

Plan Your Visit to Colorado

There's plenty to do and see during your visit to Denver and beyond.



About Denver

Denver, the vibrant capital of Colorado, blends urban sophistication with outdoor adventure. Nestled at the foothills of the Rocky Mountains, Denver boasts a thriving arts and culture scene, diverse culinary offerings, and a rich history shaped by its frontier past. Explore world-class museums, lively neighborhoods, and scenic parks, all within walking distance of downtown. Beyond Denver, Colorado's stunning landscapes offer endless opportunities for exploration, from the red rock formations of the Front Range to the towering peaks of Rocky Mountain National Park. Whether you enjoy cultural experiences, outdoor adventures, or a taste of the local craft beer scene, we've got you covered.

Transportation

The NASTL Summer Conference will be held at the History Colorado Center, located at 1200 N Broadway, Denver, CO 80203. Both recommended hotels are within walking distance to History Colorado. Here are the recommended transportation options from Denver International Airport (DEN) to the venue:

1. Public Transportation:

The Regional Transportation District (RTD) offers a convenient and affordable way to get from the airport to downtown Denver.

A Line Train to Union Station:

- **Location at DEN:** The A Line station is located at the DEN Transit Center, Level 1, adjacent to the Westin Denver International Airport. Follow the signs for "Transit Center" after exiting the terminal.
- **Fare:** A one-way ticket on the A Line costs \$10. You can purchase tickets at vending machines on the platform, inside DEN or Union Station, or via the RTD mobile ticketing app (easiest option).
- **Travel Time:** The train ride from DEN to Union Station takes approximately 37 minutes. Trains run every 15 minutes between 5 AM and 8 PM, and every 30 minutes outside of those hours.
- **From Union Station to History Colorado Center:**
 - **Bus:** From Union Station, you can take various bus routes to get closer to the History Colorado Center. Rome2Rio suggests taking the **Line 10 bus** from Wewatta St & 17th St (near Union Station) to 12th Ave & Broadway. This typically takes about 15 minutes.
 - **Taxi/Rideshare:** A short taxi or rideshare from Union Station to History Colorado Center will take approximately 5-10 minutes, depending on traffic.
 - **Walk:** History Colorado Center is about 1.5 - 2 miles from Union Station. While walkable, it might be a bit far with luggage, especially in Denver's altitude.
- **Total estimated public transit time:** Approximately 1 hour to 1 hour 15 minutes (including transfers). **Total estimated public transit cost:** Approximately \$13 (\$10 for the train + \$3 for the bus).

2. Taxi/Rideshare:

- **Location at DEN:** Taxis and rideshare services (Uber, Lyft) are available at Level 5 of the airport.
 - **Taxis:** Find taxis at Level 5, Island 1, outside Doors 505, 507, and 511 (Terminal East) and Doors 506, 510, and 512 (Terminal West).
 - **Rideshare:** Follow signs for ground transportation, then exit the terminal through Doors 506-510 (west side) and 507-511 (east side) on Level 5 near baggage claim and proceed to Island 5 to meet your driver.
- **Travel Time:** The drive from DEN to the History Colorado Center typically takes around 35-40 minutes, depending on traffic.
- **Estimated Cost:** Taxis usually range from \$80-\$100. Rideshare prices can vary based on demand.

3. Rental Car:

- **Location at DEN:** Car rental agencies are located on airport property and provide courtesy shuttle service to and from Jeppesen Terminal. Shuttles pick up and drop off from Jeppesen Terminal Level 5, Island 4, outside Doors 505-513 (east side) and 504-512 (west side).
- **Travel Time:** Approximately 35-40 minutes driving, plus time for pick-up and drop-off.
- **Parking at History Colorado Center:** The History Colorado Center has a parking garage available for visitors. Rates may vary.

Important Notes for all Attendees:

- **Altitude:** Denver is the "Mile High City," meaning it's at a high altitude. Please remember to stay hydrated, especially upon arrival.
- **Traffic:** While generally manageable, Denver traffic can be heavy during peak hours (morning and late afternoon commutes). Factor this into your travel plans.
- **RTD App:** Consider downloading the RTD Denver app for easy trip planning, fare information, and mobile ticketing if you plan to use public transportation.

Parking

Parking is not available at [History Colorado museum](#). Parking meters and surface parking lots are available in the blocks surrounding the History Colorado Center. Covered parking is available at the Art Garage, adjacent to the Art Studios at 1200 Lincoln Street.

Museums & Cultural Activities (Close to Downtown)

Denver Art Museum - A world-class museum featuring Indigenous, Western, and contemporary art.

The American Museum of Western Art (AMWA) - A unique art museum in Denver to explore the Old West and the New West.

Clyfford Still Museum - A must-see for modern art lovers, featuring the works of this abstract expressionist painter.

Meow Wolf Denver: Convergence Station - An immersive, surreal art experience unlike any other.

Colorado State Capitol - Offers free tours with stunning views from the dome.

Molly Brown House Museum - The historic home of the "Unsinkable" Molly Brown from the Titanic.

Outdoor Activities (Close to Downtown)

City Park - A great spot for a relaxing walk, with scenic views of the mountains and the Denver skyline.

Denver Botanic Gardens - A beautiful oasis with diverse plant collections.

Confluence Park - Ideal for walking, biking, or kayaking along the South Platte River.

Washington Park - Locals love this park for running, paddle boating, and picnicking.

Attractions & Entertainment (Close to Downtown)

Union Station - A vibrant hub with restaurants, bars, and shops in a historic setting.

Larimer Square - A charming historic district with boutique shopping, dining, and nightlife.

Denver Performing Arts Complex - Home to Broadway shows, concerts, and local theater productions.

Day Trips & Attractions Worth the Travel Time

Red Rocks Park & Amphitheatre (30 min) - A world-famous concert venue and hiking destination.

Golden, CO (30 min) - A historic mountain town with the Coors Brewery tour, Clear Creek for tubing, and hiking trails.

Boulder, CO (40 min) - Visit Pearl Street Mall, hike Chautauqua Park, or explore the University of Colorado campus.

Rocky Mountain National Park (1.5 hrs) - Stunning alpine scenery, wildlife, and excellent hiking trails.

Colorado Springs (1 hr) - Visit Garden of the Gods, Pikes Peak, and the U.S. Air Force Academy.