Off to New Adventures!

History Colorado Tours & Treks offers a grand assortment of travels to enrich your understanding of our state’s history—and everything else that’s wonderful about Colorado. Our 2019 tours reflect the growing interest in our state’s history and the excitement of seeing its heritage firsthand. Walk in the footsteps of those who founded our state, our towns and our counties. Each trip is specially designed to inspire wonder in our past.

Join us for a year of adventures from neighborhoods in Denver to our viticultural regions on the Western Slope. New this year, History Colorado will go international to find our connections around the globe. We invite you to join us for a year of curiosity, adventure, excitement and, of course, fun! Thank you for your continued support, and we look forward to another year of exploring the geography, archaeology and history of Colorado!

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Tour or Trek?

Tours—are two- to six-hour jaunts and include walking and bus tours.

Treks—are usually overnight trips, or they visit areas more than 50 miles from Denver.

Payment and Cancellation Policy

- New in 2019 is a reduced, one-time, non-refundable annual registration fee of $5 toward the processing and handling of all History Colorado reservations in the Tours & Treks program. The fee is applied to your credit card with your first reservation for 2019.

- Tours do not require a deposit at signing. Payment in full will be taken within 7 days of the tour.

- Overnight treks require a $100 deposit per reservation due at registration, refundable up to the registration deadline, typically 45 days before departure. The remaining balance will be split with a 50% deposit taken at the registration deadline. Final balance due 7 days prior to trek.

- International treks require a $500 per reservation deposit due at signing, refundable up to the registration deadline. The remaining balance will be split with a 50% deposit taken at the registration deadline. Final balance due 7 days prior to trek. Curated Adventures offered through AAA have different deposit and final payment requirements. Call 866/212-8639 for more information.

- You may cancel a trek reservation without penalty before the registration deadline. If canceled 45–30 days before departure, 75% refundable. If canceled 29–14 days before departure, 50% refundable. Cancellations 13 days or less before departure are nonrefundable.

- You may cancel a tour 7 or more days prior to the date of the tour without penalty. Cancellations with less than one week’s notice may not be refundable.

- All prices for treks are based on double occupancy. If there is only one occupant for a room, a single supplement fee applies. Roommates can be requested but are not guaranteed. Roommates may be requested by name but don’t have to be. If you’re not paired with a roommate by the registration deadline, you’ll have the option of opting out of the tour without penalty. If you’re paired with a roommate and the roommate cancels after the registration deadline, you’ll not be assessed the single supplement fee.

Waitlists

- If a tour sells out we start a waitlist for our guests. If you’re put on a waitlist, we’ll contact you if spaces become available to get you registered.

- Being on a waitlist is not a bad thing! We often pull from the waitlists to fill tours and if a tour is popular enough, we’ll run it a second time at a future date.

Tours sell out fast!

Reserve your spot early.
Curated Adventures
By History Colorado and AAA Travel

History Colorado and AAA Travel have teamed up to offer experiential, one-of-a-kind travel experiences for Coloradans. These specially crafted vacations—Curated Adventures—will bring together Colorado’s community of travelers. In joining like-minded travelers, you may well have found some new friends by the end of the journey. Curated Adventures offers our travelers a unique opportunity to use the expertise of each organization to delve deeply into the heart of a destination. Experts, local guides and naturalists will bring to life the culture, art, history and nature of every locale. History Colorado and AAA Travel are proud to be community partners, offering you singular travel experiences.

SEPTEMBER Sun–OCTOBER Sun
Viking River Cruise: Romantic Danube

Visit Budapest’s Castle District and cross the famous Chain Bridge. Explore Göttweig Abbey, one of Austria’s most revered monastic centers, and make dumplings with Wachau Valley apricots. See Europe’s largest pipe organ in Passau, or travel to Salzburg. Celebrate Vienna’s musical heritage at a concert featuring works by Mozart and Strauss. With medieval towns, grand cities and stunning scenery, this eight-day journey on the “Blue Danube” is one you’re sure to love. Includes stops in Budapest, Hungary; Vienna and Krems, Austria; Passau, Regensburg and Nuremberg, Germany.

History Colorado & AAA members from $3,374
Call 866/212-8639 for information and reservations.

OCTOBER Sun–Sat
Flavors of the Roman Hill Country
The Best of Central Italy’s Countryside, Ancient Cultures, Regional Cuisine and Quaint Hamlets

Characterized by lush hills and forested mountains, offering spectacular sceneries and enchanting hillside villages, Castro dei Volsci lies halfway between Rome and Naples in an area best known for its simple, savory and healthy cuisine. Discovering regional foods is a priority on this tour, and you’ll learn the secrets of such dishes as gnocchi, spaghetti carbonara, rigatoni alla pajata and saltimbocca alla Romana—to name just a few. You’ll also learn the process of making extra virgin olive oil, visit a farmer’s market, learn the secrets of making perfect buffalo mozzarella, help prepare an amazing array of antipasti and visit regional vineyards famous for producing some of Italy’s finest Cabernets. But it’s not all about the food. Day trips to historic sites and medieval hamlets are also on the agenda.

History Colorado & AAA members $2,234
Call 866/212-8639 for information and reservations.

• Six nights palazzo accommodations
• All meals each day
• Round-trip Rome airport transfers
• Olive mill tour & cooking class
• Val Comino wine tour & visit to Atina
• Farmers market tour & cooking class
• Cheese makers tour & Terracina
• Salumeria & prosciutto tour
• Fettucine & gnocchi cooking class
• Frosinone shopping & pizza class
• Multi-course Farewell Dinner

Courtesy Epitourean

Courtesy Viking Cruises
OCTOBER Sun–Sat
Flavors of Abruzzo and the Italian Adriatic
An Edible Destinations Premium Series Tour from the Heart of the Apennines to the Adriatic Sea

Learning how to cook Italian food is a secret dream for many. On this cooking holiday you’ll learn the recipes of traditional Italian and Abruzzese cuisine—from homemade pasta and gnocchi to desserts and other delights. These dishes come from the oldest and most authentic recipes handed down from family to family. Special attention is given to territorial and seasonal foods like fresh local vegetables, fish and fruit, but also to the produce you can find in your own market when you get back home. You’ll have the opportunity to visit the traditional fishing huts called trabocco along the coastline. You’ll hear the silence of Old Abruzzi, you’ll get lost among its colors, and you’ll remember its flavors for years to come. It’ll be hard to forget the breathtaking views of the Adriatic Sea and the Gran Sasso—the highest mountains of central Italy—from the reserves and the natural parks to the countryside and its medieval villages.

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**FEBRUARY**

**Fri / 9 am–4 pm**

**The Art of Allen True**

**BUS TOUR = Easy**

Allen Tupper True was a Colorado-born illustrator specializing in western and Native American themes when he became Denver’s preeminent painter of murals. His notable and lasting works of art for the city of Denver can be found in the State Capitol, Brown Palace Hotel, Civic Center and the Colorado National Bank, to name just a few. Join us for an extraordinary exploration of the man and his art. The day begins with an overview of the life and times of True. Then we’ll embark on a bus tour highlighting True’s lasting legacy to Denver, with stops to see some of the art. Inspiration awaits! Includes bus transportation and guides.

$110. **Members $85**

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**FEBRUARY**

**Sat / 9 am–3 pm**

**Beyond Five Points: Northeast Denver and Park Hill by Bus**

**BUS TOUR = Easy**

As Denver’s real estate “color line” began to move, so did African Americans. The early 1950s brought a flood of military personnel and all the sub service personnel and their families. Communities moved east past Downing Street, then to Franklin, and then to York. Once the line moved past Colorado Boulevard, the black migration into Park Hill exploded. Up through the 1980s it’s said that 90 to 95 percent of all African Americans who lived between Downing, Monaco Parkway, 35th Avenue and 26th Avenue were college-educated and working in the military, social service, education or the medical industry. Join us for Black History Month as we explore the rich cultural history of African American migration and its impact on the neighborhoods of Denver! Includes bus transportation, admissions and guides.

$95. **Members $70**

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**MARCH**

**Tue / 9 am–3 pm**

**And Justice for All: The Expression of Law in the West**

**BUS TOUR = Easy**

The lawlessness of the Wild West quickly lost its appeal for some. Theft, claim-jumping and murder were enough to bring Colorado’s legal practices more in line with the civilized East. We examine the history of law—one of the most treasured ideas of civilization—in Denver and visit some of the modern structures where, we hope, Justice is truly blind. The application and interpretation of the letter of the law remain contentious today, and in past years it could get outright dangerous. You don’t have to be a lawyer to enjoy the journey. Don’t object—join us for some bar-passing fun! Includes bus transportation and guides.

$95. **Members $70**
10 MARCH Sun / noon–5 pm
Ireland Forever! An Irish Tour of Denver

BUS TOUR = Moderate
Join Tom “Dr. Colorado” Noel and former Denver City Auditor Dennis Gallagher for an annual tour tradition! We’ll start with libations and a Celtic meal and enjoy a slideshow about Colorado’s Irish landmark people and buildings. Afterward, board our deluxe coach for a grand driving tour by such places as the Mullen family residences and associated landmarks, Mary Coyle Chase house, Campion mansion site, St. Patrick’s Church for a visit with the Sisters and their holy cookies, the beautiful Holy Ghost Church and much more! Denver Go Bragh! Includes one drink ticket, a light lunch, all guides and bus transportation.

$100. Members $75

14 MARCH Thu / 10 am–3 pm
Exploring the Safety Net: Learning of Things We Hope We Never Need

BUS TOUR = Easy
As we go about our day, most of us don’t think about the safety nets that exist beneath us at all times, but when unhappy events arise—from fender benders to natural disasters—there are people there to take care of us. It’s time to learn about those who are charged with public safety, like the police, firefighters, crime scene investigators and the voices on the other end of a call to 911. Let’s hope you never need them, but if that moment arrives, you’ll have learned a little more about the net that’s stretched beneath your tightrope walk through life. Includes bus transportation, admissions and guide.

$85. Members $65

19 MARCH Tue / 10 am–3 pm
Libraries of the City: Reading the West

BUS TOUR = Easy
This literate tour looks at the written word and the buildings that have been built to house them, promote them and disseminate them. Access to the written word was once restricted, sometimes jealously so, but some took it upon themselves to share the power of books. “To build up a library is to create a life,” writes Carlos Maria Dominguez. “It’s never just a random collection of books.” With stories of architecture and some of the city’s most visionary citizens to accent our journey, this tour will be a pleasant page-turner for your enjoyment and education. Check out Denver’s temples to the book and have the tome of your life! Includes bus transportation and guide.

$85. Members $65
**MARCH Sat / 1–3 pm**

**LGBT History of Denver: Another Side of Colorado’s History**

WALKING TOUR = Moderate

In the 1800s, Denver’s districts of debauchery were unwelcoming to so-called “nymphs and fairies.” The state’s legal documents talked of “crimes against nature,” and dressing in “non-conforming” clothing could lead to violence. Colorado has come a long way since then in its views on the lesbian/gay/bisexual/transgender community. From police raids and quietly whispered names of bars serving a special clientele to the days of marriage equality and high school support groups, we explore the local story—much of which is only now being documented by the people who saw it and lived it. **Provide your own transportation to starting point.**

$35. **Members $25**

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**30 MARCH Thu / 10 am–noon**

**Downtown Colorado Springs Walking Tour**

WALKING TOUR = Moderate

It’s time to take a stroll through downtown Colorado Springs, which General William Palmer founded as a retreat for the elite...and a place to play with trains. From the powerful reach of the Denver & Rio Grande Railroad through prominent locals like Stratton and Penrose, many have left long-lasting marks on the city that remain with us to this day. Beneath the striking sentinel of Pikes Peak are jewels to be found. As with most American cities, urban renewal has robbed downtown Colorado Springs of some of its history, but there’s still so much left to explore, so let’s hit the sidewalks of Colorado Springs for history-on-foot, together. **Provide your own transportation to starting point.**

$35. **Members $25**

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**APRIL Thu / 10 am–3 pm**

**Bizarre Architecture of Denver**

BUS TOUR = Easy

What makes a building a building? Pretty simple: walls and doorways, ceilings and floors, right? But what makes a building art, or just plain bizarre? Now that’s a harder question, so join us as we seek the answer. With fanciful rooflines, ostentatious ornamentation and everything in between, it’s a voyage into the quirky. No judgment here, just the good fun of breathtaking buildings. You might even be inspired to renovate your house and join our bizarre building bazaar! **Includes bus transportation and a break for lunch on your own dime.**

$85. **Members $65**
APRILTue–Sat
Retracing the Harvey House Legacy

OVERNIGHT TREK = Ambitious
Travel by train had linked the country from coast to coast for decades, but as a new century dawned, more people had the freedom to travel for pleasure. Tight schedules made meal stops quick and ruthlessly uninspiring affairs, but Fred Harvey found the answer in his elegant dining experience: the Harvey House. We’ll see where some have been lost and the few that remain, from Kansas to New Mexico. We’ll even board the Southwest Chief for part of our journey, just as Harvey’s clients would have done. Part rail, part road, all elegance and enchantment, let’s retrace the legacy of the Harvey House over a fine white tablecloth together.

Includes bus and train transportation, all admissions, guides and seven meals, including a Welcome Dinner.

$1,750. **Members $1,350 / Single supplement $225**
Register by February 22. $100 deposit due with reservation.

18–19 Thu–Fri
South Platte River Trail Scenic Byway Trek

OVERNIGHT TREK = Ambitious
We continue our journey along scenic and historic byways with the bounty of the prairie rising up along a ribbon of green. Although the shortest of the state’s byways, the South Platte River Trail packs a punch. Our hosts have much to show us in northeastern Colorado—from train and transit history to pollinators and the wildflowers that attract them. We’ll even get our own private movie screening in a restored historic theater. With way too much to experience in just two days, you’ll come away wondering how just 19 miles of byway could hold so much to see and learn. Many a pioneer came west along the first interstate transit system—our mighty Colorado rivers.

Includes bus transportation, guides, admissions and three meals, including a Welcome Dinner.

$450. **Members $350 / Single supplement $50**
Register by March 8. $100 deposit due with reservation.

18–19 Thu–Fri
South Platte River Trail tour, continued

DISembark at History Colorado Center

B = Breakfast included; L = Lunch included; D = Dinner included
25 APRIL Thu / 10 am–1 pm
Biking Cherry Creek
TOUR = Ambitious

What was once an open sewer running through central Denver is now an amenity not just for nature lovers but for lovers of art. The walls along Cherry Creek bear more art each year, some of them national award winners! We’ll take a tour by bike, pedaling away by the creek that early explorers paddled away on, to see the art from the confluence of Cherry Creek and the South Platte River before heading upstream. It’s public beautification at its best, with insight into how the art is chosen, how it’s paid for and placed, and how it may one day earn Denver a place in the Guinness World Records. Grab your helmets and your artistic eyes and let’s hit the trail! Pack a picnic lunch and bring your own bicycle and safety gear.

$45. Members $30

30–5 APRIL Tue–MAY Sun
Eastern Nebraska Exploration:
From the Homestead Act to Corn Huskers

OVERNIGHT TREK = Ambitious

It’s time to head east along the flanks of the Platte River to explore that glorious green gem to the northeast: Nebraska! The promise of land through the Homestead Act drew many into the prairie, coming thither from all around the world. We’ll see the Homestead National Monument, the home of Willa Cather, Boys Town, how a modern farm works, a Pony Express station and even go underneath it all to see one of the largest chalk mines to be found. All that and more will be on the menu, from the comfort of our own modern “prairie schooner.” Get off the interstate to learn how these valiant explorers forever changed the face of the West, right down to the tumbleweeds. Let’s meet again and hit those happy trails together!

Includes five nights’ lodging, bus transportation, guides, admissions and nine meals, including a Welcome Dinner.

$1,650. Members $1,250 / Single supplement $275
Register by March 15. $100 deposit due with reservation.

Tuesday, April 30
• Depart History Colorado Center, Denver
• Wray Museum
• Lunch in Wray
• Senator George Norris State Historic Site, McCook, NE
• Welcome Dinner & overnight, Holdrege

Wednesday, May 1
• Nebraska Prairie Museum, Holdrege
• Lunch in Red Cloud
• Willa Cather Home, Red Cloud
• Dinner & overnight, Beatrice

Thursday, May 2
• Homestead National Monument
• Lunch in Beatrice
• Tree Adventure & Discovery Ride at Arbor Day Farm
• Free time, dinner & overnight, Lied Lodge

Friday, May 3
• Breakfast at Lied Lodge
• Missouri River Basin, Lewis & Clark Visitor Center, Nebraska City
• Lunch in Omaha
• Boy’s Town tour, Omaha
• Bob Kerry Pedestrian Bridge over the Missouri River, Omaha
• Dinner & overnight, Grand Island

Saturday, May 4
• Pawnee Arts Center, Dannebrog
• Lunch in Dannebrog
• Happy Jack Peak & Chalk Mine, Scotia
• Valley County Museum, Ord
• Dinner & overnight, Gothenburg

Sunday, May 5
• Pony Express Station, Gothenburg
• Miller Farms tour, North Platte
• Lunch in North Platte
• Art tour in Sterling, CO
• Disembark at History Colorado Center

B = Breakfast included; L = Lunch included; D = Dinner included
**14 MAY** Tue / 10 am–3 pm
Denver’s Amusement Parks of Yesterday and Today

**BUS TOUR = Easy**
Denverites have long had a penchant for getting out and having fun. Whether racetrack, amusement park, artificial beach or empty lots transformed into carnivals, Denver revels in enjoyable pursuits—from the benign to the downright dangerous. Grab your popcorn, your ride tickets and your whimsy for exploration of the venues of today as well as those that have been lost. All right...you won’t really need ride tickets, but you’ll still experience the thrills, chills and bombastic spills of Denver’s hunt for adrenaline. (No screaming necessary.) Includes bus transportation and a break for lunch on your own dime.

$85. **Members $65**

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**25 MAY** Sat / 8 am–1 pm
Green Gems of Arvada: Ponds, Parks and Progress

**BUS TOUR = Easy**
The smallest wildlife refuge in the nation, Two Ponds, lies in the city of Arvada. We’ll take a walk around the refuge (since it’s the smallest, it won’t take long!) to learn about its history and the important flora and fauna who call it home. From there, we’ll join the Arvada Parks Department to learn about the trails, parks and open spaces of this growing city. From the gritty nuances of stormwater management and sufficient access to the elements of art, landscape design and xeric plantings, there’s much to learn about what goes into making a modern park system. Let’s step behind the scenes in Arvada to learn more! Includes bus transportation, guides and a boxed lunch.

$85. **Members $65**

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**30 MAY** Thu / 9 am–noon
Connect with the Past: Hike with the State Archaeologist

**HIKE = Challenging**
Join experts from History Colorado’s Office of Archaeology and Historic Preservation for a guided hike through the famous Lindenmeier site in the Soapstone Prairie Natural Area. The Front Range offers archaeologists many opportunities to learn about prehistoric lifestyles in Colorado. This hike will take you back in time to explore the rich history of the state’s earliest inhabitants at this world-renowned site of archaeology. Provide your own transportation to starting point and pack a picnic lunch.

$45. **Members $30**
JUNE Sat / 10 am–noon
Fairmount Arboretum Tour

WALKING TOUR = Moderate

For many centuries, cemeteries were merely places for the dead, but the 1800s would bring us the idea of cemeteries as sylvan glades for the living to enjoy as they contemplated the splendor of life and the solemnity of death. Today’s Fairmount Cemetery has been sending its leaves skyward since the late 1800s, becoming a place of beauty perfect for exploration. Decades of growth have given us innumerable trees, including some of the state’s champions. Our champion linden, buckthorn and several types of oak stand sentinel over some of the luminaries of Colorado’s past. Join us for a placid walk among the giants, both above and below, on the Fairmount Arboretum Tour. Provide your own transportation to starting point.
$45. Members $30

JUNE Sun / 9 am–noon
Montclair Walking Tour

WALKING TOUR = Moderate

Join Tom “Dr. Colorado” Noel for a presentation and walking tour of Baron Walter von Richthofen’s Montclair Town, a model suburban escape from the big city. Richthofen’s 35-room castle stands as the centerpiece of this eclectic and popular neighborhood—once dominating the open prairie skyline. Tom is a Montclair resident himself and the author of two books about the area. While we won’t be able to explore inside the castle, he’ll treat us to a walking tour of this health spa that became one of Denver’s first historic districts. Provide your own transportation to starting point.
$50. Members $35

Adult Programs at the History Colorado Center

Lectures. Our acclaimed Lecture Series transports you back in time with stories of the people, places and events that define Colorado. Discover our state's history at 1 and 7 pm the third Monday of every month, January through May and September through November. Watch the Explore program calendar and HistoryColorado.org for listings, or call 303/866-2394 for more information.

Colorful Colorado. Meet Colorado authors and staff experts, and discover inspiring programs on a range of topics—generally the second and fourth Monday of each month. Watch the Explore program calendar and HistoryColorado.org for listings, or call 303/866-2394 for more information.
**Grand Tour Museum Sampler of Colorado**

**OVERNIGHT TREK = Ambitious**

In the olden days, when a young woman or man of society came of age, it was time to make a Grand Tour of Europe—for inspiration, education and worldliness. It’s time for our own local equivalent, the Grand Tour of Colorado! We’ll see every quadrant of the state in one trip, a Colorado Cavalcade par excellence! With museums and monuments, visual splendors like the San Luis Valley, Comanche National Grasslands and the Flat Tops, and insight into every inch, it will be eight days of wonder! This is your opportunity to experience the state’s many places and moods all in one trip. With the State Historian’s Council and local hosts as our content experts, it’ll be a whirlwind to remember.

Includes seven nights’ lodging, bus transportation, guides, admissions and 13 meals, including a Welcome Dinner.

$2,100. Members $1,600 / Single supplement $425

Register by April 19. $100 deposit due with reservation.

**Wednesday, June 5**
- Depart History Colorado Center, Denver
- Colorado Springs Pioneers Museum
- El Pueblo History Museum
- Welcome Dinner
- Overnight, La Junta

**Thursday, June 6**
- Big Timbers Museum, Lamar
- Southeast state corner, weather permitting
- Bus tour to Trinidad
- Overnight, Trinidad

**Friday, June 7**
- Trinidad History Museum
- Bus tour, Trinidad & surrounding area
- Overnight, Walsenburg

**Saturday, June 8**
- Fort Garland Museum & Cultural Center
- Bus tour, San Luis Valley
- Overnight, Pagosa Springs

**Sunday, June 9**
- Durango tour
- Four Corners Monument
- Bus to Montrose
- Overnight, Montrose

**Monday, June 10**
- Ute Indian Museum, Montrose
- Bus to Rangely
- Bus to Craig
- Overnight, Steamboat Springs

**Tuesday, June 11**
- Bus to Sterling
- Lunch in Julesburg
- Northeast state corner, weather permitting
- Overnight, Burlington

**Wednesday, June 12**
- Burlington Old Town Museum
- Limon Heritage Museum
- Return to History Colorado Center

**14 JUNE Fri / 10 am–1 pm**

**Eldorado Springs and State Park**

**HIKE = Challenging**

Once known as the “Coney Island of the West,” Eldorado Springs Resort opened in 1905 for folks to “take the waters.” Though we won’t be dipping our toes in the springs on this trip—we’ll be wearing hiking boots, after all—it’s time to return to see the wonders, both natural and those created by us! We’ll have a hike around Eldorado Canyon State Park and a stroll beside the foamy waters of South Boulder Creek to share our own take on Coney Island. With so much breathtaking beauty, you may well end the day thinking you’ve found your own El Dorado! Provide your own transportation to starting point.

$45. Members $30
Mountains of Flowers in the Mountains

OVERNIGHT TREK = Ambitious

Since spring comes later in the mountains, those of us along the Front Range will have the chance to sample the botanical bounty of spring twice—by heading to Vail and Glenwood Springs. In Vail, we’ll enjoy a guided tour of the Betty Ford Alpine Garden and guided walks and hikes of Rocky Mountain wildflowers and ecology at the Vail Nature Center and the Walking Mountains Science Center. We’ll overnight along the banks of the Colorado River before joining the Glenwood Springs Garden Club for a personal tour of their masterpiece gardens. With a little history and architecture to round things out, it’ll be a botanical cornucopia—a feast for the soul. Put some spring into your step twice, no planting required. Includes bus transportation, guides, admissions, lodging, breakfast and a Welcome Dinner.

$600. Members $450 / Single supplement $125
Register by May 3. $100 deposit due with reservation.

Tuesday, June 18
- Depart History Colorado Center, Denver
- Betty Ford Alpine Gardens tour, Vail
- Lunch in Vail
- Walking Mountains Science Center, Avon
- Vail Nature Center
- Welcome Dinner & overnight, Glenwood Springs

Wednesday, June 19
- Floral tour with Glenwood Springs Garden Club
- Lunch in Glenwood Springs
- Continue floral tour
- Return to History Colorado Center

B = Breakfast included
L = Lunch included
D = Dinner included

20 JUNE Thu / 4:30–9 pm
All Aboard! Riding the Rails with RTD

WALKING TOUR = Moderate

The metropolitan area’s FasTracks network keeps growing. New lines are opening over the next few years, but we won’t let our annual Summer Solstice ride be interrupted while we’re waiting to find out which ones will finally pull into the station. Join Tom “Dr. Colorado” Noel and master guide Ryan Mulligan for one of our most popular yearly programs as we ride the rails, with drinks and a celebration of high summer along the tracks. We don’t know which line we’ll ride this evening, but no matter; it’ll be a festive evening full of anecdotes you’ll want to tell your friends. Includes train transportation, one drink ticket, light dinner and interpretation.

$85. Members $65

Tours sell out fast!

Reserve your spot early.
JUNE Sat / 1–3 pm
Beer Here! Boulder

TOUR = Moderate
It’s time to belly up to some interesting places indeed—oases renowned for their history, and not in the Serengeti! With salty pretzels and foamy mugs in hand, it’s a great way to have your history and drink it too. Bottoms up! Includes three drink tickets. Provide your own transportation to starting point.

$50. Members $35

26–30 JUNE Wed–Sun
Fossil Exploration of the West

OVERNIGHT TREK = Ambitious
Though we may never have been on safari, most have seen them in movies or on TV. The ancient world of dinosaurs, however, has only been seen through our imaginations. Trying to see dinosaurs and their world has fascinated us ever since we learned of their existence. It’s time to dig through Colorado’s (and a little of Utah’s) rich paleontological history, with stops at fossil beds, the Rocky Mountain Dinosaur Research Lab, Dinosaur National Monument and much more. Your guides will be as enthusiastic as you are about each tooth, each vertebra and every new part of this ancient and shattered puzzle we’re trying to compile. Come feed your imagination, where it’s still safe for dinosaurs to come to life!

Includes four nights’ lodging, bus transportation, guides, admissions and eight meals, including a Welcome Dinner.

$1,275. Members $975 / Single supplement $225
Register by April 26. $100 deposit due with reservation.

Wednesday, June 26
• Depart History Colorado Center, Denver
• Rocky Mountain Dinosaur Research Lab, Woodland Park
• Florissant Fossil Beds National Monument
• Royal Gorge Dinosaur Experience
• Welcome Dinner & overnight, Cañon City

Thursday, June 27
• Garden Park Pulloffs
• Cañon City History Museum
• Overnight, Grand Junction

Friday, June 28
• Museums of Western Colorado’s Dinosaur Journey, Fruita
• Trail Through Time, fossil dig site & exploration
• To Vernal, UT, via Dinosaur Diamond Scenic Byway
• Overnight, Vernal

Saturday, June 29
• Utah Field House, Natural History State Park Museum
• Dinosaur National Monument
• Overnight, Frisco/Dillon area

Sunday, June 30
• Drive to Morrison
• Dinosaur Ridge
• Drive to Denver Museum of Nature & Science
• Return to History Colorado Center

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L = Lunch included
D = Dinner included

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**JULY 5–13**

**Fri–Sat**

From Cowboys to the Coast:

**Canadian Rockies by Rail**

**OVERNIGHT TREK = Ambitious**

Colorado isn’t the only place with a famous annual event celebrating the best of the Wild West. It’s time to visit our cousins to the north for the Calgary Stampede—a rootin’, tootin’, stomp-your-bootin’ good time. After Calgary, likened to the Denver of Canada, we’ll leave the straw and belt buckles behind for the essence of luxury and splendor aboard the Rocky Mountaineer and its GoldLeaf service. With Dr. Andrew Gulliford hosting us for interpretation, we’ll travel through the Canadian Rockies on our way to the Pacific, enjoying elegant hotels, sightseeing, history, the legendary Spiral Tunnels and scenery rivaled almost nowhere else on earth. This qualifies as a once-in-a-lifetime trip, so let’s cross the border to cross the Continental Divide in Canada and kick up our boots from Calgary to the coast. Includes eight nights’ lodging, bus transportation, GoldLeaf service on Rocky Mountaineer, guides, interpretation, admissions, 15 meals (including a Welcome Dinner) and two meal vouchers at the Calgary Stampede. Airfare not included.

$7,500. Members $6,000 / Single supplement $1,800

Register by March 29. $500 deposit due with registration.

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JULY Thu–Sun
Adventures in Telluride and Naturita

OVERNIGHT TREK = Ambitious

Previous visits to the area have left our History Colorado members wanting more, so it’s time to delve more deeply into the beauty, history and possibility of Telluride and Naturita. For our journey we’ll be joined by our southwestern Colorado guru, Dr. Andy Gulliford. From the mountain magnet of Telluride to jeep tours through the wild places, there are more secrets tucked away in this one county than you might think. Andy will have many tales to tell, and local guides will offer their own insights. With beautiful mountains and starlit skies, this part of Colorado will keep you engrossed both day and night. Includes three nights’ lodging, bus transportation, guides, admissions and six meals, including a Welcome Dinner.

$1,275. Members $975 / Single supplement $175
Register by May 31. $100 deposit due with reservation.

Thursday, July 18
- Depart History Colorado Center, Denver
- Lunch in Hotchkiss
- Arrive in Telluride
- Welcome & Dr. Gulliford presentation at hotel
- Welcome Dinner & overnight, Telluride
L, D

Friday, July 19
- Telluride tour in two groups
- Group 1: Jeep tour to Tomboy Mine & Pandora Mill
- Group 2: Historic walking tour of Telluride; Telluride Historical Museum
- Lunch in Telluride
- Switch groups!
- Dinner & overnight, Telluride
B

Saturday, July 20
- Bus tour, Telluride to Naturita
- Naturita history tour with Rimrocker Historical Society
- Overnight, Grand Junction
B, L

Sunday, July 21
- Return to History Colorado Center
B

B = Breakfast included; L = Lunch included; D = Dinner included

25 JULY Thu / 8 am–9 pm
Kit Carson County Fair and Carousel

BUS TOUR = Easy

Burlington is more than a waystation along I-70. It’s home to the memorable Kit Carson County Fair as well as a much-renowned historic carousel—long hidden from view before a loving restoration returned it to public use. We’ll start our day with a free barbecue and watermelon feast before enjoying some of the events at the fair. We’ll take in the Old Town Museum, with history (some of it really fearsome!) and even a few wild characters coming to life for our visit. It’ll be a late night home, but you’ll be grateful you came. From the sights and smells of the fairgrounds to the halcyon days of your youth reborn aboard the carousel, we’ll have a day of riches at the Kit Carson County Fair and Carousel. Includes bus transportation, guides and museum admission.

$175. Members $130

Reserve Now!

HistoryColorado.org/tours-and-treks
Silver Plume & Georgetown Walking Tour

WALKING TOUR = Moderate

When the Griffith Brothers moved upstream from the already crowded areas around today’s Gilpin County, they likely had little idea of the storied and splendid mountain town that would rise in riches from their efforts! Join us on a guided tour of Silver Plume as we explore the Georgetown–Silver Plume National Historic District, beginning with an enchanting train ride on the Georgetown Loop Railroad®. Provide your own transportation to the starting point.

$65. Members $50

American Southwest Adventure

OVERNIGHT TREK = Ambitious

Join us to explore the riches of the American Southwest. Our guide, Dr. Andrew Gulliford of Fort Lewis College, will share rare insight and depth from his many years of working with the people and places of the region. We’ll showcase the area’s past inhabitants and those who now proudly call it home. Highlights of the trip are visits to Aztec Ruins National Monument, Navajo National Monument, Mesa Verde National Park, Chaco Culture National Historical Park, Canyons of the Ancients and Hovenweep National Monuments, trading posts, fantastic views and much more. Four states’ worth of fun! Includes six nights’ lodging, bus transportation, guides, all admissions and eleven meals, including a Welcome Dinner.

$2,050. History Colorado & AAA members $1,550

Single supplement $600

Register by June 7. $100 deposit due with reservation.
AUGUST 14

**14 AUGUST**

**Historic Parker Caravan Tour**

**CARAVAN TOUR = Moderate**

With the goldfields of the Rocky Mountains drawing eager argonauts, settlements sprang up where the approaching stagecoach stopped—places where folks could take their ease and freshen up from the journey while trading news of the latest strikes. Parker would begin in this simple way, becoming what’s today one of the fastest-growing communities in the metro area. Despite the burgeoning growth, the city of Parker maintains its history assiduously. Grab your car for a caravan tour and join our colleagues in Parker for a chance to learn the city’s history and something of its modern development. Spanning more than a century, Parker’s got some gold for you. **Includes guides and admissions.** Provide your own transportation to starting point. **$50. Members $35**

AUGUST 17

**17 AUGUST**

**Alamo Placita Neighborhood Walking Tour**

**WALKING TOUR = Moderate**

As early Denver expanded outward, newly reached areas were ripe for development. Recently arrived Robert Speer worked real estate in the area, learning the skills he’d later use as mayor. From these auspicious beginnings, this “little place of the cottonwoods” would become an amusement park—with volcanoes and diving elk—surrounded by a neighborhood. That neighborhood grew along with the city, becoming a jewel in our urban crown, just as Speer intended. From its central sylvan glade outward, Alamo Placita has a river’s worth of history to share, and who wouldn’t want to ride a bike down that river! **Climb on for the ride! Provide your own transportation to starting point.** **$35. Members $25**

AUGUST 17–21

**17-21 AUGUST**

**Centennial Canoe on the Green River with Dr. Gulliford**

**OVERNIGHT TREK = Challenging**

History Colorado teams up again with Centennial Canoe Outfitters for this exciting trip through a wild, remote area. Along the journey, historian Dr. Andy Guillford of Fort Lewis College facilitates the trip and brings the Wild West to life with fascinating tales. As you retrace Major John Wesley Powell’s epic 1869 path into the annals of history, this twisting river winds its way between sheer colorful sandstone walls, thousands of feet high. You’ll marvel at Labyrinth, Horse Shoe and Trin-Alcove Canyons. No shortage of campfire stories on this trip! There’ll be time for day hikes as you float along the Green River wilderness. **Register with Centennial Canoe Outfitters: CentennialCanoe.com or 720/283-0553.** **$714. Members $664**
**AUGUST Thu / 10 am–3 pm**

**Dam It!**

**BUS TOUR = Easy**

In the West, we think more about our water than most people do, since there’s less to be had. How do they make sure it’s there for your morning shower or to drink on a hot afternoon? We’ll be joined by one of the fine folks at Denver Water for a day of exploration around that most central element of keeping our water where we can use it: dams. On our way into the mountains, we’ll hear of Denver Water’s past efforts and those ongoing today. Then we’ll have a tour of the dam at Dillon Reservoir, to do our learning while standing on the concrete itself. With a sprinkling of dam history from the Front Range and a chance to ask your questions about all things watery, you’ll be in-the-know on that essential drink we often take for granted. 

Includes bus transportation and guides.

$85. Members $65

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**AUGUST Fri–Wed (Curated Adventures)**

**Our Sister State:**

**Trekking the Wonders of Utah**

**OVERNIGHT TREK = Ambitious**

We continue our journey to our neighboring states, now taking time to explore the one most topographically like our own. That’s right, we’re off to Utah! From the history and splendor of Salt Lake City to the parklands preserving the glorious scenery around Moab, we’ll fit as much as possible into our time. People moving across the state for thousands of years have left marks as monumental as the landscape. Join us for a chance to trace some of those footsteps; you won’t even need to bring a golden spike. Includes bus transportation, five nights’ lodging, guides, all admissions and nine meals, including a Welcome Dinner.

$1,950. History Colorado & AAA members $1,500

Single supplement $500

Register by June 21. $100 deposit due with reservation.

**Friday, August 23**
- Depart History Colorado Center, Denver
- Lunch in Rock Springs, WY
- Rock Springs History Museum
- Welcome Dinner
- Overnight, Salt Lake City
  - D

**Saturday, August 24**
- Step-on guided tour of Salt Lake City
- Lunch in Salt Lake City
- Utah Historical Society
- Trolley Square Tower tour
- Dinner & overnight, Salt Lake City
  - B, L

**Sunday, August 25**
- Golden Spike National Historic Site
- Lunch in Ogden
- Ogden walking tour
- Antelope Island State Park
- Swim in the Great Salt Lake
- Dinner & overnight, Salt Lake City
  - B

**Monday, August 26**
- Roots of Knowledge Panorama, Orem
- Lunch in Provo
- USU Eastern Prehistoric Museum, Price
- Dinner in Moab
- Astronomy program (half the group)
- Overnight, Moab
  - B, L, D

**Tuesday, August 27**
- Canyonlands & Arches National Parks
- Lunch & dinner in Moab
- Astronomy program (half the group)
- Overnight, Moab
  - B

**Wednesday, August 28**
- Moab Museum of Film and Western Heritage
- Moab Castle Creek Winery (optional)
- Lunch in Grand Junction
- Leg stretch in Vail
- Disembark at History Colorado Center
  - B

B = Breakfast included
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**Wander Westminter:**

**SEPTEMBER**

**Wandering Westminster:**

**CARAVAN TOUR = Moderate**

Maybe you haven’t thought about Westminster other than to wonder how it’s pronounced. Well, now’s the time to learn more about the city than the existence of that elusive minister. We’ll have a caravan tour to learn about history and modern water allocation at Standley Lake, a surprisingly rich emerald in the city’s crown. We’ll also visit the Westminster History Center for the story of the city’s founding. As for lunch, we’ll be having a combination picnic and history walk at the Semper Farm, so bring a blanket and a basket of goodies. You’ll end up well satisfied with all the good things on the menu in Westminster, so let’s wander in wonder! Includes guides and admissions. Provide your own transportation to starting point and during tour.

$50. **Members $35**

**SEPTEMBER**

**Sit Back and Sip Luxury: Wineries of the Western Slope**

**OVERNIGHT TREK = Ambitious**

Travel with Tom “Dr. Colorado” Noel as we journey through breathtaking canyons, meadows and valleys to Colorado’s wine country. On this extravagant tour, we’ll visit vineyards, sample the region’s best wines and learn about the area’s history. Though drier and less populated than the Front Range, the scenery and history are every bit as memorable. The trip includes a ride on Amtrak’s California Zephyr and an overnight at Gateway Canyons Resort, hidden away in some stunning scenery that will start the trip on the best of notes. Won’t you join Dr. Colorado in lifting a glass?

Includes all transportation via Amtrak (one way), bus and van, three nights’ lodging including one night at Gateway Canyons Resort, guides, admissions, winery tours and seven meals, including a Welcome Dinner.

$1,800. **History Colorado & AAA members $1,350**

Register by July 5. $100 deposit due with reservation.

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**Thursday, September 5**
- Depart History Colorado Center, Denver
- Lunch in Rifle
- Gateway Canyons Resort
- Welcome Dinner
- Overnight, Gateway
- **D**

**Friday, September 6**
- Tour of Hanging Flume
- Three winery visits in Palisade
- Lunch at a winery
- Spring Hill Suites, downtown Grand Junction
- Dinner & overnight, Grand Junction
- **B, L**

**Saturday, September 7**
- Alpaca farm, Palisade
- Lunch in Paonia
- Paonia winery tours
- Overnight, Hotel Denver, Glenwood Springs
- **B, L, D**

**Sunday, September 8**
- Glenwood Springs free time, optional walking tour
- Amtrak to Denver
- **B**

**B** = Breakfast included
**L** = Lunch included
**D** = Dinner included
SEPTEMBER Wed / 10 am–3 pm
Foods of Denver

BUS TOUR = Easy
There’s more to life than enriching your mind through the study of history. Sometimes what you need is to get out and enrich your soul through good food and good company. Join us for our annual Pilgrimage of the Plate, seeking out unusual or new or innovative food destinations in the metropolitan area. We’ll do the hunting for you and make all the arrangements. We’ll count on you to bring your appetites and adventurous spirits. Along the way, we’ll share the histories of some of the places and areas we’re visiting (we are History Colorado, after all), so it’ll be a bounteous experience for both mind and body. Let’s go out, friends, and lift a glass and a fork together! Bon appétit! Includes bus transportation, small meals at each restaurant and guides.
$145. Members $100

SEPTEMBER Sat / 10 am–noon
Northwest Denver Neighborhoods Tour

WALKING TOUR = Moderate
Get out your compasses! It’s time to see how well you know the city and its vibrancy. We’re going to find the interesting stories, hidden corners and rare gems that make northwest Denver great! From lumber barons to flour kings, and millionaires to murderers, stories abound. There are lesser-known tales to tell and undiscovered views that the average Denverite may have missed. It’s a popular place to be these days, but there’s more to this corner of Denver than you may know. From romantic points of inspiration to dramas divine, you’ll come away knowing the grandeur of northwest Denver. Provide your own transportation to starting point.
$35. Members $25

SEPTEMBER Sat–Sun
Step into the Past: The Frontier History Encampment and Bent’s Fort
OVERNIGHT TREK = Moderate
On the Lamar Community College campus, the 1800s come back to life with the Frontier History Encampment. Walk from camp to camp to meet and talk with Native Americans, fur trappers, Mormon pioneers, soldiers, miners and more—all of them integral figures in Colorado’s initial tapestry. With demonstrations, the smells of wood-fired cooking and a mix of tongues, it’ll be delicious sensory experience. We’ll also drop by Bent’s Fort, complemented by some firsthand recollections from a laborer named Frenchie, and the John Martin Reservoir State Park, which has historic sites from the Santa Fe Trail. Includes bus transportation, admission, guides and three meals, including a Welcome Dinner.
$500. Members $375 / Single supplement $60
Register by August 16. $100 deposit due with reservation.
**OCTOBER** Wed–Sat  (Curated Adventures)

**Railroading the San Luis Valley for the Colors of Autumn**

**OVERNIGHT TREK = Ambitious**

Join Tom “Dr. Colorado” Noel for an exemplary tour of southern Colorado’s myriad colors from the comfort of a pair of historic trains. Our first jaunt is aboard the Cumbres & Toltec Scenic Railroad, the longest and highest steam narrow gauge excursion in the United States. Next, we’re bound for the Rio Grande Scenic Railroad in the heart of the San Luis Valley. On both, we’ll enjoy autumn’s displays of color. Other highlights include the home of the Manassa Mauler, Jack Dempsey, and the Penrose Apple Festival. Won’t you choo-choo-choose to tag along for the ride? Includes three nights’ lodging, bus and train transportation, guides, admissions and five meals, including a Welcome Dinner.

$1,250. **History Colorado & AAA members $950**

Register by August 2. $100 deposit due with reservation.

**Wednesday, October 2**
- Depart History Colorado Center, Denver
- Lunch in Walsenburg
- Jack Dempsey Museum, Manassa
- Welcome Dinner
- Overnight, Chama, NM

**Thursday, October 3**
- Cumbres & Toltec Scenic Railroad
- Antonito
- Dinner & overnight, Alamosa

**Friday, October 4**
- Rio Grande Scenic Railroad
- La Veta
- Overnight, Alamosa

**Saturday, October 5**
- Penrose Apple Festival
- Disembark at History Colorado Center

**B, L = Breakfast included**
**L = Lunch included**
**D = Dinner included**

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**OCTOBER** Tue / 9 am–4 pm

**Belly Up to the Bar in Berthoud**

**BUS TOUR = Moderate**

It’s time to belly up to the bar in Berthoud, not for a shot of whisky but for a jigger of water, followed by a chaser of history. We’ll visit the Northern Colorado Water Conservancy District Building to see the artistically and architecturally innovative campus and to learn how water is managed for more anticipated growth. We won’t be stopping “halfway up to Berthoud near a diner I know,” we’ll be make the full journey, to learn about the city’s history and today’s development. There’s more there than you might think, so let us show you the beautiful waters of Berthoud. Includes bus transportation, admissions and guides.

$160. **Members $120**
OCTOBER Wed–Sun (Curated Adventures) The Birds of New Mexico

OVERNIGHT TREK = Ambitious

Colorado isn’t the only Rocky Mountain state that offers key resting and feeding spots to migratory birds. The Land of Enchantment is just as appealing to our feathered friends, and it has bird-watching opportunities in abundance. Join Norm Lewis, frequent birding guide for History Colorado, on an avian extravaganza in northern New Mexico.

At Bosque del Apache and other national wildlife refuges, state parks and natural areas, there’ll be many birds to admire—the greater roadrunner, sandhill crane, Gambel’s quail and more. It’s a chance to see beauty on the wing, so grab your binoculars and let’s hit the trails and meadows of New Mexico! Includes bus transportation, four nights’ lodging, expert birding guides, all admissions and seven meals, including a Welcome Dinner.

$1,850. History Colorado & AAA members $1,400
Single supplement $325
Register by August 9. $100 deposit due with reservation.

Wednesday, October 9
- Depart History Colorado Center, Denver
- Lunch in Raton
- Maxwell National Wildlife Refuge & Visitor Center
- Welcome Dinner
- Overnight, Las Vegas, NM

Thursday, October 10
- Las Vegas National Wildlife Refuge
- Lunch in Santa Fe
- Rio Grande Nature Center State Park
- Dinner & overnight, Albuquerque B

Friday, October 11
- Elephant Butte Lake State Park
- Picnic at the park
- Caballo Lake State Park
- Percha Dam State Park
- Dinner & overnight, Truth or Consequences B, L

Saturday, October 12
- Bosque del Apache National Wildlife Refuge
- Lunch in Socorro
- Museum of Southwestern Biology, University of New Mexico
- Dinner & overnight, Santa Fe B, D

Sunday, October 13
- Fort Union National Monument
- Lunch in Trinidad
- Disembark at History Colorado Center B

$50. Members $35
OCTOBER Sun / noon–5 pm
Scavenger Hunt
TOUR = Ambitious
A series of cryptic clues and shifty characters line up before you as you unravel the mysteries of the Denver Code for our second Scavenger Hunt! No running involved, just a chance to use your skills of observation and investigation as you walk the streets of downtown. The sleuths who successfully navigate the twists and turns will find a celebratory meal at the end and the chance to claim the title of Breaker of the Denver Code! Includes guide and snacks.
$50. Members $35

OCTOBER Tue / 9 am–4 pm
Frederick Is Fantastico!
BUS TOUR = Easy
Frederick is just another city in Weld County with surging growth, a place to drive by and be done, right? Wrong! “Built on what matters,” Frederick has so much to see. Our welcoming and gracious hosts in town have invited us back for a day of history, exploration and fun. There’s art to peruse. There are the secrets of history to whisper. We’ll also learn about the challenges facing the city as they face a dynamic century ahead of them. They’ve got a plan to face them in style and come out as welcoming and gracious as ever. When we’re done with our survey, we have no doubt that you’ll agree: Frederick is “fantastico”! Includes bus transportation, admissions and guides.
$160. Members $120

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Membership entitles you to:
• Free admission to the History Colorado Center and our Community Museums around the state.
• Four issues of the award-winning Colorado Heritage magazine.
• Free ticket(s) to the Georgetown Loop Historic Mining & Railroad Park® and discounts on additional tickets and upgrades.
• Invitations to exclusive events and exhibition previews.
• Time Travelers program: free reciprocal membership network of historical museums, sites and societies around the country.
• And much more—including discounts on Tours & Treks!
If you join at the Explorer level or higher, you also receive Smithsonian benefits, including a year’s subscription to Smithsonian magazine!
Go to HistoryColorado.org/membership or call 303/866-3639.
OVERNIGHT TREK = Ambitious

Join us as we continue exploring our neighboring states with a tour of southwestern South Dakota—loaded with diverse offerings from national parks and monuments to geology, paleontology, architecture, mining, geographic oddities and a parade of the presidents! Colorado wasn’t the only place drawing gold seekers, immigrants, charlatans and everyone else who hungered for the promise of the West. South Dakota boasts many of those same stories. It’s time to tread the trails of our sister to the northeast as we visit such icons as Mount Rushmore, Custer State Park and the Crazy Horse Memorial. Shoot, we’ll even throw in a visit to Devils Tower on our way home. It’s time to discover southwestern South Dakota!

Includes four nights’ lodging, bus transportation, guides, admissions and eight meals, including a Welcome Dinner.

$1,500. History Colorado & AAA members $1,150
Single supplement $300
Register by August 16. $100 deposit due with reservation.

Wednesday, October 16
• Depart History Colorado Center, Denver
• Lunch in Lusk, WY
• Crazy Horse Memorial
• Welcome Dinner
• Overnight, Hill City, SD

Thursday, October 17
• Prairie Berry Winery tasting
• Mount Rushmore National Memorial
• Lunch at Mount Rushmore
• Bus tour, Custer State Park with park naturalist/guide
• Dinner & overnight, State Game Lodge, Custer State Park

Friday, October 18
• Chapel in the Hills
• Journey Museum Learning Center
• Lunch in Rapid City
• Museum of Geology
• Walking tour of downtown Rapid City
• Dinner & overnight, Rapid City

Saturday, October 19
• Homestake Gold Mine in Lead
• Lunch in Deadwood
• Spearfish Canyon National Scenic Byway

Sunday, October 20
• High Plains Western Heritage Center
• Center of the Nation Monument & Visitor Center
• Dinner & overnight, Hulett, WY

B = Breakfast included
L = Lunch included
D = Dinner included
**25 OCTOBER** Fri / 7–9 pm

**Haunted LoDo Bar Crawl**

**WALKING TOUR = Moderate**

Get in the Halloween spirit by joining us for an evening of wine, whisky, wanton women and wretched souls. Walking from the Oxford Hotel to the back alleys of Strangler’s Row, we’ll talk about ghosts, ghouls and gals who walked these streets, even beyond death. Along the way, we’ll murder our thirst with drinks and eat a taco bar dinner. Come along! You wouldn’t want to upset Jack the Strangler, would you? Price includes one drink and taco bar dinner. Provide your own transportation to starting point.

$50. **Members $35**

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**27 OCTOBER** Sun / 1–4:30 pm

**History Colorado’s 31st Annual Cemetery Crawl**

**WALKING TOUR = Moderate**

Join Tom “Dr. Colorado” Noel and a host of ghosts as they guide you through Colorado’s pioneer necropolis: Riverside Cemetery. You’ll hear from exhumed celebrities such as Gov. John Evans, strangled Market Street prostitute Lena Tapper, Aunt Clara Brown, Adolph Zang, the Countess Katrina Murat and many illustrious others. Riverside’s history stretches all the way back to 1876 and embraces many inhabitants moved from the cemetery where Cheesman Park now sits. So bring your imagination and let’s dig into history. Provide your own transportation to starting point. Tombside taxi service by the Model A Ford Club of Colorado, weather permitting.

$50. **Members $35**

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**29 OCTOBER** Tue / 10 am–3 pm

**More Bank for Your Buck**

**BUS TOUR = Easy**

It’s time to reap the benefits of those pennies saved, for you’ve earned a visit to those temples of commerce: banks! Many are very historic structures, with beautiful architecture and art designed to show off the opulence that once helped people to trust their banks. Some bank buildings have been decommissioned, so we might even steal a sighting of a safe! We’ll talk about the history of Denver’s commerce, from its earliest home-minted gold coins through its years as the Wall Street of the West to its modern role as regional financial and commercial center. Leave the robbers at home and let’s salute the dollar together in this banking bonanza. Includes bus transportation and a break for lunch on your own dime.

$85. **Members $65**

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NOVEMBER Tue–Sun
Eurotrip! Exploring Colorado’s Sister Cities

OVERNIGHT TREK = Ambitious
Colorado’s connections to the wider world don’t just reach to our neighboring states. Sometimes they even reach across the waves. Join us for a tour of five of Colorado’s Sister Cities. Our hosts are excited to have us, eager to learn about us and show us the best of their homes—our sisters across the seas. From Portsmouth, Ashby-de-la-Zouch and Broomfield in the UK, to Mechelen in Belgium and Chamonix in France, we’ll be jet-setters of the world, sharing the best of Colorado in ourselves. Portsmouth’s involvement in D-Day, Ashby’s millennia-old village pubs and churches, Broomfield’s Norman castle of Leeds, Mechelen’s beguines and Chamonix’s needles piercing the sky all await you, with the Southampton story of the Titanic as the icing on this traveling cake. Bon voyage! Includes bus and air transportation, admissions, guides, lodging and 20 meals, including all breakfasts (not normally included at hotels), four lunches and six dinners.

$7,100. Members $5,500 / Single supplement $500
Register by September 20. $500 deposit due with reservation.

NOVEMBER Thu / 10 am–3 pm
Denver Women’s History Bus Tour with the Center for Colorado Women’s History

BUS TOUR = Easy
Join History Colorado and the Center for Colorado Women’s History on a bus tour that will highlight women’s history in Denver! We’ll begin our tour at the Center for Colorado Women’s History at the Byers-Evans House Museum, then gather for a bus ride through the neighborhoods and locales of such luminaries in Denver’s rich past as Justina Ford, Anne Evans, Margaret Tobin Brown, Madam CJ Walker and Minnie J. Reynolds. From the comfort of our bus we’ll learn how these women helped transform the city of Denver. Includes bus transportation, guides and a stop for lunch on your own dime.

$85. Members $65
Tuesday, November 5
• Depart from Denver

Wednesday, November 6
• Arrive London
• To Portsmouth by bus
• Lunch in Portsmouth
• Walk of South Parade Pier area
• Guy Fawkes celebration, bonfire & fireworks
• Welcome Dinner & overnight, Portsmouth

L, D

Thursday, November 7
• Breakfast in Portsmouth
• Walking tour, historic Spice Island area
• Visit Lord Mayor of Portsmouth, official welcome
• Lunch in Portsmouth
• Bus tour of the city
• Sir Arthur Conan Doyle Museum
• Evening on your own in Port Solent area
• Overnight, Portsmouth

B, L

Friday, November 8
• Breakfast in Portsmouth
• To Southampton, Titanic tour
• Lunch in Southampton
• To Ashby-de-la-Zouch
• Welcome Dinner & overnight, Ashby-de-la-Zouch

B, L, D

Saturday, November 9
• Breakfast in Ashby-de-la-Zouch
• Explore Ashby Castle, museum & St. Helen’s Church
• Lunch in the village
• Dinner on the way to Broomfield
• Overnight, Broomfield

B, D

Sunday, November 10
• Breakfast in Broomfield
• Explore Leeds Castle & Broomfield
• Traditional “carvery” lunch & tea
• Sister City welcome tea & nibbles
• Overnight, Broomfield

B, L, D

Monday, November 11
• Breakfast in Broomfield
• To London
• Lunch at airport
• Fly to Brussels, transfer to Mechelen
• Dinner & overnight, Mechelen

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Tuesday, November 12
• Breakfast in Mechelen
• Explore St. Rumbold’s Cathedral, Beguine area & Grote Markt
• Lunch, Welcome Dinner & overnight, Mechelen

B, D

Wednesday, November 13
• Breakfast in Mechelen
• Return to Brussels
• Lunch at airport
• Fly to Geneva
• Dinner & overnight, Geneva

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Thursday, November 14
• Breakfast
• Morning & afternoon free in Geneva
• Lunch & dinner in Geneva
• Depart for Chamonix by bus
• Overnight, Chamonix

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Friday, November 15
• Breakfast in Chamonix
• Explore Noonday Needle & Montenvers Ice-Sea Train
• Lunch in Chamonix
• Welcome Dinner & overnight, Chamonix

B, D

Saturday, November 16
• Breakfast in Chamonix
• Transfer to Geneva by bus
• Lunch at airport
• Fly to London
• Evening on your own
• Dinner & overnight, London

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Sunday, November 17
• Breakfast in London
• Fly to Denver

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NOVEMBER Sat / 10 am–3 pm

Dynamic Denver Streets:

University Boulevard Bus Tour

BUS TOUR = Easy

Continuing our exploration of the main byways of the metro area, we turn our steering wheels toward a rare local phenomenon: a street with two names. It’s time to explore University Boulevard. Known as York Street in its northern extent, it has simple beginnings at the Weld County line as a country road of prairie slowly turning into subdivisions. We’ll explore southward, through the dizzying array of Thornton’s modern, not-so-sensible grid, eventually arriving to where it’s University Boulevard in Highlands Ranch. Along the way are stories of cemeteries, neighborhoods changing their flavors, mid-century prosperity, central city diversity and more. From the university that gives the street its name to places and histories great and small, there’s a lot to see as the road gives up its secrets. Includes bus transportation and guides.

$85. Members $65

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6 DECEMBER Fri / 4:30–9:30 pm
Christmas Lights of Denver

BUS TOUR = Easy
Come enjoy the history and beauty of Denver’s holiday lights with History Colorado! It’s all aboard a comfortable, heated bus as we drive through some of the Denver area’s most beautiful neighborhoods. Your host will delight and entertain you with stories of Denver’s holiday lore. We design a new route for this annual event every year, so join us for some unexpected lighting surprises! Includes cookies, hot chocolate and bus transportation. Dinner not provided.

$75. Members $55

10 DECEMBER Tue / 11 am–2 pm
Rosemount Tea and Tour

TEA = Easy
The United States may not have royalty, but we do have American families who’ve built their own empires and become royal in status and wealth! We’ll go back to the high society of 1893 with a posh afternoon tea service and a guided, intimate look at the Thatchers, who built their castle in Pueblo through their domination of the financial industry and philanthropy. Join us as we visit what’s been called “Colorado’s Crown Jewel,” the Rosemount Museum mansion, featured on channels like A&E and HGTV! Provide your own transportation to starting point. Includes private afternoon tea and a private tour.

$65. Members $50

12 DECEMBER Thu / 5:30–9 pm
Jazz Up the Holidays at the Grant-Humphreys Mansion

TOUR = Easy
Join us to celebrate the delights of the season. We’ll lift our glasses to the diverse traditions December brings—enjoying stories of Colorado holidays past with Tom “Dr. Colorado” Noel and historian Mary O’Neil and their band of merry elves. Some of them even know how to sing, and they’ll entertain us with many a familiar tune. So let’s hang the stockings on the chimney with care, in hopes that you soon will be there! Provide your own transportation to starting point. Includes interpretation, holiday dessert buffet and snacks.

$90. Members $70
History Trekkers Travel Rewards Program

Based on Days of Participation:

- **5 Days**—History Colorado personalized name tag (must be requested) or History Colorado water bottle
- **10 Days**—History Colorado Tours & Treks notebook
- **15 Days**—History Colorado Tours & Treks fleece sweatshirt
- **20 Days**—History Colorado carry-on luggage bag

Tour Difficulty Scale

**Easy**—Activities include boarding a bus, short periods of standing or walking, and limited stairs. Examples are a five-hour bus ride, a tea in a historic setting or a house tour.

**Moderate**—May include walking up to two miles on streets or easy trails, climbing stairs or spending several hours outside. Examples are neighborhood walking tours and bus tours that involve exploration on foot.

**Ambitious**—May involve several nights away from home and activity-filled days. Be prepared to walk up to two miles a day on easy to moderate terrain, drive (possibly on rough roads) or spend long periods outside.

**Challenging**—Requires a high level of fitness and an adventurous streak: day hikes over potentially rough terrain, accessing remote areas in a vehicle, by foot or by boat and/or extended periods outside.

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Here at History Colorado, we believe in loading the year with as much history, education and getting-to-know-you fun as possible! Want to get a jump on planning it all out for 2020? Then join us for our annual Tours & Treks Summit, where we reveal all of the excitement for the year to come. The evening is FREE, with snacks to sustain you, and you’ll get to ask questions that’ll make you the head of the “In-the-Know” Club for the things we’ve got in store. With so much in one evening, who’d want to miss it? *Light refreshments provided.*

**RSVP by September 20.**
303/866-2394 or email reservations@state.co.us