

The School of Public Affairs Welcomes ABFM to Denver!



The best source of information about Denver and Colorado can be found at www.denver.org. This website has information about things to do, events, hotels, restaurants, maps, transportation, and general information about Denver. This website also hosts a [Visitor's Guide](#), which is updated every few seasons.



Transportation

To and From Airport

Train and free shuttle is the most affordable way to get downtown, and it doesn't take much longer than a taxi.

RTD University of Colorado A Line from the airport (DIA) to Union Station = \$9 one way. For schedule and information about A line: <http://www.rtd-denver.com/a-line.shtml>

- Union Station is about 2/3 mile from the Embassy Suites Downtown Denver. You can take the free 16th St. Mall Ride (bus) from Union Station to Stout St. and walk 2 blocks to the hotel. Shuttle buses run every couple of minutes. Alternatively, take a Taxi or Uber the rest of the way.

Super Shuttle: <https://booking.supershuttle.com/selectride>, about \$34 for a shared ride shuttle

Taxi: about \$60

Uber or Lyft: price varies

Car Rental

Denver has a number of car rental places. In the off-season, Enterprise sometimes offers a \$39 weekend rate, from Friday evening through Monday morning. The catch is that you have to pick up the car Friday afternoon and you cannot return it before Monday morning.

Free Shuttle

A free shuttle runs up and down the 16th St., Mall. It stops on every block, and you can get on and off at will.

Bicycle

The [Denver B-Cycle program](#) offers bike sharing in downtown Denver. To utilize this ride-share program, stop by one of the dock stations, pay for a bike rental via credit card, and then return it to another B-Cycle dock station when you're finished. This bike is going to cost you \$9 for the first 30 minutes and then \$5 for every half hour afterwards.

Local public transportation

The hotel is very accessible by public transportation via light rail and bus. The closest bus and rail stops are listed below and schedules can be found at <http://rtd-denver.com/>.

Additionally, traveling along the 16th Street Mall Shopping and Dining District is made easy by the free 16th Street Mall Bus.

- **Light Rail:** "Theater District/ Convention Center" Stop - Served by lines D, F, & H.
- **Bus Stop:** "Champa St. & 15th St." Stop – served by buses 1, 30L, 36L, & 48

Restaurants

● = Walking distance from hotel

<http://denver.diningguide.com/dl1dt.htm>

<https://denver.eater.com/maps/best-restaurants-denver-eater-38>.

Breakfast

Embassy Suites Hotel for guests.
Sam's No. 3, 1500 Curtis Street, Denver, CO

Lunch

There are many food carts and restaurants along the 16th St. Mall.

Restaurant	Address
5280 Burger Bar •	500 16th St #160, Denver, CO
Biker Jim's Gourmet Dogs	2148 Larimer St, Denver, CO
Chipotle •	1600 California Street, Denver, CO
Freshcraft •	1530 Blake St, Denver, CO
Illegal Pete's •	1530 16th St, Denver, CO
ModMarket •	900 16th St, Denver, CO
Larkburger •	1617 California Street, Denver, CO
Pizza Republica •	890 14th St, Denver, CO
The Market at Larimer Square •	1445 Larimer St, Denver, CO

Dinner

Denver's restaurant scene is quite active. It is advisable to make reservations well in advance. Top venues keep changing and new restaurants open every day. The following list gives some options, many more are available online. See for example <https://denver.eater.com/maps/best-restaurants-denver-eater-38>.

Restaurant	Address
Bistro Vendome •	1420 Larimer Street, Denver, CO
Tamayo •	1400 Larimer Street, Denver, CO
Euclid Hall •	1317 14th St, Denver, CO
Old Major	3316 Tejon St, Denver, CO
Linger	2030 W 30 th Ave, Denver, CO
Uncle Ramen	2215 W 32nd Ave, Denver, CO
Uncle Joe's	891 14th St #100, Denver, CO
Work & Class	2500 Larimer St, Denver, CO
Osteria Marco •	1453 Larimer St, Denver, CO
Cholon	Market and 16 th
Rock Bottom Brewery	16 th and Curtis
Wynkoop Brewery	Wynkoop and 17 ^h
Ted's Montana	14 and Larimer

Denver Sites

<https://www.denver.org/things-to-do/>

<http://www.denver.org/what-to-do/must-see-denver>

Red Rocks Amphitheatre
Denver Museum of Science and Nature
Denver Botanic Gardens
Denver Zoo
Denver Center for the Performing Arts
Elitch's Amusement Park
Colorado Rockies Baseball team

Day trips

<https://www.denver.org/things-to-do/day-trips-around-colorado/>

The Denver Metropolitan Area

The Denver metropolitan area is home to roughly 2.5 million people. The metropolitan area consists of the City and County of Denver and its surrounding counties: Jefferson County, Adams County, Arapahoe County, and Douglas County. The population is about 70 percent Caucasian, 32 percent Latino/Hispanic, 10 percent Black/African-American and about 3.5 percent Asian. Colorado was admitted to the union of the United States in 1876, hence its nickname: the Centennial state.

Denver and Colorado are known for their active lifestyle and outdoor activities. Denver receives over 300 days of sunshine each year and is located on a high-plains desert that is defined as semi-arid. Denver is also known as the Mile High City because it is located one mile above sea level. For these reasons -- the altitude and dry air -- it is important that you stay hydrated by drinking lots of water.

The University of Colorado Denver's School of Public Affairs is located on the Auraria Campus near the place where gold was discovered in Cherry Creek in 1859. The Auraria Campus is named after the original town of Auraria, which was absorbed into the growing city of Denver. Colorado has a rich history in mining, natural resources/energy and agriculture, industries that have long experienced boom and bust economic cycles. Over the past 50 years, the economy of Denver and Colorado has become more diversified due expansion of the tourism and technology sectors.

Denver is home to a number of great cultural facilities, including the Denver Zoo, the Denver Museum of Art, the Museum of Nature and Science, Botanic Gardens, the Denver Center for Performing Arts and the Denver Mint. Coloradans love their professional sports teams. Denver is home to the Denver Broncos NFL football team, the Colorado Rockies major league baseball team, the Denver Nuggets NBA basketball team and the Colorado Avalanche NHL hockey team. (You can learn a lot about the history of a place by looking at the names of the sports teams.)