

Top 10 Day/Weekend TripsDeparting from Grand Junction, CO

1) Marble & Redstone, CO

. Visit the little town of Redstone and check out the art galleries then visit the Historic Coke Oven site. Make your way to Marble and hike or take a jeep tour into the Crystal Mill, visit the marble sculpture gallery, enjoy amazing BBQ at Slow Groovin' BBQ. Soak at Avalanche Ranch Hot Springs; overnight accommodations also available.

2) Telluride, CO

. Visit Bridal Veil Falls, the tallest free-falling waterfall in Colorado. Walk through the downtown shops, ride the gondola (dog friendly) up to the mountain top for a short hike to take in the views. Looking for more adventure, try downhill mountain biking. Take the gondola into mountain village for lunch and more shopping

3) Ouray, CO

. Visit Box Canyon Falls, browse the shops, and try gourmet coffee and sweets at Mouse's Chocolates & Coffee. Tour a silver mine and play at Ouray Hot Springs.

4) Moab, UT

. Spend a whole day in Arches National Park; start with the harder hikes first. Visit Dead Horse State Park, mountain bike or take a jeep tour, Canyonlands by Night boat tour, dine at the Moab Brewery.

5) Snowmass/Aspen, CO

. Make a stop in Snowmass for a hike or bike ride. Take the free shuttle into Aspen to browse the shops, check out the street sculptures, visit the John Denver Sanctuary, and enjoy fine dining.

6) Glenwood Springs, CO

. Take the tram to Glenwood Caverns Adventure Park and tour the Fairy Caves or seek thrill on the rides. Tour Hotel Colorado, hike to Doc Holliday's grave, hike to Hanging Lake, and soak at Iron Mountain Hot Springs.

7) Steamboat Springs, CO

. Hike to Fish Creek Falls, float the Yampa River, and relax at Strawberry Park Hot Springs.

8) Durango, CO

. Stop on Red Mountain Pass on the way. Walk or bike along the Animas River trail, ride the narrow gauge railroad, hike a section of the Continental Divide or Colorado Trail, visit historic downtown, and grab some sushi.

9) Manitou Springs, CO

. Make a stop at Garden of the Gods for a few short hikes and a geography lesson at the visitor center. Climb the Manitou Incline, knock off a 14er and hike to the top of Pikes Peak, or visit the Manitou Cliff Dwellings.

10) Sego Canyon, UT

. North east of Moab lies a little ghost town called Sego. Check out several pre-historic rock art panels then hike or ATV into an old coal mining town with 4-5 old mining cabins, and remnants of the American Fuel Company Sore.