



Colorado

Gorgeous Colorado is located in the southwest US. Known as the “Centennial State”, Colorado today is famed for its refreshing air and scenic lifestyles, the amazing ski resorts and winter sport venues in the Rockies, and a broad slice of America's most beautiful landscape - in plain view - for all to see.



Outdoor recreation comes in all forms in Colorado: fishing, golfing, ballooning, skiing, rock climbing, mountain biking, backpacking, snowmobiling, camping, horseback riding, whitewater rafting; the list goes on and on.

Skiing/Snowboarding by far Colorado’s most popular pastime. Situated on the western slope of the Rocky Mountains, resorts including Breckenridge, Vail, Beaver Creek, Telluride and Keystone are just a car ride away from Denver, the capitol city of Colorado.

Denver has the largest public parks system of any U.S. Thousands of acres of open space dot the area, allowing citizens to hike, bike and snowshoe right outside their backyards. In Metro Denver’s vibrant urban core, there are endless shopping, patio dining, and entertainment options. A favorite summertime activity for many locals is catching a concert at Red Rocks Amphitheater, the world-famous outdoor music venue in the foothills of Metro Denver.

Denver is widely recognized as being one of America's premier sports cities, boasting major leagues teams in football, baseball, ice hockey, basketball, soccer, and lacrosse. Denver also has many colleges and universities, such as the University of Denver, the University of Colorado at Denver, Regis University, the Community College of Denver and Heritage College that range in age and study program.

Colorado's second largest city, Colorado Springs, just an hour and a half from Denver, has many features of a modern urban area, such as parks, bike trails, urban open-area spaces, business and commerce, theatres and other entertainment. The city was first established as a posh resort community and the tourist industry has remained strong and offers many activities and attractions. The city is home to the United State AirForce Academy and in July 2006, Money magazine ranked Colorado Springs the best place in the US to live in the "Big" city category.



Another popular city in Colorado, Boulder, is located 35 miles northwest of downtown Denver. Boulder is a captivating mountain community enriched with natural beauty, hip urban culture and a vibrant love of the outdoors. Boulder is surrounded by more than 31,000 acres of recreational open space and nature preserves. There are ample opportunities for hiking, biking and rock climbing. Boulder is also the spirited home of the University of Colorado, the largest university in Colorado.

Whether you're living in Colorado or just visiting for a short time, this state is the best place for you to embrace Mother Nature with open arms and explore Colorado's many activities.