



COLORADO: FARM-TO-TABLE AND SEED-TO-SIP

Colorado is a food-and-drink lovers' paradise, bursting with hands-on food tours, farm-fresh dishes and extensive craft beverage offerings. The diversity of Colorado's landscape, from mountains to wide-open ranch lands, is evidenced in the breadth of local food and drink. And the state's heritage, steeped in Native American and Old West traditions, comes through in its rich dining experiences. It's no wonder Colorado attracts visitors from around the globe to world-renowned festivals such as Aspen's Food & Wine Classic, the Great American Beer Festival, the Telluride Wine Festival and the Colorado Brewers' Festival.

FARM-TO-TABLE DENVER

Denver's pedestrian-friendly neighbourhoods, brilliant blue skies and stunning mountain views make it a perfect backdrop for culinary explorations. Take a walking tour of the city's many breweries along the Denver Beer Trail before diving into the bustling restaurant scene. The Mile High City boasts award-winners including historic Larimer Square's Rioja, which features Mediterranean dishes presented with a local flair. Or head straight from the airport to Denver Union Station via rail and be rewarded with a visit to Mercantile Dining & Provision. Pick up spices, charcuterie and other seasonal goods at the market or savour a meal at the seasonally focused restaurant. Tell your friends back home you dined at Ophelia's Electric Soapbox (a former brothel) or Linger (previously a mortuary). You'll get a good story and an unforgettable farm-to-table meal.

GRAND JUNCTION'S BOUNTY

For an immersive experience, head to Grand Junction, Colorado's Wine Country and fruit-growing hub since the late 1800s. Artisans use that bounty to produce wine, beer, spirits, cider and more, and local chefs incorporate ingredients from the harvest into menus. Visit lush farms such as High Country Orchards, Talbott's Farm or Alida's Fruits for peaches, pears, cherries and more. Many offer freshly made items such as jams, jellies, salsas and baked goods. Stroll along vineyards and settle in for a wine tasting at gorgeous Grande River Vineyards and Plum Creek Winery in Palisade. Love the heady scent of lavender? Check out Sage Creations in Palisade. (Be sure to try lavender wine at one of the local wineries.) In summer and early autumn, explore the Downtown Farmers' Market for the day's freshest produce and prepared goods.



Clockwise from left: lavender field, Grand Junction; Mercantile Dining & Provision, Denver; Social Cocktail Bar, Fort Collins; wine dinner, Grand Junction; Linger, Denver

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CRAFT BEVERAGE MECCA

Colorado is also at the forefront of the nation's craft-beverage explosion. Brewers, winemakers, distillers and cocktail artisans have made the state a must-stop for fans of lovingly produced drinks. Start in the Front Range, the state's most-populated area, where Denver is home to the Great American Beer Festival in October and Boulder hosts the annual Craft Beer Festival in August. Tour and taste at Boulder's dozens of breweries including J Wells Brewery, Boulder Beer and Sanitas Brewing Co. About an hour north in Fort Collins, sample wines at Hunters Moon Meadery. Or head to Denver's award-winning Williams & Graham cocktail bar. Hidden behind a 'bookstore', this popular bar creates classic cocktails with locally sourced ingredients.



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