

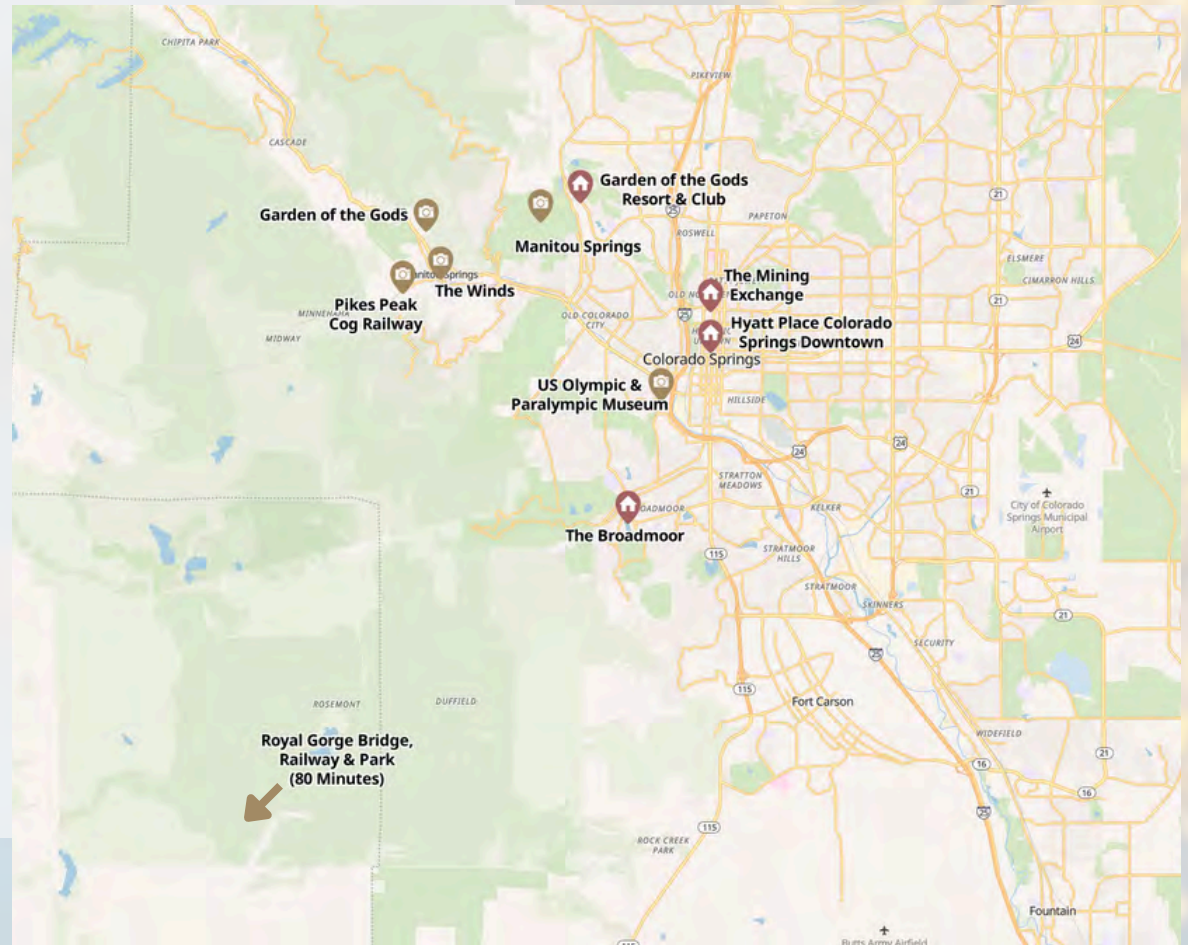


# Ultimate Colorado Springs

*5 days / 4 nights from NZ \$2,199*

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Discover Colorado Springs, the heart of the Pikes Peak region and one of the most accessible mountain destinations in the American West. Set against the backdrop of towering Pikes Peak and dramatic red rock formations, this itinerary is based entirely in Colorado Springs, allowing travellers to experience the region without changing accommodation. Each day explores a different side of the destination, from iconic natural landmarks and underground cave systems to alpine summits and dramatic canyon landscapes. With a rental car included, guests enjoy complete flexibility to explore at their own pace, with short and scenic drives connecting all major attractions. From Garden of the Gods and Manitou Springs to the summit of Pikes Peak and the spectacular Royal Gorge Bridge, this journey blends soft adventure, authentic Western heritage, and unforgettable scenery. Denver serves as the international gateway, with Colorado Springs as the dedicated base throughout.



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## Day 1: Arrival & Scenic Introduction to Colorado Springs

Arrive at Denver International Airport and collect your rental car for the scenic drive south to **Colorado Springs**, your base for the next four nights. The journey introduces the changing landscapes of the Colorado Front Range as the plains gradually transition into dramatic mountain scenery. After check-in, the remainder of the day is kept deliberately light to allow time to settle in. Depending on arrival time, you can explore downtown Colorado Springs, with its easy-going dining scene, local breweries, and walkable streets offering a gentle introduction to the city. For those interested in Western heritage, an optional visit to the **Pro Rodeo Hall of Fame** provides insight into Colorado's cowboy culture. Alternatively, a short drive into nearby **Manitou Springs** offers a charming mountain town atmosphere with boutiques, cafés, and mineral springs. Tonight is a chance to unwind and prepare for the adventures ahead.

## Day 2: Red Rock Landscapes, Caves & Western Heritage Experience

Begin the day at Garden of the Gods, a National Natural Landmark known for its towering red rock formations and sweeping views toward Pikes Peak. Explore scenic driving loops, walking trails, and the Visitor & Nature Centre, where elevated viewpoints and interpretive exhibits provide excellent photo opportunities and insight into the park's unique geology. Continue into nearby Manitou Springs, a historic mountain town famous for its natural mineral springs, independent boutiques, and relaxed creative atmosphere. Wander the main street, sample the springs, and enjoy the easy mountain-town pace. This afternoon, visit Cave of the Winds Mountain Park, where guided cave tours reveal dramatic limestone formations, with optional zip lines, canyon rides, and via ferrata routes for added adventure. This evening, experience the Flying W Ranch Chuckwagon Dinner (seasonal), a Western tradition combining barbecue dining with live music, storytelling, and authentic frontier-style entertainment.



*Pikes Peak*



*Cave of the Winds Mountain Park*



*Balance Rock at Garden of the Gods*



*Garden of the Gods*



*U.S. Olympic & Paralympic Museum*

### Day 3: Pikes Peak Summit & Colorado Springs Culture

Today is dedicated to the iconic ascent of Pikes Peak aboard the Broadmoor Manitou and Pikes Peak Cog Railway. Travel through changing alpine landscapes as the railway climbs to the 4,302-metre summit, where panoramic views stretch across Colorado's high country. At the top, explore the visitor centre and take in the extraordinary scale of "America's Mountain." Descend back to Colorado Springs for an afternoon visit to the U.S. Olympic & Paralympic Museum, an immersive and interactive experience showcasing the history and achievements of Team USA. Later, enjoy free time in downtown Colorado Springs, where Tejon Street offers relaxed dining, craft breweries, galleries, and boutique shopping in a walkable setting. This evening is at leisure, allowing time to unwind after a full mountain day, enjoy a relaxed dinner, or explore the city at an easy pace before returning to your accommodation in Colorado Springs.



*Cog Railway*



Royal Gorge Railroad



Royal Gorge Bridge & Park

## Day 4: Royal Gorge Bridge & Park and Canyon Rail Journey

Travel south through scenic mountain landscapes to the Royal Gorge region near Cañon City for a full day of canyon scenery and frontier history. Begin at Royal Gorge Bridge & Park, where elevated walkways, panoramic viewpoints, and optional gondola or adventure experiences showcase one of Colorado's most dramatic landmarks, suspended nearly 300 metres above the Arkansas River. Continue into the canyon for your Royal Gorge Route Railroad experience. Settle into reserved deluxe seating for a 2.5-3 hour scenic journey as the train follows the river through the narrow gorge, offering relaxed viewing of sheer canyon walls, rock formations, and historic rail engineering. On the return to Colorado Springs, take the optional Skyline Drive near Cañon City, a short but dramatic ridge-top route offering sweeping views over the Royal Gorge region. Tonight enjoy a relaxed final evening in Colorado Springs, reflecting on a day of canyon landscapes, dramatic geology, and classic Rocky Mountain scenery.



Royal Gorge Bridge





*Pikes Peak Road to Summit*

## Day 5: Relaxed Morning & Departure from Colorado Springs

Enjoy a relaxed final morning in Colorado Springs before departing to your next destination, whether connecting north to Denver for an onward flight or continuing your journey deeper into Colorado. For early risers, an optional Hot Air Balloon Ride offers a memorable final perspective over the Pikes Peak region. Depending on timing, there may also be an opportunity for a final coffee stop or short stroll through downtown Colorado Springs. Optional visits to nearby attractions such as the World War II Aviation Museum, Colorado Springs Pioneers Museum or Cheyenne Mountain Zoo may also be possible for later departures. This unhurried morning allows time to pack, reflect, and travel at a comfortable pace. From Colorado Springs you can continue north to Denver for onward flights or extend your self-drive journey deeper into Colorado and the American West, with destinations such as Glenwood Springs and Durango offering further exploration at your own pace.



## What's Included?

- 4 nights' accommodation at a centrally located hotel
- 5-day Alamo Rental Car in a Midsize SUV
- Flying W Ranch Chuckwagon Dinner & Original Western Stage Show
- Pikes Peak Cog Railway - pre-booked reserved seating
- U.S. Olympic & Paralympic Museum admission
- Royal Gorge Bridge & Park admission
- Royal Gorge Route Railroad - Deluxe Class Scenic Rail Journey
- Travel USA Planning Assistance

## Pricing:

All of our pricing is based on dynamic rates meaning we will provide you with the best of the day at the time of booking. Our suggested itinerary has been created using fully refundable rates. Final pricing will depend on factors like month of travel, how early you book, availability and whether you choose non-refundable or fully refundable rates.

### NZ\$ pricing for our 5 day / 4 night package

- Colorado Springs Marriott (King Room) from \$2,199 - \$2,499 per person
- The Mining Exchange (King Silver Room) from \$2,349 - \$3,049 pp
- Garden of the Gods Resort & Club (Cottage King) from \$4,399 - \$4,675 pp
- The Broadmoor - pricing available on request

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