

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

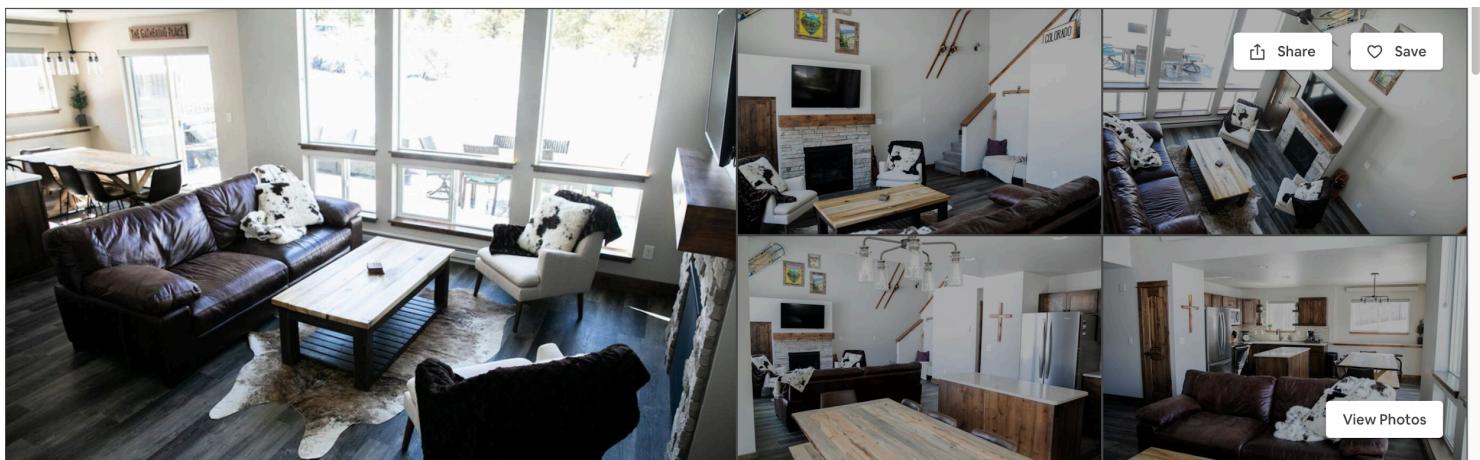
What You Pay At Counter
396.18 USD



YOUR SELECTED CAR CLASS [Edit](#)
Fullsize Recreational Vehicle (Group L4) FRAR
(L4) Nissan Pathfinder or similar [Details](#)

9:30 Drive to Estes Park

11:00 Arrive at Estes Park [Airbnb](#)



New 2019 Home-Hot Tub-WIFI-Mtn Views-Fam Friendly

Estes Park

Entire townhouse
8 guests 3 bedrooms 6 beds 2.5 baths



\$350 **\$199** / night

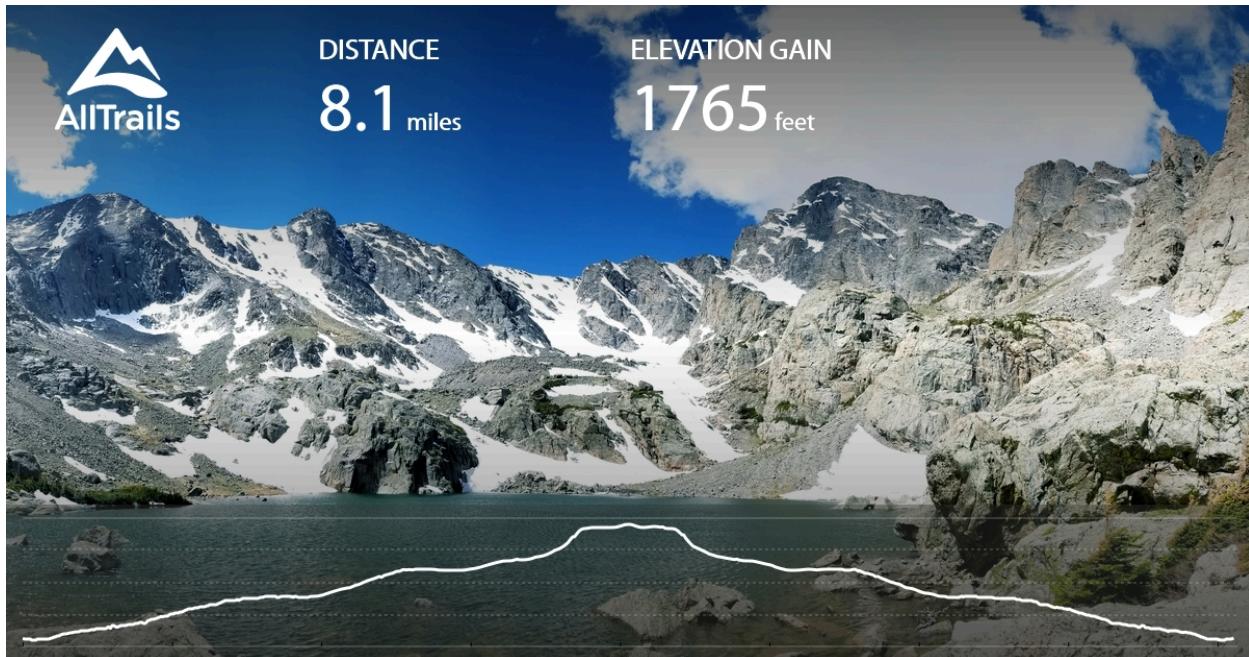
Dates

08/27/2019 → 08/29/2019

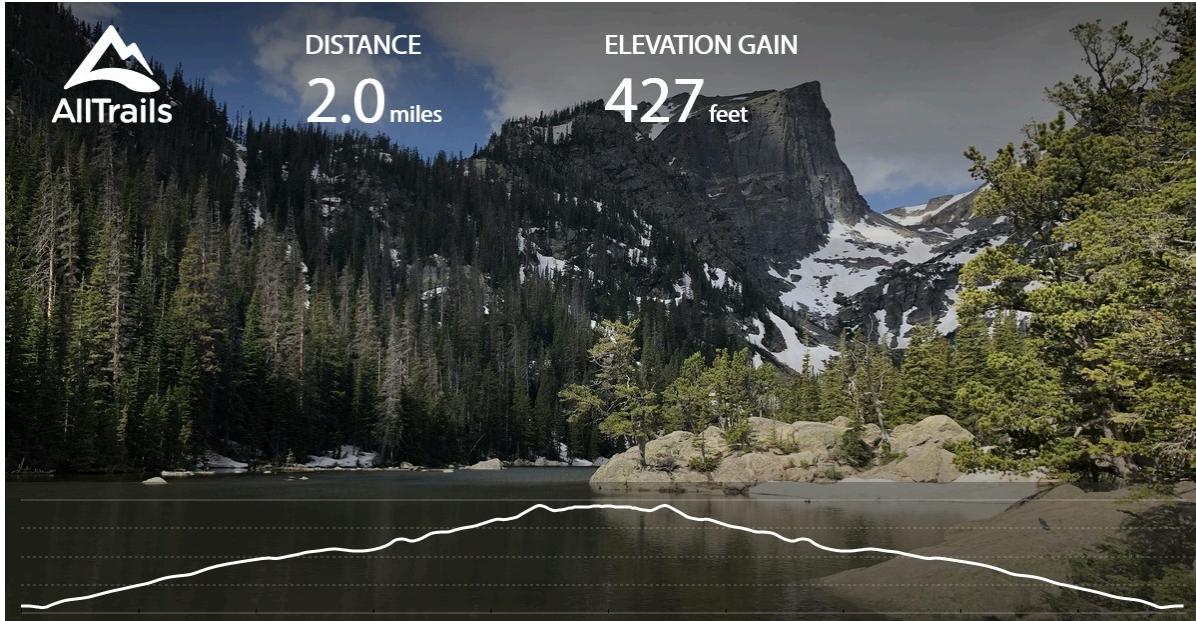
Guests

Wednesday August 28th (Rocky Mountain NP)

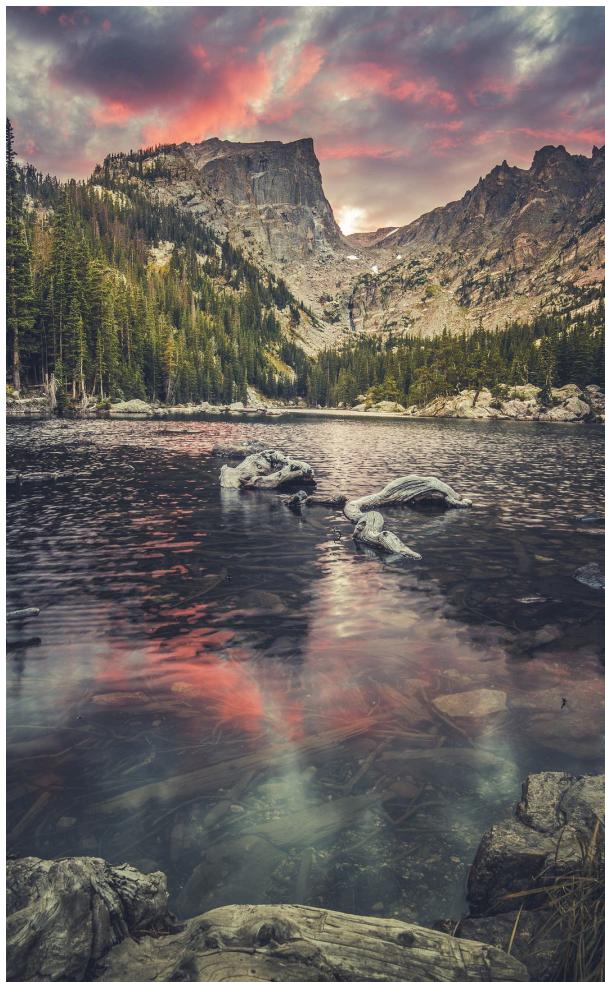
- 7:00 Wake up and get ready for the day,
- 7:30 Breakfast at Airbnb
- 8:00 Leave the Airbnb for Sky Pond Trailhead
- 9:45 Arrive at [trailhead](#) (or visitors center parking and take Bear Lake shuttle to Glacier Gorge Trailhead)
- 10:00 Start Sky Pond Hike (59 F high, 41 F low, WSW 25 mph)



- 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 Schleeeeeeeeep



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

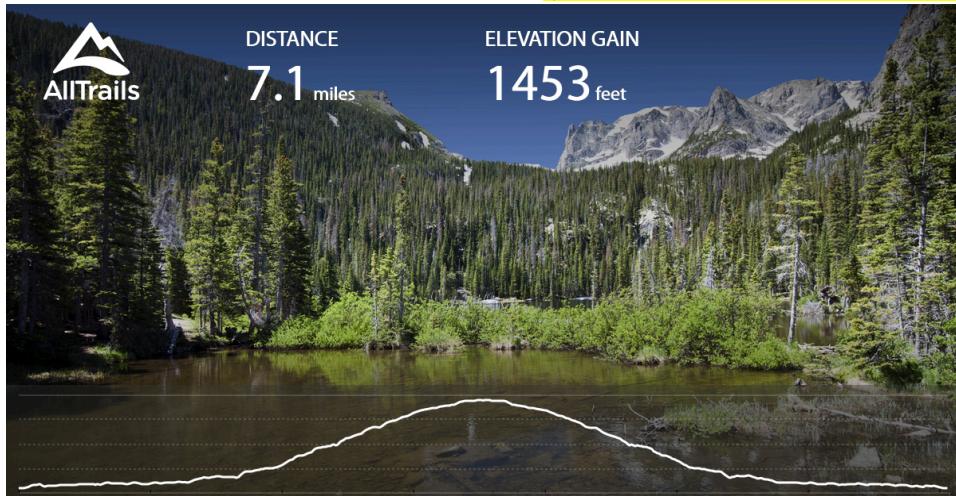
\$9 3x bear canister

\$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**)



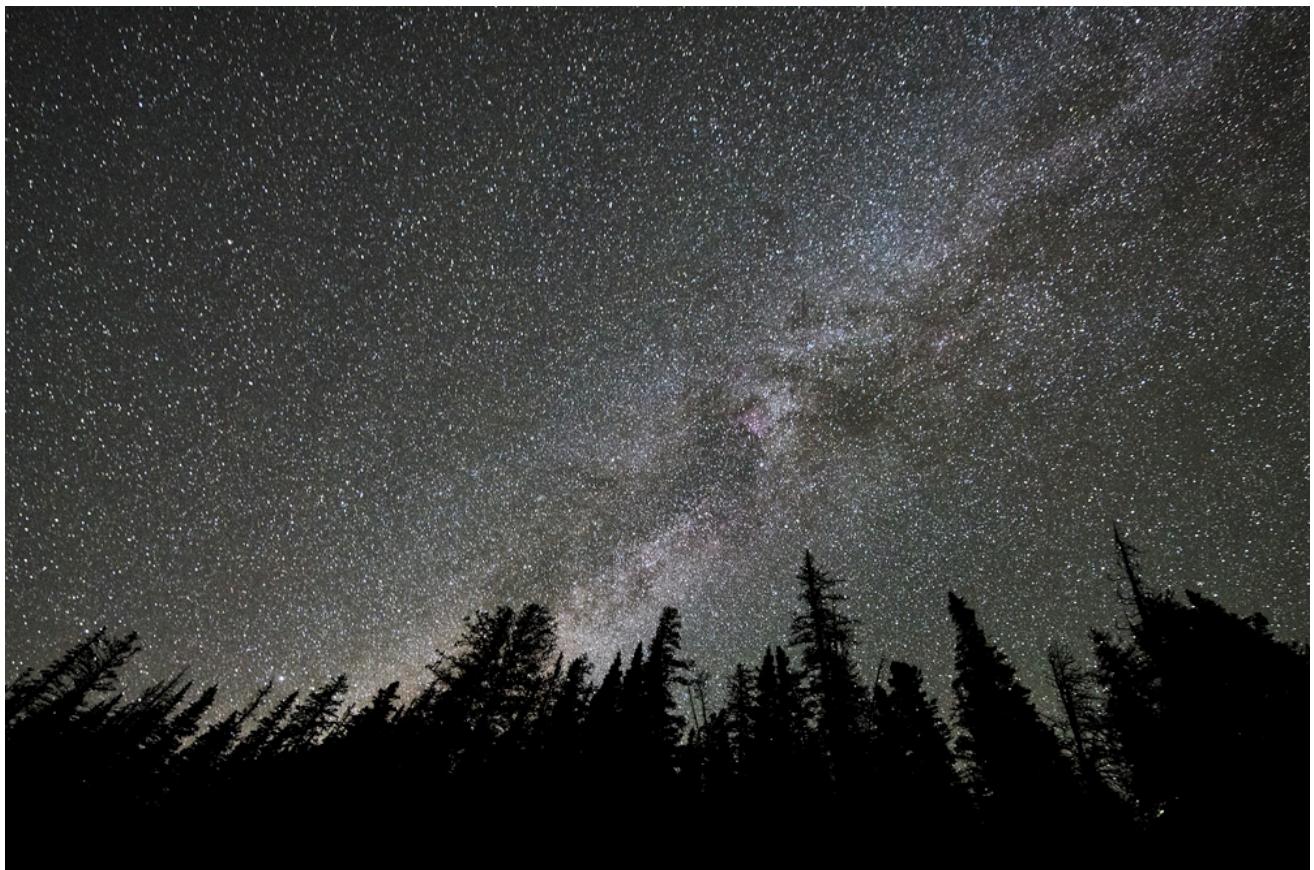
4:00 Arrive at Fern Lake

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

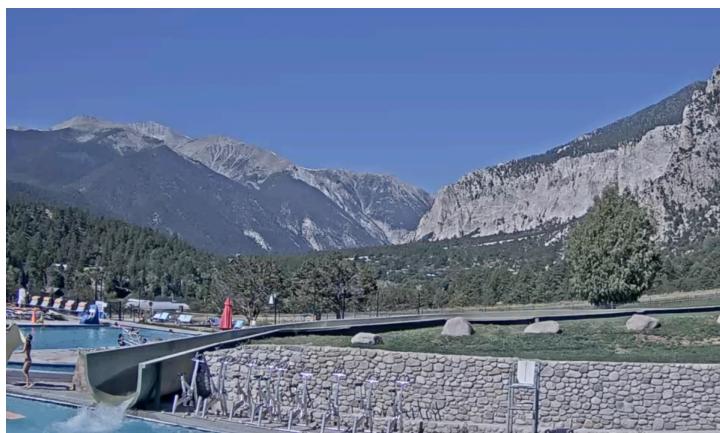
Sunday September 1st (Recover in the Hot Springs)

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