



Non-Gamblers Guide to Central City

3 days

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Explore the city's rich mining heritage, historic structures and hidden natural gems like the Chase Gulch Reservoir. Central City is full of safe (and clean) outdoor activities.

Sustainability Activity

Volunteer with Gilpin County Historical Society:

Help the [society](#) with their archives on your next trip.

Sustainability Activity

Day 1

Insider's Tip

Get Your Gear:

Before you head up, stop at [Golden River Sports](#) for your kayaking/stand-up paddleboarding needs. Also, if you plan to go fishing, grab your gear for that as well.

ACTIVITY

Get on the Water

Grab a kayak or canoe and spend the morning on Chase Gulch Reservoir.

COTREX

[Map the Trail](#)

LUNCH

Stella's Cafe

Stella's Cafe is located on the second level of the Famous Bonanza Casino. Stella's offers a lunch and dinner complete with a full menu that will be sure to satisfy your appetite!

ACTIVITY

Earth Treasures Tours

Take a tour to learn more about Colorado's mining history.

DINNER

JKQ BBQ

Operating out of the 1872 Teller House, JKQ BBQ dishes out crowd-pleasing plates of delicious delights like 14-hour brisket, pulled pork (on sandwiches and loaded tater tots), smoked kielbasa...

ACTIVITY

Stay for the Music

JKQ BBQ offers live entertainment in the Opera Gardens.

LODGING

Denver West/Central City KOA

New campground with beautiful views of the Rockies. Call 800-582-3043; view us at KOA.com.

Day 2

BREAKFAST

Mayor Willie's Coffee & Donuts

We serve high quality coffee, tea, chai, fresh made donuts and more. We use only the best, all natural ingredients.

ACTIVITY

Hidee Gold Mine Tours and Panning

Mine a gold ore specimen at the vein, yours to keep with tour! Gold Panning as well! The Hidee Gold Mine is well lit with level ground and safety inspected by the state. A recognized Colorado...

LUNCH

Mountain City Cantina

Newest Mexican Restaurant serving Gilpin County! We are serving tacos, tostadas, burgers, and bowls.

ACTIVITY

Peak To Peak Scenic and Historic Byway

Views of the Continental Divide and its timbered approaches.

DINNER

Dostal Alley Brewpub and Casino

Have a blast gambling while enjoying some of the best tasting beer from the brewery.

ACTIVITY

Go on an Evening Hike

Experience the history of Central City at night on an evening hike through the cemeteries.

LODGING

Stay at Columbine Campground

Located just off the Peak to Peak byway, the campground has plenty of sites all with a campfire ring, picnic table and grill.

Day 3

BREAKFAST

Millie's Restaurant

Millie's Restaurant is located on the second level of the Easy Street Casino. Millie's offers a breakfast, lunch and dinner complete with a full menu that will be sure to satisfy your appetite!

ACTIVITY

Hit the OHV Trails

There are tons of OHV trails surrounding Central City so rent yourself some gear from Snow Mobile Rentals in Golden and get out there.

LUNCH

Retro Deli and Tavern

Savor an exquisite creation from our noodle bar. Marvel over a jaw-dropping fresh oven-baked pizza piled with toppings. Or jumpstart the action with the rich and dreamy flavors of our locally...

ACTIVITY

Go on a Walking Tour

The Gilpin Historical Society offers historic tours that include the Central City Opera House, Teller House, Thomas House and more.

DINNER

Z-Grill

Enjoy classics at this grill located In Z's Casino in Central City.

ACTIVITY

Take in One Last Sunset

Get your fishing gear (you rented it at the beginning of the trip) and fish for some trout at Chase Gulch Reservoir before turning in for the night.

COTREX

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LODGING

Stay at Cold Springs Campground

Located in Arapaho Roosevelt National Forest, this scenic campground is an ideal spot to spend your last night in Central City.

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