



Colorado Rockies Family Vacation ★

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6 Days

18 People Max



Enjoy the diversity of the Colorado Rockies as you hike, kayak, raft and zipline Rocky Mountain National Park, Breckenridge, and Garden of the Gods.

Explore three unique regions of the Colorado Rockies on this six-day adventure. In Rocky Mountain National Park we will traverse Trail Ridge Road, hike to Emerald and Haiyaha alpine lakes, and go horseback riding to see all this park has to offer. On our way to Breckenridge, enjoy a waterfall hike and a half-day float trip on the Colorado River. Then it is time to see the region from new heights while zip lining before we head underground for a tour of Cave of the Winds. To top off the week is a walk in the Garden of the Gods surrounded by larger-than-life red rock formations.

Trip Highlights

Hiking - Estes Park

Hiking - Emerald and Haiyaha Lakes

Hiking - Adams Falls

Hiking - Garden of the Gods

Kayaking - Dillion Reservoir

Plus ... - Fall River Horseriding

Plus ... - Upper Colorado River Rafting

Plus ... - Breckenridge

Plus ... - Ziplining

Plus ... - Gondola Ride

Plus ... - Cave of the Winds

Our Active Adventures Assurance

We value loyalty, and appreciate that it goes both ways. So when you book with us we'll make a few assurances to you so you can book with complete confidence, no matter what's happening in your life (or the world).



COVID-Ready Certified: Safe Travel for our Guests Travelling Overseas

Active Adventures has received the World Travel and Tourism Council's Safe Travels stamp, which guarantees you that we'll follow all ATTA and WTTC health and safety guidelines on all our trips. See how our small group, off-the-beaten-track adventures are perfect to start exploring again.

Colorado Rockies Family Vacation ~ Itinerary

DAY 1

Pick-up, explore Rocky Mountain National Park, Trail Ridge Road, and Estes Park

Bright and early, your Colorado adventure begins as you journey west to Estes Park, the gateway to Rocky Mountain National Park. Get your first taste of pristine mountain air on a short hike among wind-sculpted rocks and sweeping views of the surrounding mountains. In the afternoon, enjoy a scenic 2-hour horseback ride into the park as we follow the Fall River to the base of Deer Mountain. Enjoy dinner tonight in Estes Park at one of our favorite restaurants.

Ridgeline Hotel - Estes Park (Lunch, Dinner)

Hiking: 2 Miles (3.2 km)

DAY 2

Hike to Emerald and Haiyaha Lakes

This morning we begin our hiking journey through the aspen and ponderosa pine groves. We will pass Nymph Lake filled with pond lilies and then along the shores of Dream Lake through the Tyndall Gorge. We follow Tyndall Creek as we reach Emerald Lake with fantastic views of Flattop Mountain. After a scenic picnic lunch, traverse the famed Trail Ridge Road, which forms the highest continuous highway in America. This celebrated "Roof of the Rockies" offers views of massive peaks while you get an up-close look at the unique tundra ecosystems on a short hike at one of the highest points in the park. We end our day in the quaint town of Grand Lake.

Gateway Inn, Grand Lake (Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner)

Hiking: 3-4 Miles (4.8-6.4 km)

DAY 3

Hike Adams Falls and Raft the Upper Colorado River

As the world awakens around you, find yourself enjoying breakfast along the shores of Grand Lake, just outside Rocky Mountain National Park. Feeling invigorated for another fine day ahead, you'll then head straight out for a 1-mile hike to Adams Falls, where water twists and turns between pine tree-laden boulders. Another scenic drive is on tap as we make our way west for our rafting trip on the Upper Colorado River covering 5 miles of class II rapids. Tonight, enjoy an evening on your own in the picturesque town of Breckenridge.

DoubleTree Breckenridge (Breakfast, Lunch)

Hiking: 1 Mile (1.6 km)

Rafting: 2-3 Hours

DAY 4

Kayak the Dillon Reservoir, Gondola Ride

A morning kayaking adventure kicks off the day with an easy paddle around the Dillon Reservoir around a number of islands for great opportunities to spot bald eagles, beavers, muskrats, and mule deer. We return to Breckenridge to for a gondola ride over the Cucumber Gulch Preserve to get up above 11,000 feet once again this time with views across the Continental Divide. After a full day of adventure, we will enjoy a wonderful meal together in town.

DoubleTree Breckenridge (Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner)

Hiking: 1-2 Miles (1.6 - 3.2 km)

Kayaking: 2 Hours

DAY 5

Zip lining, visit the Cave of the Winds

This morning we head up above 11,000 feet for a zip lining adventure that will provide you with panoramic views of Mt. Ebert and Mt. Massive, two of the tallest peaks in North America and also keep eyes open for possible resident wildlife. We continue our journey east to Colorado Springs where we head underground at Cave of the Winds on a guided tour of 15 rooms each with unique history and beautiful rock formations. Share your favorite stories from the week over our farewell dinner together.

TownePlace Suites Garden of the Gods (Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner)

Zip Lining: 2 Hours

DAY 6

Explore the Garden of the Gods

Finish your exploration of the Colorado Rockies with an icon of the region, Garden of the Gods. Spend the morning meandering amongst the red rock formations before we head back to Denver for afternoon flights home.

(Breakfast)

Useful Info

Will I have contact with my guides before the trip starts?

Your guides will call your cell phone the night before your trip begins to touch base on the first day's plan. If they don't get through to you, they will leave a voicemail on your cell phone with all the details you need to plan for your first morning.

What should I bring with me on the first day?

When you speak with your guides the night before your trip, they will give you a detailed description of what to bring with you on Day 1. Typically, this includes a day pack with your rain jacket, sunglasses, hat, camera, etc. Anything you want easy access to during the day should go in your day pack as the rest of your luggage will go in the locked cargo trailer pulled behind the van. Your guides will provide you with a water bottle on the first morning of your trip and will always have water available for refills. There will be snacks available at all times in the van. Your guides will also have bug spray and sunscreen accessible for you to use.

What are your recommended guide gratuity guidelines?

You will have 2-3 guides on your Austin Adventure (depending on group size). We recommend USD\$20 per day, per guest, per guide. Typically, gratuities are offered by check or cash in local currency on the final morning of the trip and can either be given to each guide individually or to one guide to be equally distributed. Most of our guides these days also accept gratuities via Venmo (please note this app does not work in Canada). All dining, housekeeping and activity tips are included in your trip price.

How do rooming arrangements work?

Trip prices are based on shared arrangements (typically two guests per room), unless otherwise stated. For solo travelers, we'll pair you with another person of the same gender to share rooms and if there's no one suitable to share with, there's no forced single supplement. However, if you specifically request your own rooms, you can opt to pay the single supplement. Solo travelers who book within 90 days of departure, where there are no other solo travelers willing to share, will be required to pay the single supplement.

For Family Vacation bookings, families consisting of four guests traveling with children aged 17 and under will be automatically assigned one shared room. However, the following alternative rooming allocations are available:

Families consisting of four guests with all children aged 13 and above are welcome to opt for additional rooms as per advertised double occupancy adult rates.

Families consisting of four guests with at least one child aged 12 and under are automatically assigned a shared room. However, families can opt to pay the adult rates for all guests in their family to have an additional room.

The same principles apply for families consisting of more than four guests.

Rooming preferences are subject to availability and must be communicated in writing at time of booking. Automatic assignments as per this policy will be applied in the absence of any specification provided by guests. Any request for additional rooms during trips will be at guests' own expense and subject to rates made available by the accommodation provider at the time. All minors (guests aged 17 and under) must be accompanied by at least one adult.

What is not included?

Flights to and from trip start/end points

Pre/Post Accommodation

Optional extra activities

Travel insurance

Gratuities for your guides

Where does the trip start?

On the first day of the trip we can either pick you up from the [Homewood Suites Denver Airport](#) at 7:30am or the [Springhill Suites Denver Airport](#) at 7:45am. You are welcome to book your pre-trip stay at either of these hotels directly or any other hotel in Denver, though you must make your own way to one of the two pick-up points at the pre-designated times.

Where does the trip end?

Your trip ends with a drop-off at either the Denver Airport at 12:30pm in time for flights below or at a hotel of your choice around Denver Airport at 1pm.

What flights would you recommend?

Arrival: We recommend arriving in Denver at least the day before your trip starts. Many guests like to arrive a day or two early to accommodate potential flight delays and/or explore the city prior to your trip start.

Departure: Flying out on the last day of the trip, we recommend departing from Denver after 2:30pm. Earlier flight times will require a separate transfer booked at your own expense.

General Trip Information

You can find details on recommended flights and fitness, as well as trip start and end in the 'Useful Information' section above.

Excluded

- Transportation (air and land) to and from start/end points
- Travel insurance
- Alcoholic beverages
- Gratuities to Austin Adventures guides

Outdoor Experience

Our trips allow you to make the most of the backcountry, whether you're relatively new to hiking or a seasoned trekker. Our highly trained and experienced guides will be at your side, safely guiding you to magnificent places you wouldn't get to on your own. The challenges are there, if you're looking for them. All we ask is that you're energetic and in reasonable shape and we guarantee you'll have an incredible time. You don't need experience kayaking to enjoy paddling on the water and you don't need to be a serious biker to enjoy the rides we do. In fact, we have so many options available you don't need to paddle or ride at all if you'd rather hike or just laze around!

Itinerary Updates

We update our itineraries regularly, so please check our website for the most up-to-date itineraries and pricing. We make every effort to ensure itineraries are updated as necessary, though changes may occur without prior notice due to unforeseen circumstances

Accommodation

You'll love the interesting places we've discovered over the years. You'll visit really spectacular and off-the-beaten track locations and stay in comfortable bed and breakfasts, lodges, apartments and hotels for the most part. Keep in mind the most remote locations have limited accommodation options, but 5-star scenery!

Included

- Our own highly experienced guides, with you from start to finish
- Industry-leading Guest-to-Guide ratio (averaging 6:1)
- Your own 'Travel Wallet', an online space with everything required for your trip
- Our knowledgeable Customer Service Team to answer your queries - just a phone call, email or chat away
- Customer Service pre-trip phone calls to ensure you're 'trip ready'
- All accommodations for the duration of your trip
- All meals except where indicated in the itinerary
- Unlimited snacks to keep you fueled
- Special 'Wow!' moments you'll never forget
- All activities outlined in the itinerary
- All necessary equipment (well-maintained and safe) for activities
- All gratuities for hotels, restaurants, and activities
- All park and other entry fees
- Transportation in our air-conditioned vans - safe, clean, modern, and comfortable!