

## Where to Stay in Denver: The Best Neighborhoods and Hotels for Every Type of Traveler



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With the easy layout of its streets and smooth transitions between neighborhoods, Denver is among the most walkable cities in the U.S.

You'll find plenty to discover in historic downtown, where a 19th-century train station and hotel are both in operation today. If you're a night owl,

you'll love the upbeat spirit of RiNo, whose concentration of craft breweries, street art murals, and karaoke bars has captivated hipster foodies.

For a city so obsessed with the great outdoors, Denver has a remarkably sophisticated stock of high-end hotels, many of which reflect the unique history and culture of their surroundings. Here are the best places to stay in Denver.

## Where to Stay in Denver for families: LoDo

Despite its funky sounding name, LoDo is just an abbreviation for Lower Downtown. As such, it's a convenient place for families to get a feel for Denver's main attractions, like historic Larimer Square, Elitch Gardens Water Park and the Children's Museum. For baseball fans, the proximity to Coors Field only adds to LoDo's broad appeal.

### Magnolia Hotel

Want a place with style? The Magnolia just wrapped up renovating its rooms this spring, and the results are fantastic—the sleek, neutral rooms are reminiscent of an airy studio apartment (some of the suites even have fireplaces). Be sure to grab a free cookie before bed: the hotel bakes them fresh from 8-10 p.m. each night.

*818 17th St., Denver, CO 80202, 303 607 9000, magnoliahotels.com*

**To book:** [expedia.com](https://www.expedia.com)

### The Maven

Opened last year, the Maven's signature bunk beds offer a neat perk for families. Unusual rooming options here aren't the only featured amenity, though. There's also an airstream trailer where you can eat breakfast, and an adjoining food hall with over 20 different vendors.

*1850 Wazee St., Denver, CO 80202, 720 460 2727, themavenhotel.com*

**To book:** [expedia.com](http://expedia.com)

## Four Seasons

You can expect top-tier service at this venerated chain, whose concierge desk is well-experienced in helping families plan out their itineraries. You won't go amiss if the weather's bad, either: A library with DVDs, boardgames, and Nintendo Wii ensures the little ones won't get bored.

*1111 14th St., Denver, CO 80202, 303 389 3000, fourseasons.com*

**To book:** [expedia.com](http://expedia.com)

## Where to Stay in Denver for Nightlife: RiNo

Within the past five years, this industrial wedge along the Avon River has become an unlikely magnet for edgy restaurants, bars, and late-night breweries. It all started in 2013 with The Source, an eclectic market hall with food and design vendors; further up, on Hanover St, the bars spill onto charming patios and stay buzzing well into the night.

### The Ramble

Don't bother making plans to go out if you stay at this stylish newcomer, which has a vague Parisian feel. Below the 50 rooms, there is a booming lobby scene with leather studded couches and huge beaded chandeliers. Death & Co. operates a bar and late-night restaurant here, and there's also a posh dining room by CHEF.

*1280 25th St., Denver, CO 80205, 720 996 6300, theramblehotel.com*

**To book:** [expedia.com](http://expedia.com)

## Source Hotel

Building on the success of the market hall next door, the Source recently expanded its footprint with a 100-room concept hotel. Mini Japanese soaking tubs in the rooms, plus a 10-barrel on-site brewery and the neighborhood's first rooftop bar, make this one a must.

*3330 Brighton Blvd., Denver, CO 80216, 800 570 6216, [thesourcehotel.com](http://thesourcehotel.com)*

## Where to Stay in Denver for History Buffs: Union Station

Practically every building in this tiny district neighboring LoDo deserves close inspection—especially Union Station, a Beaux Arts train terminal that miraculously looks as stunning today as it did on opening day, in 1884.

When you're not poking around the old ticket kiosks, you can head across the street to try on Rockmount's signature cowboy shirts, or dine in one of the nearby Denver institutions like Rioja and Sam's No. 3.

### Hotel Born

For a modern take on an old 'hood, this Kimpton dwelling recently opened directly behind Union Station. Chilled-out but classy, the hotel features an upscale steakhouse, with reasonably priced entrees from \$34.

*1600 Wewatta St., Denver, CO 80202, 303 323 0024, [hotelborndenver.com](http://hotelborndenver.com)*

**To book:** [expedia.com](http://expedia.com)

### Oxford Hotel

If these walls could talk — they'd be full of rowdy, drunken banter. The lavish Oxford has been open since 1891, and even retains its original bar, the Art Deco-inspired Cruise Room, the first bar in Denver to reopen after Prohibition.

*1600 17th St., Denver, CO 80202, 303 628 5400, theoxfordhotel.com*

**To book:** [expedia.com](https://www.expedia.com)

## **Where to Stay in Denver for Culture Lovers: Golden Triangle Creative District**

Set just below Civic Center Park, adjacent to the Colorado State Capitol, this small section of downtown is perfect for museum hopping. In a 3-block radius, you can hit the Denver Art Museum, Kirkland Museum, and a separate museum devoted exclusively to the work of Clyfford Still, an abstract painter and contemporary of Jackson Pollock. Nearby, you can also browse through the former possessions of Molly Brown, a survivor from the Titanic.

### **Art Hotel**

Curators and collectors will pay more attention to what's hanging on the walls here than what's in the minibar. Armed with an expansive private art collection, the hotel is also a blast after-hours: The restaurant, Fire, serves cocktails named after specific artists. (Try the Frida Kahlo, a riff on smoked mezcal.)

*1201 Broadway, Denver, CO 80203, 303 572 8000, thearthotel.com*

**To book:** [expedia.com](https://www.expedia.com)

## **Where to Stay in Denver for Shopping: Cherry Creek**

If you want to shop, you'd better book a night (or three) here. Cherry Creek, an upscale enclave 15 minutes east of downtown, is a hotbed of retail therapy. Make your way up East 3rd Avenue's cluster of trendy boutiques,

and wander in and out of luxury outlets in Cherry Creek Shopping Center. Either way, you and your credit card will be kept plenty busy.

## Halcyon Hotel

From the intimate arrival, to the record players strategically placed in the rooms (guests can even choose which records they want waiting for them), this discreet hotel will make you think you've ended up at an old friend's apartment—albeit one with a rooftop pool and a “Top Chef” winner in the kitchen.

*245 Columbine St., Denver, CO 80206, 844 442 5296,  
halcyonhotelcherrycreek.com*

**To book:** [expedia.com](http://expedia.com)