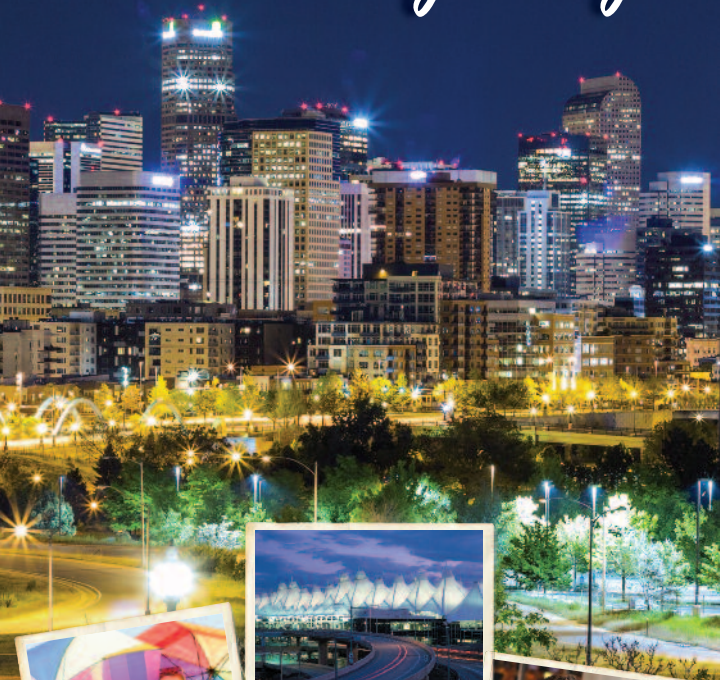


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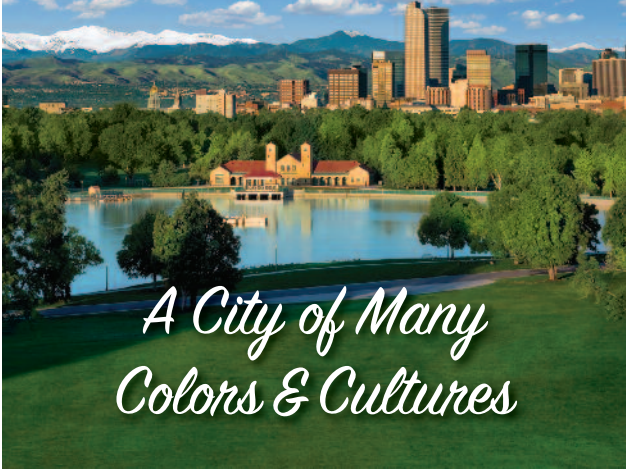



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*A City of Many
Colors & Cultures*

With an open, welcoming spirit and a

vibrant nightlife, The Mile High City is the perfect destination. Since the early 1970s, the city has championed civil rights and has quickly become one of the

most accepting cities in the nation. *OutTraveler* voted Denver one of its top up-and-coming destinations - one of only two domestic cities on the list!



The Mile High City is outdoor-oriented and filled with urban adventures. Whether you're into hiking, cycling, whitewater rafting, running, snow skiing or golf, it's all within easy reach, and the skies are famously blue and sunny.

Denver is known for its world-class cultural attractions, thriving craft breweries and booming music scene, all near the Rocky Mountains. It is truly the gay and lesbian center of the West, with many hotels and restaurants catering especially to the LGBTQ community.



It's always a good time to experience Denver's thriving art scene. You'll find a broad spectrum of art galleries near downtown, in historic **Lower Downtown (LoDo)**, **RiNo (River North Art District)** and at the **Art District on Santa Fe** where art galleries serve up food, beverages and entertainment, while showcasing the works of local artists during First Friday art walks.



If you enjoy the excitement of live entertainment, check out the performing arts scene. The **Denver Performing Arts Complex** is home to Broadway touring shows, musicals, concerts, operas, ballets and symphonies. Or, venture outside the mainstream and take in one of the many innovative productions on smaller stages throughout the city like **The Clocktower Cabaret**.

And after the sun sets, Denver's lively nightlife offers diverse choices for LGBTQ visitors, including gay and lesbian bars, dance clubs and drag and cabaret shows.



As the largest city in a 600-mile radius, Denver attracts members of the LGBTQ community from all over the world. The annual **Denver PrideFest**, one of the biggest LGBTQ events in the country, takes



place over Father's Day weekend. The free two-day festival features a parade, a rally, music and food in **Civic Center Park**. And every July, the community rediscovers its Western roots at the three-day **Rocky Mountain Regional Gay Rodeo**. Denver also hosts many LGBTQ-themed indoor activities like the **CinemaQ Film Festival**, which features LGBTQ films.



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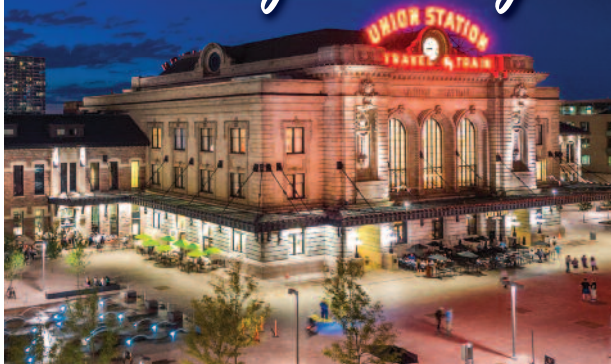
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Mile High History



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 women crossed the Great Plains and settled in and around Denver.

By the 1980s, Denver was dubbed the gay oasis of the West. Today, Denver is a city of many colors and cultures, a rich tapestry of diverse and fascinating people.

HIGHLIGHTS OF GAY DENVER'S HISTORY

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| <p>1973 Gay Coalition of Denver works with City Council to abolish anti-gay laws.</p> | <p>1991 Denver voters support the anti-discrimination policy despite opponents trying to overturn it at the ballot.</p> |
| <p>1974 Denver's first Pride celebration, a picnic in Cheesman Park.</p> | <p>1994 Denver businessman Tim Gill creates the Gill Foundation, an organization to advance LGBTQ rights through charity and education.</p> |
| <p>1975 Denver's first official Pride Parade.</p> | <p>2010 The GLBT Community Center of Colorado, the producer of PrideFest, adds a second day of festivities.</p> |
| <p>1982 The Colorado Gay Rodeo Association is formed. Soon after, Denver hosts its first rodeo.</p> | <p>2012 Denver's PrideFest ranks third largest in the nation.</p> |
| <p>1983 Denver's gay and lesbian community mobilizes to elect Federico Peña, Denver's first Latino mayor and executive ally to the community.</p> | <p>2013 Colorado adopts the Colorado Civil Union Act, establishing relationship recognition for same-sex couples.</p> |
| <p>1990 Denver becomes one of the first municipalities in the nation to adopt an anti-discrimination policy including gay and lesbians.</p> | <p>2014 Colorado legalizes same-sex marriage on Oct. 7.</p> |
| | <p>2015 U.S. Supreme Court rules in favor of same-sex marriage.</p> |



Denver boasts a collection of distinctive neighborhoods with hidden gems and locals' favorite eateries, shops, booksellers and galleries. Try line dancing at **Charlie's Denver**, circuit parties at **Tracks** or drag queen bingo at **Hamburger Mary's**.



Discover where art is made in **RiNo**, (River North Art District). With a blend of urban charm, street art and industrial revival, this district is home to jazz bars, restaurants, brewpubs, art galleries and studios.

The **Capitol Hill** and **Uptown** neighborhoods offer diverse retail and dining options, as well as prominent live music venues.

The **Art District on Santa Fe** and the **Tennyson Street Cultural District** features galleries, shops and restaurants. Visit **Old South Gaylord** and **South Pearl Street**, with enclaves of see-and-be-seen restaurants and shops, near beautiful **Washington Park**.

Highlands is a hip neighborhood full of restaurants, shops and galleries. With spectacular views of the city from the many rooftop patios, this neighborhood is a great destination for visitors.

Explore the newest addition to Denver's **Golden Triangle Creative District** at the **Kirkland Museum of Fine & Decorative Art** with its "salon style" galleries featuring the work of Colorado artists, including Vance Kirkland, as well as international furniture and decorative art.

Dining & Nightlife



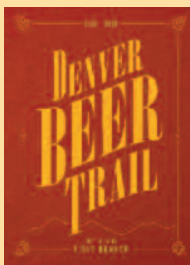
When the sun goes down, Denver's nightlife

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.



Larimer Square, where Denver was founded, is now filled with acclaimed chef-owned bistros, creative cocktail lounges and exclusive nightclubs.

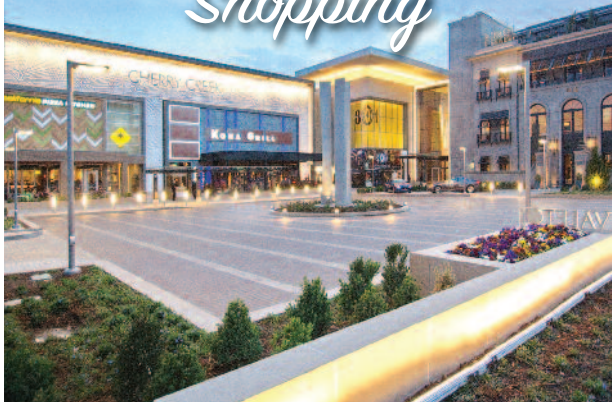
LoDo, the 26-square-block Lower Downtown historic district, is the place to be for incredible restaurants, live music, art galleries, sports bars and brewpubs – many housed in renovated Victorian buildings. **Denver Union Station** has been transformed into a transportation, dining, shopping and entertainment hub, all centered around a boutique hotel.



DENVER BEER TRAIL

The Denver Beer Trail provides a sampling of Denver's top micro-breweries. Follow the suggested routes or pick and choose from the list of featured breweries. The printed guide is available at Tourist Information Centers or check out the online version at VISITDENVER.com/denverbeertrail.

Shopping



Downtown Denver offers a variety of shopping opportunities, from famous names to local gems. Explore the historic buildings of trendy **Larimer Square**, filled with independent shops, boutiques, bookstores, wineries and galleries, as well as some of the hottest restaurants. 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 shops like H&M and restaurants in a two-square-block entertainment center.



Cherry Creek is the largest shopping destination between St. Louis and San Francisco. Stroll the tree-lined streets of **Cherry Creek North** or explore the upscale **Cherry Creek Shopping Center**.

Together, these are home to nearly 500 world-class shops, department stores, galleries, spas and one-of-a-kind boutiques.

There are plenty of local shopping options throughout Denver's vibrant neighborhoods, and don't miss museum gift shops for art, handmade jewelry, books and more!

Arts, Culture & Music



Denver Performing Arts Complex in downtown boasts 10 different venues and hosts

Broadway touring shows. Enjoy the latest production from the Tony Award®-winning **Denver Center Theatre Company**. You'll also find music, opera, ballet and modern dance in the **Ellie Caulkins Opera House**.



Denver Art Museum is an architectural wonder and renowned for its American Indian and Western art collections, as well as contemporary and traveling exhibitions. The



Clyfford Still Museum earned international recognition for its collection from this leader of the Abstract Expressionist movement.

Also of architectural note is the **MCA Denver**, which houses a revolving array of contemporary, international exhibitions. Additionally, the **Museo de las Americas** features collections of ancient, folk and modern Latino art.

The city also hosts film, music and art festivals all year long!

Explore chic jazz clubs, renovated theaters, dive bars and dance clubs. Enjoy a concert under the stars at the famous **Red Rocks Park & Amphitheatre**, where legendary musicians take the stage. Music of all genres fills the air in The Mile High City.



Recreation & Day Trips

With 300 days of sunshine, it's hard to stay indoors. Take a stroll in **City Park** or rent a **Denver B-cycle** and tour vibrant neighborhoods. Denver has 85 miles of paved, off-street biking, hiking and jogging trails, plus many top-rated golf courses.



Enjoy Colorado's ski country at dozens of resorts offering year-round recreation – skiing, golf, hiking, horseback riding and more.

Visit quaint, historic towns where you can travel by locomotive. Try your luck panning for gold in old mining towns or opt for the modern alternative – world-class casinos. Experience whitewater rafting, or enjoy a spa treatment at a luxury Rocky Mountain resort.

Drive up the highest paved road in America to the 14,264-foot summit of **Mount Evans**, or enjoy the beautiful **Rocky Mountain National Park**, an awe-inspiring paradise filled with lakes, waterfalls, wildlife and meadows of wildflowers.



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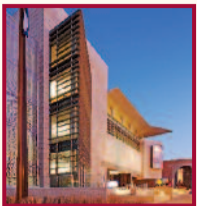
1 COLORADO STATE CAPITOL.

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. colorado.gov/capitol



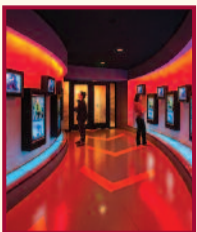
2 HISTORY COLORADO CENTER.

True Colorado experiences come alive at the History Colorado Center in downtown Denver. historycoloradocenter.org



3 THE CELL.

The Counterterrorism Education Learning Lab is dedicated to educating citizens on the most salient issue of our time - terrorism. thecell.org

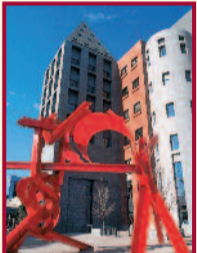


4 CENTER FOR COLORADO WOMEN'S HISTORY.

One of Denver's oldest homes - an elaborate 1883 Victorian mansion. byersevanshousemuseum.org

5 DENVER PUBLIC LIBRARY.

Designed by Michael Graves, this downtown library is the largest between Los Angeles and Chicago and houses an acclaimed Western art collection. denverlibrary.org



6 DENVER ART MUSEUM.

Experience a renowned American Indian art collection, Western art, contemporary art and more. denverartmuseum.org

7 CLYFFORD STILL MUSEUM.

This single-artist museum showcases the art of abstract expressionist Clyfford Still, 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.

This park is a metropolitan oasis with flower gardens, Western statues and a Greek Theater. civiccenterconservancy.org

10 DENVER FIREFIGHTERS MUSEUM.

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



11 COLORADO CONVENTION CENTER.

A giant blue bear sculpture greets visitors to this modern facility, located within walking distance of 10,000 hotel rooms. denverconvention.com



12 DENVER PERFORMING ARTS COMPLEX.

This vibrant performing arts complex boasts 10 venues for Tony Award®-winning theater, symphony, Broadway shows, opera, ballet and more. artscomplex.com



13 ELITCH GARDENS THEME & WATER PARK.

Located downtown, the park has thrill rides, a complete water adventure park and daily shows for nonstop family entertainment. elitchgardens.com



14 CHILDREN'S MUSEUM AT MARSICO CAMPUS.

This museum provides fun, hands-on experiences for newborns through eight-year-olds and their adult caregivers. mychildsmuseum.org



15 DOWNTOWN AQUARIUM.

This unique aquarium has fish, mammals and plants, and even Sumatran tigers in a family friendly facility where you can dine next to the sharks. downtownaquarium.com



16 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

17 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



18 DENVER UNION STATION.

Denver's revitalized historic train station serves as a transportation hub with restaurants, bars, unique retail shops and The Crawford Hotel. unionstationindenver.com



19 16TH STREET MALL.

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

20 LODD.

Short for "Lower Downtown," this 26-square-block historic district is home to bars, brewpubs, restaurants, cafés, clubs and art galleries. lodo.org

21 COORS FIELD.

Home to Major League Baseball's Colorado Rockies, Coors Field is located in the LoDo neighborhood. coloradorockies.com



22 SAKURA SQUARE.

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

23 DENVER PAVILIONS.

An entertainment and shopping complex in the heart of downtown includes a cineplex, a bowling alley, restaurants and nightspots. denverpavilions.com



24 KIRKLAND MUSEUM OF FINE & DECORATIVE ART.

The museum offers a nationally acclaimed display of 20th century decorative arts and a retrospective of Colorado painter Vance Kirkland (1904-1981). kirklandmuseum.org



25 MOLLY BROWN HOUSE MUSEUM.

Visit the Victorian home of the "Unsinkable Molly Brown". mollybrown.org



26 BLAIR-CALDWELL AFRICAN AMERICAN RESEARCH LIBRARY.

Explore the legacy of African Americans in the Rocky Mountain West, located in Historic Five Points. history.denverlibrary.org/blair



27 BLACK AMERICAN WEST MUSEUM & HERITAGE CENTER.

This fascinating museum tells the story of "Black Cowboys" and pioneers who helped settle the West. bawmhc.org



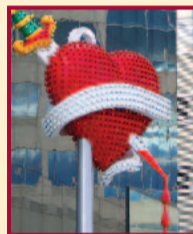
28 SPORTS AUTHORITY FIELD AT MILE HIGH.

The 76,000-seat stadium is home to the NFL Denver Broncos, MLL Denver Outlaws and the Colorado Sports Hall of Fame. sportsauthorityfieldatmilehigh.com



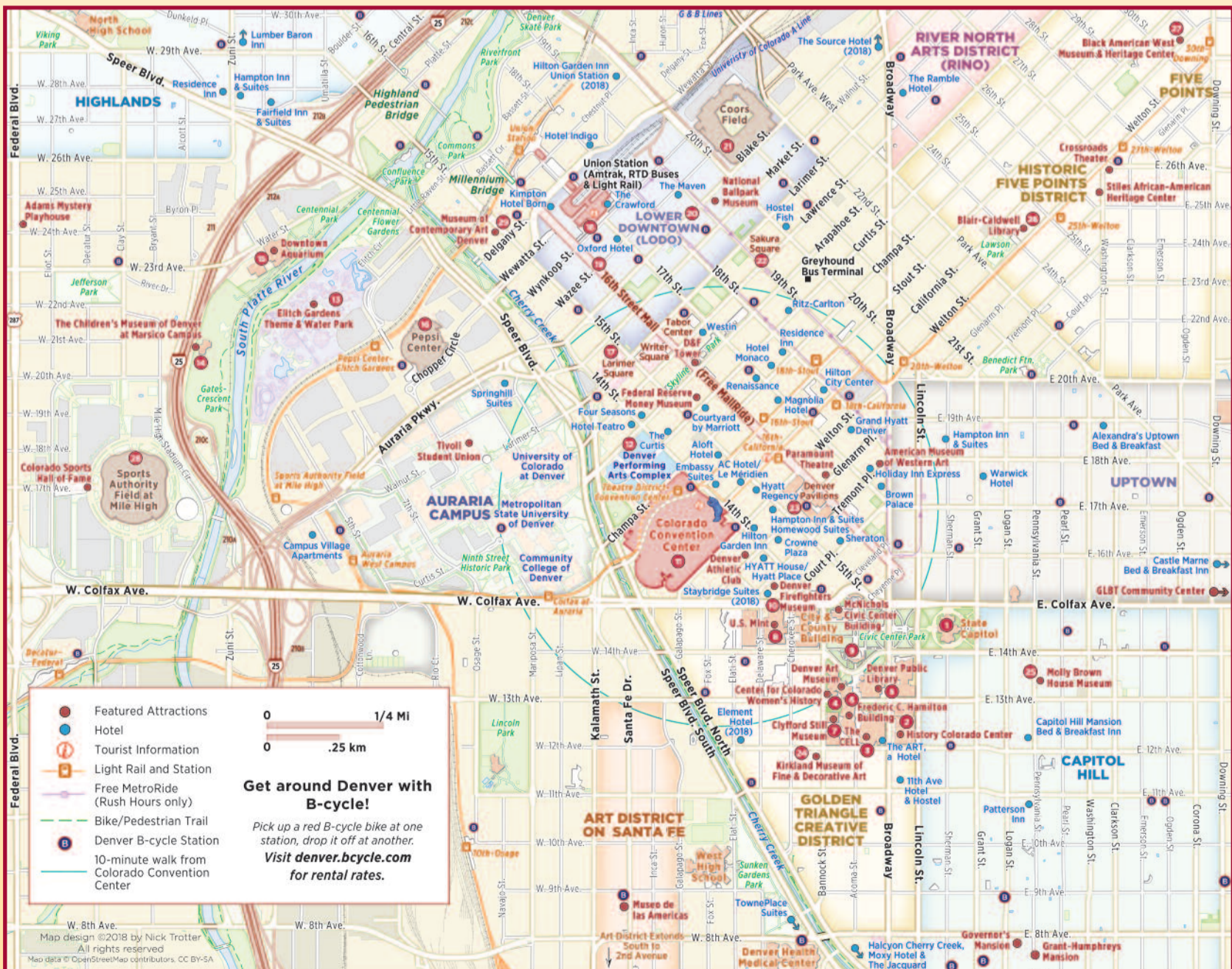
29 MUSEUM OF CONTEMPORARY ART DENVER.

Designed by London architect David Adjaye, the museum offers five galleries of changing exhibits and a rooftop café. mcad Denver.org



AIRPORT TRANSPORTATION

Denver International Airport is a major airline hub and it's easy to get from there to downtown Denver. For a small fee, hop on the airport rail line that whisks passengers to Denver Union Station and vice versa. It has six stops along the way and costs only \$9.





METRO DENVER

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 theater and planetarium. dmns.org



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



C DENVER BOTANIC GARDENS. 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 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 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 celebrates the rich cultural diversity of Latin American countries and the Southwestern United States. museo.org



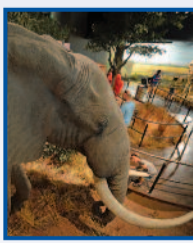
G MIZEL MUSEUM. The museum introduces ever-changing exhibits on the history, culture and art of Jewish heritage from around the world. mizelmuseum.org

H THE STREETS AT SOUTHGLENN. Denver's urban lifestyle destination features sidewalk cafés, restaurants, and unique local and national retailers. shopsouthglenn.com

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



J ART & NATURAL HISTORY MUSEUM AT CU SOUTH DENVER. A world-class collection of wildlife art and natural history exhibits, interactive galleries and an IWERKS giant-screen theatre. southdenver.cu.edu



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



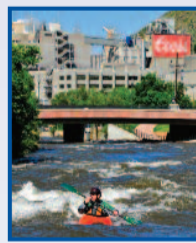
L RED ROCKS PARK & AMPHITHEATRE. This world-famous amphitheater is flanked by 300-foot red sandstone rock formations and offers a star-studded summer concert series. The Visitor Center has a Performers Hall of Fame museum and a restaurant. During the day, the free park offers easy hiking trails. redrocksonline.com



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. buffalobill.org



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



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

R WINGS OVER THE ROCKIES AIR & SPACE MUSEUM. Housed in a 1930s Air Force hangar, this museum 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. 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 23 soccer fields. dicksportingoodspark.com



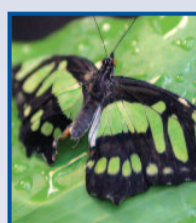
U THE WILD ANIMAL SANCTUARY. A 320-acre rescue & educational Facility where large carnivores roam free is one of the few places in America where you can see lion prides and other carnivores living in natural habitats. wildanimalsanctuary.org



V BOULDER. This picturesque city is home to the University of Colorado, the Pearl Street Mall 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. 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 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/romo



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