TOUR THE COLORADO CREATIVE CORRIDOR!

5 SMALL MOUNTAIN TOWNS FULL OF BIG CREATIVITY & INSPIRATION

- 48,104' OF ELEVATION
- 3 MOUNTAIN PASSES
- 5 CREATIVE DISTRICTS
- 8 IN TOWN RIVERS
- 16 DISTILLERIES & WINERIES
- 10 CRAFT BREWERIES
- 8 HOT SPRINGS
- 800+ ARTISTS & CREATIVE BUSINESSES
- 60 GALLERIES & MUSEUMS
- 116 RESTAURANTS
- 3 RESERVOIRS
- 9 WILDERNESS AREAS
- 10 ART CENTERS
- 1 NATIONAL PARK
- 1 NATIONAL MONUMENT
- 44 PERFORMING ARTS VENUES
- 13 FILM FESTIVALS
- 28 MUSIC FESTS & CONCERT SERIES
- 12 ALPINE & NORDIC SKI AREAS
- 5 HISTORIC DOWNTOWNS
- 4 SCENIC & HISTORIC BYWAYS
- 12 VIEWABLE MOUNTAIN RANGES
- COUNTLESS HIKING & BIKING TRAILS
- 16,300+ SMILING LOCALS

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CARBONDALE CREATIVE DISTRICT

PAONIA CREATIVE DISTRICT

creative district
CRESTED BUTTE

CREATIVE Rocking Cultivating a Vibrant Creative Community

SALIDA
Creative District

Colorado Creative Corridor

TO DENVER

CARBONDALE

REDSTONE

ASPEN

MARBLE

GOTHIC

MT. CRESTED BUTTE

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PAONIA

HOTCHKISS

DELTA

MONTROSE

GUNNISON

LEADVILLE

BUENA VISTA

SALIDA

PONCHA SPRINGS

OURAY

RIDGWAY

TELLURIDE

Colorado River
Roaring Fork River
Crystal River
Frying Pan River
Rueds Reservoir
Turquoise Lake
Arkansas River
Paonia Reservoir
North Fork of the Gunnison
Cold Creek
Lost Lake
Lake Irwin
Kebler Pass
Ohio Pass
Slate River
East River
Cement Creek
Taylor Park Reservoir
Crawford Reservoir
Gunnison River
Uncompahgre River
Tomichi Creek
Lake Fork Gunnison River
S. Arkansas River
Ridgway Reservoir
Dallas Divide
Owl Creek Pass
Million Dollar Hwy
Red Mtn. Pass
Monarch Pass
Marshall Pass
Poncha Pass

White River National Forest
Grand Mesa National Forest
Gunnison Gorge National Conservation & Wilderness Areas
Black Canyon Of The Gunnison National Park
Curecanti National Recreation Area
Uncompahgre National Forest
Uncompahgre National Forest/ Wilderness Area
Gunnison National Forest
Mt. Sneffels Wilderness Area
West Elk Wilderness Area
Fossil Ridge Wilderness Area
Collegiate Peaks Wilderness Area
Raggeds Wilderness Area
Sangre De Cristo Wilderness Area
Browns Canyon National Monument

Red Hill Recreation Area/ Mushroom Rock
Sunlight Mtn Resort
Mt. Sopris 12,966'
Maroon Bells Snowmass Wilderness Area
Snowmass Ski Area
Aspen Mtn
Buttermilk Ski Area
Aspen Highlands Ski Area
Mt. Elbert 14,433'
Coke Ovens
Redstone Castle
Hayes Falls
McClure Pass
Capitol Peak
Snowmass Mtn
Chair Mtn
Beaver Lake
Pyramid Peak
Maroon Bells 14,163'
Castle Peak
Purple Mtn
Gothic Mtn
Mt. Owen
Ruby Peak
Mt. Emmons
Crested Butte 12,162'
Jumbo Mtn
Elephant Hill
Mt. Lamborn 11,401'
Landsend Peak 10,806'
Whetstone Mtn
Drive-in Movie Park
Pleasure Park
Gunnison
Western State Colorado University
Waunita Hot Springs
Monarch Mountain Ski Area
Twin Lakes
Mt Oxford
Mt Harvard
Collegiate Peaks
Mt Columbia
Mt Yale
Mt Princeton
Mt Princeton Hot Springs
Mt Antero
Mt Aetna
Chalk Cliffs
Ridgway State Park
Ridgway Area Trails
Cimarron Range
Courthouse Mountain
Precipice Peak
Uncompahgre Peak
The Amphitheatre
Ouray Hot Springs
Box Canyon Falls Park
Ouray Ice Park
Mt Sneffels 14,150'
Orvis Hot Springs

CORRIDOR TOWN
NEARBY TOWN
MOUNTAIN PASS
POINT OF INTEREST
UNPAVED ROAD
SCENIC OR HISTORIC BYWAYS
SKI AREA

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ROAD TRIP!

Grab friends, family or both and prepare yourself for five days of stunning landscapes & creative inspiration around every corner.

CARBONDALE

DAY 1

ACTIVITY
TRUE NATURE HEALING ARTS YOGA
Also featuring a tea room, Ayurvedic spa and boutique. Perch on the patio overlooking the Peace Garden for a truly serene post-yoga bite.

ACTIVITY
RIO GRANDE ARTWAY
Bike or stroll along this one-mile stretch of paved, art-lined trail that runs between nearby Aspen and Glenwood Springs.

DINNER
ALLEGRIA RESTAURANT
Italian European casual bistro

ACTIVITY
CARBONDALE WILD WEST RODEO
Every Thursday from early June to late August offering mutton bustin,' barrel racing, bull and bronc riding and much more.

NIGHTLIFE
TAKE IN A SHOW OR LIVE MUSIC
Check out Thunder River Theatre Company or Steve's Guitars for stellar entertainment in an intimate, unique setting.

LODGING
MARBLE DISTILLING CO & THE DISTILLERY INN
The only distillery in the world to boast five luxury hotel rooms where guests can "Sleep with the Stills."

DAY 2

BREAKFAST
SILO CULINARY PRODUCTIONS
Classic American fare sourcing fresh, local ingredients, produce and meat from the Roaring Fork Valley's ranches and farms.

HEAD EAST! In the spring, summer and fall head east two hours over scenic Kebler Pass, featuring the largest Aspen Grove in Colorado, to the active and creative town of Crested Butte. In the winter, during the pass closure, take CO-92 to US-50 & then drive north from Gunnison to Crested Butte.

CRESTED BUTTE

ACTIVITY
TAKE A HISTORIC WALKING TOUR OF CRESTED BUTTE
Start at the Crested Butte Mountain Heritage Museum and make your way through this charming town's Victorian-era sites.

LUNCH
MONTANYA DISTILLERS
Montanya Distillers is a Colorado craft distiller of award-winning rum, founded in 2008. It's not just booze! For lunch at Montanya, we recommend pairing your high-mountain rum with the distillery's delicious pho or ramen.

ACTIVITY
TAKE A CLASS
Take an art, dance, cooking or other class at the Art Studio at the Center for the Arts or The Design Collective.

DINNER
BONEZ
Try sitting at the giant community table where you'll find both locals and tourists alike, in a friendly and lively environment.

ACTIVITY
FEEL THE CREATIVE VIBE
Attend a music or dance performance or film event at one of the creative district's many event venues like the Center for the Arts, the Public House, or the Mallardi Theatre.

LODGING
ELK MOUNTAIN LODGE
Located one block from Elk Ave, fine restaurants, and unique shops and galleries, the beautifully renovated Elk Mountain Lodge is a perfect place to unwind in the hot tub or enjoy a drink at the lobby bar.

DAY 3

BREAKFAST
AT THE BROSS HOTEL
No need to go far for breakfast — the Bross' breakfast buffet includes a hot main dish, fresh seasonal fruit, juice, homemade granola yogurt parfaits, breads with homemade jam and delicious coffee.

HEAD SOUTH! Make your way an hour and 15 minutes south to the lovely enclave of Paonia, passing by lush orchards and vineyards as you go.

PAONIA

ACTIVITY
DELICIOUS ORCHARDS & *BIG B'S CIDERY*
Featuring a farm market, tap room and cafe with a u-pick orchard. Visit bigbs.com for special events and Orchard Concert Series dates.

LUNCH
REMEDY JUICE BAR CAFÉ AT THE CIRQUE
Daytime offerings include cold pressed organic juices, smoothies, salads and paninis. Pull up a seat at the bar or enjoy the outdoor patio.

ACTIVITY
AZURA CELLARS & GALLERY
Browse the fine art gallery and enjoy a glass of wine in the charming courtyard with one of the best views of the valley.

DINNER
THE LIVING FARM CAFÉ
One of the very few true farm-to-table restaurants in Colorado. The café features farm-fresh and organic produce, meat, cheese and eggs from our farm and others in the area.

ACTIVITY
BLUE SAGE CENTER FOR THE ARTS
In the mood for live music? Check Blue Sage's calendar for concert series, dances or choruses.

LODGING
BROSS HOTEL BED & BREAKFAST
Graceful frontier hotel with ten guest rooms private baths and beautiful period antiques.

DAY 4

BREAKFAST
MCGILL'S AT CRESTED BUTTE
Enjoy homemade breakfasts such as french toast with real maple syrup, eggs benedict, and fresh baked biscuits in historic downtown Crested Butte.

HEAD SOUTH & WEST! Drive 2 hours and 15 mintues south and west to the mountain-cradled town of Ridgway.

RIDGWAY

ACTIVITY
TOUR A FEW GALLERIES
Visit Lupita's Bizarre Bazaar, Art by the Park, Kane Scheidegger's studio and Mountain Girl Gallery to get a taste of the local art flavor.

LUNCH
TACO DEL GNAR
An "elevated fast food restaurant" with the mantra that a tortilla is solely a vessel to sail fresh thought-provoking cuisine with amazing flavors to your mouth.

ACTIVITY
TOUR THE TOWN
Stroll Ridgway's downtown park and alleys, discovering Alley Poems and Alley Art, as well as sculptures installed by Public Art Ridgway Colorado and the Town.

DINNER
PROVISIONS AT THE BARBERSHOP
A European-style cafe specializing in simple, delicious food made with fresh ingredients sourced from local farmers and distributors of gourmet products.

ACTIVITY
MUSIC, ART & INSPIRATION
Experience something fun or educational with festivals on many weekends during summer and fall. Calendar at alpenglowarts.com

LODGING
CHIPETA SOLAR SPRINGS RESORT
Romantic, adobe, boutique resort. Many of the rooms have fireplaces and private hot tubs. Outdoor thermal pools are open year round.

DAY 5

BREAKFAST
KATE'S PLACE
Cuisine with heart and soul, freshly prepared using the highest quality ingredients.

HEAD EAST! There's lots to do and see on the way to Salida. Consider taking a day to explore the Black Canyon of the Gunnison National Park via Montrose or the Curecanti National Recreation Area further east.

SALIDA

LUNCH
MOONLIGHT PIZZA & BREWPUB
A community center need only serve great pizza.

ACTIVITY
SALIDA'S HISTORIC DOWNTOWN
Tour Salida's charming downtown and visit several artist-owned galleries and creatives like The Bee Keeper's Honey Boutique featuring local honey, candles, and beauty products.

DINNER
THE FRITZ
Gastro-Pub? Americana Bistro? Global Cafe? Call it what you want, we call it delicious, and hopefully you will too.

ACTIVITY
STEAMPLANT THEATRE & EVENT CENTER
Check our calendar for concerts, plays, film screenings and artist receptions at this riverside, multi-use facility with a ballroom, plaza, theatre, and conference rooms. Visit calendar at salidasteamplant.com.

LODGING
PALACE HOTEL
Located in Historic Downtown Salida, alongside the banks of the Arkansas River, the newly renovated Palace Hotel offers boutique caliber lodging within footsteps of shopping, dining, biking, biking, and fly-fishing.

***Additional business listings & activities are available in each Creative District. This guide is simply a sampling!**

The Colorado Creative Corridor travels some 331 miles through a handful of state certified Creative District destinations including Carbondale, Crested Butte, Paonia, Ridgway and Salida. These five towns combine to offer a collective experience of unique event programming and activities, alongside mountain town eclecticism, majestic vistas and outdoor recreation, and authentic Colorado mountain culture.

CARBONDALE sits on the confluence of the Crystal and Roaring Fork Rivers at the foot of the mighty Mount Sopris where over 200 creatives reside. Rich agricultural history and a little hippy flair combine to form a community focused on health and wellness, local food production and four-season recreation to boot.

Tucked in the North Fork Valley under the watchful eye of Mt. Lamborn and surrounded by the beauty of the West Elks Wilderness, **PAONIA** has a thriving arts community and has the largest number of natural and organic farms, per capita, in Colorado.

Once described as a surf town in the mountains, **CRESTED BUTTE**, features a National Historic District with vibrant Victorian storefronts and expressive local characters. With over 2 million acres of public land surrounding town, enjoy legendary skiing and snowboarding, unparalleled mountain biking, or a secluded fly fishing experience.

Nestled in the picturesque Uncompahgre Valley and surrounded by the majestic snow-capped peaks of the Cimarrons and San Juans, the **RIDGWAY** experience satisfies art lovers, foodies, history buffs, and outdoor enthusiasts. Day-trip for adventure, soak in hot springs or tour the town, noting public art and creative surprises, even in our alleys.

SALIDA falls along the Collegiate Peaks Scenic and Historic Byway and is a short drive from Browns Canyon National Monument. While in town visit one of Salida's artist studios and galleries, kayak, tube or raft the Arkansas River, climb a 14er in the Collegiate Range or unwind with a soak at one of 3 area hot springs.

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