

Travel and Logistics

For Courses In and Out of Durango, CO

Course Start

Arrive	By 12pm <u>DAY OF</u> your course start date (7/25/25)
Meeting place	Holiday Inn & Suites Durango Downtown 21636 US-160, Durango, CO 81301
Meeting time	Check-in at the front desk by noon <u>the day of</u> your course start date. Course orientation begins at 1pm at the hotel.

Flight Destination

Airport	Durango, CO (DRO)
Date	Arrive by NOON <u>the day of</u> your course start date. (7/25)

Flight Return

Airport	Durango, CO (DRO)
Date	Depart the morning of your course end date. (8/1)

Ground Transportation

From airport to hotel	Tayseer Wilderness shuttle (each participant must email personal travel information)
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Accommodation

Before Course	Tayseer Wilderness will provide accommodations the night of the first date of the course (7/25).
End of Course	Tayseer Wilderness will provide accommodations the night previous to the end date of the course (7/31).

Prepare to Travel to Your Course

1. Book your travel.
2. Email your Travel and Logistics information to wilderness@tayseerseminary.org
3. Check your medical insurance coverage will be adequate for your travels and expedition activities.
4. If you are traveling to Durango from outside the United States:
 - Check that your passport is valid for the appropriate dates
 - Arrange visa and/or parent letter if needed
 - Notify your bank/credit card company that you will be traveling internationally
 - Get cash in local currency
 - Prepare for important cultural considerations
 - Get inoculations as required

Minimizing risk of exposure to communicable illnesses while traveling

- Practice physical distancing (6 feet) when possible
- Consider wearing a mask indoors
- Practice meticulous hygiene with frequent handwashing and hand sanitizer use

Contact Tayseer Wilderness: wilderness@tayseerseminary.org (Save our contact info so you have it while you travel!)

Arrival

Arrive the day of the course start date. Check your enrollment email for your course start and end dates. We recommend that you make your travel plans as soon as possible after we clear your health form.

You will meet your instructors in the lobby of the Hotel at **12pm on the day of your course start date.** This meeting gives you an opportunity to get acquainted with your

fellow expedition members, as well as to review the course's logistics and questions before jumping into your course early the next morning. Please eat dinner beforehand. You can find a list of suggested restaurants and grocery stores at the Hotel front desk.

Departure

All courses wrap up in the morning on the noted ending date. You should plan to leave Durango **no sooner than the ending date**.

Please do not make travel plans that will require you to arrive late for your course or to leave early once your course is over. You may end up missing the start of your course or missing your plane home.

Which Airport Should I Use?

We recommend that you book your travel into and out of Durango, CO(DRO). If you are flying out of Durango, make sure your plane flight leaves on the day your course ends.

There are limited flights into Durango-La Plata County Airport, so consider purchasing tickets at your earliest convenience.

Alternative options

The Denver Airport (DEN) is a six-hour drive from Durango. Grand Junction (GJT) or Albuquerque (ABQ) is a three-hour drive from Durango.

If Delayed

If your arrival to Durango, CO is significantly delayed, please do the following:

1. Rebook for the next available flight.
2. Then, email (EMAIL here) to inform us of your updated travel itinerary.

Accommodations

On the night of your start date and the night before your course ends, you will spend the night at the The Holiday Inn and Suites Durango Downtown. Your instructors will also be staying at the hotel with you.

While staying in the hotel, students can expect to share a room with 2-3 coursemates. You may choose to make alternative accommodations at your own expense.

If you plan to arrive in Durango earlier than the day before your course and would like a room at the Hotel, you will need to arrange your reservation independently.

Vehicles and Valuables

Personal belongings and vehicles may be stored at the hotel facility for the duration of your course. Due care will be taken to prevent theft or damage of your stored items. Tayseer Wilderness does not assume any liability for lost, stolen, or damaged personal property while in our care. Tayseer Wilderness will not honor any personal claim for property loss while in our care. If you want insurance coverage for your personal belongings, you must provide it yourself.

Parking is available for the duration of your course in the hotel parking lot.

Telephone

You will be out of telephone contact for the duration of your field experience. Your family and friends should not expect to hear from you until the final day of your course.

Personal Expenses

Bring enough cash to cover expenses encountered while traveling to and from Durango. Additional expenses may include dinner the night before your course, shuttle fees, and any miscellaneous purchases like snacks, toiletries, etc. We suggest a minimum of \$200 and, if possible, an ATM card.

Briefing and Reentry

The first day of your course is busy! All phone calls, emails, and personal matters must be attended to before this day. After evening orientation and an early breakfast the next day, instructors will check your equipment and issue any items you need for your course. Once your food and gear are ready, you will depart for the mountains!

You will return to Durango the second to last day of your course. There, you will de-issue gear, debrief with instructors, and have a final celebratory dinner. Your course officially concludes that evening and you will depart for the airport from there the following morning.

Contacting Tayseer Wilderness

If you have questions concerning course content or travel logistics, or to submit enrollment forms and tuition payment, you can reach us by logging onto tayseerwilderness.org or email at wilderness@tayseerseminary.org or calling between 8:00am and 5:00pm MT, Monday through Friday.