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diversity of Texas*

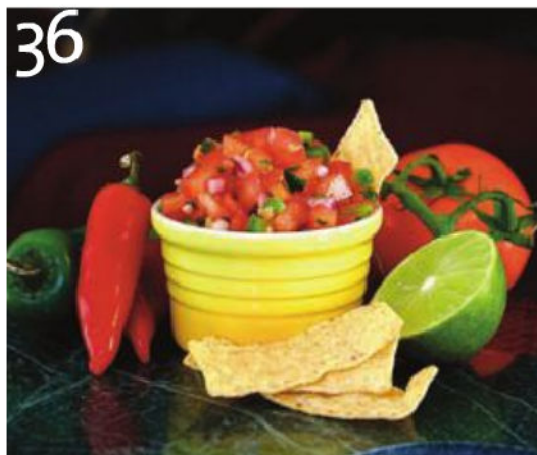
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Itinerary: Colorado

Sample the Springs



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The Royal Gorge Route Railroad takes groups on a 24-mile journey along the Arkansas River.

Day One

Ancient Rocks and Ancient Culture

On your trip to Colorado Springs, make sure not to miss the breathtaking beauty of the Garden of the Gods rock formations and learn about the ancient culture of Southwest Indians.

Begin with a visit to the Garden of the Gods Visitor and Nature Center. A short drive offers a spectacular and unique view of the famous red rock formations of the region. Get an up-close look at how those red rocks got there in a new HD theater show.

Next, visit the Garden of the Gods Trading Post. Head west where you can shop for unique and beautiful souvenirs of the region. Since its start in the 1920s, the Trading Post has become Colorado's largest.

Finally, pay a visit to the Manitou Cliff Dwellings. This rare, historical treasure was built by the Ancestral Puebloans more than 700 years ago. At this unique attraction, visitors are free to go inside and touch these architectural remnants of an American Indian culture from the Four Corners region.

Day Two

Royal Gorge-ous!

From amazing landscapes and extreme engineering to Wild West shows, Cañon City and the Royal Gorge provide unique stops for any expedition.

Start with a visit to Royal Gorge Bridge and Park. Here, you can walk or drive across the world's highest suspension bridge, which spans the gorge 1,053 feet above the Arkansas River.

Next, don't miss an authentic Old West experience at Buckskin Joe Frontier Town and Railway. The entire group will enjoy this Old West theme park, alive with daily action and thrilling street shows that take

you back to the Wild West.

Take a ride on the Royal Gorge Route Railroad. Established in 1879, this railroad combines Colorado history, spectacular scenery, and unique dining options on a leisurely 24-mile journey through the breathtaking Royal Gorge.

Day Three

Giddy Up, Cowboy!

Always wanted to live out your dream of becoming a cowboy? Take this opportunity to immerse yourself in the culture of the American West. Ride, eat, and learn about the lifestyle of the American cowboy.

At the ProRodeo Hall of Fame, you'll enjoy tributes to cowboys participating in the professional sport of rodeo, including live rodeo animals and special exhibits in the new rodeo arena.

Saddle up at Academy Riding Stables. Whether you're an experienced rider or just a beginner, trained cowboys from the academy have the knowledge and skill to ensure an amazing experience.

Finally, visit Flying W Ranch. This working mountain cattle ranch located in Colorado Springs specializes in Western food and entertainment. The famous Flying W Wranglers top the evening off with an outstanding Western stage show. •

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