



Spirit of the Southwest: Durango, Silverton & Pagosa Springs
5 days

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In southwest Colorado, everything seems a little heightened: higher mountains, bluer skies and so many activities you'll have a hard time choosing. Spending just a few days here will give you a taste of the glories of true Southwest living.

Sustainability Activity

How to Give Back to These Special Places:

Volunteer or donate to the [San Juan Mountains Association](#).

Insider's Tip

The Reel Deal:

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The [Colorado Parks & Wildlife fishing app](#) can help you discover 1,300 fishing locations, check conditions

and regulations and more. Search CPW Fishing in the Apple App Store and on Google Play.
Day 1

ACTIVITY

Durango & Silverton Narrow Gauge Railroad and Museum

Experience the adventure of traveling by a historic coal-fired, steam-powered locomotive on the same tracks miners, cowboys and settlers of the Old West took over a century ago. Wind through...

Insider's Tip

Take the Train to Silverton: Climb aboard the Durango & Silverton Narrow Gauge Railroad for a scenic ride through remote wilderness to Silverton for lunch.

LUNCH

Handlebars Food & Saloon

Savor the flavor of our Wild West atmosphere while enjoying some of the best grub around.

ACTIVITY

Mayflower Gold Mill

Witness first hand how the miners were able to extract gold, silver and base metals from the hard rock ores in this complete mill which processed gold, silver, lead, zinc and copper.

DINNER

Mahogany Grille

Enjoy handcrafted cuisine while stepping back in time in the ambiance of the Victorian Old West as we serve you an array of eclectic culinary specialties. Handcut Steaks, seafood, and vegetarian...

ACTIVITY

Diamond Belle Saloon

If you're standing in the Diamond Belle Saloon, located in Durango, Colorado, you just may have stepped back in time. Revered as one of the most famous original ragtime piano bars in the Wild...

LODGING

Historic Strater Hotel

Built in 1887, the historic Strater Hotel is a Historic Hotel of America member and more than 125 years old.

The Strater is a prestigious landmark in downtown Durango, Colorado and has a very...
Day 2

BREAKFAST

Jean Pierre Bakery, Cafe & Wine Bar

Quaint, long-running locale for traditional French breads, pastries & meals amid antique decor.

ACTIVITY

Duranglers Flies & Supplies

Duranglers Flies and Supplies is the premier fly shop and fly fishing guide service in the Four Corners region. Located in Durango Colorado, we guide on the San Juan River Tailwater, Animas,...

LUNCH

Pura Vida Cafe

Like being on a tropical beach vacation with a great lake view at 8,000 feet in the mountains. Award Winning Patio at Lake Vallecito! Enjoy the scenic drive and step into a relaxed, waterfront...

ACTIVITY

Mild To Wild Rafting & Jeep Trail Tours

Explore Colorado's old mines, history and ghost town remnants on a guided Colorado Jeep tour. As you travel back in time and up in elevation, you will be treated to majestic peaks, cascading...

DINNER

Zia Taqueria (South)

We believe in simple, tasteful, authentic food with an atmosphere and price that feels good, warms the soul, and reminds you that some of the better things in life are quite simple. Eat well. ...

ACTIVITY

Durango Craft Spirits, LLC

Durango Craft Spirits offers tours and a look into creating spirits from regional grains. Our Soiled Doves Vodka is made from ground white non-gmo corn from the Ute Mountain Utes in Towaoc and the...

LODGING

Leland House & Rochester Hotel

The Leland House and Rochester Hotel provide unique historic accommodations in the heart of downtown Durango, walking distance to shops, restaurants, activities and the Durango-Silverton...

Day 3

BREAKFAST

Oscar's Cafe

Oscar's Cafe - A 50's style diner serving award winning breakfast and lunch. We are a family operated cafe for the last years. Voted a local's favorite!

ACTIVITY

Durango Rivertrippers & Adventure Tours

With an untarnished safety record and our 33 years in Durango, Durango Rivertrippers & Adventure Tours offers the safest, finest whitewater rafting and adventures in town. Whether you want to walk...

LUNCH

Carver Brewing Company

Since 1986, Carvers has offered Durango the very best in food and beer.

ACTIVITY

Hike Pine River Trail in Vallecito Lake

The Pine River alternates between meadows and canyon, frequently flowing peacefully on the flat valley floor. The boundary of the Weminuche Wilderness is 2.7 miles up the trail, the fishing is fantastic, and the turnoff to Emerald Lake is at mile 6.3 (Trail #528). The trail continues to ascend, sometimes gradually and sometimes moderately.

DINNER

Ore House Restaurant

Tradition, history, rustic elegance.

ACTIVITY

Trimble Spa & Natural Hot Springs

Durango, Colorado's only lodging, hot springs, and day spa resort seven miles north of town. A popular local

family hangout and a summer stopover for tourists. We like to call it the "Getaway..."

LODGING

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Day 4

BREAKFAST

Durango Diner

The Durango Diner-located on historic Main Street in Durango, Colorado, The Durango Diner has endured as one of the town's few landmark eateries,

Insider's Tip

Head to Pagosa Springs: On your way to Pagosa Springs from Durango, stop at Chimney Rock National Monument to explore the Ancestral Puebloan archaeological site.

ACTIVITY

Chimney Rock National Monument

This undiscovered gem is an intimate, off-the-beaten-path archaeological site located at the southern edge of the San Juan Mountains in Southwestern Colorado. You'll walk in the footsteps of...

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, handmade tacos with amazing flavors and provide our...

ACTIVITY

Tube the San Juan River with Pagosa Outside

Tubing on the San Juan River in downtown Pagosa has become a ?don?t miss? late summer activity.

DINNER

Borde Rio Riverside Restaurant & Tavern

Dine and drink on the San Juan River in Pagosa Springs.

LODGING

The Springs Resort & Spa

The Springs Resort & Spa is located on the banks of the San Juan River in downtown Pagosa Springs. We offer a 79 room boutique hotel with several room types ranging from a standard queen room,...

Day 5

BREAKFAST

The Rose

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

ACTIVITY

Let It Fly

LET IT FLY is a full service fly shop located in downtown Pagosa Springs Colorado. We are privately owned and operated, and we pride ourselves in customer service to the extreme. At LET IT FLY,...

LUNCH

Farrago Market Cafe

Farrago's Market Cafe is a tasty, but health minded casual dining spot in Pagosa Springs Colorado. Delight in homemade foods from Panini's to salads to pizza!

ACTIVITY

Rocky Mountain Balloon Adventure

Imagine a magic carpet ride! We may fly inches over the area lakes for a breathtaking "splash-n-dash," a little higher for some souvenir pine cones from the tops of trees or up to 3,000 feet for...

DINNER

Alley House Grille

Alley House Grille is the premier dining destination in Pagosa Springs offering an elegant but casual atmosphere featuring Global/Colorado style fusion cuisine.

ACTIVITY

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 brewery and features artisan ales handcrafted in...

LODGING

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