



## **COLORADO ROCKIES RAMBLE**

### **TRIP SUMMARY**

#### **HIGHLIGHTS**

- Hiking in crisp and cool Rocky Mountain air through meadows lush with wildflowers
- Whitewater rafting along rugged mountain canyons
- Cruising down bike paths through gorgeous scenery
- Horseback riding on gentle paths with great views
- Enjoying the very popular mountain towns of Aspen and Snowmass
- Relaxing in beautiful condos with hot tubs and heated pools nearby

## TRIP AT A GLANCE

- Location:** Snowmass, CO  
**Activities:** Multisport  
**Arrive:** Arrive at the Denver airport anytime on Day 1  
**Depart:** We will be back at the Denver airport by 1:00 on the last day and you can plan flights out after 3:00 pm

### TRIP OVERVIEW

The White River National Forest offers an incredible diversity of activities for anyone who loves the outdoors: hiking, whitewater rafting, mountain biking, lush meadows full of extravagant wildflowers, and soaring mountain peaks. We will experience it all during our week here: we'll go whitewater rafting, horseback riding, hiking, and gentle biking. During our week we will immerse ourselves in the history, geology, flora, and fauna of the Park. And at night we will retire to our comfortable vacation condos in Snowmass. Max group size: 11

### RATING

This trip is for women in moderate physical condition who enjoy trying lots of different activities in the gorgeous playground of the Colorado Rockies. The trip is rated as 2. A rating of 2 is suitable for any woman who regularly walks at a **brisk** pace 3 to 4 days a week for 35 - 45 minutes. **Rating:** 1 [2](#) 3 4 5.

### WHAT'S INCLUDED

- 1 - 2 experienced AGC guides based on group size and local guides
- All activities on the itinerary, including whitewater rafting, hiking, biking, and riding
- All meals from Sunday breakfast through breakfast the following Saturday with the exception of one lunch and one dinner
- All nights lodging from the first night at the Denver airport, through the remainder of the trip in Snowmass, Colorado
- Gratuities for local guides
- Transportation during the trip including round trip transfer from the Denver airport at start and end of trip

**Not included:** transportation to/from Denver, alcoholic beverages, optional activities, AGC guide gratuities, and travel insurance

## OUR ITINERARY

Below is the itinerary we have planned for the trip. As is true on any adventure travel trip, plans for any specific day may be modified due to weather considerations, unforeseen circumstances, new opportunities, and group interests.

### DAY 1

Arrive anytime today at the Denver airport. We'll be staying at a nearby hotel with an airport shuttle so you can arrive whenever it's convenient and begin acclimating to the mile-high elevation. Our first formal get together will be tomorrow, although everyone who arrives early can get together for dinner.

### DAY 2

After meeting for breakfast, we'll leave Denver about 8:30 am for the four hour drive to Snowmass Village. As we travel, you will quickly notice that the air is thinner here, something it takes a day or two for our bodies to adapt. Along the way we'll stop for a picnic lunch and to begin our enjoyment of Colorado hiking a short hike before continuing to our accommodations in Snowmass. While the hike is not long, you'll discover that not many trails in Colorado are level! We'll be staying in 3 separate condos at The Crestwood, and we'll have time to settle in before getting together for our first shared dinner. B, L, D

### DAY 3

Today we jump on bikes for a leisurely ride down the Rio Grande bike trail. We pick the trail up in Aspen and follow the river down valley, so we have a nice, slightly downhill grade during the ride. Again, nothing is really level in Colorado. Our first stop will be at the Woody Creek Tavern for lunch. This unique roadside grill is a must see when visiting the area and has gained a well-known reputation over the years for being the anti-establishment, quirky eatery that offsets the posh restaurants of Aspen. This was the local hangout of Hunter S. Thompson, who had his own bar stool here and was base camp for many of his wild daily adventures. As an anti-establishment eatery, they do not take credit. Lunch today will be on our own. We will continue pedaling along the Rio Grande Trail until we reach Woody Creek Distillers, where we can choose to stop for a local whiskey tasting before shuttling back to Snowmass for a well-deserved shower! B, D

### DAY 4

It's whitewater rafting day!! Following breakfast we'll head to either the Arkansas River or the Colorado River for a full day of whitewater rafting. The choice will be made at the time, based on water levels and weather conditions. Our whitewater rafting will be guided and suitable for complete novices and experienced rafters alike, and we'll stop midway for a delicious lunch. We'll keep our eyes out for the wildlife that abounds here, including bighorn sheep, mule deer and, if we were incredibly lucky, mountain lions. At the end of the day we'll return to our condos for another relaxed evening and shared meal. B,L,D

## DAY 5

Today we return to the trails as we enjoy a hike in one of Aspen's most popular side valleys, the Hunter Creek Valley. Our hike meanders along Hunter Creek, through prime black bear and elk habitat. Old homesteads and wildflower meadows dot the landscape along the way and we'll have lunch in one of those wildflower meadows. After hiking back to our vans, we'll return to the condos. Tonight is your night to explore the culinary options of Snowmass on your own. Wednesday nights in Snowmass are also known for their local rodeos. It's an amazing place, with shuttles running regularly between our condos and the town throughout the evening. B,L

## DAY 6

Now that you have been here for 4 days, you undoubtedly have been told several times that no visit to Aspen/Snowmass is complete without a visit to the Maroon Bells. Known as the most photographed peaks in North America, you would be hard pressed to find a more scenic location to spend the day. After a short 3-mile hike, we will enjoy a light lunch consisting of local foods at a picnic spot along Maroon Creek. We will then get on hybrid cruiser bikes for a gentle downhill ride into Aspen. The 10-mile cruise on paved surfaces is a great way to see black bear or moose hanging out in the valley. Once arriving in Aspen, we have free time to enjoy this famous mountain resort and you can transfer back to Snowmass on a free shuttle when you choose. We'll gather again for another delicious dinner in the condo. B,L,D

## DAY 7

Today begins with a relaxing morning, enjoying breakfast, hanging out at the condos or exploring the village of Snowmass. Lunch will be at the condos and after lunch we're off for our last adventure. A week in Colorado would not be complete without enjoying some of the Western heritage the state is known for - horseback riding! We'll spend the afternoon in the saddle enjoying this classic western activity and seeing the beautiful Colorado vistas from another perspective. After the ride, jeeps will pick us up at the trailhead as we head up Snowmass Mountain for a backcountry sunset dinner. This rustic, BBQ dinner begins by climbing to the Coney Glade overlook. Here we will be treated to a local brew and spirits tasting with the crafters themselves onsite to explain a little about each of their creations. Dinner itself will be outside of a historic sheep herder's cabin and includes a musician and an evening spent around a raging bonfire. A true Colorado experience and a great way to wrap up our day! B,L,D

## DAY 8

After breakfast we'll retrace our original journey back to Denver, through the mountains we've had so much fun exploring this past week. We'll be back to the airport by 1:00 pm and you can plan flights out any time after 3:00 pm. B

# ADDITIONAL TRIP INFORMATION

## GETTING THERE

1. If you are flying, plan to fly into the Denver (DEN) airport anytime on Day 1. We will be spending the first night at the Courtyard Marriott which has a hotel shuttle
2. If you are driving, there will be options to park at the airport, or at the Marriott

Details for these options will be provided in the Pre-Departure document sent 4 months prior to the start of your trip.

**If you would like help with any travel plans** we recommend contacting our travel agency, Exito Travel. Start by submitting the form you can find here: [https://pay2.exitotravel.com/referral\\_form?affiliate\\_id=1090&client=1](https://pay2.exitotravel.com/referral_form?affiliate_id=1090&client=1). If you prefer to call, the number is 800-655-4053; be sure to tell them you are traveling with Adventures in Good Company.

## ACCOMMODATIONS

We will stay the first night at Courtyard Marriott in Denver near the airport. The first night is double occupancy, though singles are available if you prefer. Our next 6 nights are at The Crestwood Condominiums. We will have 3 condos: two 3-bedroom and one 4-bedroom. Most rooms are singles. There is one room with 2 twin beds, with a discount for the two people willing to share that room. The condos have three outdoor hot tubs, a heated pool, and a fitness center with steam room and sauna.

## TRAVEL INSURANCE

WE RECOMMEND TRIP CANCELLATION/TRIP INTERRUPTION INSURANCE, WHICH CAN HELP COVER YOUR COSTS IF YOU NEED TO CANCEL OR INTERRUPT YOUR TRIP. Travel protection plans can also include coverage for Emergency Medical and Emergency Evacuation/Repatriation, Trip Delay, Baggage Delay and more. Adventures in Good Company will send you information about travel insurance with your registration information, or you may purchase coverage through your own insurance company. For your convenience, we offer travel protection through Travelex Insurance Services. For more information on the available plans or to enroll, visit [www.travelexinsurance.com](http://www.travelexinsurance.com) or contact Travelex Insurance Services at 800-228-9792 and reference location number 20-0016. The product descriptions provided here are only brief summaries. The full coverage terms and details, including limitations and exclusions, are contained in the insurance policy. Travelex Insurance Services, Inc CA Agency License #0D10209. All products listed are underwritten by, Berkshire Hathaway Specialty Insurance Company, NAIC #22276. 11.17 831

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| Days Prior to Trip |                 |                 |
|--------------------|-----------------|-----------------|
| International      | Domestic        | Refund          |
| 120 + days         | 90+ days        | All but \$50    |
| 120 - 60 days      | 90 - 45 days    | 50% of trip fee |
| 59 days or less    | 44 days or less | No refund       |

If you have paid in full, we have a waiting list, and we can fill your spot from that list, everything but your deposit will be transferred to another trip of your choosing for which you register in the next 365 days. Trip fees may be transferred from one person to another if, in the opinion of the Adventures in Good Company staff, it is determined that the other person is in the proper physical condition to participate in the trip activity.

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Adventures in Good Company is not responsible for expenses incurred in preparation for any canceled trips, including airplane tickets.