



Bus Tour Descriptions

A Pueblo Getaway

The Front Range of Colorado continues farther south than Colorado Springs, leading us to a city full of history and charm: Pueblo! Join Denver History Tours for a jaunt south to see all that this city has to offer. You might be surprised! From the beautiful Riverwalk along the Arkansas to museums, art and expressions of ancient cultures, Pueblo has something for everyone and was proclaimed "America's Home of Heroes" by Congress in 1993. So, whether you're feeling heroic or not, this is a tour you won't want to miss! (Tour includes a break for lunch, so please bring some money for your meal.)

Amazing Amusements

Denverites have long had a penchant for getting out and having fun. Whether race track, amusement park, artificial beach or empty lots transformed into carnivals, Denver has a long history of enjoyable pursuits, from the benign to the downright dangerous. Join Denver History Tours for an exploration of the venues of today as well as those which have been lost. We won't necessarily stop for cotton candy, but you'll still experience the thrills, chills and bombastic spills of Denver's hunt for adrenaline, and you won't even need little tickets for the ride! (Tour includes a break for lunch, so please bring some money for your meal.)

And Justice for All

The lawlessness of the Wild West quickly lost its appeal for some. Theft, claim jumping and murder were great inducements toward bringing Colorado's legal practices more into keeping with the civilized East. Join Denver History Tours as we examine the history of Law in Denver and visit some of the modern structures where, we hope, Justice is truly blind. You don't have to be a lawyer to enjoy the journey. Don't object! Join us for some bar-passing fun! (Identification needed to enter some buildings. Tour includes a break for lunch, so please bring some money for your meal.)

Art, Denver Style

Come see the inspirational, fanciful and just plain odd as we tour Denver's world of art with Denver History Tours. Starting with the Arts District on Santa Fe, we'll see some of the outdoor art that pleases the eye, some out in the open, and some hidden away! Outside the sacred halls of art that compose the Denver Art Museum, outside the old garages turned galleries, we'll learn about how it's done *Denver style*. It's art, of course, so come with an open mind and a camera and prepare! (Tour includes a break for lunch, so please bring some money for your meal.)



Bad Boys and Bawdy Girls

If you are looking for the tales of well mannered gentleman and swooning ladies with rose-scented handkerchiefs, this isn't it. Denver's earliest tales were almost never written by gentlemen, and polite company doesn't even *discuss* those kinds of ladies. Fortunately, Denver History Tours is not a polite company, at least not this time around. Rope burn and lead poisoning helped Denver fill its coffers and its coffins. The shady ladies and killer cowboys are gone, so let's dig into their stories in safety! (Tour includes a break for lunch, so please bring some money for your meal.)

Be a Sport

It's no accident that the people of Colorado are the thinnest and healthiest in the nation. We love to get outside and enjoy the bounteous sunshine and beauty that makes living in Colorado the envy of every other state. Join Denver History Tours for a look at the places where folks engage in the activities that keep those heart rates up, as well as places where they eat hot dogs while watching others doing so professionally in the many stadiums around the area. Don't worry, no one will tackle you, but still ...it's not one you'd want to miss. (Tour includes a break for lunch, so please bring some money for your meal.)

Beer, Beautiful Beer

"Beer is proof that God loves us and wants us to be happy," said Benjamin Franklin. Though Mr. Franklin never made it to Colorado, the heady libation he so extolled certainly did, and in a big way! It is no exaggeration to say that beer built the state as much as gold ever did, even as some were accusing the frothy drink of tearing the state down again. Join Denver History Tours for a look at the golden glasses once drunk more frequently than water and learn how beer changed our future forever. Breweries lost and others long working, we'll explore it all. Now I'll drink to that! (Tour includes a break for lunch, so please bring some money for your meal.)

Blooms on the Bosom of the Desert

Denver was once likened to a glittering gem, shining in the bosom of the 'desert,' as the High Plains were often thought to be. Through irrigation and lots of hard work, the grassy land of Denver has been brought into blooms of innumerable colors and varieties, giving the monochromatic world a richness previously unrivaled. Join Denver History Tours for a tour of the people and places that bring forth the flowers to please your eye; you might be surprised how many people and how much time are involved! It may not be easy being green, but it's not easy being red, orange, purple or just about anything else either! A feast for the eye and the senses, pruning shears not necessary! (Tour includes a break for lunch, so please bring some money for your meal.)

Bonnie Brae

Around Denver, there are just some neighborhoods that have a little something *more*. Join Denver History Tours for an exploration of the Bonnie Brae neighborhood and environs. Taking its inspiration from a beautiful and much-beloved neighborhood in

Kansas City, the designers of the Bonnie Brae neighborhood wanted to leave the topography untouched, to give the feel of a place more at peace with the earth than at odds with it. From ice cream and papal legacies, to houses covering many architectural styles and periods, some large, some small, the neighborhood has much to find ...even functional alleys that double as mini art galleries. Join us for a bonnie day in Bonnie Brae!

Broadway Bound

Colfax may have the notoriety, but there's another street with fascinating stories to share, a street that binds the metro area together. Yes, it's time to experience that grand boulevard that is Broadway! From its humble beginnings in a neighborhood guise in the north, through its grandeur and history in downtown, to its steady march along with the cities to the south, Broadway is a street for the hoity-toity and hoi polloi. Join Denver History Tours for an exploration of the many faces of this important metro thoroughfare. Much more than a Miracle Mile dividing west from east, Broadway has much to offer those who seek out its richness. It's a drive from history right on into the future on the glittering pavement that is Broadway! (Tour includes a break for lunch, so please bring some money for your meal.)

Campus Life

Once you moved the tassel from one side of your mortar board to the other, you likely have not thought much about the world of upper education in the Denver region, but there's much more to collegiate life than an alphabet soup of BAs, BSs and PhDs! Join Denver History Tours for an exploration of university campuses, both large and small. With breathtaking buildings and significant events reflecting the trends of the years, it's time to get educated about some history! You won't have to pull an all-nighter for this one. Just sit back, relax and enjoy a cavalcade of colleges, Denver style! (Tour includes a break for lunch, so please bring some money for your meal.)

Candyland Tour

You don't need any chutes or ladders to get you to Denver's sweet spots. Presented by Denver History Tours, join us as we find out there are more to sweet things than chocolate. More gastronomy than history, this tour will fill your senses with delight. There will be a break for lunch in the middle, so you can have something more filling than candy, and be sure to bring money to spend in the sweet stops along the way!

Castles of Colorado --- North

We all know what the simple folk do; it's time to find out how the royals live! Join Denver History Tours as we walk the halls of some imperial residences. Structures like the Cherokee Castle and the Springer Castle have made us all walk as if we are wearing majestic purple! The tour includes a break for lunch, so bring some money for your repast, whether on a trencher or a plate of gold. Even Snow White would approve!

Castles of Colorado --- South

Fancy a chance at meeting Prince Charming? Join Denver History Tours as it heads to our neighbor to the south, Colorado Springs, to take in its royal residences. Structures like Miramont and Glen Eyrie Castles have delighted the eye for many years and will surely make you feel like a member of Colorado's royal family. The tour includes a break for lunch, so bring some money for your repast, whether peasant or noble. Perhaps we'll see Cinderella on her way to the ball!

Choo Choo Choosing Trains!

When William Jackson Palmer headed west to make his fortune, it was not on the backs of miners that his fortune was made, but on the wheels and rails of the Iron Horse. Trains made it possible to get the bounty torn from the earth by miners and farmers to the hungry mouths and pockets of the country's growing population, but this prosperity could just have easily passed us by if the city of Cheyenne, Wyoming had gotten its way. Join Denver History Tours for a look at the history of the train. Depending on the season, we might even get to ride one of the rare examples that have survived into the modern day. So, if you've got your fare and just a trifle to spare, this is the tour for you! Pardon me, sir! (Tour includes a break for lunch, so please bring some money for your meal.)

Colfax Tour

Take a bus tour of Denver's famous Colfax Avenue along its entire 26-mile length from Golden to Aurora. Presented by Denver History Tours, you will learn about the evolution of this avenue from neighborhood street to its designation as US Highway 40. Each city along the route has something to share about the rich history of Colfax. Lakewood retains many of the motor hotels servicing auto traffic from the early to mid 20th century. Denver's portion has gone through many incarnations as well, including its seedier elements of pornography shops and prostitution. Learn about the city's efforts to improve Colfax's image along major stretches of the avenue. Continue along into Aurora to see the major redevelopments occurring at the old Fitzsimons Hospital. Colfax is a microcosm of Denver society and this tour will help us learn about ourselves. No street walking necessary! (Tour includes a break for lunch, so please bring some money for your meal.)

Colorado Views Tours

This tour shows you the breathtaking scenery of the Front Range, with a dose of history to make sure it's educational. Presented by Denver History Tours, it's time for a drive! If you are ready to have the splendor of Colorado sweep you away in a little mountain meditation, this is the tour for you! Mountains ho! (Tour includes a break for lunch, so please bring some money for your meal.)

Compass Tour --- Denver Northeast

Get out your compasses! We're going to find the interesting stories, hidden corners and rare gems that make northeast Denver great! Did you know that City Park used to close its gates nightly to keep lovers from strolling and that the zoo came into being because of a pet bear? These golden oldies will one day share the compass with the train to DIA.

Toot toot! Offered by Denver History Tours, there's more to this corner of Denver than you know. Won't you join us? (Tour includes a break for lunch, so please bring some money for your meal.)

Compass Tour --- Denver Northwest

Get out your compasses! We're going to find the interesting stories, hidden corners and rare gems that make northwest Denver great! Once a haven for graffiti, learn how flour has become a new kind of king, as barons of lumber have been before, and how the debate about which church was holy once led to unholy strife! Offered by Denver History Tours, there's more to this corner of Denver than you know. Won't you join us? (Tour includes a break for lunch, so please bring some money for your meal.)

Compass Tour --- Denver Southeast

Get out your compasses! We're going to find the interesting stories, hidden corners and rare gems that make southeast Denver great! Houses were numbered early in this part of the city, at least up to twenty. You'll learn how Washington Park was once Denver's premier watering hole and that public transportation can also be art! Is this the Left Bank? Offered by Denver History Tours, there's more to this corner of Denver than you know. Won't you join us? (Tour includes a break for lunch, so please bring some money for your meal.)

Compass Tour --- Denver Southwest

Get out your compasses! We're going to find the interesting stories, hidden corners and rare gems that make southwest Denver great! High places have always attracted the holy, and this part of Denver offered a great view of the mountains in addition to proximity to the divine. Military tales, Denver's Ivy League and the palaces of summer are just some of the items you'll get to see. Offered by Denver History Tours, there's more to this corner of Denver than you know. Won't you join us? (Tour includes a break for lunch, so please bring some money for your meal.)

Dam It!

When the first Americans reached the area that would one day become Denver, they saw nothing that even remotely reminded them of the great rivers of the eastern United States. Mark Twain had nothing good to say about the South Platte. Yet over the years there have been numerous times when these much maligned creeks and rivers rose to great heights, literally. Join Denver History Tours for a lesson on the city's efforts to control the power of rushing water, sometimes well and sometimes with disastrous results. No cussing required! (Tour includes a break for lunch, so please bring some money for your meal.)

Delights of the Season

As Christmas approaches, there's more to see than the pretty lights. Denver and environs deck themselves out extravagantly in celebration. Join Denver History Tours as we join the places where the smell of wassail beckons you and mistletoe might lurk just

overhead. Dazzling Christmas trees, sumptuous sugar cookies, maybe even a thrilling chance to meet jolly old St. Nick himself, it's the perfect way to get into the spirit and make sure you're on the NICE list. No lumps in coal in sight as we tour, laughing all the way! Let us taste the delights of the season together! (Tour includes a break for lunch, so please bring some money for your meal.)

Denver Architecture Tour

Presented by Denver History Tours, this adventure is for folks who have an eye for architecture, or those who would like to! We'll look at the various decades in Denver's architecture, showing you the lovelies and perhaps not-so-lovelies. Much of Denver's Victorian heritage was torn down during urban renewal, but there are pieces left to be found. Fancy some Art Deco? We've got it! How about some Brutalist, Post-Modern, International Style, or Richardsonian Romanesque? Confused? We'll clear it up as best we can, and along the way you'll have an architectural smorgasbord. Join us for the Denver Architecture Tour! (Tour includes a break for lunch, so please bring some money for your meal.)

Denver Decades: 1900-1930

What a difference thirty years can make! From 1900 to 1930, Denver embraced the City Beautiful movement and remade itself, changed from a city built on public transit to one looking to cars for its future, shaking off the Victorian styles of its earlier days. Join Denver History Tours for an exploration of an amazing thirty years in Denver's history and built environment. In one lifetime, the city was entirely new. There may not be many who remember it, but the signs are there for us to discover! (Tour includes a break for lunch, so please bring some money for your meal.)

Denver Decades: 1930-1960

What a difference thirty years can make! From 1930 to 1960, Denver raced toward the suburbs, silenced the clang-clang of the streetcar, and marched both upward and into the wider world. Join Denver History Tours for an exploration of an amazing thirty years in Denver's history and built environment. In one lifetime, the city dressed itself in plenty even as storm clouds began to appear on the horizon. Whether you lived it or not, let's seek out the scenes of three decades straddling the center of a dynamic century! (Tour includes a break for lunch, so please bring some money for your meal.)

Denver Decades: 1960-1990

What a difference thirty years can make! From 1960 to 1990, Denver shook and shivered through trials and tumult and lost its luster before putting polish on a new urban renaissance burgeoning from the ashes. Join Denver History Tours for an exploration of an amazing thirty years in Denver's history and built environment. In one lifetime, Denver choked, challenged and changed, creating something memorable and much-admired. However much of it you have lived, let's seek out the rot, wreckage, dizziness and development of three decades racing us toward a new millennium! (Tour includes a break for lunch, so please bring some money for your meal.)

Denver Divinity Tour

Not every Denver pioneer was out here to strike it rich on gold. Some came to save souls and find riches in generosity, good works and ministry. Presented by Denver History Tours, it's time to see Denver's houses of worship from many different religions and denominations. Through this architectural journey, participants will also learn about the growth of Denver and hear a few stories that have linked the people of Denver with their faiths, hand in hand. Denver has more historic buildings devoted to religion than you might realize, and we seek them out in the hidden corners of the city that you may never have happened by before. Join us for a sampling of Denver's spots divine! (Tour includes a break for lunch, so please bring some money for your meal.)

Denver's Frontier Days

Remember how your grandparents had to walk three miles in the snow, uphill, both ways, to get to school? And that was *after* they had milked the cows, mended the clothes, fed the chickens, and split the wood to make kindling. Well, now you may have a taste of the life they led, and maybe find out it wasn't all that bad in some ways! Presented by Denver History Tours, we take you back in time and show you some of Denver's historic legacies to demonstrate the raw truth of these frontier days, and you'll be able to conclude whether or not the folks from Denver's first days were living lucky or not! Join us, pardner! (Tour includes a break for lunch, so please bring some money for your meal.)

Denver Goes Green Tour

There's a lot more green to Denver than just the trees! Denver has set its eye on the future and is leading the country in many environmentally friendly "green" initiatives. Join Denver History Tours on this look at Denver's green machine, both present and planned for the future. An alphabet soup of green initiatives, from EPA to RTD and everything in between, you won't be gathering any moss on this one. With more surprises in store, it will be a fascinating day! The facility tours do entail a bit of walking, some come prepared. We'll see you where the grass is always greener ...Denver! (Tour includes a break for lunch, so please bring some money for your meal.)

Denver Infill Tour

What is Infill? Presented by Denver History Tours, this tour shows you how exciting and dynamic a city can be, and it's all about the infill! Join us for a blend of Denver's past, present and future. You'll see how many of Denver's beautiful buildings of the past are being reborn in new and useful ways, and about how those endless oceans of surface parking lots are drying up and disappearing as well. Once this tour is done, you'll be able to impress your friends and family with all the latest news and gossip about the Mile High City. You'll be the GO TO person on Denver, and that's something to shout about, so join us! We promise not to tell where you got your information! (Tour includes a break for lunch, so please bring some money for your meal.)

Denver Orientation Tour

Think you know the city of Denver? Think again! Presented by Denver History Tours, we look at the city from beginning to the now, telling you many tales, contrasting the past with the present, letting you know the plans for the future, getting you a mile high, letting you know the fiascos and the follies, the romance and the rumors and more! Enthusiastically relayed by folks who can just *never* get enough of this stuff, you'll hear some things that you knew, and some things that you didn't and some things that you had never imagined. And who couldn't stand to know their home a little better? (Tour includes a break for lunch, so please bring some money for your meal.)

Denver Parks Tour

The parks of the city of Denver are numerous and diverse in their amenities and history. Join Denver History Tours as we see these gems in green, both large and small, well known and little known. Some offer views, some offer respite, some have even offered beaches, but they all have stories to share. Leave the dog at home, this tour's for people! The ancestors of Denver "gave while they lived" and this is your chance to see their legacy. Just watch out for the contributions from the geese! (Tour includes a break for lunch, so please bring some money for your meal.)

Denver Then and Now

Ever wondered what a spot used to look like before that subdivision or that skyscraper? Join Denver History Tours for a tour of the things that have gone before us, whether for better or worse, and what has come to replace them. With an insatiable eye for the future and a population full of vitality, Denver has changed itself constantly over the years. We'll provide you with pictures to help you visualize the spots, then let you marvel at or malign what has come to stand in those places today. A photographic walk down legacy lane, this tour honors the eternal companion that is change! (Tour includes a break for lunch, so please bring some money for your meal.)

Elegance

All along the Front Range of Colorado are symbols of refinement and examples of the tonier ways of life. Contrary to the visions of the Old West, the Rocky Mountains were not just for cowboy boots and spittoons. Join Denver History Tours for a taste of the lovelier side. Lifting your pinkie is not required! (Tour includes a break for lunch, so please bring some money for your meal.)

Estes Exemplaries

Join Denver History Tours for a trek to Estes Park, cradled in some of the most beautiful scenery in the United States. With history and mystery, scenery and steam, Estes Park has something for everyone, all under the glittering eyes of the splendor of Rocky Mountain National Park. We don't guarantee you'll have an elk join you for lunch, but it's been known to happen; watch your sandwich! This is a tour not to be missed, with plenty to bugle about, so let's go! (Tour includes a break for lunch, so please bring some money for your meal.)

Exploring the Safety Net

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 arrive, from things as small as a fender bender to as large as a natural disaster, there are people there to take care of us. Join Denver History Tours to learn about the people who are charged with public safety, such as the police, fire fighters, crime scene investigators and the voices on the other end of a call to 911. Let's hope you never have to rely on their services, but whether or not that moment arrives, you'll have learned a little more about the net that is stretched beneath your tight-rope walk through life. (Tour includes a break for lunch, so please bring some money for your meal. Identification will also be necessary to enter some buildings.)

Fall Colors

While Colorado doesn't have the many hues of autumn in New England, a drive through the Rocky Mountains on a crisp fall day, the startling blue above crashing against the coruscation of gold below will thrill even the most ennui-filled eye. Join Denver History Tours for a drive, with the colors of nature accompanying the rich rainbow of history along our way. Time to get outside and breathe deeply; after all, the first part of Colorado is COLOR! (Tour includes a break for lunch, so please bring some money for your meal.)

First Families Tour

The hallways they walked still stand in many corners of the city and their stories echo through Denver's history. They are the families that made Denver great. The Byers, the Evans, the Cheesmans, the Tabors, the Moffats, the Boettchers and many others had a vision for what a lonely outpost on the high plains could become. Though some might argue with their methods and their morals, they left indelible marks. Offered by Denver History Tours, we'll see some of the legacies they left behind. Some of them might surprise you. (Tour includes a break for lunch, so please bring some money for your meal.)

First Friend

Whether the commonplace cat or dog, or the uncommon sugar glider, Pac-Man frog or beyond, many of us fill our daily lives with animals. Pets, companions, care providers, they fulfill many duties and are a much beloved part of each day. Join Denver History Tours as we search out the places that care for our furry brethren, from shelters and pet stores to farms with rescued animals. Learn about the possibilities for engaging this segment of our society much in need of help. You might find more than just an opportunity to learn and serve the community; you might find a lifelong friend. Purrfect! (Tour includes a break for lunch, so please bring some money for your meal.)

Food, Glorious Food

Most of our tours focus on history and the like, and we take a break for some food. Well, this tour is about the food itself! Join Denver History Tours as we examine some of the

history of how Denver got food to the table ...and continues to do so! We will visit some specialty shops, where hard-to-find and unusual items will appeal to diverse palates. We will also stop for some fine dining, exploring the full world rather than just the basics of Americana. Bring some money for your lunch as well as your other food shopping. Even Alfred Packer would approve!

Fortunes in Fort Collins

Ranked one of the best places to live in the United States more than once, Fort Collins has a rich history and much more to offer than its beautiful campus. From its thoroughly walkable Old Town to the fantastic view of the city from the drive along Horsetooth Reservoir, we'll explore this beautiful city at the northern end of the Front Range. Join Denver History Tours for a trek north and back through time to this not-so-hidden gem on the Cache La Poudre. (Tour includes a break for lunch, so please bring some money for your meal.)

From Airport and Army to Neighborhood

Stapleton, Lowry and Fitzsimons are three names that used to mean something very different to the people of Denver. Stapleton the airport moved the public from here to there. Lowry was not open to the public, a place where the military conducted its business as an air force base. Fitzsimons was an army medical center. All three have been redeveloped as modern creations, but here and there signs of the old functions can still be seen. Presented by Denver History Tours, let's see how these three dynamos of Denver have been reborn as something else entirely, showing you their past, their present and their future. If you haven't had a drive through recently, you won't believe your eyes! (Tour includes a break for lunch, so please bring some money for your meal.)

Glories of Government: Denver's Political Palaces

There's more to government than laws and filibusters, mud slinging and speeches. Join Denver History Tours as we visit some of the halls where all of the people, by the people and for the people is brought to life. There's art, there's history, there's architecture and mystery! Don't object! It will be a judiciously good time! Whether you're just a Bill, a Jane, a Kyle or a Mary, this is the tour for you. (Tour includes a break for lunch, so please bring some money for your meal. Please bring identification, as it may be necessary to enter some buildings.)

Golden Glories

Join Denver History Tours for a look at the city that could have been the capital, Golden. There are numerous things to learn on this orientation tour of our historic neighbor nestled at the base of the Rocky Mountains. There's more to Golden than you might realize, with gems hidden in the nearby foothills as well. Though the honor of capital would not go to Golden in the end, it is a city that takes great pride in its history and modern livability. Prepare to be dazzled by Golden (Tour includes a break for lunch, so please bring some money for your meal.)

Great Greeley Tour

Greeley was founded as a Utopian ideal on the high, pure plains of the world, where the literal elevation would translate into elevated mores, elevated minds. Well, it didn't quite work out that way, but Greeley still offers a lot to lift one's mood. Join us on this tour of some forgotten highlights in this city just off the beaten path. From the city's outdoor pedestrian mall and slices of German heritage to its museums highlighting the pioneer west, with a nod to the smell of cows, we'll give you a new appreciation for this excellent city. By the end of the tour you might end up thinking that a bit of Utopia was achieved after all! (Tour includes a break for lunch, so please bring some money for your meal.)

Historic High Line Canal

Without water, the arid West would have remained a place of little interest to settlers from the East Coast. Once gold was discovered, city promoters knew that water would make Denver into a place that would last. Join Denver History Tours for a journey along one of the most famous of Denver's waterways, the historic High Line Canal. Pouring from the mountains in the southwest before finally struggling to a feeble demise near DIA, the High Line has many fascinating spots and tales, today one of the metro area's most beloved amenities. Few remember its beginnings as a working ditch, designed to promote agriculture and development. Let's dive into the High Line together! (Tour includes a break for lunch, so please bring some money for your meal.)

Holiday Lights Tour

Come see the glittering lights and the fanciful sights showcasing the holiday season offerings around the metro area. We'll head into neighborhoods and into slices of color around the city to entertain your eye. Each year is different, based on our critical reconnaissance. Come along and let us put the holiday twinkle in your eye on this tour of the holiday lights all around our home! (A pre-tour dinner stop may be included in this tour if desired.)

Hot Chocolate Tour

What could be better for the soul than tempting one's taste buds? Offered by Denver History Tours, this tour shows you some secret sweet spots you might not know about, as well as one or two you do. Breathe in the aroma, don't be shy. In the middle of the tour, we'll stop for some lunch so you don't make yourself sick eating nothing but sweets. Participants should bring money to buy goodies along the way, and something more for lunch. Make sure you get some hot chocolate. Mamie would approve!

How Things Work Tour

Presented by Denver History Tours, we look at the way things work in the background of your life. Ever wondered what happens when you flush? How about where the Stapleton tarmac went? They may not be glamorous, they may not smell pretty, but these services and more are essential aspects of any large city. These are backstage chances to learn about the structures underneath our lives, so don't be squeamish. Tours entail some walking, so come prepared to get out and about, and let's explore the framework of our

lives together. (Tour includes a break for lunch, so please bring some money for your meal. Identification will also be needed.)

Immigrants: Building Denver from the Bottomlands Up

The Americans who crossed the prairies in search of gold and founded Denver in 1858 were not the last wave of immigrants to come to the Queen City of the Plains in search of the glitter of a better life. Successive waves of immigrants from all over the world have made significant marks on the city, giving it some of its most noted buildings and richest flavors. Once segregated from the rest of the city, many have since integrated into the tapestry of Denver while others yet remain distinct. Come hear the tales of triumph, conflict, racism, redemption and more. Presented by Denver History Tours, we spotlight the remarkable contributions of many of our ancestors, some of which are so taken for granted today as to be virtually invisible. Now THAT'S a spicy meatball! (Tour includes a break for lunch, so please bring some money for your meal.)

Judaic Denver Tour

Denver's history represents many backgrounds with people from around the world bringing their traditions, languages and religions to add to the mix that has made the Mile High City. The primary Jewish migrations into the High Plains took place in the 1800s, leaving a remarkable and indelible presence that has carried through to the modern day. Let's visit the sites from both the past and the present, tell you the stories and leave you with a greater appreciation for this often overlooked aspect of Denver's tapestry. We'll learn of the movements, both in religious practice and in neighborhoods, that have marked the progress of Denver's Jewish citizens. L'chaim! (Tour includes a break for lunch, so please bring some money for your meal.)

Lariat Loop

With the arrival of the car, a number of scenic drives sprang up around the United States to get people out to enjoy the best our country has to offer. Everyone's heard of Route 66, for example. Our own local variant may not be as famous, but it's beautiful and filled with history all the same. The fabled Lariat Loop is so full of things to see, learn and do that you'll need more than one tour to see it all. As it is, we'll give you a sampling of all the delights along this mountainous escape so you may return in the future! (Tour includes a break for lunch, so please bring some money for your meal.)

Leadville Journey

The figures who moved through the streets of Leadville were as monumental as the city itself. Their triumphs and trials have shaped the fortunes of the entire state. Join Denver History Tours as we examine the unparalleled richness of Leadville history. Trust us: the journey will NOT leave you cold. Though Leadville has settled down somewhat since the tempestuous days of its youth, the sobriety of the modern day still holds a twinkle in its eye. Come and catch that wonderful mountain fever! (Tour includes a break for lunch, so please bring some money for your meal.)

Longmont Journey

Our neighbor to the north is growing fast and has a rich history all its own. Join Denver History Tours as we examine the interesting history of Longmont and environs. The surveyor Stephen Long may have been wrong about some things, but there's nothing out of place with his namesake. Long famed for its rich soil, Longmont grows history as rich and tempting as did its agricultural roots. The sweetness of sugar no longer predominates, but the stories remain for those who come forward to have a taste! (Tour includes a break for lunch, so please bring some money for your meal.)

Lost Cities of Denver Tour

Long before the large suburbs such as Lakewood sprang up, there were smaller towns surrounding Denver, often created to avoid the evils of decadent Denver. It's time to tour these forgotten cities, lost worlds surrounded and swallowed up by the cities we know today. There's more there than you might think! Join Denver History Tours for this fascinating look into some slices of municipal past, with a bit of poetry about celery to make the day complete. Delicious! (Tour includes a break for lunch, so please bring some money for your meal.)

Loveland Arts Tour

In 1985, Loveland became the first city in the state to set aside money for art in public places. Now valued at more than six million dollars, Loveland's wide array of outdoor art includes more than 250 pieces. Presented by Denver History Tours, join us on this artistically-minded tour as we show you a wide sampling of the city's art, whether inspiring, controversial, beautiful or just plain old strange. It's time to take in some of art's most enduring expressions. No sketchbooks needed! (Tour includes a break for lunch, so please bring some money for your meal.)

Loveland Valentine Tour

Are you in the mood for love? Well, who isn't? Join Denver History Tours for a tour northward to the heart of love in Colorado, the city of Loveland. The Valentine's Day Re-Mailing Program keeps the postal system in Loveland busy, stamping and sending out more than 200,000 envelopes filled with love every year. You'll get your valentines personally stamped, ready to send off to the sweetheart of your choice; maybe you have more than one! It's love in action in Loveland, and we'll even take in one or two of the city's famous statues (from the warmth of the bus, of course) and more. Get ready to pucker up! (Tour includes a break for lunch, so please bring some money for your meal.)

More Bank for the Buck

Join Denver History Tours as we visit 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 get to see a safe! We'll talk about the history of Denver's commerce, from its earliest home-minted gold coins, through its years as Wall Street of the West, to its modern role as regional financial and commercial center. There

will be some walking as we visit the banks, so come with your comfortable shoes. Please don't consider robbing one of our hosts! (Tour includes a break for lunch, so please bring some money for your meal. Identification will be necessary to enter some of the buildings.)

Newport of the Rockies: the Luxury of Colorado Springs

Gold wasn't the only thing that brought people to Colorado. The beautiful scenery and pure air were golden possibilities to those who saw the Front Range as potential playground for the rich and famous. The resplendent Broadmoor Hotel was built to be the centerpiece of Colorado Springs, branded the "Newport of the Rockies," after that elite locale back in the civilized east. Presented by Denver History Tours, we'll drive by the Broadmoor and other addresses that still impress. From the vertical beauty of the Garden of the Gods and the Air Force Academy Chapel to Pikes Peak towering over it all, won't you join us for a luxurious day? (Tour includes a break for lunch, so please bring some money for your meal.)

the Peak to Peak Highway

Immortalized as the aural expression of freedom in 'the Blizzard,' the Peak to Peak Highway is a scenic masterpiece like few others, filled with history, sights and diversions sure to entertain even the most jaded urbanite. Join Denver History Tours for a drive of superlatives. Stretching from Estes Park to the gambling towns of Central City and Black Hawk, the Peak to Peak is so amazing that even the Pope would approve, with keys, carousels, corpses and more. Care to take a 'peak?' (Tour includes a break for lunch, so please bring some money for your meal.)

Reading the West; Libraries and Bookstores of Denver

This wonderful tour looks at the written word, and the buildings that have been built to house them, sell them, promote them and disseminate them. With public libraries, historic book stores and used-book sellers, we'll see something of everything. Presented by Denver History Tours, our tour will highlight some of the history and architecture as well. Come check out Denver's temples to the book and maybe find the tome of your life! (This tour includes a break for lunch. Participants should bring money for their meal)

Riding along with RTD

Whether it's the train to the airport, inter-city buses, LightRail, the downtown shuttle or one of the many other items to choose from, the Regional Transportation District, known as RTD, shapes much of our modern life and environment. Few of us appreciate its unique power and scope, however, reaching as far back as the 1870s and onward into the future. Join Denver History Tours for an examination of the places and potential of RTD. You may not ride the bus, but you'll come away with a better understanding and appreciation of the significance of public transit and everything it touches. No transfer needed! (Tour includes a break for lunch, so please bring some money for your meal.)

Robert Speer's Denver

Though many came to Denver in hopes of recovering from the scourge of tuberculosis, none would transform that recovery into a gratitude so potent as to reshape Denver entirely into a vision for what that city could be as much as Robert Speer. More than just a boulevard running along Cherry Creek, signs of Speer's power and determination may be found all over the city and continue to contribute. Mayor Speer had no children of his own. The people of Denver were his children, in his eyes. Come see what your great-grandfather accomplished! (Tour includes a break for lunch, so please bring some money for your meal.)

Rocking Red Rocks

Long before the first guitar strummed its stairway to heaven, the beautiful stones of Red Rocks were beguiling visitors to the area. Today, it is perhaps the most unique musical venue in the world and has played host to some of the greatest talents the world has to offer. Join Denver History Tours as we explore the history of Red Rocks, Morrison and environs. Don't worry; you won't need to hike (unless you want to do so!), because we will drive you where you need to go. This doorway to the mountains will echo with the cheerful notes of your enjoyment, so take your place on the stage and join us! (Tour includes a break for lunch, so please bring some money for your meal.)

Romantic Vistas of Denver Tour

Perfect for Valentine's Day or anyone with a romantic turn of heart, this tour shows you some of the best views of Denver, places to take your sweet babboo, as well as the spots where Denverites of the past wove their romantic tales, some torrid, some tragic, all memorable. Presented by Denver History Tours, this jaunt tour may very well enflame the passions, and we all know where *that* ends up! So, come along and taste some romance, Mile High Style! (Tour includes a break for lunch, so please bring some money for your meal.)

Saints and Apostles Tour

There's a bumper sticker that reads "Well behaved women rarely make history," and certainly many of the men we learn about in our history books were not much for being gentlemen. Still, we're here to show you that at least *some* of the people who were building Colorado were noble spirits. Join Denver History Tours for an examination of the people you would be proud to call friends, who worked ceaselessly for the betterment of us all. Some of them you may know, but we suspect many you won't! When you've heard of what they accomplished and the adversities they faced, you may well be inspired to be more of a do-gooder yourself. Like the line from "Mary Poppins," these metaphorical saints and apostles will be watching our tour with smiles that we are remembering their journeys. (This tour includes a break for lunch. Participants should bring money for their meal.)

School's In!

Who said the days of reading, writing and 'rithmetic are over? The history of the Denver Public Schools is a long and rich one, replete with surprising tales and memorable architecture. The halls of students were once seen as monuments to the glory of learning and decorated accordingly. Offered by Denver History Tours, you will be entertained by stories of scholastic rivalries, the trials of integration, and wonderful sesquipedalian speeches without a single multiplication table in sight. Bring money for your lunch or someone might be tempted to take a ruler to your knuckles. Don't be a dunce! Recess is over, so let's get back to class!

Slices of Science in Denver

Far from being blinded by science, we're going to go and get illuminated! Join Denver History Tours for some of Denver's temples of science, where the discoveries of tomorrow are being made today! With so many to choose from for our visits, the possibilities are endless! So, put on your walking shoes and let's put the scientific method to work. DHT=GR8 FUN²! (Tour includes a break for lunch, so please bring some money for your meal.)

Snow! Let It Snow!

In the depths of winter, as January turns to February, Breckenridge decides to embrace the cold rather than cower before it. Rising from tons of snow, magnificent sculptures take shape. The weather may be nice. It may not be nice! Either way, come dressed to get outside and revel in the bounty from the sky made art. While we're there, we'll also explore the history of the city and environs. After all, this journey is offered by Denver History Tours! It may not be Punxatawney, but you too will agree that nothing could be better than a long, and lustrous, winter. (Tour includes a break for lunch, so please bring some money for your meal.)

Stanley Aviation Area Exploration

As the 1900s fade more and more into memory, more legacies of that dynamic century are changing around us, taking on their new shape for the 21st century. Join Denver History Tours for an exploration, on foot, of the Stanley Aviation redevelopment area. The building once produced high-tech elements for jets in its sensible location next to the airport. The Stanley Aviation building, with the airport moved away, needed a new purpose, and it has found one as a modern marketplace, a location where food and art may get together along with a chic and youthful vibe. The area also serves as the bridge linking the Stapleton and Fitzsimons redevelopments, Aurora and Denver, the old and the new. This is a walking tour, so come prepared to pound the pavement. The tour will be followed by some free time at Stanley Aviation for lunch. After all, you wouldn't want to see the future without tasting it! Don't miss your flight!

Stellar Sterling

When folks along the Front Range look for entertainment and beauty, they invariably look west to the mountains, but there are phenomenal offerings of both in the opposite direction as well. Join Denver History Tours for a tour of the stellar city of Sterling.

Known as the City of Living Trees, for its collection of cottonwoods that have been carved into imaginative works of art, we'll explore this artistic vision on the prairie. The fanciful creations will surely delight, and we'll even learn something of the city's fascinating history while there. With a lunch break in the middle, it will be a day you shouldn't miss as we head east for artistry, entertainment and history. Even the cottonwoods would approve! (Tour includes a break for lunch, so please bring some money for your meal.)

Streetcar Neighborhoods Tour

Once upon a time Denver had one of the largest streetcar system in the nation. The streetcar linked the city to the hinterland, allowing folks to begin their suburban dreams, and brought generations of workers, revelers and everyone else downtown to pursue their various purposes. Presented by Denver History Tours, our ride will show you where the lines ran, how the neighborhoods they served were changed by their presence, and how whole cities were able to exist because of them. The streetcars are no more, but the signs of their presence remain. As Denver spends billions to put them back, our modern LightRail trains, it's time to pay homage to the trolleys of the past! All aboard! (Tour includes a break for lunch, so please bring some money for your meal.)

Suburbs Southeast

Rising like the sun to the east of Denver are cities moving without hesitation into the future. Their histories are diverse, with tales of heroism and tragedy, the Wild West blending into the modern as the cities reinvent themselves around us. Aurora, Parker, Centennial and more, join Denver History Tours as we explore this area growing rapidly away from the bustle of downtown. There is far more than you might think, if you have someone there to show you where to look! That's why we're here, so join us for trip southeastward, where the horizon beckons with promise. (Tour includes a break for lunch, so please bring some money for your meal.)

Suburbs Southwest

Though the interurban trains once joined Denver with its suburbs to the northwest, for many years the areas to the southwest of the city were far removed from the city's psyche. Eventually, the metropolitan area would continue its unimpeded march to the foothills, binding together the isolated histories of what had once been farms under towering mountains of stone. From Red Rocks Amphitheater, the chorus carried outward, across Littleton, Lakewood, Morrison and more. Join Denver History Tours as we explore the history to Denver's southwest, some of it long standing, some of it quite new. You will be surprised what secrets have settled down for us during this march to the mountains! (Tour includes a break for lunch, so please bring some money for your meal.)

Suburbs Northeast

As people drive from downtown to the airport, many of them don't even realize that there's more to the city's northeast than the bustle of people coming and going. Whole

cities await discovery, with rich histories to share. Northglenn, Thornton, Commerce City and more, join Denver History Tours as we explore the suburbs bounding toward Nebraska. This is not a time to turn your eyes skyward, for the history remains firmly attached to the earth. Let's get out there and explore it! (Tour includes a break for lunch, so please bring some money for your meal.)

Suburbs Northwest

The suburbs to the northwest of Denver have much to offer, from history and art to food and tales about trees. As transit prepares to carry folks from these suburbs out into the future, join Denver History Tours for a lesson in all these cities are and have been in the past. You might be surprised, so let's skew the compass a little off *north* and make it a day! (Tour includes a break for lunch, so please bring some money for your meal.)

That's Entertainment, Denver Style

Do you think the lights of Broadway shine the brightest in the world? Thomas Edison would have once disagreed; he found the lights of Denver's entertainment row to outshine them all. Join Denver History Tours as we look at the modern and historical worlds of entertainment, sharing the grace of dance, the belly laughs of comedy and the pathos of dramatic works with those who perhaps have not yet had their fifteen minutes upon the stage. You won't have to memorize any monologues, so just sit back and prepare for a ride worthy of an Oscar. You'll end up shouting "Encore!" (Tour includes a break for lunch, so please bring some money for your meal.)

That's the Way It Is

William Newton Byers did much to boost the fledgling town of Denver with his newspaper, the Rocky Mountain News. The written word and word of mouth served as the news of old, graduating to radios and televisions. Now, news may truly spread faster than light! Join Denver History Tours as we explore how Denver has shared the news and continues to do so today. You'll meet some colorful figures from history who reported the news in black and white, and sometimes yellow! The modern face of the news will be included, so when it's all done, you'll be able to say that THAT is the way it is in Denver! (Tour includes a break for lunch, so please bring some money for your meal.)

There's Gold in Them Thar Hills

Let's head into the hills to see the boomtowns that filled the Front Range, and the mines that gave them their reason to be! Cities like Idaho Springs and Georgetown got rich on metals, and on mining the men who mined the mountains, honestly and not! Presented by Denver History Tours, we will strike it rich in some of the mountain boomtowns that have given Colorado so much of its history. Depending on the season, we may also take in a mine! Stories aplenty, some shameful, some shocking, will make the day a memorable one ...and who knows, you might even catch gold fever yourself! Check for that twinkle in your eye, grab your pan and hit the hills! Or just take this tour and learn

about it all from the comfort of a bus. Gold! (Tour includes a break for lunch, so please bring some money for your meal.)

There's Nothing Little about Littleton

When Denver became a city and county, the title of county seat passed to a smaller city to the south, Littleton. This was not Littleton's first moment in the spotlight, however. Long heralded as the 'lily of the valley,' especially as compared with its decadent and troubled neighbors, Denver and Englewood, the city of Littleton has treasures of history, architecture, transportation and more. Alfred Packer, in one piece, went to his grave in Littleton. Presented by Denver History Tours, this tour includes some walking, so do come prepared for the outside world. Seat of government, entertainment and history, please join us for our tour of the excellent city of Littleton. (Tour includes a break for lunch, so please bring some money for your meal.)

Trivia Tour

Do you think that you know Denver? Well, now it's time to prove it. The first part of the tour will be a drive around Denver with a series of questions laid at your "mindstep." Is that house a Queen Anne style? What immigrant group once predominated in the Bottomlands? On which side of the capitol will you find that famous step? After lunch, we'll check your answers and award a winner! Don't worry: it's not a test, just a great way to learn new things and exercise your little gray cells along the way. Presented by Denver History Tours, let's get out there and enjoy the challenge! (Tour includes a break for lunch, so please bring some money for your meal.)

Up, Up and Away!

It's been a long time since humanity let slip the surly bounds of earth and took to the sky. Airports still have a dramatic impact on the urban landscape, not just geographically, but economically and even culturally. Join Denver History Tours as we learn about the modern face of Denver's aviation world, with a little history thrown in along the way. So, turn your eyes skyward and come up, up, ever upward! (Tour includes a break for lunch, so please bring some money for your meal. Identification will be necessary to enter some buildings.)

We're Bound for Boulder

More than just the landing place for Mork from Ork, Boulder is a dynamic city that is known across the nation for many things, from its university to its view and everything in between. Join Denver History Tours and cross the green shielding surrounding this fascinating spot below the Flatirons. Whether you are an admirer or just someone who sighs and scratches your head, you'll learn a lot! After all, it's not every city where the mountains indicate their approval with a THUMBS UP! So, board a bison and let's go! (Tour includes a break for lunch, so please bring some money for your meal.)

Wineries of the Front Range Tour (seasonal, overnight tour)

Presented by Denver History Tours, this overnight tour takes you to some of Colorado's wineries. You don't have to go to France or the Napa Valley to try some wine. The plentiful sunshine and wholesome air of the mountains combine with the fruit of Colorado soil to make some memorable vintages. From Estes Park down to Canon City, this tour takes in some of the finest. We *might* even stop for some cheese! Bring some friends and prepare for an overnight excursion you never imagined could happen in Colorado! It's the Front Range Winery Tour!

Women's History Tour

Is the history of Denver just about men? Absolutely not! Come discover the 'weaker' sex that made Denver proud --- and made it blush. Women ventured out of the home, across the prairie, up the mountains, and into our history. Presented by Denver History Tours, we let you in on the secrets of what they wore --- or didn't --- what they cooked, where they went, and what they did, and what the men thought about it all. Come meet the noble and notorious women of Denver, from Chipeta, the Ute woman who negotiated for peace, to Mattie Silks, the madam who negotiated for sex. So, leave your bloomers behind and join us for the truth about who tamed the West! (This tour includes a one-hour break for lunch. Participants should bring money for their meal)

Wonderful Wild Things

There's a lot more to the world than the civilized places we call home. Let's go for a romper-stomper of a tour and see where the wild things roam! Join Denver History Tours for an exploration of the places devoted to taking care of our friends in the animal kingdom. We'll get to see them, learn about them, maybe even pet one or two, depending on where we go, so bring your lint brush for after the tour. Don't worry; we won't make you swing from any vines! (Tour includes a break for lunch, so please bring some money for your meal.)

You've Got Mail

Sure, not as many people send letters and cards today, but the written word still has to get places. Sometimes there's no better way to do it than through the mail. Join Denver History Tours as we explore the history of how Denver stayed connected with the outside world and how it still does so today. It seems to happen so seamlessly, you may well be surprised how much goes into getting even the simplest postcard to its destination. Sure to impress, you'll give it your forever-stamp of approval. (Tour includes a break for lunch, so please bring some money for your meal.)