



# Tour the Colorado Creative Corridor

**FEATURING 5  
STATE-CERTIFIED  
CREATIVE DISTRICTS  
NESTLED IN THE  
MOUNTAINS OF  
WESTERN COLORADO.**

**CARBONDALE  
PAONIA  
CRESTED BUTTE  
RIDGWAY  
& SALIDA**



**OFFICIAL MAP & GUIDE**

**[COLORADO.COM/CREATIVE-CORRIDOR-CHANNEL](https://colorado.com/creative-corridor-channel)**

The Colorado Creative Corridor travels some 331 miles through a handful of state certified Creative District destinations including Carbondale, Crested Butte, Paonia, Ridgway and Salida. These five towns combine to offer a collective experience of unique event programming and activities, alongside mountain town eclecticism, majestic vistas and outdoor recreation, and authentic Colorado mountain culture.

**CARBONDALE** sits on the confluence of the Crystal and Roaring Fork Rivers at the foot of the mighty Mount Sopris where over 200 creatives reside. Rich agricultural history and a little hippy flair combine to form a community focused on health and wellness, local food production and four-season recreation to boot.

Tucked in the North Fork Valley under the watchful eye of Mt. Lamborn and surrounded by the beauty of the West Elks Wilderness, **PAONIA** has a thriving arts community and has the largest number of natural and organic farms, per capita, in Colorado.

Once described as a surf town in the mountains, **CRESTED BUTTE**, features a National Historic District with vibrant Victorian storefronts and expressive local characters. With over 2 million acres of public land surrounding town, enjoy legendary skiing and snowboarding, unparalleled mountain biking, or a secluded fly fishing experience.

Nestled in the picturesque Uncompahgre Valley and surrounded by the majestic snow-capped peaks of the Cimarrons and San Juans, the **RIDGWAY** experience satisfies art lovers, foodies, history buffs, and outdoor enthusiasts. Day-trip for adventure, soak in hot springs or tour the town, noting public art and creative surprises, even in our alleys.

**SALIDA** falls along the Collegiate Peaks Scenic and Historic Byway and is a short drive from Browns Canyon National Monument. While in town visit one of Salida's artist studios and galleries, kayak, tube or raft the Arkansas River, climb a 14er in the Collegiate Range or unwind with a soak at one of 3 area hot springs.

# ROAD TRIP!

Grab friends, family or both and prepare yourself for five days of stunning landscapes & creative inspiration around every corner.

## CARBONDALE



### ACTIVITY TRUE NATURE HEALING ARTS YOGA

Also featuring a tea room, Ayurvedic spa and boutique. Perch on the patio overlooking the Peace Garden for a truly serene post-yoga bite.

### ACTIVITY RIO GRANDE ARTWAY

Bike or stroll along this one-mile stretch of paved, art-lined trail that runs between nearby Aspen and Glenwood Springs.

### DINNER ALLEGRIA RESTAURANT

Italian European casual bistro

### ACTIVITY CARBONDALE WILD WEST RODEO

Every Thursday from early June to late August offering mutton bustin', barrel racing, bull and bronc riding and much more.

### NIGHTLIFE TAKE IN A SHOW OR LIVE MUSIC

Check out Thunder River Theatre Company or Steve's Guitars for stellar entertainment in an intimate, unique setting.

### LODGING MARBLE DISTILLING CO & THE DISTILLERY INN

The only distillery in the world to boast five luxury hotel rooms where guests can "Sleep with the Stills."



### BREAKFAST SILO CULINARY PRODUCTIONS

Classic American fare sourcing fresh, local ingredients, produce and meat from the Roaring Fork Valley's ranches and farms.

**HEAD SOUTH!** Make your way an hour and 15 minutes south to the lovely enclave of Paonia, passing by lush orchards and vineyards as you go.

## PAONIA

### ACTIVITY

#### DELICIOUS ORCHARDS & BIG B'S CIDERY

Featuring a farm market, tap room and cafe with a u-pick orchard. Visit [bigbs.com](http://bigbs.com) for special events and Orchard Concert Series dates.

### LUNCH

#### REMEDY JUICE BAR CAFÉ AT THE CIRQUE

Daytime offerings include cold pressed organic juices, smoothies, salads and paninis. Pull up a seat at the bar or enjoy the outdoor patio.

### ACTIVITY

#### AZURA CELLARS & GALLERY

Browse the fine art gallery and enjoy a glass of wine in the charming courtyard with one of the best views of the valley.

### DINNER

#### THE LIVING FARM CAFÉ

One of the very few true farm-to-table restaurants in Colorado. The café features farm-fresh and organic produce, meat, cheese and eggs from our farm and others in the area.

### ACTIVITY

#### BLUE SAGE CENTER FOR THE ARTS

In the mood for live music? Check Blue Sage's calendar for concert series, dances or choruses.

### LODGING

#### BROSS HOTEL BED & BREAKFAST

Graceful frontier hotel with ten guest rooms private baths and beautiful period antiques.

**HEAD EAST!** In the spring, summer and fall head east two hours over scenic Keble Pass, featuring the largest Aspen Grove in Colorado, to the active and creative town of Crested Butte. In the winter, during the pass closure, take CO-92 to US-50 & then drive north from Gunnison to Crested Butte.

## CRESTED BUTTE

### ACTIVITY

#### TAKE A HISTORIC WALKING TOUR OF CRESTED BUTTE

Start at the Crested Butte Mountain Heritage Museum and make your way through this charming town's Victorian-era sites.

### LUNCH

#### MONTANYA DISTILLERS

Montanya Distillers is a Colorado craft distiller of award-winning rum, founded in 2008. It's not just booze! For lunch at Montanya, we recommend pairing your high-mountain rum with the distillery's delicious pho or ramen.

### ACTIVITY

#### TAKE A CLASS

Take an art, dance, cooking or other class at the Art Studio at the Center for the Arts or The Design Collective.

### DINNER

#### BONEZ

Try sitting at the giant community table where you'll find both locals and tourists alike, in a friendly and lively environment.

### ACTIVITY

#### FEEL THE CREATIVE VIBE

Attend a music or dance performance or film event at one of the creative district's many event venues like the Center for the Arts, the Public House, or the Mallardi Theatre.

### LODGING

#### ELK MOUNTAIN LODGE

Located one block from Elk Ave, fine restaurants, and unique shops and galleries, the beautifully renovated Elk Mountain Lodge is a perfect place to unwind in the hot tub or enjoy a drink at the lobby bar.

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### BREAKFAST

#### AT THE BROSS HOTEL

No need to go far for breakfast — the Bross' breakfast buffet includes a hot main dish, fresh seasonal fruit, juice, homemade granola yogurt parfaits, breads with homemade jam and delicious coffee.

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**BREAKFAST**  
**MCGILL'S AT CRESTED BUTTE**

Enjoy homemade breakfasts such as french toast with real maple syrup, eggs benedict, and fresh baked biscuits in historic downtown Crested Butte.

**HEAD SOUTH & WEST!** Drive 2 hours and 15 minutes south and west to the mountain-cradled town of Ridgway.

**RIDGWAY**

**ACTIVITY**  
**TOUR A FEW GALLERIES**

Visit Lupita's Bizarre Bazaar, Art by the Park, Kane Scheidegger's studio and Mountain Girl Gallery to get a taste of the local art flavor.

**LUNCH**  
**TACO DEL GNAR**

An "elevated fast food restaurant" with the mantra that a tortilla is solely a vessel to sail fresh thought-provoking cuisine with amazing flavors to your mouth.

**ACTIVITY**  
**TOUR THE TOWN**

Stroll Ridgway's downtown park and alleys, discovering Alley Poems and Alley Art, as well as sculptures installed by Public Art Ridgway Colorado and the Town.

**DINNER**  
**PROVISIONS AT THE BARBERSHOP**

A European-style cafe specializing in simple, delicious food made with fresh ingredients sourced from local farmers and distributors of gourmet products.

**ACTIVITY**  
**MUSIC, ART & INSPIRATION**

Experience something fun or educational with festivals on many weekends during summer and fall. Calendar at [alpenglowarts.com](http://alpenglowarts.com)

**LODGING**  
**CHIPETA SOLAR SPRINGS RESORT**

Romantic, adobe, boutique resort. Many of the rooms have fireplaces and private hot tubs. Outdoor thermal pools are open year round.

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**BREAKFAST**  
**KATE'S PLACE**

Cuisine with heart and soul, freshly prepared using the highest quality ingredients.

**HEAD EAST!** There's lots to do and see on the way to Salida. Consider taking a day to explore the Black Canyon of the Gunnison National Park via Montrose or the Curecanti National Recreation Area further east.

**SALIDA**

**LUNCH**  
**MOONLIGHT PIZZA & BREWPUB**

A community center need only serve great pizza.

**ACTIVITY**  
**SALIDA'S HISTORIC DOWNTOWN**

Tour Salida's charming downtown and visit several artist-owned galleries and creatives like The Bee Keeper's Honey Boutique featuring local honey, candles, and beauty products.

**DINNER**  
**THE FRITZ**

Gastro-Pub? Americana Bistro? Global Cafe? Call it what you want, we call it delicious, and hopefully you will too.

**ACTIVITY**  
**STEAMPLANT THEATRE & EVENT CENTER**

Check our calendar for concerts, plays, film screenings and artist receptions at this riverside, multi-use facility with a ballroom, plaza, theatre, and conference rooms. Visit calendar at [salidasteamplant.com](http://salidasteamplant.com).

**LODGING**  
**PALACE HOTEL**

Located in Historic Downtown Salida, alongside the banks of the Arkansas River, the newly renovated Palace Hotel offers boutique caliber lodging within footsteps of shopping, dining, hiking, biking, and fly-fishing.

**\*Additional business listings & activities are available in each Creative District. This guide is simply a sampling!**

# TOUR THE COLORADO CREATIVE CORRIDOR!

## 5 SMALL MOUNTAIN TOWNS FULL OF BIG CREATIVITY & INSPIRATION

- 48,104'** OF ELEVATION
- 3** MOUNTAIN PASSES
- 5** CREATIVE DISTRICTS
- 8** IN TOWN RIVERS
- 16** DISTILLERIES & WINERIES
- 10** CRAFT BREWERIES
- 8** HOT SPRINGS
- 800+** ARTISTS & CREATIVE BUSINESSES
- 60** GALLERIES & MUSEUMS
- 116** RESTAURANTS
- 3** RESERVOIRS
- 9** WILDERNESS AREAS
- 10** ART CENTERS
- 1** NATIONAL PARK
- 1** NATIONAL MONUMENT
- 44** PERFORMING ARTS VENUES
- 13** FILM FESTIVALS
- 28** MUSIC FESTS & CONCERT SERIES
- 12** ALPINE & NORDIC SKI AREAS
- 5** HISTORIC DOWNTOWNS
- 4** SCENIC & HISTORIC BYWAYS
- 12** VIEWABLE MOUNTAIN RANGES
- COUNTLESS** HIKING & BIKING TRAILS
- 16,300+** SMILING LOCALS

