



Summer in Durango

5 days

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Summer in Durango is about more than just the activities. It's about special moments shared with special people, wild adventures under the southwestern sun and making more time for unforgettable memories.

Sustainability Activity

Help Maintain Trails:

[Durango Trails](#) helps build and maintain trails while educating trail users. Volunteer your time or donate to help Durango's trail networks continue to delight people for years to come.

Day 1

ACTIVITY

Durango Dog Ranch

We offer a summery take on dogsledding with scooters and overland tours from June?October. Once the snow falls, we offer two hour and half day sled dog adventures in the San Juan Mountains....

LUNCH

Kennebec Cafe

The Kennebec offers an atmosphere of casual elegance in warm, comfortable surroundings. We serve Mediterranean inspired cuisine, focusing on local and seasonal ingredients. We also have an...

ACTIVITY

Dalton Ranch Golf Club

4-star rating —Golf Digest. Number 8 Best Colorado Course to Play —Golfweek.

DINNER

James Ranch Grill

Our delicious meats, cheeses and vegetables are produced on the James Ranch using organic, sustainable, grass-based practices and have been for over 50 years. We strive to use organic...

ACTIVITY

James Ranch

James Ranch is ten miles north of Durango, Colorado in the beautiful Animas River Valley. Here, you will find 400 acres of high altitude, irrigated pastures, crystal clear flowing water, 100%...

Insider's Tip

Kick Up Your Heels at James Ranch: Evenings are relaxed at the ranch, where you can grab picnic table or sit on a blanket under the setting sun while listening to live music.

LODGING

Hampton Inn - Durango

Named one of the coolest small towns in America, Durango sits in sunny, Southwestern Colorado. A gateway for all your itineraries. Enjoy Mesa Verde National Park, Durango Silverton Narrow Gauge...

Day 2

BREAKFAST

The Yellow Carrot

Join us in our new location and let us serve you with love through our amazing food and service. Stop in and enjoy fun and exciting flavor combinations that will have you coming back for more!

ACTIVITY

Durango & Silverton Narrow Gauge Railroad and Museum

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

Insider's Tip

Ride the Cascade Canyon Express:

See soaring geological features and fantastic scenery on this short excursion in an [open-air gondola](#).

LUNCH

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ACTIVITY

Find the Best Souvenirs

From fashionable dresses to mountain-inspired decor to ski gear and toys, Durango is full of shops with the best souvenirs for you.

DINNER

Bird's

A special neighborhood gathering place serving deliciously Durango rotisserie chicken.

ACTIVITY

Attend Music in the Mountains

Attend one of the classical concerts held each July at Music in the Mountains.

Insider's Tip

Head to Vallecito: Hop on CO-240 for 30 minutes to Vallecito for the night.

LODGING

Pine River Lodge

Pine River Lodge offers 31 Cabins nestled under huge Pines overlooking Vallecito Lake. Each cabin has a Full Kitchen, Separate Bedrooms (King, Queen, or Double bed), 1 to 2 1/2 Baths, A/C,...

Day 3

BREAKFAST

Vallecito Lake Country Market

Home to La Comida Ranchera Mexican Food Restaurant & Vallecito Liquors. We have Groceries, Gas, Propane, Ice Cream, Beverages, Espresso, Fudge, & More.

ACTIVITY

Vallecito Marina

Vallecito Lake is the premier recreational lake in the Four Corners. Offering fishing boat, pontoon boat, kayak, SUP, and canoe rentals along with slips, buoy service, fuel, and store, Vallecito...

LUNCH

Fur Trappers Steakhouse and Bar

Lakeside steakhouse featuring a wide variety menu. Family friendly atmosphere centered around mountain man era theme.

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,...

Insider's Tip

San Juan Angler:

The [San Juan Angler](#) also offers a local guide service for fly-fishing.

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

Sample Local Beer, Wine and Spirits

Taste test title-holding craft beverages around Durango.

LODGING

Adventure Inn Durango

Trip Advisor ranked #2 for guest satisfaction. Our clean, newly renovated 25 room motel features flat screen TV's, exceptional in room WI-FI, mini fridge & microwave. Our friendly staff is happy...

Day 4

BREAKFAST

Bread

Fresh homemade breads, pastries, cookies and deli sandwiches served daily in this popular bakery - a gathering spot for breakfast and lunch. From whole wheat to rye, and from ginger snaps to scones...

ACTIVITY

Raft the Animas River

Durango's rafting companies are just waiting to take you on the adventure of a lifetime.

LUNCH

RGP's Flame Grilled Wraps

Serving wraps grilled to order on our fresh, homemade dough.

ACTIVITY

Alpine Heli Tours

Private helicopter tours departing from Animas Airpark in Durango, Colorado. Our non-stop tours give an incredible view of the city of Durango, lower and upper Animas River, and into the San Juan...

DINNER

11th Street Station

Seven small, but robust food truck options encircle the original service station now turned Ernie's Bar, which pours craft brews, libations, coffee and more. From tacos to pizza, sushi to...

ACTIVITY

Tracks Across Borders Scenic & Historic Byway

Colorado's newest scenic byway, offers access to dramatic mountain scenery and layers of history, from the storied pasts of our earliest American Indian inhabitants to the golden age of railroad...

LODGING

General Palmer Hotel

The General Palmer Hotel is a prestigious, Victorian-style hotel. The Historic General Palmer Hotel will pamper you with, luxury, service, and first-class amenities. Helping you to "Create...

Day 5

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

Go on a Historic Walking Tour

The Main Avenue of Durango is lined with historic buildings just waiting to tell you their story.

LUNCH

Durango Bagel

Breakfast and Lunch Sandwiches Bagels right next to where main meets the train.

ACTIVITY

Take a Photography Workshop

Durango's scenery is exquisite, so learn how to take the perfect photo of it at a workshop hosted by Over the Hill Outfitters.

DINNER

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

Camp at Molas Lake

Lay your head to rest under a blanket of stars at this Silverton campground.
Hello World.

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