



**DENVER, THE MILE-HIGH CITY** at an elevation of 5,280 feet above sea level is nestled at the foot of the majestic Rocky Mountains and re-ins as the **QUEEN CITY OF THE PLAINS**. It's a favored and hospitable place and a visit is special in any season! The **Friendship Force** here organized in 1982 is geared to do their best to cram as much adventure into a stay as one can possibly absorb.

The "to do's and to see's" are numerous and varied in interest and subject from hugging the 40-foot-high Blue Bear art sculpture in front of the *Convention Center* to seeing how money is made at the *MINT* where 50 million coins are produced daily. Known as **SPORTS TOWN USA**, the Denver Bronco football team is front and center and a visit to the *Colorado Sports Hall of Fame Museum* is housed at Sports Authority Field at Mile High where they play.

Here are other sites to explore! It's an eclectic list, as this old western town has lots to share!

- \* Colorado State Capitol with a dome covered by 200 ounces of gold.
- \* Denver Art Museum, a world-class facility holding 70,000 works of art
- \* The 16th Street Mall, a mile-long pedestrian promenade in the heart of downtown with public art, 42 cafes and shopping options.
  - \* Union Station, a must see, a historic 1914 building transformed for dining, shopping and entertainment.
- \* Molly Brown House, famous resident, restored to its Victorian splendor
- \* Larimer Square, "LoDo". (lower downtown) interesting shops and exclusive, boutiques
  - \* Cherry Creek shopping center with 160 amazing stores
  - \* Colorado Rail Road Museum
- \* Red Rocks Park and Amphitheatre, celebrating its 76th anniversary, June 2017.
  - \* Coors Brewery, world's largest brewing site with free hospitality tasting
  - \* Celestial Seasonings, the nation's largest herbal tea maker
    - \* National Center for Atmospheric Research
    - \* American Mountaineering Museum

Out of town, but near, are a wealth of exciting places: *Estes Park* with the famous Stanley Hotel, *Georgetown* and the 1875 Hotel de Paris, and the Georgetown Loop stream train ride over the crossing 100-foot-high trestle. And *Central City* once called the "riches square mile on earth" as it produced half a billion dollars of gold. *Colorado Springs* is another outstanding splash with the Air Force Academy, Seven Falls, Garden of the Gods and in Manitou Springs, just next door, is the world's highest cog railroad to the summit of Pikes Peak, Colorado's most famous Fourteener!

**COME SEE US, COLORADO'S FRIENDSHIP FORCE WELCOMES YOU!**

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