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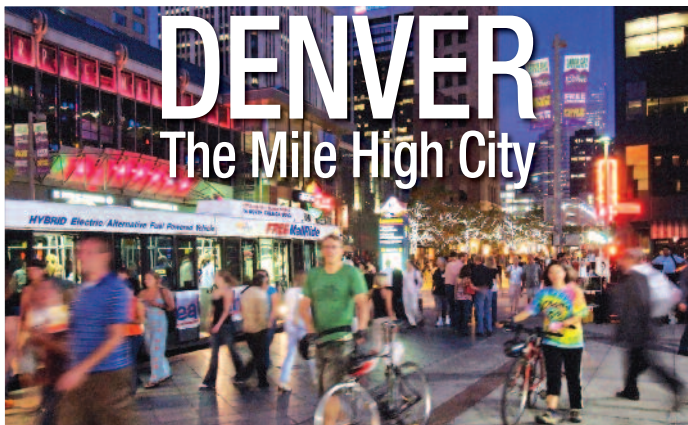


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Denver is an outdoor city with 300 days of sunshine, brilliant blue skies and breathtaking mountain scenery. Founded in 1858 as a gold mining camp, Denver is located at the base of the majestic **Rocky Mountains**, 5,280 feet (1.6 km) above sea level – exactly one mile high.



Much of the city's rich Western history has been preserved in the architecture and in museums, which vividly illustrate the stories of entrepreneurs, heroes and hero-

ines of the past. When gold was discovered, Denver became a boomtown filled with fortune seekers, wagon trains and cowboys.

Today, Denver is Colorado's vibrant capital city with urban adventure around every corner, starting with its walkable downtown and the **16th Street Mall** – a mile-long (1.6 km) pedestrian promenade lined with outdoor cafés and shops.

Stroll up and down the mall, or catch one of the free shuttle buses that stop regularly on every corner. For expert advice and information, stop at one of the Tourist Information Centers.

Just minutes from downtown, the upscale **Cherry Creek** neighborhood tempts locals and visitors alike with hundreds of boutiques, galleries, stores and restaurants.

Denver's arts and culture scene is thriving, including world-class museums, neighborhood art districts, astonishing public art displays and an impressive offering of art exhibits and Tony Award-winning stage productions.

In Denver, you are never far from nature. Grab your walking shoes, or hop on a **Denver B-cycle**, the citywide bicycle sharing program, to explore

Denver's 200 parks or 85 miles (137 km) of bike and pedestrian trails that connect the city's neighborhoods. Tee off at one of the metro area golf courses, or watch one of the seven professional sports teams that play throughout the year – including soccer, football, hockey, basketball and baseball.



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The Colorado Convention Center's 40-foot (12-meter) Blue Bear, "I See What You Mean", by Denver artist Lawrence Argent, one of The Mile High City's icons.

Denver welcomes you to discover urban adventures and to experience our Western hospitality.

Art, Culture & Fun



With some of Colorado's highest mountain peaks as the city's scenic backdrop, your trip to Denver will be filled with adventures inside and out.

Visit the amazing **Denver Art Museum**, with its striking building designed by Daniel Libeskind and explore one of the world's most comprehensive collections of American Indian artwork. Next door,



the **Clyfford Still Museum** showcases masterpieces from the collection of this famed, American Abstract

Expressionist artist.

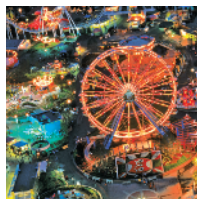
A must-see attraction is the famous **Red Rocks Park & Amphitheatre**, which was named the top outdoor music venue in the country by *Rolling Stone* magazine, and has hosted everyone from The Beatles to Bruce Springsteen. Stop by the Visitor Center featuring the Performers Hall of Fame, the Trading Post and the Colorado Music Hall of Fame, or hike the beautiful trails that surround the amphitheatre.

The **Denver Museum of Nature & Science** is home to an IMAX theatre, a state-of-the-art planetarium and thousands of natural treasures. Explore permanent exhibitions like Prehistoric Journey, Expedition Health and Space Odyssey. Adjacent to



the museum, the **Denver Zoo** is a virtual safari, featuring such exhibits as The Edge – which will mimic tigers' natural habitat, bringing visitors closer than ever before – and the must-see Toyota Elephant Passage, which transports you to a village where you'll encounter enormous Asian elephants, rhinos and tapirs.

If you're a nature lover, be sure to explore the tranquil beauty of **Denver Botanic Gardens**. Wander through gardens filled with exotic plant life and journey through a tropical paradise in one of the nation's top conservatories. Another touch of nature can be found at the **Butterfly Pavilion**, home to 1,600 free-flying butterflies in a natural garden setting.



Take a thrilling ride on a roller coaster or water slide at **Elitich Gardens Theme & Water Park**, the only downtown

amusement park in America, or explore the nearby **Downtown Aquarium**, an interactive aquarium featuring fish, sharks, birds and even Sumatran tigers.

Venture to **Dinosaur Ridge** to learn more about prehistoric inhabitants, or climb aboard an old-fashioned locomotive at the **Colorado Railroad Museum**. And, just a short drive away is Golden, where you can learn how beer is brewed during a tour at **Coors Brewery**, the world's largest brewing site.

Unique Neighborhoods



Denver is home to a collection of distinctive neighborhoods and small communities where the curious traveler can find hidden gems. From the upscale Cherry Creek to the diversity of the Art District on Santa Fe, neighborhoods welcome you to explore shops, brew-pubs and farm-to-table restaurants.

Enjoy the shops, galleries and restaurants that line the streets of **Cherry Creek North**, and then spend some time across the street browsing at **Cherry Creek Shopping Center's** wide array of name brand, upscale stores.



RiNo (River North) Art District is a creative neighborhood "where art is made" in unique artists' studios and galleries, and is earning a reputation for great food and drink and live music. Visit **The Source**, a former foundry filled with artisans and restaurants or check out live jazz at **Nocturne**. The art definitely extends beyond gallery walls in this neighborhood, with its colorful and innovative street art murals in alleys and on buildings around almost every corner!

In historic **Five Points**, discover African American heritage at the **Black American West Museum** and the **Blair-Caldwell African American Research Library**. The **Art District on Santa Fe** celebrates Latino culture with its more than 60 art galleries, theaters and restaurants, featuring authentic recipes passed down through generations.

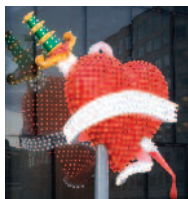


The **Golden Triangle Museum District** is home to many art galleries and museums including the **Denver Art**

Museum, the **Clyfford Still Museum**, the **History Colorado Center**, the **Molly Brown House Museum** and the **Kirkland Museum of Fine & Decorative Art**, which showcases decorative art objects. **Highlands** is an eclectic urban neighborhood filled with interesting shops, not to mention popular restaurants serving everything from sushi to modern Mexican cuisine. The **Tennyson Street Cultural District** offers visitors a variety of great cafés and shops filled with art, antiques, jewelry, one-of-a-kind gifts and books.

Old South Gaylord and **South Pearl Street** provide a relaxed atmosphere with parks, quaint residential streets, locally owned restaurants, bars, antique stores, galleries and boutiques.

In the heart of downtown, **LoDo** (Lower Downtown) offers dining, nightlife, shopping and the **Museum of Contemporary Art – Denver**, which has changing exhibits by internationally renowned



artists. The adjacent Platte River Valley features the lovely **Confluence Park** and **Sports Authority Field at Mile High**, which is home to the Denver Broncos football team and the Colorado Sports Hall of Fame.

Beer, Wine & Spirits



Denver brews more beer than any other city in the world and is home to **Coors Brewery** – the largest single brewing site in the world.



Take a free tour to see this classic Rocky Mountain brewery. More than 200 beers are

produced and served every day in Denver's tap houses, brew pubs, breweries and gastro pubs, with new spots opening every week. Don't miss tastings and tours at downtown's **Wynkoop Brewing Co.**, **Great Divide Brewing Co.**, **Denver Beer Co.**, and dozens more. Come see why Denver is one of America's best beer cities.



Growing side-by-side with brewing is Denver's distillery and winery scene. Fifteen years ago, there was not a single distillery in Colorado – today distilleries in Denver produce whiskey, brandy, vodka, gin and rum. Don't miss a free tour of **Stranahan's Whiskey Distillery** – the original Colorado whiskey producer. **Infinite Monkey Theorem** and **Balistreri Vineyards** are just a sampling of the many urban wineries popping up in neighborhoods across Denver, offering tastings and tours of their hand-crafted wines.



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Dining & Nightlife



When the sun goes down, Denver's nightlife heats up. The city is filled with dance and comedy clubs, live music and restaurants where visitors can savor innovative, farm-to-table cuisine. Wherever you go, you can bet on fresh, locally sourced ingredients. Buffalo and beef are traditional Western fare and pair well with a pint of locally handcrafted beer.



Larimer Square, where Denver was founded, is now filled with acclaimed, chef-owned bistros, creative

cocktail lounges and exclusive nightclubs. LoDo, the 26-square-block Lower Downtown historic district, is the place to be for incredible restaurants, live music, art galleries, sports bars and brewpubs – many housed in renovated Victorian buildings.

Denver Union Station has been transformed into a transportation, dining, shopping and entertainment hub, all centered around a boutique hotel. Direct rail service connects **Denver International Airport** to this downtown landmark.



Denver Pavilions is an entertainment and retail complex with contemporary clubs, bars and restaurants.

The nearby **Denver Performing Arts**

Complex encompasses eight venues and is home to a Tony award-winning theater company, the Colorado Symphony Orchestra, opera and ballet. Touring Broadway productions make regular appearances and on any given night, you're sure to find a great production.



In the summertime, **Red Rocks Park & Amphitheatre** is the destination for a one-of-a-kind musical experience. This famous venue is a natural acoustical wonder with a 9,000-seat amphitheatre that has played host to everything from world-famous rock groups to top symphony orchestras.



Nonstop Shopping



Stroll the tree-lined streets of **Cherry Creek North**, and shop at **Cherry Creek Shopping Center** where you'll find up-scale boutiques, galleries and stores including

Neiman Marcus, Tiffany & Co. and Louis Vuitton. All this, just 2.5 miles (4 km) from downtown and accessible via public transportation and B-cycle via the scenic Cherry Creek Bike Path.

Downtown Denver has a variety of shopping opportunities and the **16th Street Mall's** free shuttle makes it easy to get around. The **Denver Pavilions** entertainment complex features the I ♥ Denver store (offering all Colorado made art, furnishing and souvenirs), Forever 21, H&M and more.

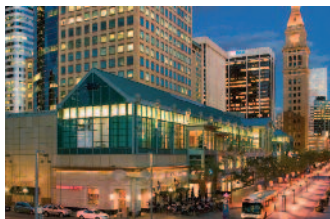
Nearby are the shops of **Larimer Square**, one of Denver's trendiest blocks. Here, shoppers can find treasures in sophisticated clothing and home stores. Other boutiques, coffee shops and bookstores

are scattered in surrounding blocks.

If you love to read, make a stop at the **Tattered Cover** bookstore on 16th and



Wynkoop. In addition, Metro Denver has more shopping options including **Park Meadows Retail Resort**, **Flatiron Crossing**, the **Shops at Northfield Stapleton**, the **Outlets at Castle Rock**, **Belmar Shopping District** and **The Streets at SouthGlenn**.



No matter what you're shopping for, you can find it in Denver.

Denver International Airport

Getting to Denver is easy, with service via all of the major U.S. airlines and nonstop flights to and from Frankfurt, Munich, London, Reykjavik, Tokyo and Mexico City, among others. **Denver International Airport** (DEN) is currently the sixth busiest airport in the U.S., and 19th busiest in the world with 1,550 daily flights, including more than 180 worldwide destinations. Direct rail service connects DEN to downtown's Denver Union Station for \$9 each way. flydenver.com



History & Culture-Western Style



Denver is the natural gateway to the beauty, romance and history of the American West.

Denver's **History Colorado Center**,

tells the stories of Colorado's past, present and future. The interactive museum offers the chance to fly off a virtual ski jump and travel into a re-created mine shaft.



Stop in at **Rockmount Ranch Wear**, where the original snap button Western shirt was invented and where rock stars and locals shop for authentic Western wear.

Discover the lives and legacies of African-Americans during the frontier days at the **Black American West Museum**. The **Denver Art Museum's** outstanding Western art collection includes a vast exhibit of American Indian textiles, pottery and contemporary works providing a vivid look at Western history. Or, learn more about the "Unsinkable" Molly Brown, The Mile High City's



famous Titanic survivor, and her rise to fame and fortune during the 19th century gold rush at the **Molly Brown House Museum**.

One of the West's most famous figures, **Buffalo Bill Cody**, is buried high on Lookout



Mountain just outside of Denver, a spot offering a panoramic view of Denver and the Great Plains. The **Buffalo Bill Museum & Grave** depicts the exciting life of this army scout, buffalo hunter and showman.



For a taste of some frontier favorites, head to the **Buckhorn Exchange**, serving prime beef

and buffalo steaks, ribs and elk in a genuine Old West setting, or **The Fort**, a world-renowned restaurant housed in a full-size replica of an adobe fur trading fort with scenic views of downtown Denver.

Outdoor Adventures



With 300 days of sunshine a year, Denver provides visitors with plenty of time to enjoy the great outdoors.



Denver has more than 85 miles (137 km) of paved, off-street biking, hiking and jogging trails, one of the largest urban trail networks in America. If you want to explore on two wheels, hop on a **Denver B-cycle**, the city's popular bike sharing program. It's cheap, eco-friendly and fun. Sturdy, red Trek bikes are available at 87 convenient stations near major attractions and neighborhoods across the city.



Denver has 200 beautiful parks within city limits, offering spectacular views, fresh air and open space. **Denver Mountain Parks** operates the

rugged terrain of the nearby Rockies, including **Mount Evans** (the highest paved road in North America), **Genessee Park** (where a herd of buffalo roam) and **Lookout Mountain**, on the top of which is the final resting place of Buffalo Bill, the famous fron-



tier scout and showman. And just a short drive away, the natural wonders of **Rocky Mountain National Park** are waiting to be explored.

There are more than 90 golf courses in Metro Denver, including **Arrowhead**, consistently ranked as one of the top 75 public courses in America for its gorgeous scenery, which includes a number of holes set in between towering red rocks.



Adventure is never far away. Head to the nearby mountains for whitewater river rafting, world-class skiing, fly fishing, hiking, rock climbing, mountain biking or zip lining.



Rocky Mountain Day Trips



Denver makes an excellent base from which to tour the scenic and historic nearby Rocky Mountains. Here, you can experience the crisp mountain air and invigorating scenery up close, while hiking, horseback riding, skiing, fly fishing, boating, river rafting and mountain climbing.

Within a one to two-hour drive from Denver, there are a variety of exciting destinations. Here are just a few:

Rocky Mountain National Park (70 miles/112 km northwest): One of the country's most beautiful parks, this wilderness area, filled with lakes, waterfalls and meadows of wildflowers under



snow-capped peaks, offers the very best of scenic drives, hikes or walks. At the entrance to the park, stroll in downtown **Estes Park** and tour the historic

Stanley Hotel, where Stephen King was inspired to write *The Shining*.

Mount Evans (44 miles/72 km west): Enjoy panoramic mountain views as you take a scenic drive or get out and explore the many hiking trails. **Echo Lake** is a picturesque stop along the road to the top of **Mount Evans**, the highest paved road in North America, more than 14,264 feet (4,348 m) at its summit.

Gold Rush Towns (31 miles/50 km west): The historic mining towns of **Central City**, **Black Hawk**, **Idaho Springs** and

Georgetown offer activities that range from panning for gold and shopping along streets lined with Victorian buildings, to taking a ride on a narrow gauge steam locomotive or experiencing the thrill of white-water rafting. Central City and Black Hawk are also home to 24-hour casinos, with poker, slot machines, blackjack and more.

Pikes Peak Country (70 miles/113 km south):



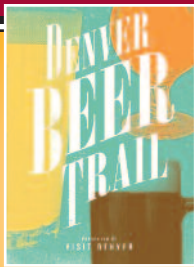
Nestled at the base of the famous mountain in **Colorado Springs** are plenty of attractions including the

U.S. Air Force Academy, **U.S. Olympic Training Center**, **Garden of the Gods** and **Cave of the Winds**.

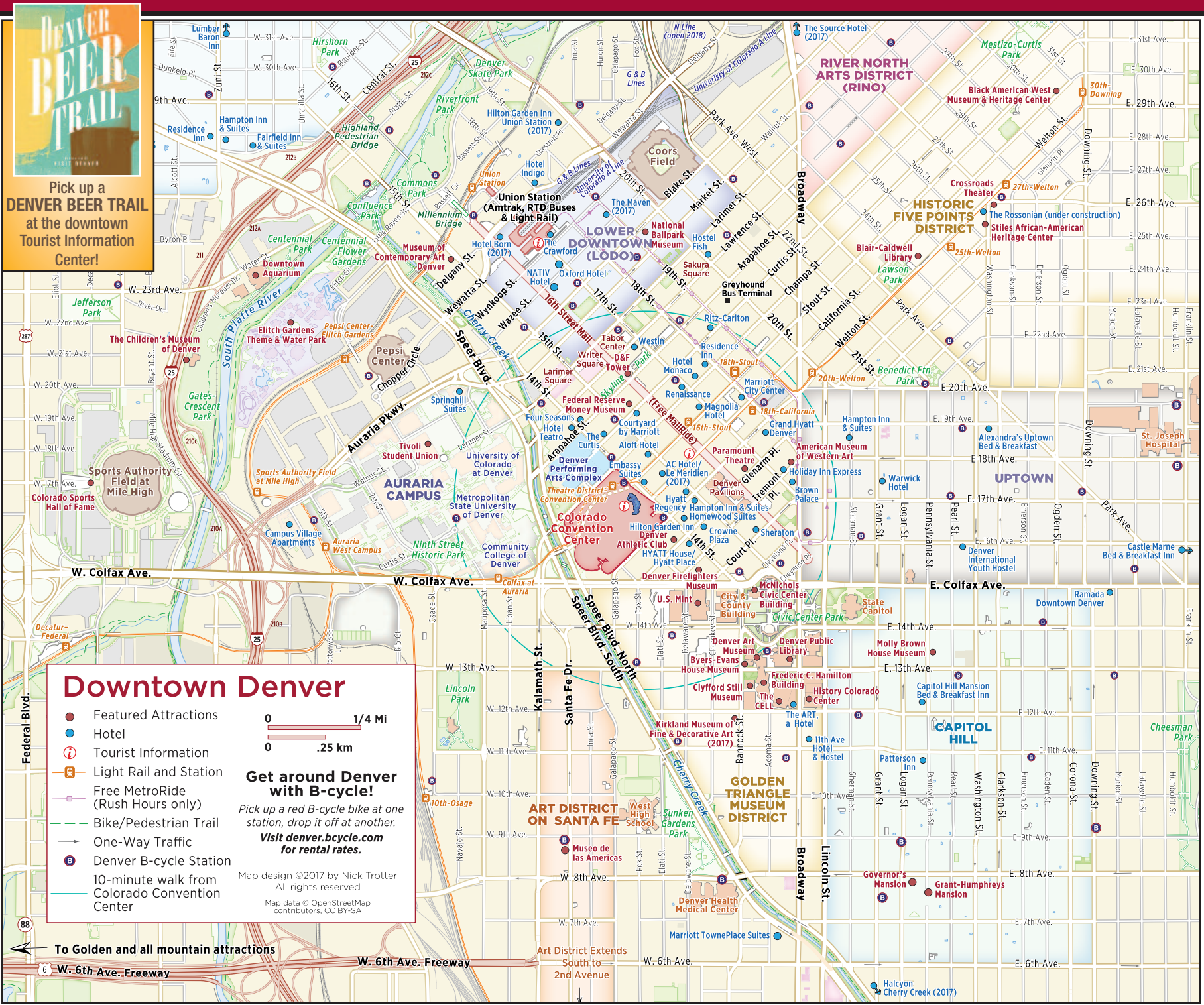
Boulder (28 miles/46 km northwest): Located 35 minutes northwest of Denver, Boulder is a captivating university town enriched with natural beauty, hip urban culture and a vibrant love of the outdoors.

Ski Country (62 miles/100 km west): There are almost a dozen resorts within a short drive of Denver offering year-round recreation, skiing, golfing, horseback riding and more.





Pick up a **DENVER BEER TRAIL** at the downtown Tourist Information Center!



Downtown Denver

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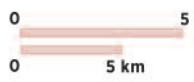
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Art District Extends South to 2nd Avenue



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