



A Grand Tour of the Mountains & Mesas Region

10 days

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Tour the scenic and friendly towns of the Mountains & Mesas region, from the red-stone canyons to ancient cliff dwellings to towering and jagged peaks of the San Juan mountains and beyond.

Sustainability Activity

5 Steps to Care for Coloradans:

As Colorado continues to take steady and thoughtful steps to reopening, the health and safety of visitors remains our highest priority. Here are some ways to be conscientious and caring on your adventures, while ensuring you make the most out of every second of your vacation. [Learn More >>](#)

Sustainability Activity

Day 1

ACTIVITY

Colorado National Monument

Sheer-walled canyons, monoliths, colorful formations, bighorn sheep, soaring eagles and a spectacular road reflect the environment and history of plateau-and-canyon country. Hike, camp, picnic,...

LUNCH

Spoons Bistro & Bakery

At Spoons our philosophy is simple - fresh, local, from the heart. Our food not only boasts local flavor but also handmade quality. While you savor your meal, know that you are also supporting...

ACTIVITY

Little Book Cliffs Wild Horse Area

The wild horse area north of Grand Junction is one of only three wild horse reserves in the country.

DINNER

Peche

Sip. Dine. Visit. We serve fresh produce from the Grand Valley in ever-changing ways.

ACTIVITY

Carlson Vineyards

While we take the art of winemaking seriously, we like to have fun too. Small farm winery produces premium Colorado-grown wines in the heart of Colorado fruit & wine country. Taste local fruit...

LODGING

Hotel Maverick

Hotel Maverick is Grand Junction's premier destination for travelers who seek an upscale, boutique ? and at the same time uniquely down-to-earth ? "New West" experience

Day 2

ACTIVITY

Eat & Run

Swing by Betty's Gourmet Coffee ? in the Hotel Maverick ? before hopping on the Grand Mesa Scenic Byway headed toward the town of Delta, making a stop for adventure in Cedaredge along the way.

ACTIVITY

Altitude Outdoor Adventures

We our a local family owned business offering mountain biking, snowmobile, ATV, fly-fishing and ice-fishing tours on Grand Mesa. We also have a general, fishing, gift, souvenir store on Grand...

LUNCH

Stockyards Restaurant and Lounge

Homemade comfort food done right. With pies, beer and smoked meats served every day this is Texas-style at its finest.

ACTIVITY

Black Bridge Winery

Black Bridge Winery produces a limited number of wines each year.

DINNER

The Living Farm Cafe

Welcome to The Living Farm Café and Inn. We are one of the very few true farm-to-table restaurants in Colorado. Our café features farm-fresh and organic produce, meat, cheese and eggs from our...

ACTIVITY

Qutori Wines

Qutori Wines means Creativity and Leadership. We are an award winning family owned vineyard and winery in Paonia, Colorado along the West Elks Scenic Byway. The Qutori Vineyard specializes in high...

LODGING

The Living Farm Café and Inn

The Living Farm Cafe and Inn is conveniently located in down town Paonia, CO. In walking distance to local businesses, bars & restaurants. Also a great location to bounce over to the local...

Day 3

ACTIVITY

Eat & Run Again

Munch breakfast from ingredients grown on site at the Living Farm before leaving Paonia and hitting the road on the West Elk Loop Scenic Byway with an eye toward Gunnison.

LUNCH

High Alpine Brewing Company

Located in downtown Gunnison, Colorado surrounded by epic terrain that locals embrace all year round. Family owned and operated, Scott and Stacey started HABC as a way to rule world one...

ACTIVITY

Hartman Rocks Recreation Area

Located just on the outskirts of the city, Hartman Rocks is one of Gunnison's greatest gems. It's a paradise of desert mountain biking, hiking, motorcycling, rock climbing, horseback riding,...

DINNER

Django's Kitchen

Django's | Kitchen - a fork-to-mouth restaurant - has been in the Crested Butte Restaurant scene since 2008. We launched as django's restaurant & wine bar. Since then, our adventurous menu,...

ACTIVITY

Montanya Distillers

Montanya Distillers is a Colorado craft distiller of award-winning rum, founded in 2008. The company moved its headquarters from Silverton, CO to Crested Butte, CO in May 2011. Stop by for a...

LODGING

Elk Mountain Lodge

Located 1 block from Elk Ave, fine restaurants, and unique shops and galleries, the Elk Mountain Lodge has become the premier hotel in downtown Crested Butte. Completely and beautifully renovated,...

Day 4

Insider's Tip

Rise & Shine, Then Dine: Get up early and head south toward Pagosa Springs, with a scenic stop for late breakfast in Lake City along the way.

BREAKFAST

Climb Elevated Eatery

Elevated comfort food and craft cocktails served with attentive, friendly service.

ACTIVITY

Drive to Pagosa Springs

Take in the alpine scenery on the beautiful three-hour drive to Pagosa Springs, passing through the mountain towns of Creede and South Fork along the way.

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

Pagosa Mountain Sports

We are a bicycle and outdoor gear store, including tubes for floating in the San Juan River right in town. We offer clothing, equipment and services to support outdoor adventures. We specialize...

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.

LODGING

The Springs Resort & Spa

Relax and renew at The Springs Resort & Spa - hot springs capital of Colorado, with 24 natural geothermal soaking pools, located downtown Pagosa Springs. The Springs Resort is the perfect escape...

Day 5

BREAKFAST

Two Chicks & A Hippie

Come join us for a cup of joe and a treat with friends. Or come and try our full breakfast and lunch. don't forget about all our baked yummys. The Two Chicks and a Hippie will be looking for you!

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

Chimayo Stone Fired Kitchen

Chimayo Stone Fired Kitchen is a modern American bistro. We specialize in from-scratch Southwestern and Mediterranean cuisine, featuring fresh salads, small plates, artisanal pizzas, fire...

ACTIVITY

Head to Durango & Stroll Alongside the Animas River Greenway

Along the way, you'll pass the Durango State Fish Hatchery and Wildlife Museum, as well as Ska Brewing Company ? both must-make stops.

DINNER

Bar D Chuckwagon

Old West Cowboy music and comedy stage show and barbecue supper. Fun for the entire family. Memorial Day weekend through Labor day. Reservations required.

LODGING

Historic Strater Hotel

Built in 1887, the historic Strater Hotel (Historic Hotel of America Founding Member) is one of the West's iconic hotels and a prominent downtown Durango, Colorado landmark located two blocks...

Day 6

BREAKFAST

CJ's Diner

Yes! We serve breakfast all day! Veggie skillet, French toast, omelets, biscuits and gravy, breakfast burritos and more.

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...

LUNCH

Handlebars Food & Saloon

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

ACTIVITY

Silverton back to Durango & Beyond to Cortez

Ride the bus back from Silverton to Durango over a portion of the San Juan Skyway Scenic Byway, then hop in your own car and head for Cortez for the evening.

DINNER

The Farm Bistro

The Farm Bistro is a casual yet elegant farm to table restaurant in the heart of historic downtown Cortez, Colorado. The lunch and dinner menus are comfort food with style, and features locally...

ACTIVITY

Notah Dineh Trading Co

American Indian rugs, jewelry, pottery and an extensive display of historic American Indian art and artifacts.

LODGING

Mesa Verde - Far View Lodge

Far View Lodge is the only lodging inside Mesa Verde NP. Breathtaking views, award winning cuisine, guided tours of Ancestral Puebloan dwellings, invigorating solitude and endless wildlife...

Day 7

BREAKFAST

Far View Terrace Cafe

Casual food-court setting features breakfast burritos and omelet station, a yogurt bar, and standard breakfast fare. For lunch, daily specials including our signature Navajo tacos, sandwiches and...

ACTIVITY

Soda Canyon Overlook Tour

The 1.2-mile Soda Canyon Overlook walk in the morning gives visitors a chance to view Balcony House, taking advantage of its east facing exposure.

LUNCH

Metate Room

Mesa Verde Metate Room Restaurant received "Award of Culinary Excellence" from the American Culinary Federation Colorado Chefs Association in the area of sustainable cuisine. Colorful Native...

ACTIVITY

Drive, Hike & Sightsee the Ancients

Drive along the Trail of the Ancients Scenic Byway, hike Sand Canyon and visit the Canyons of the Ancients National Monument.

COTREX

[Map the Trail](#)

DINNER

Stonefish Sushi & More

Delicious sushi rolls, sashimi, nigiri and other specialties. Open for lunch and dinner; happy hour Tuesday through Friday at 4:30pm.

ACTIVITY

Fenceline Cider

Sown along the Colorado Plateau, Fenceline is dedicated to reviving America's cider tradition, working with historic local orchards to build quality cider from the apple up. Set at the base of...

LODGING

Willowtail Springs Lakeside Cabins

Mesa Verde vacation, adventure in the heart of Southwest Colorado; Abode at Willowtail Springs Lakeside Cabins; best-kept secret in the area. Private, secluded, elegant lakeside cabins, bass,...

Day 8

BREAKFAST

Absolute Bakery & Cafe

Dedicated to the art of food, the Absolute Bakery & Cafe prepares food from scratch, using only the finest of organic and local ingredients. It's no secret that the burgers taste better because the...

ACTIVITY

Head for Telluride

In less than two hours, you'll find the alpine paradise of Telluride tucked away in a lovely box canyon lined with historic buildings and boutique cafes and shops.

LUNCH

Floradora Saloon

The Floradora Saloon is a family-owned and operated restaurant and bar. The menu features fresh, crisp flavors using natural and organic ingredients from the region. Arguably, one of the best...

ACTIVITY

Telluride Mountain Guides

Telluride's longest standing local guide service. Over the years, TMG has evolved into a team of dedicated professionals who orbit the majestic San Juan Mountains. This intimate, home town...

DINNER

221 South Oak

221 South Oak is set in a tastefully refurbished historic home, steps from the Gondola in Telluride Colorado. Chef Eliza produces eclectic cuisine in an intimate atmosphere. 221 is perfect for...

ACTIVITY

Explore Telluride

Walk around town and enjoy the Old West and Victorian ambiance on the beautifully preserved Main Street.

LODGING

The Peaks Resort & Spa

Located a short walk from the Telluride-Mountain Village Gondola, The Peaks Resort & Spa offers warm, welcoming hospitality, a wide selection of comfortable rooms, suites & penthouses, an...

Day 9

BREAKFAST

Crumb Bakery and Cafe

Bakery, cafe and market in Ridgway. Frittatas, bagels, potato pancakes, scones, artisan breads and much more.

ACTIVITY

Alpine Scenic Jeep Tours

"Go further and see more." is our motto. All of our half day tours give you about 3.5 to 4 hours of exciting sightseeing no matter which destination you pick. We keep our best tours close to...

LUNCH

Ouray Brewing

The Ouray Brewery is open daily. Our brewery has three levels with fine food and outstanding craft brews offered on each floor. Level one houses our kitchen and intimate pub. Level two offers...

ACTIVITY

Hike the San Juans Around Ouray

Many trails begin in the foothills right outside downtown, so access is easy and the views are magnificent. The Ouray Trails Group maintains more than 75 trails ranging from short, easy hikes to more challenging ones.

DINNER

Brickhouse 737

BrickHouse737 is a gathering place that focuses on community, farm fresh ingredients, hospitality & travel inspired dishes.

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 105 degree, plus lap lanes and a Wibit obstacle...

LODGING

Hotel Ouray

Historic boutique hotel specializing in couples getaways. Accommodating children 10 years old and above.

Day 10

BREAKFAST

Kate's Place

Cuisine with heart and soul, freshly prepared using the highest quality ingredients (local when feasible).

ACTIVITY

Head for the Hills (and Canyons) of Montrose

Make the winding half-hour drive from Ridgway to Montrose, past Ridgway State Park, farms and ranches set beneath bluffs and mountains.

LUNCH

Horsefly Brewing Company

Horsefly Brewing Company believes that each beer should be as honest as possible ?. that is, carefully crafted to the style with some added originality. The ingredients are traditional. No cheap...

ACTIVITY

Hike the Mesa Creek Trail

The sheer walls and extreme narrowness of the Black Canyon are appreciated along this trail as well as views from the base of the Morrow Point Dam.

COTREX

[Map the Trail](#)

DINNER

The Stone House

A great place to stop for lunch or dinner on your way to the San Juan mountains! Featuring steaks, seafood and pasta, as well as delectable soups, salads, sandwiches, burgers and desserts, or enjoy...

LODGING

Hampton Inn Montrose

A year-round playground, the Hampton Inn Montrose hotel is surrounded by scenic mountains, valleys, canyons and lakes. Outdoor enthusiasts will love all the great activities in the area from skiing...
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