaken Trail

This hike traverses the south shore of Twin Lakes and leads to Interlaken, a fascinating historic resort site — popular in the late 1800s. From there you take the easy trail along the lake to enjoy scenic views of Mount Elbert and the surrounding peaks.

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### Dinner

Twin Lakes Saloon

Located inside The Twin Lakes Inn, the Saloon serves up tasty meal choices within a true Wild West setting. Enjoy tasty appetizers, drinks and meals...

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### Activity

Silver Dollar Saloon

Established in 1879 The Silverdollar is the second oldest saloon in Colorado. With its original tile floor and its custom made bar with original...

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### Lodging

#### Mount Elbert Lodge and Cabins

Enjoy area fishing, hiking, rafting, ziplining, sightseeing, winter activities. Roomy cabins and lodge rooms with mountain views. Mount Elbert...

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### Breakfast

#### City on a Hill Coffee & Espresso

We are located in the green brick building in the center of downtown Leadville, just south of the traffic light. The shop is a warm place to relax...

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Insider's Tip

Head to Buena Vista

Start your morning with a 30-minute car drive to Buena Vista.

### Activity

#### American Adventure Expeditions

Whitewater trips on Colorado's most popular river, mountain-bike tours on the Continental Divide, guided high-country ATV tours and ziplining over...

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#### Activity

##### Stroll down Main

Walk along Main St. and South Main St. in downtown Buena Vista for live music, galleries and one-of-a-kind shops.

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##### Lunch is Served

You'll enjoy lunch dished up by your guides on the river.

#### Dinner

##### House Rock Kitchen

House Rock Kitchen is a fast casual, from scratch, healthy, fun option in Buena Vista.

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#### Activity

##### The Beach

Colorado's riverside concert venue. Nestled on the banks of the Arkansas River, The BEACH is BV's outdoor community living room. Kick back, relax,...

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### Lodging

#### Surf Hotel & Chateau

Welcome to the Surf Hotel, a boutique hotel in the adventure town of Buena Vista. Inspired by the understated elegance of European hospitality and...

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### Breakfast

#### Buena Vista Roastery Cafe

This little town in the sky has the highest concentration of fourteeners (14,000-foot mountains) in the contiguous United States! Roasting at this...

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### Activity

#### Mt. Princeton Riding Stables

Scenic rides along Chalk Creek and overlooking the spectacular Chalk Cliffs.

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#### Lunch

##### Sorelle Delicatessen

We are an Italian inspired delicatessen featuring all-natural meats and cheeses along with many house made specialties!

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#### Activity

##### Go Fishing at Cottonwood Lake

Spend a fun-in-the-sun afternoon on this beautiful lake, catching fish.

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##### Insider's Tip

##### Treat Yourself

Book a [spa treatment](#) after dinner to get really relaxed before bed.

#### Lodging

##### 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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##### Day

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##### Insider's Tip

## Drive to Salida

Get an early start to your day by driving 25 minutes to Salida for breakfast.

## Breakfast

### Gathering Grounds Coffee

Our mission is simple: to create a place for Salida to gather around delicious healthy food, excellent coffee and good company.

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## Activity

### Captain Zipline Adventure Tours

Be a Ninja Nature Warrior in Captain Zipline's NEW Aerial Adventure Park-where Indiana Jones meets SpiderMan-the largest in the Western USA! 120...

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## Lunch

### Boathouse Cantina

We serve fresh, organic and local produce and there is no doubt that you can taste the difference! Sit next to the river and sip on one of our...

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#### Activity

##### Play Dirty ATV Tours

Mountain trail riding is exciting and fun. We are a private ATV tour-guide service in the Texas Creek Trail System. Texas Creek is considered by ...

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#### Dinner

##### The Fritz

Gastro-Pub? Americana Bistro? Global Cafe? Call it what you want, we call it delicious, and hopefully you will too. Sandwiches by day, Small and...

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#### Activity

##### Go Gallery Shopping

First Street beckons you with exclusive Salida art galleries. Make a purchase for your home's walls or for friends and family.

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Lodging

Browns Canyon Inn

Pet friendly hotel in beautiful Salida, Colorado. Ranked #1 in Travelocity hotel reviews.

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