

Denver Guide

Our venue

Downtown Denver has been growing and you will notice a great deal of construction, especially near Union Station.

The COQA/CCQTA meetings will be held at the Grand Hyatt Denver, located at 1750 Welton St., just a block off of the 16th Street Mall. While Valet and Self- Parking are available, public transportation also offers options.

Be aware that Denver is at 5280 feet above sea level. The air is thin and dry. A little extra Chapstick and sunscreen are always handy. ☺

Denver Public Transportation

The Free Mallride travels along the 16th Street Mall, and will be particularly convenient for accessing the Grand Hyatt. <http://www.rtd-denver.com/FREEMallRide.shtml>

At the northwest end of the 16th Street Mall is Union Station. If desiring public transportation, the A line travels between Union Station and Denver's International Airport (DIA). It is easy to catch the train just outside DIA, travel to Union Station and catch the free 16th Street Mall shuttle to within a block of the hotel.

Denver also has a light rail system: <http://www.rtd-denver.com/lightrail.shtml>

Tourism Ideas

There are obviously many web sites providing ideas for Denver tourists.

A few of my personal favorites-

Two unique restaurants are the Buckhorn Exchange and the Fort.

- The Buckhorn Exchange, 1000 Osage St., is a very nice steakhouse located in one of the city's oldest neighborhoods. It is a few minute walk from downtown, or even easier, the light rail will drop you off right in front of the restaurant.
- The Fort, 19192 Colorado 8, in Morrison, is an award winning western restaurant, located about a 30 minute drive from downtown. They feature wild game, steak, and exotic American specialties.

Away from downtown, go to Estes Park, Idaho Springs, or Evergreen and stroll and eat. These are "low", close by, mountain communities. Beau Jo's Pizza is a Colorado favorite, and there are restaurants in Idaho Springs and Evergreen.

The Coors Brewery tour in nearby Golden (about 30-45 minutes west of Denver) is popular, both for the quality of the tour, and the free samples afterwards.

Another fun idea is to take the free Celestial Seasonings (tea) tour.

<http://www.celestialseasonings.com/visit-us/tea-tour>. It is located at 4600 Sleepytime Drive in

Boulder, about an hour drive NW of Denver. Then, while in Boulder, you could stroll along the Pearl Street Mall.

The MLB Colorado Rockies are out of town during our meetings, but return home Friday, May 25 for a weekend series with the Reds.

For those who enjoy the natural beauty of Colorado, check out Red Rocks, the natural amphitheater west of Denver (Morrison). Check to see if there are any concerts that would be of interest. [Even if there aren't, you can take a walk around the area and visit a music museum.](#)

While we are expecting gorgeous weather, it's always good to have a few indoor options.

In downtown Denver, the Denver Mint is within a few minutes' walk from our hotel. Tours are free but tickets must be picked up in the morning for the tours throughout the day. This is the largest US mint.

If there are children travelling with you, consider the free Hammond Candy Factory tour <https://hammondscandies.com/visit/tours/>. It is probably a 15 minute drive from downtown.

If you are planning a longer stay in Colorado in conjunction with the meetings, send me an email and we can discuss further.

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