

# Historic Boulder & Beyond Itinerary



**Itinerary Summary:** You'll experience the unique historic attractions in Boulder, Colorado and travel the scenic and historic Peak to Peak Highway through Nederland to Estes Park.

## Highlights Include:

Colorado Chautauqua  
Hotel Boulderado  
Historic Neighborhoods Walking Tour  
Pearl Street Mall & Downtown Boulder  
Boulder History Museum  
Banjo Billy's Bus Tour  
Peak to Peak Highway  
Boulder Theater  
Mary Rippon Theater  
Boulder, Nederland, Estes Park & Gold Hill



## Day One:



Start your day exploring the **Colorado Chautauqua District** located within the city of Boulder. Recently awarded a **National Historic Landmark**, Chautauqua was formed in 1898 as a place for cultural and educational summer retreats. Today, Chautauqua continues to offer workshops, lectures, live music and plenty of hiking. Visit the **Chautauqua Ranger Cottage** for suggested hikes or a great spot to photograph the majestic Flatirons. After your hike, relax on the patio of the historic **Chautauqua Dining Hall** for lunch. Check into the **Hotel Boulderado** for a unique stay at Boulder's oldest hotel. The hotel's name comes from the words "Boulder" and "Colorado" so no guest would forget where they had stayed. Built in 1909, the Hotel Boulderado has become a National Registered Landmark and is a member of the National Trust's Historic Hotels of America. Plan to spend the evening exploring **Pearl Street Mall** in **Historic Downtown Boulder**. Stroll along our popular pedestrian mall and enjoy a great selection of restaurants, bookstores, boutiques and sidewalk cafes. Also popular are the seasonal art shows, craft fairs, live music and street performers who entertain enthusiastic crowds.

## Day Two:



Enjoy a day of scenic driving along the **Peak to Peak Highway**. Start your tour by traveling up Boulder Canyon (Highway 119) to the town of **Nederland**. While in Nederland visit one of the many historic sites including the **Gillaspie House Museum**, **Nederland Mining Museum & Bucyrus Steam Shovel**, **Nederland Town Hall** and **The "train cars"**. Continue your journey on Highway 72 (**Peak to Peak Highway**) to **Estes Park** (approximately 1 hour scenic drive). While in Estes Park visit the famous **Stanley Hotel** and take a ghost tour! The charming town of Estes Park offers plenty of shopping and dining options for lunch. You may even see Elk wandering through town! Estes Park is located at the entrance of Rocky Mountain National Park. You may want to spend some time driving or hiking around the park to view wildlife such as elk, mountain sheep and many smaller high altitude critters. As evening nears take a leisurely drive back to Boulder on Highway 36. For a night out on the town visit the **Boulder Theater** offering live music in a historic setting.

## Day Three:



Start your day with a tour of **Boulder's Historic Neighborhoods**. This self guided tour explores 6 different historic neighborhoods, all within walking distance of the Hotel Boulderado. Free guides are available at the Boulder Visitor's Center located 1 block south of the hotel at the corner of 13<sup>th</sup> & Pearl Street. If you would rather not walk you may choose to take **Banjo Billy's Bus Tour** (seasonal) for a one-of-a-kind historic tour of Boulder. Hear ghost tales, crime stories, and history of Boulder while sitting on a couch, recliner or saddle! In the afternoon visit the **Boulder History Museum** located in the **Harbeck-Bergheim House**. The museum exhibits artifacts from a collection of over 35,000 objects of historical significance donated by Boulder area families over the past sixty years. The Museum rotates its displays 2 or 3 times a year to highlight Boulder's own unique history for the enjoyment of the public. In addition, the museum offers kids, ages 4-10, a fun interactive experience in the **Discovery Room**. The room includes a 19<sup>th</sup> Century schoolroom where children can dress-up in clothing and complete schoolwork just like children 100 years ago, a quilt design station with a craft to take home, a historic games exploration table, an outdoor sports foot ware activity as well as a cozy reading nook. End your day with a memorable dinner at the **Gold Hill Inn** (seasonal) or drop by the **Gold Hill General Store** for a local's perspective. The ten mile drive from Boulder takes you back a hundred years as you explore the small town of Gold Hill.



Enhance your trip with the following seasonal activities:

Banjo Billy's Bus Tour (April-October)

Gold Hill Inn (May-December)

Historic Mary Rippon Outdoor Theater:

- Colorado Shakespeare Festival (June-August)

Chautauqua Historic Auditorium:

- Colorado Music Festival (June-August)

- Chautauqua Summer Concert Series (May-Sept)

Boulder Theater:

- Boulder International Film Festival (February)

### Contacts:

Colorado Chautauqua - [www.chautauqua.com](http://www.chautauqua.com) - 303.442.3282

Downtown Boulder - [www.boulderdowntown.com](http://www.boulderdowntown.com) - 303.449.3774

Boulder History Museum - [www.boulderhistorymuseum.org](http://www.boulderhistorymuseum.org) - 303.449.3464

Banjo Billy's Bus Tour - [www.banjobilly.com](http://www.banjobilly.com) - 720.938.8885

Boulder Theater - [www.bouldertheater.com](http://www.bouldertheater.com) - 303.786.7030

Gold Hill Inn - [www.goldhillinn.com](http://www.goldhillinn.com) - 303.443.6461

Town of Nederland - [www.nederlandchamber.org](http://www.nederlandchamber.org) - 303.258.3936

Town of Estes Park - [www.estesparkcvb.com](http://www.estesparkcvb.com) - 1.800.44.ESTES

Colorado Music Festival - [www.coloradomusicfest.org](http://www.coloradomusicfest.org) - 303.449.1397

Colorado Shakespeare Festival - [www.coloradoshakes.org](http://www.coloradoshakes.org) - 303.492.0554

Boulder International Film Festival - [www.biff1.com](http://www.biff1.com) - 303.449.2289



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