Spanish Peaks Country: A Piece of Heaven in Southern Colorado
3 days
More Itineraries

Take in the fresh air and spectacular views of the Spanish Peaks in the small and affordable towns of Walsenburg, La Veta, Cuchara and Westcliffe, as you explore ghost towns, go horseback riding, discover Lathrop State Park and much more. A visit to Spanish Peaks Country is an affordable way to experience Colorado. These communities offer some of the most amazing scenery with restaurants, activities and places to stay that are, on average, less expensive than most other Colorado destinations.

Sustainability Activity

How to Give Back to These Special Places:
La Veta Trails has several projects where visitors can help them maintain the area's scenic routes.

Insider's Tip

The Reel Deal:
The [Colorado Parks & Wildlife fishing app](https://apps.apple.com/us/app/colorado-parks-wildlife-fishing-app/id1267740434) 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**

**Take a Hike**

Greenhorn Mountain Wilderness Area will delight your senses with varied forests, canyons and sharp geologic features.

**COTREX**

[Map the Trail](https://www.coloradowildlife.com/cotrex)

**LUNCH**

**George's Drive Inn Restaurant**

This is the hottest thing going in the area. Nearly every day it’s obvious when you look at the multitude of parked vehicles, that the food is good.

**ACTIVITY**

**Walsenburg Mining Museum**

Explore the stories of coal miners and the struggles between the miners and operators. Located in a 1896 jail, the museum also has memorabilia from the original jail. Exhibits include...

**DINNER**

**La Plaza Inn - Historic Hotel B&B and Restaurant**

Historic 1907 Hotel that operates as a B&B with a fine dining restaurant, patio dining, lobby bar and library cafe. All rooms upstairs without an elevator.

**ACTIVITY**

**Lathrop State Park**

Nestled in the shadow of the Spanish Peaks, this park offers a gentle climate, 103 campsites, fishing, waterskiing, golfing, hiking and great views of the nearby mountain ranges.

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**LODGING**
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Day 2

BREAKFAST

Tina's Family Cafe

American and Mexican home cooking, with great green chili!

Insider's Tip
Head toward Cuchara: Hop on the road for just over 30 minutes to Cuchara.

ACTIVITY

Blue & Bear Lakes Hikes

Just 4 miles off Hwy. 12, south of Cuchara, several trailheads start at these peaceful lakes.

COTREX
Map the Trail

Insider's Tip
Drive to La Veta: Point your car southwest on 12 to La Veta.

LUNCH

Dog Bar & Grill

Long considered the heart and soul of the Cuchara Valley, Dog Bar & Grill is the place to enjoy lunch on the outdoor deck with your favorite canine or a casual dine-in evening for dinner and...

ACTIVITY

Yellow Pine Guest Ranch

Enjoy a trail ride on horseback, flyfishing and delicious barbecue - all without leaving the ranch! Serving families Western hospitality for 87 years.

DINNER
The Timbers Restaurant and Gallery

The Timbers is an upscale mountain restaurant. Specializing in made-from-scratch items and we use locally grown and organic foods when available. If you have special dietary needs we can usually...

ACTIVITY

Stargazing at Uptop Ghost Town

You're almost guaranteed no light pollution in a ghost town! Head up Old La Veta Pass to see this abandoned treasure. (Photo courtesy of Flickr/Larry Lamsa.)

LODGING

La Veta Inn

This isn't your basic franchise cookie cutter property. Originally built as the La Veta Hotel and featuring the ledger in the lobby dating back to 1883, you're sure to find this property special...

Day 3

BREAKFAST

Corners Diner

Breakfast, burgers, steaks and delicious daily specials.

ACTIVITY

Tour La Veta's Art Galleries

Check out La Veta Gallery on Main, Shalawalla Gallery, Pinon Hill Gallery, Funky Monkey Art Space and more to glimpse the creative side of this beautiful community.

LUNCH

Mission Deli Mesa

Mexican and American food. Open 7 days a week for lunch and dinner. Bar open nightly, with weekend dinner menu.

ACTIVITY

Wahatoya State Wildlife Area

The main trail meanders through fields, woods and into a deep arroyo on the south side. There is a by-pass trail for people who prefer not to enter the arroyo. The trail follows a berm on the north...

DINNER
Alys' Restaurant

Each evening, we offer a delicious selection from our menu choices of lamb, steak, chicken, seafood or vegetarian complemented with fresh vegetables and potato, rice or pasta, along with soup or...

ACTIVITY

La Veta Mercantile

Live music venue hosting a diverse lineup of performances.

LODGING

Best Western Rambler

Looking for access to the great outdoors but want to stay somewhere that feels like home? This conveniently located Walsenburg hotel is perfect for you.

Hello World.

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