

Contents and Highlights

| | |
|--|----|
| Take a Moment | 1 |
| Maps and Tour Options - There are helpful maps throughout this book. Is seven days too long? Try four..... | 2 |
| What You Should Know About Costs and Reservations | 3 |
| The Day Before Day One - Choose between three half-day options..... | 4 |
| Day One: The Mile-High City - Tour Denver and its museums. Learn about Colorado's history and environment..... | 7 |
| Day Two: Estes and Rocky Mountain National Park - A spectacular introduction to the Rockies. A lesson about trees and mountain ecosystems. Stand on top of a mountain. Walk around a beautiful alpine lake..... | 19 |
| Day Three: Heart of the Gold (and Silver) Country Tour two gold towns and a silver town. Ride an old train. Enjoy a scenic drive..... | 36 |
| Day Four: Three Times Across the Divide - More great driving. Tour 40 1880's buildings. Ride a gondola. Visit the National Mining Museum..... | 48 |
| Day Five: Five Canyons Along the Arkansas - Visit a ghost town. Hike the Colorado Trail. Drive across the Royal Gorge suspension bridge. Phantom Canyon..... | 62 |
| Day Six: The World's Greatest Gold Camp - Descend 1,000 feet into a Cripple Creek gold mine. Gamble a little. Visit fossil beds and an old homestead..... | 73 |

Day Seven: The Springs - Visit Seven Falls, Garden of the Gods, U.S. Air Force Academy, and Cliff Dwellings or Rodeo Hall of Fame. Enjoy a chuck wagon dinner and western show.....88

What to Wear, What to Bring.....103

For Your Health and Safety.....104

Geography, Weather, Facts, History, and Visitor Centers.....106

If You Have Kids Along.....109

Selected Readings.....112