

## **THINGS TO DO IN COLORADO SPRINGS!**

**Airplane Restaurant** - Is a fully intact Boeing KC-97 tanker. Built in 1953, the airplane refueled aircraft throughout the world. In 2002, it began its second mission ~ to be the preeminent aviation restaurant in the United States. Forty-two passengers can actually eat in the plane if you call ahead. The restaurant itself holds 275, displaying 100's of aviation pictures, memorabilia and rare artifacts. Near Peterson AFB.

**Bristol Brewery Company** – A microbrewery that has repurposed an historic school building. Pub and outdoor eating.

**The Broadmoor** – A luxury historic hotel and resort on 5,000 lush acres. Has an iconic reputation with heads of states and celebrities. Drive in for the views, lunch, or shopping.

**Cave of the Winds** – Learn about the history and geology of the cave. Find beautiful formations deep inside the mountain. More mountain experiences await you here with ziplining and terror-dactyl.

**Cheyenne Mountain Zoo** - At 6,714 feet above sea level, Cheyenne is the highest zoo in America. Named #4 Best Zoo in America by USA Today readers.

**The Cog Railway** - The Cog has been climbing “Pikes Peak” since 1891. The world’s highest cog. A 3.5 hr round-trip journey gives you breathtaking views, sightings of wildlife and your first glimpse of the Summit. New visitor’s center is nestled into the mountaintop.

**Cripple Creek** - A former gold mining camp located 20 miles southwest of Colorado Springs near the base of Pikes Peak. A unique gambling town these days with the casinos being an historic homes and buildings.

**Edelweiss German Restaurant** – 50+ yrs in Colorado Springs the owners are originally from the Heidelberg area. Ask to be seated in the “Ratskeller.” Be sure and catch the Wurzburg American High School granite plaque in the yard as you enter. A favorite for Berlin Brat regionals and the Colorado Brats Club.

**Figure Skating Hall of Fame** - where the greatest names in the history of the sport are honored. Presently closed....so check before heading out.

**Garden of the Gods** – Take a driving tour of a national natural landmark. Dramatic views, 300' towering sandstone rock formations against the backdrop of snow-capped Pikes Peak and brilliant blue skies. Most visited attraction in the region. Take your picture with “Balanced Rock.”

**Glen Eyrie Castle** – Take a guided tour, checking out all 20 rooms, along with the manicured garden.

**Manitou Cliff Dwellings** - Explore the authentic Anasazi structures, the Pueblo-style buildings and traditional clay oven, and examine the pottery, tools, and weapons used by these ancient and mysterious peoples.

**Manitou Springs** – A quaint mountain town nestled at the foot of Pikes Peak. Mainstreet is lined with shops, restaurants & bars. The Cog Railroad leaves from here. Home to eight mineral springs and the Miramont Castle (a Victorian home that is 14,000 square feet, four floors and over 30 rooms to explore). High tea is offered here.

**Michael Garman Museum & Gallery** – Famed local artist, recently passed in Oct '21, Michael Garman has been sculpting American Heroes from all walks of life. You will recognize his work once you see it. Gallery located in Old Colorado City.

**Money Museum** – the ANA Money Museum is a hidden gem in town. Study and collect coins and related items. Medals, coins, paper money and tokens. Visitors are able to study the items on display.

**The North Pole - Santa's Workshop** - An enchanting vintage amusement park nestled at the foot of Pikes Peak. The spirit of Christmas lives on all year long here. The village features 3 workshops, a blacksmith shop, gate house, reindeer barn, souvenir shop.

**Old Colorado City Historic District** – Shop. Dine. Discover. The blend of small-town charm and historic character, with over 100 unique shops all within a few blocks.

**Olympic Museum** – Newest addition to the Springs it just opened in 2020. Dedicated to America's greatest athletes and their compelling stories, with the artifacts, media and technology behind the athletes who make the U.S. proud. *(The U.S. Olympic Training Center-at a separate location-where one could view athletes actually training-has been closed to the public since COVID first arrived on the scene).*

**Pikes Peak** – America's mountain. PP is the highest summit of the southern Front Range of the Rocky Mountains, in North America. The ultra-prominent 14,115-foot fourteener is located in Pike National Forest, 12 miles west of downtown Colorado Springs. The song, "**America the Beautiful**," was written by Katharine Lee Bates, during an 1893 trip to Colorado Springs, Colorado. When she got to the top of Pike's Peak, the view was so beautiful that it

inspired her to pen the poem turned song. View the bronze plaque with words of the song placed at the summit. (Hwy 24)

**Pioneer Museum** – Located in the Old Courthouse bldg, used in many films, promotes the unique history of the Pikes Peak region.

**Pro-Rodeo Hall of Fame** - A museum designed to "preserve the legacy of the cowboy contests, the heritage and culture of those original competitions, and the champions of the past, present and future."

**Royal Gorge** - The highest and most famous suspension bridge in America. Take in Colorado's iconic natural beauty while standing 956 feet above the wild Arkansas River. *(an hour outside Colorado Springs)*

**Seven Falls** - One of Colorado's most captivating natural wonders. This magnificent series of waterfalls is situated in a 1,250-foot-wall box canyon. The Falls cascades 181 feet in seven distinct stair-steps down a solid cliff of naturally carved Pikes Peak granite. 1 mile from the Broadmoor.

**USAF Academy – (Visitor's Center)** The military university for the Air Force.... get a glimpse into the U.S. Air Force Academy legacy and daily cadet life through a variety of presentations and exhibits. The visitor center includes a theater and gift shop. *(Presently the iconic AF Chapel is closed undergoing a 4-yr renovation).*

**Wimbergers – Old World Bakery & Deli (German)** – 43 years of providing the finest in German baked goods, delicatessen and imported grocery items to Colorado Springs.