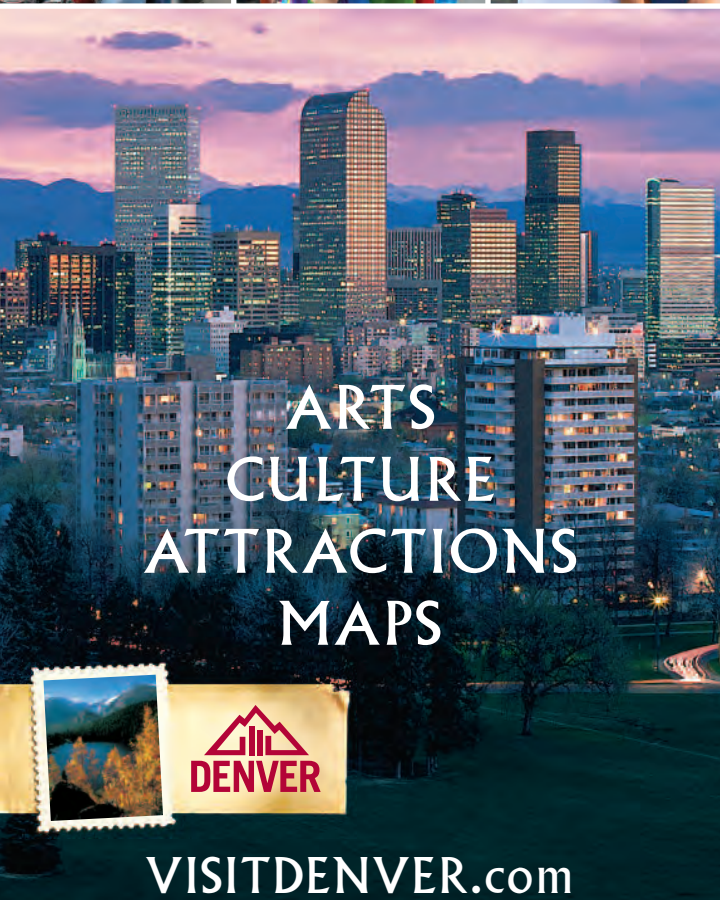


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“With gorgeous weather, inspiring nature, vast cultural offerings, and a sense of freedom that permeates everything from the street art to LGBT life, you may wonder why you haven’t discovered this city before.”

Joseph Pedro, *Passport Magazine*

LESBIAN, GAY, BISEXUAL AND TRANSGENDER

visitors to Denver will discover an energizing and sophisticated city, set against the stunning backdrop of the Rocky Mountains and crystal clear blue

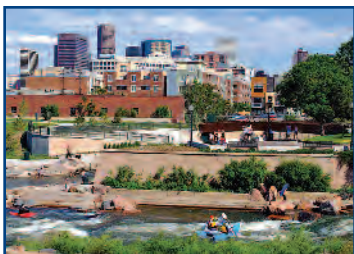
skies. It’s home to open, friendly people, welcoming travelers to relax and experience its diverse urban metropolis and unique Western culture.



As the largest city in a 600-mile radius, Denver has been the hub of LGBT culture in the West since the late twentieth century. The Mile High City, according to the U.S. Census, is home to more than 4,000 gay and lesbian couples and thousands of singles. The city’s scenic location and weather, active nightlife, vast array of exceptional restaurants, upscale and hip shopping districts and outstanding accommodations offer LGBT travelers countless ways to shape their own experience.



Visitors to Denver will enjoy the outdoors any time of year. Hiking, mountain biking, running, golfing, skiing and whitewater rafting are just some of the ways to take advantage of the more than 300 days of annual sunshine.



Any time of year is ideal to take in Denver's thriving art scene. You'll find a broad spectrum of art galleries near downtown or in historic Lower Downtown (LoDo) and at the Art District on Santa Fe where each month art galleries serve up food, beverages and entertainment, while showcasing the works of local artists.

If you enjoy the intimacy and excitement of live performances, options abound in Denver. The Denver Performing Arts Complex is home to 10 performance venues and hosts Broadway shows, musicals, concerts, opera, ballet and symphony. Or, venture outside the mainstream and take in one of many innovative productions seen on smaller stages throughout the city.



And after the sun sets, Denver's thriving city scene offers diverse choices for LGBT visitors, including a large selection of gay and lesbian bars, dance clubs, and drag and cabaret shows.



Denver's busy calendar of events offers plenty of opportunities to celebrate LGBT culture. The community is most festive when Denver's PrideFest takes place – a two-day event and one of the largest LGBT events in the nation – attracting more than 300,000 people to Civic Center Park in the heart of downtown. And every July, the community rediscovers its roots at the Colorado Gay Rodeo, the longest continually operated

display of LGBT western sports in the nation. Denver also hosts many adventurous indoor activities like the Denver Film Society's LGBT-themed Cinema Q Film Fest.

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DENVER HAS LONG BEEN A GATHERING PLACE for people of all cultures. First were the high plains Native Americans who followed the buffalo herds and lived throughout the Front Range. When prospectors discovered gold in 1858, thousands of men (and a few women) crossed the Great Plains and settled in and around Denver. More than a third of the cowboys riding the cattle drives of this era were African Americans, many of them freed slaves who migrated West after the Civil War.

By the 1980s, Denver was dubbed the gay oasis of the West. Gay men and women in the previous decade had organized and established themselves as a smart, cultured and politically active community.

HIGHLIGHTS OF GAY DENVER'S HISTORY

- 1973** Gay Coalition of Denver works with Denver's City Council to abolish anti-gay laws.
- 1974** Denver's first Pride celebration, a picnic in Cheesman Park.
- 1975** Denver's first official Pride Parade.
- 1982** The Colorado Gay Rodeo Association is formed. Soon after, Denver hosted its first rodeo.
- 1983** Denver's gay and lesbian community mobilizes to elect Federico Peña, Denver's first Latino mayor and executive ally to the community.
- 1990** Denver becomes one of the first municipalities in the nation to adopt an anti-discrimination policy including gay and lesbians.
- 1991** Denver voters supported the anti-discrimination policy despite opponents trying to overturn it at the ballot.
- 1994** Denver businessman Tim Gill creates the Gill Foundation, an organization to advance LGBT rights through charity and education.
- 2012** Denver's PrideFest ranks third largest in the nation.
- 2013** Colorado adopts the Colorado Civil Union Act establishing relationship recognition for same-sex couples.
- 2014** Colorado legalizes same-sex marriage on October 7, 2014.
- 2015** U.S. Supreme Court rules in favor of same-sex marriage.



DENVER FEATURES A COLLECTION OF DISTINCTIVE NEIGHBORHOODS:

small communities where the curious traveler can find hidden gems, from local favorite eateries and shops to independent booksellers and galleries.



The Capitol Hill and Uptown neighborhoods are both home to a vibrant and flourishing gay community, in addition to diverse retail and dining options. Several of the city's prominent live music venues are located here, along with scenic City Park, the Denver Zoo, Denver Botanic Gardens and the Denver Museum of Nature & Science.

Five Points is the historic center of the African American community featuring museums, shops and soul food. The Art District on Santa Fe, RiNo and Cherry Creek North are home to dozens of galleries, shops and restaurants. Trendsetters love Old South Gaylord and South Pearl Street near beautiful Washington Park. South Broadway offers vintage stores, friendly pubs, galleries, home furnishing shops and live music clubs, as well as Antique Row, one of the nation's largest concentration of antique dealers.

Highlands is a hip neighborhood north of downtown Denver filled with farm-to-table eateries, one-of-a-kind boutiques, galleries and pubs. Federal Boulevard is the center of Denver's Asian community where Vietnamese, Thai, Chinese and Pan-Asian shops, restaurants and markets line the street.



DENVER'S MANY ACCLAIMED RESTAURANTS

are a great place to relax and recharge after a day on the town. From fine dining to food trucks, Denver is home to innovative, award-winning chefs, and is one of the nation's hot spots for creative cuisine.



Give in to the temptation for some of the best Asian fusion, sushi or spicy "haute Mexican" food between L.A. and Chicago. Relax at a quaint outdoor café along the 16th Street Mall or explore Larimer Square, Lower Downtown (LoDo) and Union Station to sample many of Denver's best chef-owned restaurants.

Whatever your fancy, Denver has a beer, wine or spirit to quench your thirst or tickle your pallet. Did you know that Denver is America's beer capital with more than 200 beers brewed locally every day? There are also plenty of wine bars and cocktail lounges that feature some of Colorado's finest handcrafted wines and unique libations from local wineries and distilleries.

The farm-to-table movement in the culinary world is nothing new to Denver. For years, Mile High City chefs have been working directly with local farms, utilizing Colorado's bountiful harvest of fresh produce, artisanal cheeses and organically raised meats to create dishes that are eco-friendly, innovative and – most importantly – delicious.

When the sun sets, Denver's nightlife soars. From intimate lounges and eclectic live music venues to Country Western dance clubs and the famous Red Rocks Amphitheatre, there are plenty of choices for visitors to get out and meet up after dark.



DENVER IS AN ACTIVE CITY, where you will find plenty of choices for shopping, running and cycling. Explore the city on foot or by B-cycle, the citywide bike sharing program.



Experience the many lush parks and gardens including the Denver Botanic Gardens.

Take a walk down the 16th Street Mall, a mile-long promenade lined with stores and outdoor cafés. Denver Pavilions, located on the mall, houses 50 stores and restaurants in a two-square block entertainment center.

Or, venture off the beaten path and explore the Victorian architecture of Larimer Square, an ultra-chic shopping and dining paradise. In historic Lower Downtown (LoDo) you'll find specialty retail stores including Rockmount Ranch Wear and the Tattered Cover book store. At night, LoDo transforms into one of Denver's hot-spot hang-outs.



Cherry Creek is a shopping mecca. Stroll the tree-lined streets of Cherry Creek North or explore the upscale Cherry Creek Shopping Center. Together, these are home to more than 500 world-class shops, department stores, galleries, spas and one-of-a-kind boutiques.

And, for the sports fan, cheer on one of the seven professional sports teams in Denver, including Colorado Rockies baseball, Colorado Rapids soccer and Denver Broncos football.



SIT BACK AT THE Denver Performing Arts Complex and enjoy the latest production from the Tony Award-winning Denver Center Theatre Company or the Colorado Symphony Orchestra. You will also find opera, ballet and modern dance in the state-of-the-art Ellie Caulkins Opera House.



The Sleeping Beauty – Maria Mosina and Alexei Tyukov by Terry Shapiro

A few blocks away, the Denver Art Museum houses an extensive permanent collection of classical and contemporary art, including Western, American Indian and pre-Colombian. The Clyfford Still Museum, Denver's newest museum, is a national treasure of Abstract Expressionist art.

Denver's thriving art scene is also experienced during First Friday Art Walks when you can meet the artists and explore their studios. You'll find a broad spectrum of galleries showcasing the work of local artists downtown and in nearby neighborhoods like the Golden Triangle, Art District on Santa Fe, Tennyson Street Cultural District and RiNo (River North Arts District).



Of architectural note is the new David Adjaye-designed Museum of Contemporary Art, which houses a revolving array of international exhibitions. Additionally, the Museo de las Americas features permanent collections and touring exhibits of ancient, folk and modern Latino art.

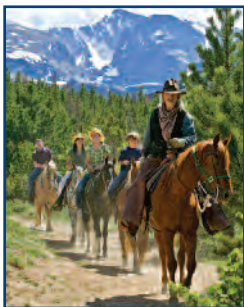
Denver is also home to many neighboring community theatres, a growing collection of public art and an array of hidden gem museums and galleries. In addition, a series of film festivals celebrate independent filmmakers, African American, Latino and Asian cinema.



LOCATED AT THE
BASE OF THE ROCKY
MOUNTAINS,

Denver is only an hour away from the Continental Divide and some of the world's most beautiful scenery.

Take a leisurely drive up the highest paved road in America to the 14,260-foot summit of Mount Evans, or bask in the tranquil beauty of Rocky Mountain National Park, an awe-inspiring paradise filled with lakes, waterfalls and meadows of wildflowers.



Visit quaint, historic places like Georgetown and Idaho Springs. Try your luck panning for gold in old mining towns or opt for the modern alternative – world-class casinos in the heart of the high country. Splash down a Colorado river on a whitewater raft, try a scenic round of golf or enjoy a spa treatment at a luxury Rocky Mountain resort.

Finish off your adventures by “tasting the Rockies” at the Coors Brewery in Golden. The world's largest brewing site still uses the same fresh Rocky Mountain spring water that Adolph Coors discovered in 1873. Free, self-guided tours show every step in the brewing process, and end with free samples for those over 21.

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1 COLORADO STATE CAPITOL. Modeled after the U.S. Capitol with a gold plated-dome, the building has free tours on weekdays. The 13th step at the entrance is exactly one mile high above sea level. colorado.gov

2 HISTORY COLORADO CENTER. True Colorado experiences come alive at the History Colorado Center in downtown Denver. Celebrate the state's rich past through fun, interactive exhibits. historycolorado.org



3 THE CELL. The Counterterrorism Education Learning Lab is a non-profit institution dedicated to educating citizens on the most salient issue of our time – terrorism. thecell.org

4 BYERS-EVANS HOUSE MUSEUM. Tour one of Denver's oldest homes – an elaborate 1883 Victorian mansion. historycolorado.org/museums/byers-evans-house-museum

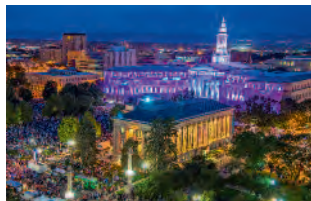
5 GLBT COMMUNITY CENTER OF COLORADO. 1301 E. Colfax Avenue. gltcolorado.org

6 DENVER ART MUSEUM. Experience amazing art with-in the two buildings that are home to a renowned American Indian art collection, Western art, contemporary art and more. denverartmuseum.org



7 CLYFFORD STILL MUSEUM. Denver's newest and most intriguing museum showcases the iconoclastic art of abstract expressionist Clyfford Still, who is considered one of the 20th century's most influential artists. clyffordstillmuseum.org

8 U.S. MINT. More than 50 million coins are made here every day. Free tours examine every step in the process, from stamping to bagging. Reservations required. usmint.gov



9 CIVIC CENTER PARK. Located among the city's bustling government centers, the park is a metropolitan oasis with flower gardens, Western statues and a Greek theater. denvergov.org

10 MCNICHOLS CIVIC CENTER BUILDING. Formerly Denver's Carnegie Library, the historic Greek Revival building is now a hub for contemporary arts and culture in the heart of Civic Center Park. mcnicholsbuilding.com

11 DENVER FIREFIGHTERS MUSEUM. See outstanding exhibits and hands-on activities about the history of firefighting in Denver. denverfirefightersmuseum.org



12 COLORADO CONVENTION CENTER. A giant blue bear art sculpture greets visitors to this modern facility, located within walking distance of 9,400 hotel rooms. denverconvention.com



13 DENVER PERFORMING ARTS COMPLEX. This vibrant performing arts complex boasts 10 venues seating 10,000 people for Tony Award-winning theatre, symphony, Broadway shows, opera, ballet and more. dcpa.org

14 ELITCH GARDENS THEME AND WATER PARK. Located downtown, the park has more than 50 thrill rides, a complete water adventure park and daily shows for nonstop family entertainment. elitchgardens.com

15 THE CHILDREN'S MUSEUM. One of the top 50 U.S. family attractions, the museum provides fun, hands-on experiences for newborns through eight-year-olds and their adult caregivers. cmdenver.org



16 DOWNTOWN AQUARIUM. This unique downtown aquarium has more than 15,000 fish, mammals and plants, and even Sumatran tigers in a family friendly facility where you can dine next to the sharks. downtownaquariumdenver.com

17 PEPSI CENTER. The center is the 20,000-seat home for the NBA Denver Nuggets, NHL Colorado Avalanche, and NLL Colorado Mammoth, as well as concerts and events. pepsicenter.com



18 LARIMER SQUARE. A restored section of Denver's oldest street, this block of Victorian buildings now houses sleek urban restaurants, boutiques, bars and nightspots. larimersquare.com



19 UNION STATION. Denver's revitalized historic train station once again serves as an energetic transportation hub and features Colorado-created restaurants and bars, exciting retail shops and The Crawford Hotel. unionstationindenver.com

20 16TH STREET MALL. Free shuttle buses traverse this mile-long pedestrian promenade, which is lined with outdoor cafés and shops. VISITDENVER.com



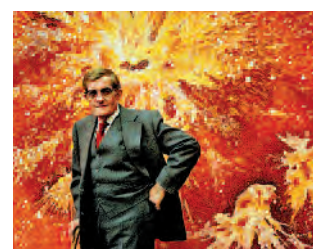
21 LODO. Short for "Lower Downtown," this 26-square-block historic district is filled with turn-of-the-century warehouses that are home to some of the city's best-known bars, brewpubs, restaurants, cafés, clubs and art galleries. lodo.org

22 COORS FIELD. Home to Major League Baseball's Colorado Rockies, Coors Field is located in the LoDo neighborhood. Check out The Rooftop in the upper right deck, where you can see the games, as well as panoramic views of downtown and the Rockies. coloradorockies.com



23 SAKURA SQUARE. The center of Denver's Japanese community, Sakura Square features gardens, fountains, restaurants and a famed Buddhist temple. sakurasquare.com

24 DENVER PAVILIONS. An entertainment and shopping complex in the heart of downtown includes 40 stores, a cineplex, a retro bowling alley and several restaurants and nightspots. denverpavilions.com



25 KIRKLAND MUSEUM OF FINE & DECORATIVE ART. The museum offers a nationally acclaimed display of 20th century decorative arts and features a retrospective of Colorado's distinguished painter Vance Kirkland (1904-1981). kirklandmuseum.org

26 MOLLY BROWN HOUSE MUSEUM. Visit the Victorian home of the "Unsinkable Molly Brown," made famous by the Broadway musical and movie based on her adventurous life. mollybrown.org

27 BLAIR-CALDWELL AFRICAN AMERICAN RESEARCH LIBRARY. Located in the Historic Five Points neighborhood, the legacy of African Americans in the Rocky Mountain West can be discovered in the archived collections. history.denverlibrary.org/blair

28 BLACK AMERICAN WEST MUSEUM & HERITAGE CENTER. This fascinating small museum tells the forgotten story of "Black Cowboys" and pioneers who helped settle the West. blackamericanwestmuseum.org



29 SPORTS AUTHORITY FIELD AT MILE HIGH. The 76,000-seat stadium is home to the NFL Denver Broncos and MLL Denver Outlaws. The stadium also boasts the Colorado Sports Hall of Fame. sportsauthorityfieldatmilehigh.com



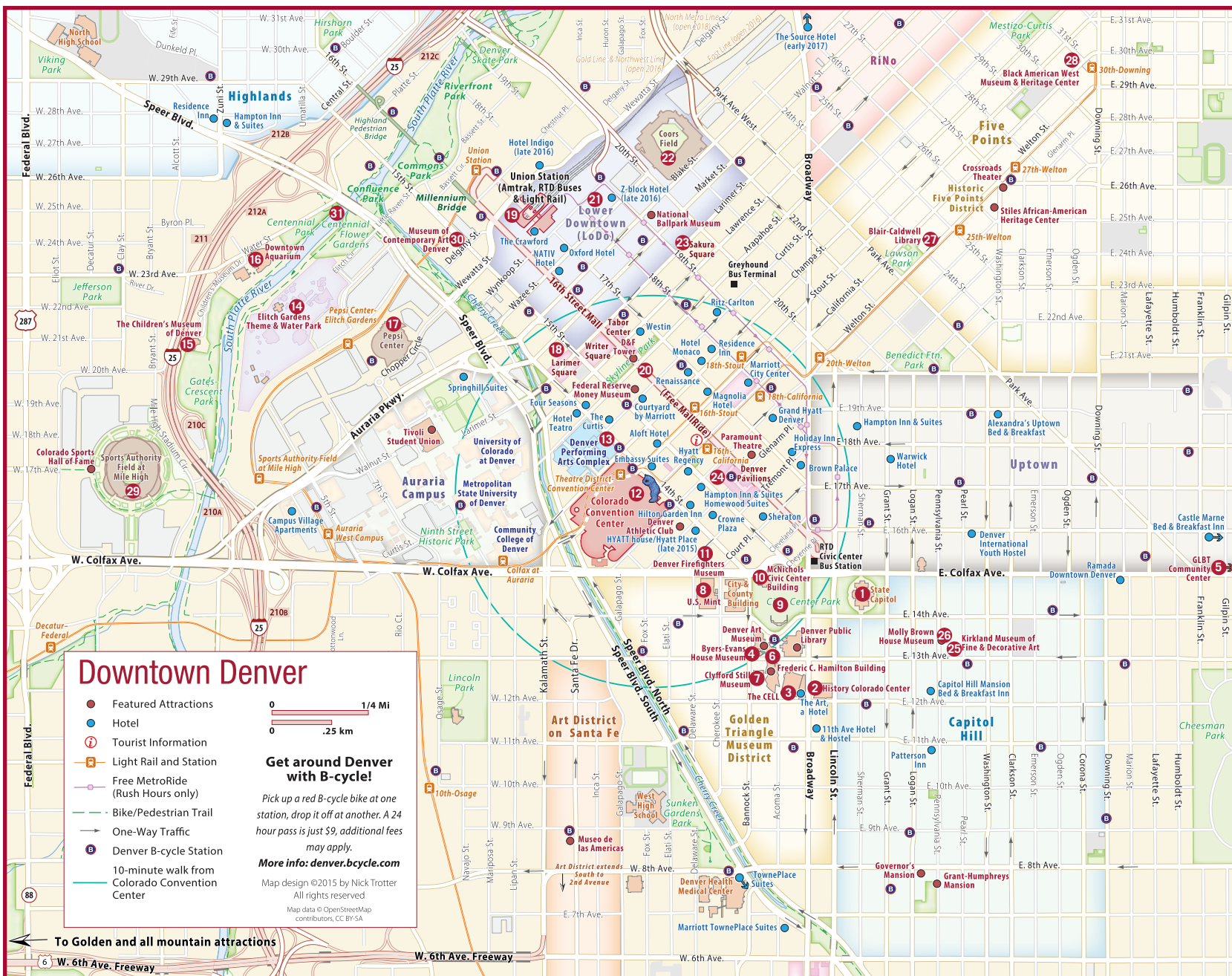
30 MUSEUM OF CONTEMPORARY ART DENVER. Designed by London architect David Adjaye, the museum offers five galleries of changing exhibits and a rooftop café. mcdenver.org

31 PLATTE RIVER TROLLEY. This historic, open air, yellow trolley runs along the South Platte River between Confluence Park and The Children's Museum in the summer. (See website for schedules.) denvertrolley.org

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Q BELMAR. The downtown district for the City of Lakewood features shops, restaurants, outdoor cafés, cultural art, a cineplex, a 2.1 acre park and public plaza. belmarcolorado.com



R WINGS OVER THE ROCKIES AIR & SPACE MUSEUM. From a B-52 to a Star Wars X-wing, this museum, housed in a 1930s Air Force hangar, features dozens of historic airplanes, space vehicles and interactive exhibits. wingsmuseum.org

S THE SHOPS AT NORTHFIELD STAPLETON. The Shops at Northfield Stapleton is a pedestrian-friendly gathering place for shopping, dining and entertainment with a Macy's and a movie theatre. northfieldstapleton.com

T DICK'S SPORTING GOODS PARK. Home to the MLS Colorado Rapids professional soccer team, the park includes an 18,000-seat stadium and 24 soccer fields, the largest stadium and field complex in the nation. dickssportinggoodspark.com



U THE WILD ANIMAL SANCTUARY. A 320-acre Rescue & Educational Facility where more than 200 large carnivores roam free is one of the few places in America where you can see lion prides and other groups of carnivores living in natural habitats. wildanimalsanctuary.org



V BOULDER. This picturesque city is home to the University of Colorado, the Pearl Street Mall, the renowned Leaning Tree Museum and outdoor festivals. bouldercoloradousa.com

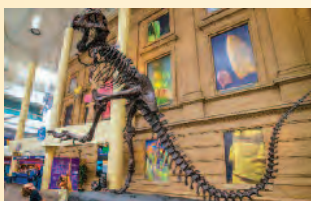
W FLATIRON CROSSING SHOPPING MALL. One of the most popular malls in Metro Denver boasts an indoor shopping center and an outdoor village lined with stores and restaurants. flatironcrossing.com

X BUTTERFLY PAVILION. The first stand-alone insect zoo in the country, this enclosed tropical paradise has more than 1,600 free-flying butterflies. butterflies.org

Y WATER WORLD. For some wet and wild fun, visit America's largest family water park featuring more than 46 aquatic attractions on 64 landscaped acres. waterworldcolorado.com



Z ROCKY MOUNTAIN NATIONAL PARK. One of the most scenic spots in America has 412 square miles of lakes, wildflowers, meadows, mountains and spectacular panoramic views. nps.gov



A DENVER MUSEUM OF NATURE & SCIENCE. A Denver institution, this museum is a maze of dioramas, dinosaurs, gems and treasures from around the world. Includes an IMAX theatre and planetarium. dmns.org

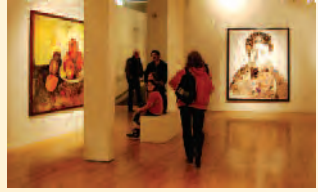
B DENVER ZOO. Home to the must-see Toyota Elephant Passage and to more than 4,000 animals, this is one of the most popular Denver attractions. denverzoo.org

C DENVER BOTANIC GARDENS. A top-ranked U.S. botanical garden, this urban oasis offers distinctively themed gardens, an outdoor café, a gift shop and unique art exhibitions. botanicgardens.org



D CHERRY CREEK. With more than 500 shops and restaurants, this is Denver's largest indoor and outdoor shopping paradise. Shop in the upscale Cherry Creek Shopping Center, or the tree-lined streets of Cherry Creek North. shopcherrycreek.com, cherrycreeknorth.com

E FORNEY MUSEUM OF TRANSPORTATION. Explore the history of transportation with over 500 exhibits including antique cars, locomotives, rare and exotic vehicles and more. forneymuseum.org



F MUSEO DE LAS AMERICAS. Denver's museum of Latino art, culture and history with exhibits and programs to celebrate the rich cultural diversity of Latin American countries and the Southwestern United States. museo.org



G DENVER INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT (DEN). The 5th busiest airport in the nation and the 17th busiest in the world, offering nearly 1,600 daily nonstop to more than 180 worldwide destinations. New direct commuter rail service from DEN to downtown begins in spring 2016. flydenver.com

H MIZEL MUSEUM. The museum introduces ever-changing exhibits on the history, culture and art of Jewish heritage from around the world. mizelmuseum.org

I PARK MEADOWS RETAIL RESORT. Built to resemble a ski lodge, this shopping emporium features wood-beam ceilings, fireplaces, and 170 department stores and shops. parkmeadows.com



J THE WILDLIFE EXPERIENCE. A world-class collection of wildlife art and natural history exhibits, interactive galleries and an IWERKS giant-screen theatre. thewildlifeexperience.org

K OUTLETS AT CASTLE ROCK. Colorado's largest outlet mall is just 25 minutes south of downtown Denver on I-25. outletsatcastlerock.com

L RED ROCKS PARK & AMPHITHEATRE. World-famous, 9,450 seat amphitheatre is flanked by 300-foot red sandstone rock formations and offers a star-studded summer concert series. The Visitor Center has a Performers' Hall of Fame museum and a restaurant. During the day, the free park offers easy hiking trails with gorgeous views of the giant rocks and the foothills. redrocksonline.com



M COLORADO RAILROAD MUSEUM. See Colorado's largest railroad exhibit with more than 100 historic cars and locomotives. coloradorailroadmuseum.org

N COORS BREWERY. The largest single brewery in the world offers free tours and samples to those over 21 years of age. millercoors.com



O BUFFALO BILL MUSEUM & GRAVE. The final resting spot of the West's most famous scout and showman is located on top of Lookout Mountain. An adjacent museum tells his life story. buffalobill.org

P CENTRAL CITY & BLACK HAWK. These historic gold-mining towns have come alive with casino gambling and now have more than 30 casinos, featuring 10,000 slot machines, blackjack and poker. centralcitycolorado.com, blackhawkcolorado.com