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Rockies Family Adventure - NURF

8 days: Denver to Denver

What's Included

Minimum age of 6 years for this trip. Please see the activities for any specific minimum age requirements. Hike in Bear Lake, hike in Rocky Mountain National Park, horseback ride, visits to Leadville and Denver, rafting on Arkansas River, arrival transfer.

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VALIDITY: Valid for all trips departing January 1st, 2013 - December 31st, 2015

Itinerary



Day 1 Denver

Arrive in Denver at any time, and transfer to your hotel. Once you arrive into your hotel, the rest of the day is free to explore. In the evening we have time for an optional local dinner, to get to know our fellow families better.

Day 2 Rocky Mountain National Park/Estes Park (1B,1L)

Start the day with a short orientation tour of Denver, getting to know the capital of Colorado. Transfer to Rocky Mountain National Park and visit the Bear Lake area for an easy day hike. Bear Lake is one of the most popular routes through Rocky Mountain National Park, and has stunning views year round. Our hike here is a great introduction to the park.

We spend the night in Estes Park.

Day 3 Rocky Mountain National Park/Grand Lake (1B,1L)

Continuing through Rocky Mountain National Park, we follow Trail Ridge Road. One of the designated National Scenic Byways in the United States, it is the best way to take in the views across the Park. The road is impassable in winter because of the depth of the snow that falls up in the mountains. Along the way we stop for hikes and photo opportunities, so you can see the Rockies stretching out in front of you.

Our day ends at Grand Lake where we spend the night.

Day 4 Rocky Mountain National Park/Grand Lake (1B)

The town of Grand Lake is set on the waters of Colorado's deepest and largest natural lake. This makes it the ideal setting for a variety of optional activities we can enjoy today. There is something for all the family here, and with the day free, the options are up to you. You could try boating on the lake, or maybe a spot of fishing. The more adventurous might want to try waterskiing for the day.

Day 5 Buena Vista (1B)

Continuing our journey today to Buena Vista, we visit the highest town in the United States, historic Leadville. A former silver-mining town, Leadville forms an important part of the history of the prospecting rush in the early years of the USA. What better place for the

kids to try their hand at mining for silver on an optional mine tour. Who knows, they might make their fortune here.

Our journey continues along to Buena Vista for the night.

Day 6 Buena Vista (1B,1L)

We pick up the pace a little today, as we head out onto the white water of the Arkansas River. The conditions change depending on the time of year. Following a short safety briefing and getting to know our boats, we have the option to split into two boats - the kids can take one, and the adults can join another. The rafting in Bighorn Canyon is ideal for all the family, where we can plunge down rapids. Prepare to get wet, it's almost certainly going to happen. A great experience for all the family to share their stories from later in the day.

Day 7 Colorado Springs (1B,1D)

We continue on our journey today as we transfer across to Colorado Springs. A first stop along the way is at the Garden of the Gods. During our picnic lunch here, there is plenty of time to admire the 300 foot high sandstone towers, peaking out through the trees. After lunch, we continue to Pikes Peak, over 14,000 feet high. A train takes us to the summit, with views that stretch out across Colorado. Among our last views in the Rocky Mountain National Park, and never to be forgotten.

We end our day in Colorado Springs, where there is time for one last meal with our extended family.

Day 8 Denver (1B)

Transfer to Denver where the tour ends upon arrival. Please book all ongoing travel plans after 1pm.

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Itinerary Disclaimer

While it is our intention to adhere to the route described below, there is a certain amount of flexibility built into the itinerary and on occasion it may be necessary, or desirable to make alterations. The itinerary is brief, as we never know exactly where our journey will take us. Due to our style of travel and the regions we visit, travel can be unpredictable. The Trip Details document is a general guide to the tour and region and any mention of specific destinations or wildlife is by no means a guarantee that they will be visited or encountered. Aboard expedition trips visits to research stations depend on final permission.

Additionally, any travel times listed are approximations only and subject to vary due to local circumstances.

Solo Travellers

We believe solo travellers should not have to pay more to travel so our group trips are designed for shared accommodation and do not involve a single supplement. Single travellers joining group trips are paired in twin or multi-share accommodation with someone of the same sex for the duration of the trip. Some of our Independent trips are designed differently and solo travellers on these itineraries must pay the single trip price.

About Accommodation

Accommodation for family trips has been chosen to give the best location and facilities for your family. They may vary depending on the location and destination, but designed to give the most comfortable experience while travelling.

You and your family will generally be sharing rooms on a twin or triple share basis. These rooms will be either adjoining or located at

close proximity to each other.

Families will be roomed together and not with other families everywhere we stay. If you have any special hotel requests at the time of booking, let us know and we will do what we can to accommodate them.

Joining Instructions

Upon arrival at Denver International Airport, you have a couple of options for transportation: Taxi or Shared van ride

Taxi

The drive will take about 20-40 min depending on traffic and the fare to your hotel is approximately \$** (excluding tip).

Shared Van Service

Please note that we meet at 8AM on day 1 in the joining hotel lobby. We have a fun filled day one so please be ready to go at that time.

Spending Money

Every traveller is different and therefore spending money requirements will vary. Some travellers may drink more than others while other travellers like to purchase more souvenirs than most. Please consider your own spending habits when it comes to allowing for drinks, shopping and tipping. Please also remember the following specific recommendations when planning your trip.

Emergency Fund

Please also make sure you have access to at least an additional USD \$200 (or equivalent) as an 'emergency' fund, to be used when circumstances outside our control (ex. a natural disaster) require a change to our planned route. This is a rare occurrence!

Safety and Security

Many national governments provide a regularly updated advice service on safety issues involved with international travel. We recommend that you check your government's advice for their latest travel information before departure. We strongly recommend the use of a neck wallet or money belt while travelling, for the safe keeping of your passport, air tickets, travellers' cheques, cash and other valuable items. Leave your valuable jewelry at home - you won't need it while travelling. Many of the hotels we use have safety deposit boxes, which is the most secure way of storing your valuables. A lock is recommended for securing your luggage. When travelling on a group trip, please note that your group leader has the authority to amend or cancel any part of the trip itinerary if it deemed necessary, due to safety concerns. Your Chief Experience Officer (CEO) will accompany you on all included activities. During your trip you will have some free time to pursue your own interests, relax and take it easy and explore at your leisure. While your CEO will assist you with options available in a given location, please note that any optional activities you undertake are not part of your itinerary, and we offer no representations about the safety of the activity or the standard of the operators running them. Please use your own good judgement when selecting an activity in your free time. Although the cities visited on tour are generally safe during the day, there can be risks to wandering throughout any major city at night. It is our recommendation to stay in small groups and to take taxis to and from restaurants, or during night time excursions.

Water based activities have an element of danger and excitement built into them. We recommend only participating in water based activities when accompanied by a guide(s). We make every reasonable effort to ensure the fun and adventurous element of any water based activities (in countries with varying degrees of operating standards), have a balanced approach to safety. It is our policy not to allow our CEOs to make arrangements on your behalf for water based activities that are not accompanied by guide(s).

Swimming, including snorkeling, is always at your own risk. [Read more about travel safety](#) for ways to further enhance your personal safety while traveling.

Medical Form

Our small group adventures bring together people of all ages. It is very important you are aware that an average level of fitness and mobility is required to undertake our easiest programs. Travellers must be able to walk without the aid of another person, climb 3-4 flights of stairs, step on and off small boats, and carry their own luggage at a minimum. Travellers with a pre-existing medical condition are required to complete a short medical questionnaire, which must be signed by their physician. This is to ensure that travellers have the necessary fitness and mobility to comfortably complete their chosen trip. While our leaders work hard to ensure

that all our travellers are catered for equally, it is not their responsibility to help individuals who cannot complete the day's activities unaided. Please refer to the physical ratings in this Trip Details document for more information.

Please note that all passengers traveling to Antarctica are required to fill out this questionnaire.

The medical questionnaire can be found online at www.gadventures.com/medical-form.

A Couple of Rules

Illegal drugs will not be tolerated on any trips. Possessing or using drugs not only contravenes the laws of the land but also puts the rest of the group at risk. Smoking marijuana and opium is a part of local culture in some parts of the world but is not acceptable for our travellers. Our philosophy of travel is one of respect towards everyone we encounter, and in particular the local people who make the world the special place it is. The exploitation of prostitutes is completely contrary to this philosophy. Our group leader has the right to expel any member of the group if drugs are found in their possession or if they use prostitutes.

Travel Insurance

Travel insurance is compulsory in order to participate on any of our trips. When travelling on a group trip, you will not be permitted to join the group until evidence of travel insurance has been sighted by your leader, who will take note of your insurance details. When selecting a travel insurance policy we require that at a minimum you are covered for medical expenses including emergency evacuation and repatriation. A minimum coverage of USD200,000 is required. G Adventures can provide you with the appropriate coverage. We strongly recommend that the policy also covers personal liability, cancellation, curtailment and loss of luggage and personal effects. If you have credit card insurance we require proof of purchase of the trip (a receipt of credit card statement) with a credit card in your name. Contact your bank for details of their participating insurer, the level of coverage and emergency contact telephone number.

Planeterra-The G Adventures Foundation

Planeterra is G Adventures' non-profit foundation created to make a positive difference in the communities where G Adventures takes travellers. Planeterra supports sustainable social and environmental solutions in destinations travellers love to visit.

As travellers, it's natural to want to give back to the places we've come to love. But to truly impact poverty, we work to build self-sufficiency, not dependency.

Planeterra partners with grassroots organizations with firsthand knowledge of local culture and true community needs. This ensures that solutions come from the people we support. Then G Adventures brings travellers to visit, fuelling sustainable local income in these communities. This model is helping many rural and marginalized communities on their way to self-sufficiency because they are harnessing the power of the tourism industry as a force for good. G Adventures matches all individual donations and pays all administration costs, which means that 100% of each donation is doubled and goes directly to support our projects. For more information about Planeterra and the projects we support, or to make a donation, please visit planeterra.org.

MAKE EVERY DAY COUNT

Fifty percent of our planet lives on less than \$2/day. For the price of a coffee, you can make every day of your trip count by giving back to the communities you visit through Planeterra.

To participate in this program please indicate at the time of booking that you would like to participate in G Adventures' Dollar-A-Day program, either by clicking the check box online, or by advising your G Adventures specialist or travel agent. (Note: Donation will be charged in the currency of your booking).

Feedback

After your travels, we want to hear from you! Your feedback information is so important to us that we'll give you 5% off the price of your next G Adventures trip if your feedback is completed on-line within 30 days of finishing your trip. Your tour evaluation will be e-mailed to you 24 hours after the conclusion of your trip. If you do not receive the tour evaluation link in the days after your tour has finished, please drop us a line at customerservice@gadventures.com and we will send it on to you.

Newsletter

Our adventure travel e-newsletter is full of travel news, trip information, interesting stories and contests. To avoid missing out on special offers and updates from G Adventures, subscribe at www.gadventures.com/newsletters/

Stay current on how our company invests in our global community through our foundation – Planeterra. Sign up for [Planeterra's monthly news](#) to learn more about how to give back and support the people and places we love to visit.

Travel Forum - The Watering Hole

Be sure to stop by The Watering Hole, our adventure travel forum. If you're interested in meeting others booked on your upcoming trip, check out the Departure Lounge section of our forum and introduce yourself. Otherwise, just drop in at anytime to share some travel tips, ask questions, meet other travellers and quench your thirst for travel. Our forum is located at wateringhole.gadventures.com.

Minimum Age

Minimum age of 6 years for this trip. Please see the activities for any specific minimum age requirements.

This trip is recommended for children aged 7-10 years old.