



Colorado Springs' Year-round Outdoor Adventure

5 days

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Colorado Springs is the state's second-largest city, but it's first in the hearts of many visitors as a place of astonishing beauty with natural attractions, historic and geologic marvels in all directions. Spend a few days exploring the city and the communities that surround it, including Manitou Springs, Cripple Creek, Cascade, Florissant and Woodland Park.

Sustainability Activity

How to Give Back to These Special Places:

Drop a few coins for [Quarters for Conservation at Cheyenne Mountain Zoo!](#) By collecting quarters and other coins, the zoo funds new and existing wildlife-conservation projects.

Day 1

ACTIVITY

Manitou Springs Mineral Springs Tours

Taste the waters that brought Native Americans and early settlers here for centuries to "Take the Cure." Enjoy a self guided tour anytime of the year or a guided tour during the summer months. Free...

LUNCH

Crystal Park Cantina

Crystal Park Cantina is a unique, home-style Mexican restaurant in Manitou Springs serving delicious food made with the finest ingredients available.

ACTIVITY

Cave of the Winds

Cave tours, spectacular scenery, rides & activities from mild to wild. Discovered in 1881, a must-see Colorado attraction for travelers for more than a century. We're one of the premiere show...

DINNER

Paravicini's

Paravicini's offers the city's best Italian, bar none! Lofty claim, yes, but the award-winning food and service backs it up!

Insider's Tip

Looking for Romance?: Paravicini's has a more intimate, upstairs tapas bar called Sopra.

ACTIVITY

Manitou Cliff Dwellings

Prehistoric Indian ruins (1100-1300 AD). Museum displaying artifacts. Retail store with Native American and Colorado made items. Open year-round. Closed Thanksgiving, Christmas.

LODGING

Buffalo Lodge Bicycle Resort

We are a family-owned, vintage hotel with a western 'bicycle' theme. The Buff is your base camp for adventure and a great place to relax after a long day in the saddle or exploring the sights of...

Day 2

BREAKFAST

The Principal's Office

We simply love beverages, people, and the process of crafting phenomenal libations. Our goal is that each drink is presented in an environment steeped in education and passion. We want coffee and...

ACTIVITY

The Broadmoor Seven Falls

Seven Falls, where authentic Colorado awaits. Envelope yourself in a geological wonder of seven distinct falls cascading down between steep canyon walls. Walk up 224 steps alongside the falls or...

Insider's Tip

Don't Stop at the Top: There are a few different hikes at the top of Seven Falls. Take one to keep exploring

the area.

LUNCH

Restaurant 1858

Restaurant 1858 is a unique Broadmoor dining venue situated at the banks of Seven Falls. Taking its name from the Gold Rush era and the famous motto, "Pikes Peak or Bust" of that time.

ACTIVITY

Cheyenne Mountain Zoo

Colorado Springs is home to America's mountain zoo. Located at 6,800 feet above sea level, Cheyenne Mountain Zoo offers breathtaking views of the city and hundreds of animals. The unique design...

Insider's Tip

Get to Know the Wildlife: Hand-feed giraffes, elephants and even a rhino at the zoo for an added fee.

DINNER

Arceo's Mexican Family Restaurant

ACTIVITY

Cheyenne Cañon Segways

While touring on a Segway X2, you see historic buildings, kinetic outdoor art, and the incredible scenic beauty of Cheyenne Cañon (even going off-road) while learning more about the fascinating...

LODGING

The Mining Exchange, A Wyndham Grand Hotel & Spa

The Mining Exchange, a Wyndham Grand Hotel & Spa is a boutique 4 Diamond hotel & spa located in downtown Colorado Springs; within walking distance of dining, entertainment, shopping and museums....

Insider's Tip

Live History: Keep an eye out for the in-tact vaults inside The Mining Exchange, which was built in 1902 as a stock exchange for local mining companies.

Day 3

BREAKFAST

King's Chef Diner

Award winning, Colorado historical landmark diner and producers of Colorado Green Chili.

Insider's Tip

Bring Your Appetite: King's Chef portions are so huge, they even offer quarter-sized portions.

ACTIVITY

PikeRide Bike Share

PikeRide, a community bike share program in downtown Colorado Springs, allowing visitors and locals to hop on a bike, ride to their destination, and drop it off at a docking station.

LUNCH

T Byrds Tacos & Tequila

Urban, Street Style Taco Bar in Downtown Colorado Springs.

ACTIVITY

Battlefield Colorado

Colorado's first and only outdoor laser tag adventure park, rated 5-stars by virtually all our visitors, and winning the coveted Certificate of Excellence for 3 years running!

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DINNER

Till Kitchen

Providing Colorado Springs with award-winning food with ingredients that are grown with care and prepared to perfection - every bite is to be savored. We are always from scratch!

ACTIVITY

Paint Mines Interpretive Park

With four miles of trails and interpretative signage, the Paint Mines offers a journey through time, past fascinating geological formations and remnants of human history, in a unique ecological...

LODGING

Cheyenne Mountain Colorado Springs, A Dolce Resort

Cheyenne Mountain Resort is the place to experience it all. Enjoy five indoor/outdoor pools, a private 35-acre lake with beach, on-site spa, tennis and our 18-hole signature Pete Dye golf course...

Day 4

BREAKFAST

La Baguette

French-inspired cuisine that is simple and elegant in Old Colorado City. Each entree is prepared from scratch daily and made from locally grown fresh ingredients, when available.

ACTIVITY

Head West to Cripple Creek

The excitement that drove the Gold Rush still lives in Cripple Creek, a historic gaming and mining town where treasure seekers and hooligans from near and far can still try their hands at poker, black jack, roulette, craps and slot machines. Watch for the donkey herd that roams the streets ? they love carrots and apples! The town is an hour's scenic drive from Colorado Springs.

LUNCH

Midnight Rose Hotel & Casino

The Midnight Rose Hotel & Casino is home to one of the most well-appointed gaming rooms in Cripple Creek. It features Victorian era surroundings with two floors of over 300 of the newest, hottest...

ACTIVITY

Florissant Fossil Beds National Monument

Petrified redwood stumps up to 14 feet wide and thousands of detailed fossils of insects and plants reveal the story of a very different, prehistoric Colorado.

COTREX

[Map the Trail](#)

DINNER

BierWerks Brewery

Serving primarily German style lagers and ales along with a few hoppy brews, BierWerks has been a local hangout since 2010. BierWerks also serves Colorado made sausage, Wisconsin cheese, warm...

ACTIVITY

Hang on Main in Woodland Park

On your way back to Colorado Springs, hit up Woodland Park, known as The City Above the Clouds. Main Street has shops and restaurants, and is the perfect place for a stroll and to stretch your legs.

LODGING

The Outlook Lodge

A luxury historic vacation woodland retreat hotel with waterfall hiking and charming lake in Green Mountain Falls, near Colorado Springs.

Day 5

BREAKFAST

Shining Mountain Golf Club

What is commonly known today as "Pikes Peak" was originally named " Shining Mountain" by the Ute Indians because of how brightly the sun reflected off the snow. How perfectly fitting,...

ACTIVITY

Pikes Peak Bike Tours

Garden of the Gods, Pikes Peak Mountain, Gold Camp Railway- We will take you there!

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LUNCH

Wines of Colorado

Your destination for complimentary wine tasting, excellent creekside dining and gifts.

ACTIVITY

Red Rock Canyon Open Space

Red Rock Canyon is characterized by a series of canyons and ridges sculpted by erosion of the area's uplifted rock strata. The ridges and canyons offer beautiful views and sheltered enclaves for...

COTREX

[Map the Trail](#)

DINNER

The Mason Jar

American Comfort Food served in a casual Colorado lodge atmosphere. Famous Chicken Fried Steak, Slow Roasted Prime Rib, fresh Rainbow Trout, plus soups, salads, great Burgers, and Homemade...

ACTIVITY

Trails End Taproom

Welcome to the home of Colorado Springs first self-serve taproom. Basecamp your adventure at Trails End and enjoy local beer from 40 of our taps.

LODGING

Garden of the Gods Collection

Perched high atop a mesa in Colorado Springs, Garden of the Gods Collection is a private club, luxury resort, Health & Wellness Center, & Wellness Lifestyle Community with stunning views of Pikes...
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