

Let's Go to Colorado!

■ You want to visit Colorado...but don't know where to go, what to do, or where to eat and sleep.

■ Because we've been there and done that, many times, we've been able to research and plan a great trip for you. The scenery and daily activities don't get any better than this! We've pre-tested everything to ensure your enjoyment.

■ All you need to do is get in the car and follow this guide for seven days/950 miles. Or, if you don't have seven days, you can do half the tour in four days—and come back for the rest when you have time. This is the only resource you'll need, although at the back of the book you'll find resources that may be helpful if you have more than seven days, or if you have other interests.

■ To be honest, we've visited many of the accommodations and restaurants we list here, but not all. The accommodations that we have not visited are consensus recommendations by trustworthy local residents or innkeepers, by the American Automobile Association or Mobil guides, or by Woodall's (for campgrounds). The restaurants listed are consensus selections by local residents or ones we've enjoyed and recommend. If your tastes or budget take you in a different direction, just ask your innkeeper, concierge or front desk person for suggestions.

■ What's the best time to tour Colorado? Any time from July 4 through Labor Day/early September, because that's when all the roads, attractions and museums are open. Wildflowers are best in July. The Aspen trees turn gorgeous yellow from mid-September to early October. There are fewer tourists in spring and fall. Winter is cold, but Colorado is especially beautiful with snow on the mountains.

■ What's it likely to cost? The two of us recently completed this tour for about \$2,000, which covered our lodging, food, car rental, gasoline, entrance fees, dog kenneling and film developing. Our lodging, food and car choices were in the moderate range. Airfare was not included.

So, come along; let us be your guides. See why we strongly agree with this advertisement by the State of Colorado: *Scenic Colorado will take your breath away. Adventurous Colorado will challenge you. Relaxing Colorado will soothe you. Historic Colorado will transport you. But it can't happen until you're here!*