Colorado Trip







Deets so far:

Tuesday, August 27th, BWI ✈️ DEN:

7pm ($49), https://flights.app.goo.gl/yNmds
9pm ($69), https://flights.app.goo.gl/ByQYs

Tuesday, September 3rd, COS ✈️ IAD:

9am ($69), https://flights.app.goo.gl/QsvN1

Guest List (Arrival flight, departure flight):

1. psharv (BWI@6:45, COS@9:00)
2. ankiki (IAD@9:18, COS@9:00)
3. baby feet (BWI@6:45, COS@9:00)
4. jord
5. wafers (BWI@8:14PM, DEN@11:05PM)
6. Walnuts (BWI@8:14PM, COS@9:00AM)
7. Hoss (BWI@8:14PM, COS@11:07AM)
8. Carl
9. Kurley ((BWI@6:45, COS@9:00)
10. Rus (BWI@8:14PM, DEN@11:05PM)

Ideas of Places to Hit Up/Things to do

(Include time to travel from DEN)

Hiking

- Rocky Mountain Natl Park (1.5hr)
    - Trail Ridge Road - 12,000 ft alt. road
    - Flattop Mountain
        - https://www.nps.gov/romo/planyourvisit/hikes.htm#CP_JUMP_2329158
- Great Sand Dunes Natl Park (4hr)
- Mt Evans (Drive to summit) (2hr)
- Garden of the Gods (1.25 hrs)
- Pike's Peak (Drive to summit) (1 hr from Colorado Springs, 2hr from Denver)
- Colorado National Monument (4hrs)
- Hanging Lake Waterfall (2.5hrs)
- The Flatirons (30 mins)
- Maroon Bells (3hrs)
- Devil's Head Lookout (1.5hr)
- Dillon Reservoir/Lake (1.5hr)
- 14,000 ft hikes
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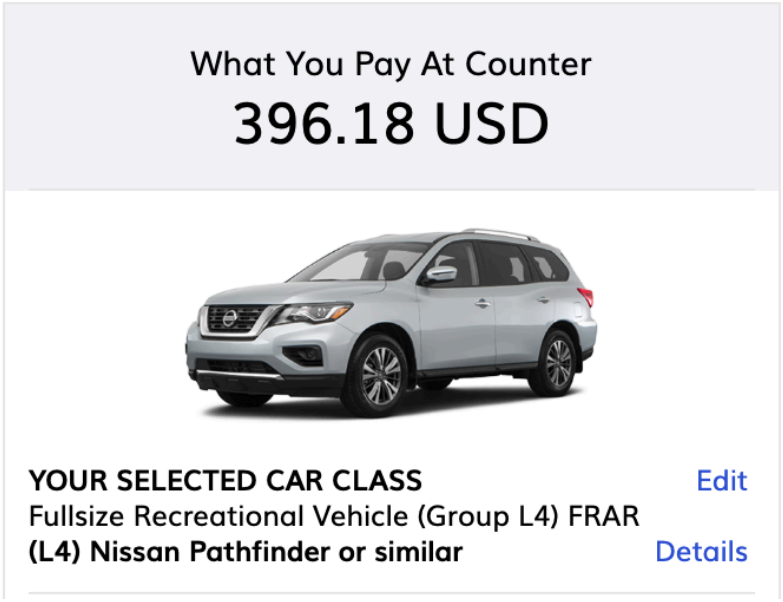
Other

- World Rodeo and Donkey Derby (2 hrs)
- Red Rocks Amphitheater (20 mins)
- Kayaking at Dillon Reservoir (1hr)
- Whitewater rafting at Breckenridge (1.5hr)
- Rock climbing
- Mountain biking
- Hot air balloon
- Ziplining
- Marijuana

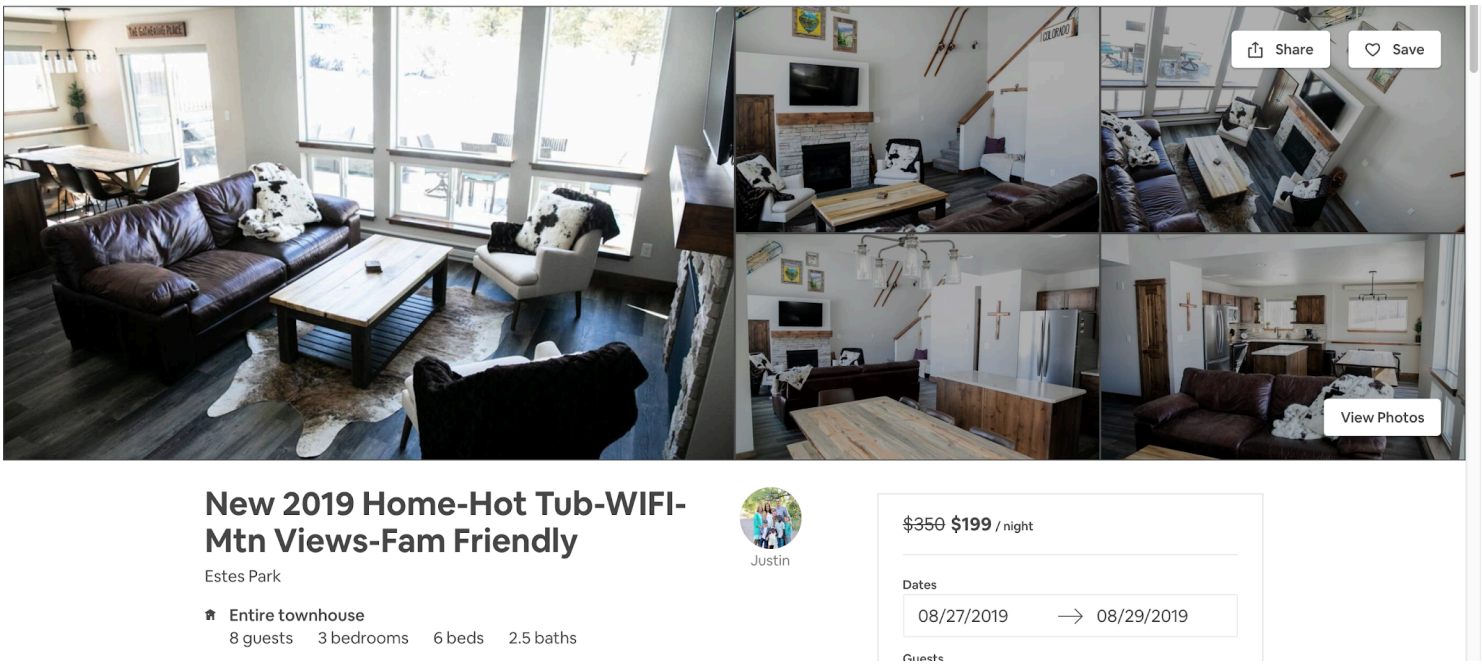
Itinerary

Tuesday August 27th (Fly to Denver)

6:45 Flight departs from BWI
8:40 Land at DEN
9:00 Pick up Hertz Car Rental

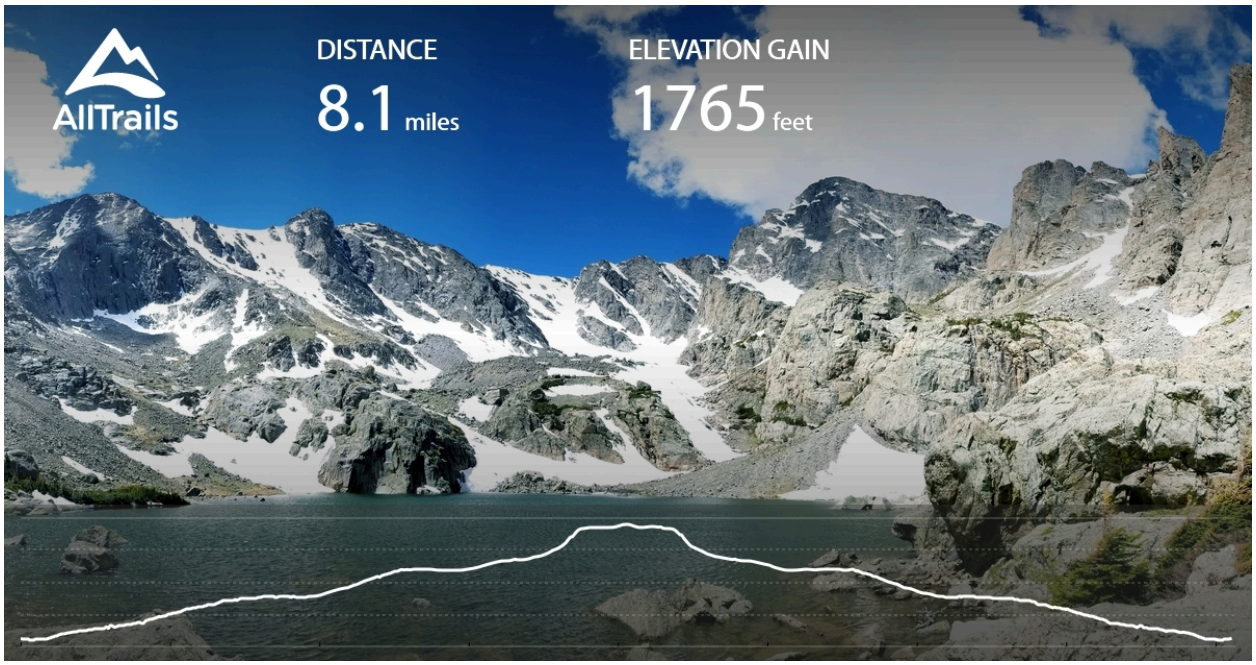


9:30 Drive to Estes Park
11:00 Arrive at Estes Park [Airbnb]

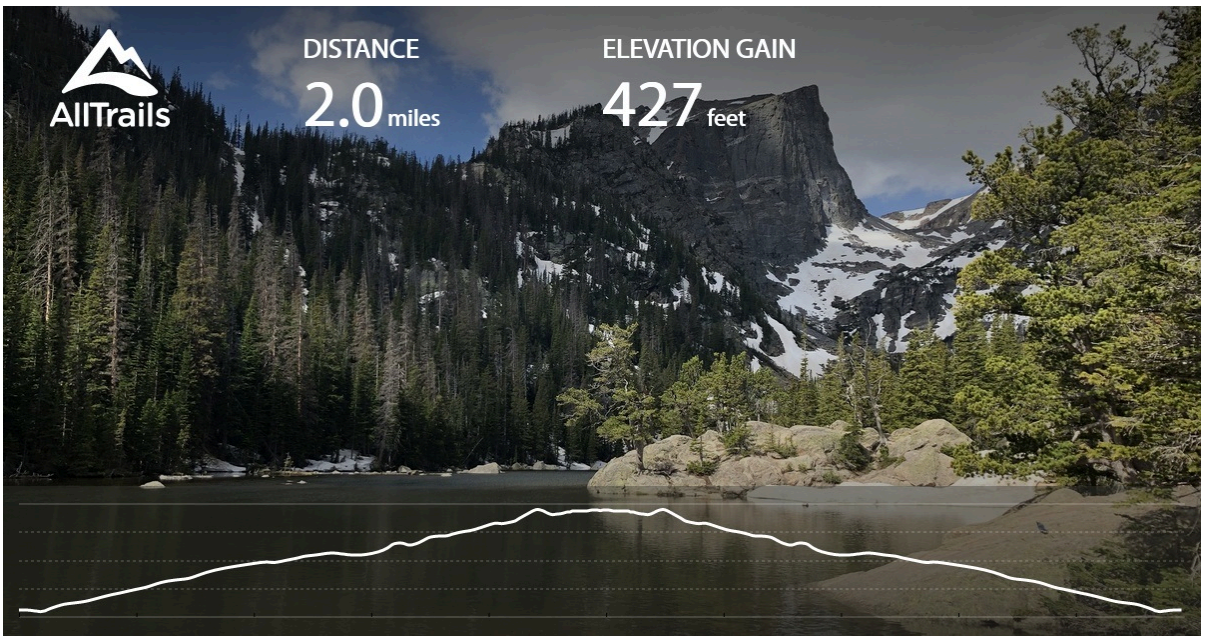


Wednesday August 28th (Rocky Mountain NP)

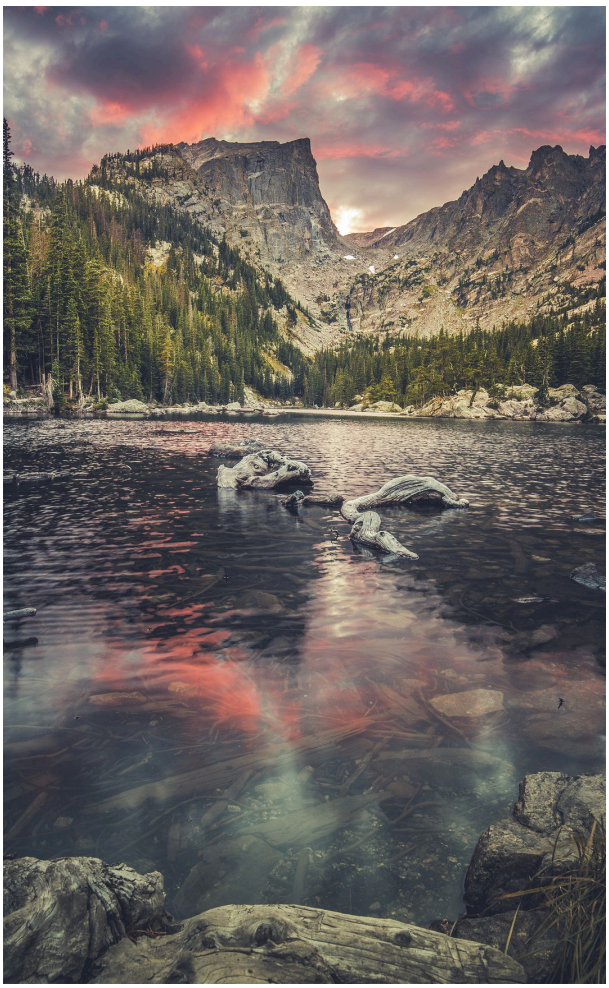
7:00 Wake up and get ready for the day,
7:30 Breakfast at Airbnb
8:00 Leave the Airbnb for Sky Pond Trailhead
9:45 Arrive at trailhead (or visitors center parking and take Bear Lake shuttle to Glacier Gorge Trailhead)
10:00 Start Sky Pond Hike (59 F high, 41 F low, WSW 25 mph)



1:00 Lunch/chill at lake
5:00 Get back to car/shuttle
6:00 Get to Dream Lake Trailhead (69 F high, 49 F low, W 16 mph)



7:45 Sunset at Dream Lake



8:15 Drive back to Airbnb

9:15 Deener in Estes Park (check out Mama Roses Restaurant)

10:30 Schleeeeeeeep



Thursday August 29th (Camp at a Lake in a darksite)

9:00 Wake up/breakfast @ Airbnb

11:00 Leave for Estes Park Mountain Shop to grab camping gear



Camping Gear:

$32 2x 6 person tent

$30 10x sleeping pad

$100 10x sleeping bag

$100 10x backpack

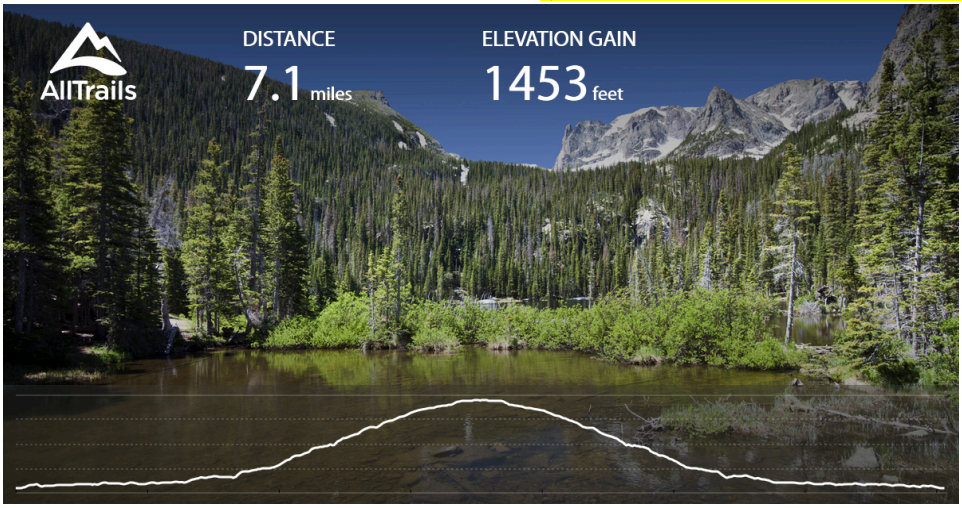
$9 3x bear canister

$270 total

12:30 Grab lunch in Estes Park (Rocky Mountain Deli)

1:30 Leave for Fern Lake Trail @ RMNP

2:15 Arrive at Fern Lake Trail (70 F high, 47 F low, 17 mph, 10% precip)



4:00 Arrive at Fern Lake

4:30 Setup camp for the night



7:45 Sunset/Moonset

10:00 Stargaze



Friday August 30th (Mt. Evans Scenic Byway)

8:00AM Wake up and start packing up campsite

9:00AM Begin Hike back to car

10:30 AM Drop off camp stuff at Este Park Mountain Shop

11:00 AM Late Breakfast/Brunch

1:30 PM Arrive at base of Mt. Evans → Grab sandwiches and snacks (48 F high, 35 F low, during day mostly sunny then chance of T-storms, at night chance of rain/snow and breezy)

3:00 PM (Hopefully) Reach the peak 14,000+ ft above sea level





4:00 PM Begin descent



6:30 PM Arrive at Air bnb/ order something in to eat?
Air Bnb





7:00 PM Bool Shesh

Cost
$15 per car to get on the road

Saturday August 31st (Tall Boi Hiking)

**According to an ancient wise man storms start rolling through around noon so we have to hit the early morning hike

5:00AM Get into the cars and head to Georgetown (not our preppy friends from DC - the cute Colorado town) Follow these directions

6:30AM Arrive at Guanella Pass and start hike - Bierstadt solo (7.25 miles - 2/3 hours); Bierstadt, Evans, and Sawtooth (10.25 miles - looks like 6/7 hours but could be shorter)





12:00PM - Finish Hiking

12:30PM - Lunch @ Guanella Pass Brewing Company or Mother's Saloon in Georgetown

1:30-5 Bool in Georgetown; there are some shops - also a cool railroad if anyone is interested

6:30PM - Get back to Airbnb and pass out (Same AirBnB as the night before)

Costs: Lunch $10-20

Sunday September 1st (Recover in the Hot Springs)

9:00AM Grab Breakfast

10:00AM Arrive at Mount Princeton Hot Springs Resort

10:15AM Throw on a bathing suit (Or Don't → Optional ;))

10:30AM Hop in the Hot Springs and destress, hang out in the lazy river, pools, and check out the 400-foot hot spring slide









12:30 PM Lunch at Princeton Club → Menu

1:30 PM Grab some drinks at the Princeton Club Bar... Have a drink called the "Rusty Nail" @Brus

6:30 PM Can either grab dinner there again or leave and head towards Buena Vista. A couple of options if we leave

- Tony's Restaurant (Cheap Mexican Place)
- Browns Canyon River Bar & Grill (Outdoor Mex and Bar on River)
- The Asian Palate
- The Buena Viking
- Elkhorn Pizzeria

8:00 PM Leave for Airbnb in

Monday September 2nd (Great Sand Dunes Natl Park)

Things to note: A ton of mosquitos and no sun cover so hats, mosquito repellent, and sunscreen are really important. It might get super hot in the afternoon so we need a good amount of water.

Morning:

1. Find good breakfast spot
2. Head over to Oasis sports or spindrift rentals to pick up a sand board for the day ($25/person)
3. Get to the dunes before it gets super hot (depends on when we wake up)
    a. Start at the first ridge of dunes near the main visitor center to get warmed up(high dune on first ridge hike)
    b. Go to Castle Creek picnic area after for bigger slopes

Afternoon: Hiking/Hanging out in medano creek (Unsure because of the temperature

1. Zapata Falls

Evening: Hiking (might be smarter depending on weather)

1. Dinner
2.

Night:

Back out to the Dunes park to see the night sky

Tuesday September 3rd (Fly back home)

Urban Adventure Quest (For peeps staying back)

Cost Breakdown/Person

$118 Flights to Den
$80 Car rental (2x $400)
$68 Airbnb in Estes Park ($679)
$27 Camping Gear ($270)
$3 Backcountry camping permit ($30)
$3 Car permit for Mt. Evans (2x $15)
$20 Hot springs day pass
$58 Airbnb by Breckenridge ($576)
$84 Airbnb at GSDNP ($839)
$25 Daypass to Hot Springs (+$5 If you want access to pool and slide)

Packing List

- Big boi water bottle
- Hat/sunglasses
- Sunscreen
- Bug spray
- Deck o Cards
- Bathing suit
- Hiking boots
- Reg. sneakers
- Portable charger
- Aux cord