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Denver Restaurant Week: March 6-15 Menus Are Live!

With an ever-growing number of food and beverage awards to its name (including several from the uber-prestigious James Beard Foundation and MICHELIN Guide), Denver has quickly become a dining destination for foodies. You'll find plenty of fine dining options at chef-owned eateries, along with cuisine from around the globe at our gourmet food halls and markets, and fresh, local ingredients like green chile and Colorado beef and lamb.

Denver Restaurant Week showcases the creative, exciting menus that diners have come to expect – with both to-go and in-person options. There are four price points: \$25, \$35, \$45, and \$55 for a multi-course meal. Menus can be viewed at <https://denverrestaurantweek.com>.

National Good Samaritan Day

National Good Samaritan Day on March 13th recognizes the unselfish actions of those who provide help when needed. The day is also known as Good Samaritan Involvement Day and celebrates kindness in all its forms.

GOOD SAMARITAN DAY IDEAS:

- Make an effort to help someone who is struggling or having a problem.
- Share a story about someone who was a Good Samaritan in your life.
- The act of a Good Samaritan can be large or small. Something as simple as a phone call to as inconvenient as stopping to help change a tire are all acts of a good Samaritan.
- Make a commitment to developing a habit of kindness and awareness of others.
- Volunteer. Offer your valuable skills to others in times of need. Do you enjoy sports or have mad math skills? Your ability to mentor youth may change someone's life for the better.

Trip Ideas For An Epic Spring Break Right Here In Colorado

Spring break in Colorado is a dream come true for outdoor enthusiasts, adventure seekers, and anyone looking to immerse themselves in the natural beauty of the Rocky Mountains. Whether your family craves adrenaline-pumping activities or serene moments in nature, there's something for everyone to enjoy.

Experience Rocky Mountain National Park

Rocky Mountain National Park is a must. Spring in the Rockies is the best of both worlds: the mountains are still capped in snow, wildflowers have begun to peep through the snow, and the weather is getting warmer, but the crowds still have yet to arrive. When you take your family to Rocky, they'll gain a profound appreciation for nature. RMNP is home to some of the most epic scenery in the country, from meadows found in the montane zone to glistening alpine lakes and up to the towering mountain peaks. The park offers plenty of sightseeing, easy hikes for little ones, longer and more difficult hikes for experienced outdoorsmen, and of course, plenty of places to picnic.

If you're looking to spend multiple days exploring the park, check out accommodations in Estes Park, the quirky town that neighbors the park, for easy access.

All Things Pike's Peak

Just an hour South of Denver is the famous Pike's Peak, the highest summit in Colorado's Front Range, featuring the highest road in North America. The Pike's Peak region is full of natural wonders that can easily keep any spring breaker occupied. Pike's Peak itself is of course unmissable. While the road to the top doesn't open until Memorial Day weekend, the Pike's Peak Cog Railway runs year-round – just make sure to pack extra layers. This old timey train is tons of fun for all ages and offers spectacular 360-degree views.

On the way to Pike's Peak, you'll pass through the adorable vacation town of Manitou Springs, which could easily keep anyone occupied for a few days.

The town is home to an extensive, fully operational penny arcade, dozens of art galleries and exhibits, and eight natural springs you can drink straight from, hence the town's name. For visitors looking for a challenge, the Manitou Incline is a hike up 2,744 steps at an incline of up to 68 percent. It's not for everyone, but if you're up for it, the views won't disappoint.

The area is also home to Garden of the Gods, an absolutely stunning natural landmark made up of unique red rock formations with a rich geologic history. It's worth at least driving through and walking around the accessible and scenic trails.

Mining Towns Road Trip

Colorado's gold rush started back in 1859, and it's legacy lives on today in the form of preserved mines and historic mountain towns up and down the Colorado Rockies. Spend your week or a couple of days back in the 1800s on this unique and scenic road trip.

Start your journey just half an hour from Denver in Central City, a charming town that came to be known during the Colorado Gold Rush as the "richest square mile on earth." Central City still has many of the original buildings, architecture,

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gold mines, and Old-West cemeteries intact. History buffs and mining enthusiasts can take a tour of the Coeur D'Alene or Hidee mines, and your kids will love panning for gold there.

Just twelve scenic miles from Central City is Idaho Springs, home to the Argo Mill and Tunnel, an old mill that was instrumental in ore processing and transportation to the Denver Mint which you can still tour today. The town offers endless charm and a great environment to spend an afternoon.

Next, head to Georgetown and ride the Georgetown Railroad, the historical railroad that miners used to transport them to mines back in the day. Today, it's a scenic route that's tons of fun for all ages. Make sure you book in advance and add on the mining tour to step into a real mine.

Southern Colorado & Great Sand Dunes National Park

Southern Colorado is its own world, and perhaps the most alien place in the region is the Great Sand Dunes National Park. This unique oasis is home to the tallest sand dunes in North America, towering over 750 feet high. Spend your days hiking, sandboarding, or simply marveling at gorgeous dunes and mountain backdrops.

The area is also home to a large selection of natural hot springs. Spend a day soaking at the stunning Mt. Princeton hot springs or the more relaxed Desert Reef Hot Springs. Of course, Southern Colorado, just like the rest of the state, is also home to many charming and quaint mountain towns. Cañon City hosts the Royal Gorge Park and Railroad, both worthy sights to add to your itinerary.

—<https://www.aspire-tours.com/blogs/spring-break>

Local Educational Field Trips For All Ages

Denver Museum of Nature & Science

At this institute, you'll have a chance to learn more about minerals, mummies, robots and space travel. The fascinating museum has hands-on 2.5-3 hour classes, which range from a med lab to super animal adaptations. It prides itself for its remarkable planetarium and themed tours set up per grade level.

Molly Brown House

Majoring in women's studies? Swing by the Molly Brown House in Denver. She was a famous figure, Titanic survivor, philanthropist and political activist. Housed in a Victorian mansion in the Capitol Hill neighborhood, the home is charming on its own and packed with relics. Learn about women's rights, architecture and the history of mining.

Working Factory Tours

Made in Colorado means high quality stuff! Some companies provide free guided tours of their working factories. Want to learn more about money? Tour the **U.S. Mint** in Downtown Denver. It presses millions of coins every day! Tea lovers should definitely stop by **Celestial Seasonings** factory in Boulder for an informative and nose-opening tour. It smells very minty in the peppermint room! Go during the weekday for the best look at the live working factory. Young kids shouldn't miss **Hammond's Candies**, also in Denver. Watch them making their historic candy and get a free cane at the end.

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A St. Patrick's Day Celebration With Solas

Saturday, March 21, 2026, 7:30pm, Lone Tree Center

"Solas have become Irish America's most inventive band by mixing their Celtic roots with country and Americana in their sturdy, melodic and thoughtful songs." -The Guardian

Solas is hailed by The Boston Globe as "the finest Celtic ensemble this country has ever produced" and The Wall Street Journal as "an Irish traditional band bearing all the marks of greatness." Since forming in New York City in 1995 they have been a galvanizing element in the Irish music scene – a lightning rod of talent and inspiration that set new standards for musicianship, repertoire, and intensity. Over the course of twelve critically acclaimed albums and endless international touring, Solas brought their love and respect for the traditions of Irish music, and their sense of melodic and instrumental adventure to the world.

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when the sun shines hot
and the wind blows cold:
when it is summer in the light,
and winter in the shade.*

–Charles Dickens

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St. Patrick's Day is a blast for green beer and local parades, but when it comes to your home equity, "Luck of the Irish" isn't going to cut it. In today's market, many sellers **ROLL THE DICE** by overpricing or skipping prep, hoping to get lucky with a buyer.

The difference between a lucky sale and a **STRATEGIC SALE** can be tens of thousands of dollars. When you trust a professional who lives and breathes this neighborhood, you aren't gambling with your financial future. You're securing it

3 Ways To Help Your Friends Win This Spring

Stop Chasing The "CRASH"

Waiting for 2019 prices is like waiting for gas to be \$1.50 again. It's better to own the asset NOW than to chase a market that isn't looking back.

The "Can I Afford That?" Reality Check

Most people think they need 20% down. With Aurora's 10% Down Payment Assistance Program, this is so much easier. This bridge can make their monthly mortgage comparable to what they are already paying in rent.

The Credit Myth

Most renters think they need perfect credit. In reality, many programs in Aurora accept scores as low as 620

Neighbor Factor Bonus

Remind them that the biggest "hidden" benefit of buying nearby is having you as a neighbor

The greatest compliment I receive is when a homeowner trusts me with their friends and family. This month, I'm offering Joint Strategy Sessions. If you have a friend or family member who wants to buy, let's get on a 3-way call or grab coffee together. I'll show them the data, and you can show them that homeownership is possible



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