Why Denver Matters

On the scale of expectations, Denver should fail. The gold rush is over and a lot of the business and industry that it depended on have left town. The city lost its competitive advantage – but it came back. It was one thing – and it became another. Denver discovered that active, edgy and cool people love cities – and cities love them back. A quirky, fun and energetic vibe abounds in this city. It is not perfect and knows it. The former mayor (now governor) rides a scooter, brewpubs are everywhere, the great outdoors is top of mind. Successes include loft living, LoDo, Union Station, mass transit/light rail, the new economy, arts and media, weather and the airport. The rail link between the airport and Union Station is wonderful. The RiNo district is a hotbed for tech and creative talent. This city "gets it" and has great neighborhoods (like LoDo and RiNo) and also has one of the most significant urban art scenes (visual and performing) in the country. And the weather! Such a walkable city with mostly days of sunshine and clean mountain air.

Hotels

Brown Palace Hotel & Spa 321 17th Street, at Tremont Street 303.297.3111 www.brownpalace.com

The Crawford Hotel, Denver Union Station 1701 Wynkoop Street 720.460.3700 www.thecrawfordhotel.com

The Curtis 1405 Curtis Street 303.571.0300 www.thecurtis.com

Hotel Monaco 1717 Champa Street, at 17th Street 303.296.1717 www.monaco-denver.com

Kimpton Hotel Born 1600 Wewatta Street 303.323.0024

www.hotelborndenver.com

Hotels (continued)

Oxford Hotel 1600 17th Street, at Wazee Street 303.628.5421 www.theoxfordhotel.com

Hotel Teatro [CTU favorite]
1100 14th Street, across from the Denver Center for the Performing Arts
303.228.1100
www.hotelteatro.com

Renaissance Hotel Downtown Denver 918 17th Street 303.867.8100 www.rendendowntown.com

Restaurants

Acorn at The Source Food Hall 3350 Brighton Boulevard 720.542.3721 http://www.denveracorn.com

Buckhorn Exchange 1000 Osage Street 303.534.9505 www.buckhorn.com

The Corner Office Restaurant + Martini Bar [drinks] 1401 Curtis Street 303.825.6500 www.thecornerofficedenver.com

EDGE Bar at Four Seasons Hotel [drinks] 1111 14th Street 303.389.3000 www.fourseasons.com/edgebar

Elway's Downtown at the Ritz Carlton Hotel 1881 Curtis Street 303.312.3107 www.elways.com

Restaurants (continued)

Euclid Hall 1317 14th Street 303.595.4255 www.euclidhall.com

Guard and Grace [best steakhouse] 1801 California Street 303.293.8500 www.guardandgrace.com

Hearth and Dram 1801 Wewatta Street 303.623.0979 www.hearthanddram.com

Jax Fish House 1539 17th Street 303.292.5767 www.jaxfishhouse.com/lodo

Kachina Cantina 1890 Wazee Street 720.460.2728 www.kachinadenver.com

Mercantile Dining & Provision [lunch] 1701 Wynkoop Street 720.460.3733 www.mercantiledenver.com

Next Door at Union Station 1701 Wynkoop Street #100 720.460.3730 www.nextdooreatery.com/location/union-station

Panzano Restaurant 909 17th Street 303.296.3525 www.panzano-denver.com

Poka Lola Social Club at The Maven Hotel [drinks] 1850 Wazee Street 720.460.2725 www.pokaloladenver.com

Restaurants (continued)

Rioja 1433 Larimer Street 303.820.2282 www.riojadenver.com

Sam's No. 3 [breakfast] 1500 Curtis Street 303.534.1927 www.samsno3.com

Ship Tavern at Brown Palace Hotel [drinks] 321 17th Street, at Tremount Street 303.297.3111 www.brownpalace.com/shiptavern

Steuben's [lunch] 523 East 17th Avenue 303. 830.1001 www.steubens.com

Stoic & Genuine at Union Station 1701 Wynkoop Street 303.640.3474 www.stoicandgenuine.com

Tamayo Restaurant 1400 Larimer Street 720.946.1433 www.eattamayo.com

Tavernetta 1889 16th Street 720.605.1889 www.tavernettadenver.com

Tom's Urban 1460 Larimer Street 720.214.0516 www.tomsurban.com

Terminal Bar at Union Station [drinks] 1701 Wynkoop Street 720.460.3701 www.terminalbardenver.com

Restaurants (continued)

Thirsty Lion 1605 Wynkoop Street 303.623.0316 www.thirstyliongastropub.com

Urban Farmer at Oxford Hotel 1659 Wazee Street 303.262.6070 www.urbanfarmerdenver.com

Wynkoop Brewing Company [drinks] 1634 18th Street 303. 297.2700 www.wynkoop.com

Food Halls

Milk Market at Dairy Block 1800 Wazee St #100 303.792.8242 www.denvermilkmarket.com

The Denver Central Market 2669 Larimer Street www.denvercentralmarket.com

The Source 3350 Brighton Boulevard 720.443.1135 www.thesourcehotel.com

Food Shops/Quick Lunch

Café at Tattered Cover Bookstore, LoDo 1628 16th Street, at Wynkoop Street 303.436.1070 www.tatteredcover.com

Cooks Fresh Market 1600 Glenarm Place, Suite 120 303.893.2277 www.cooksfreshmarket.com

Food Shops/Quick Lunch (continued)

Corner Bakery Café 500 16th Street 303.572.0166 www.cornerbakerycafe.com

Larkburger 1617 California Street, Unit B 720.250.0533 www.larkburger.com/downtown-denver

Modmarket 900 16th Street 303.534.0190 www.modmarket.com/16th-street

Pete's Kitchen 1962 Colfax Avenue 303.321.3139 www.petesrestaurants.com/peteskitchen.html

St. Mark's Coffee House 2019 East 17th Avenue 303.322.8384 www.stmarkscoffeehouse.com

The Market at Larimer Square 1445 Larimer Square 303.534.5140 www.themarketatlarimer.com

Wahoo's Fish Taco 225 East 20th Avenue 303.292.0850 www.wahoos.com

Arts/Public Spaces

Union Station

Dairy Block and The Alley

Denver Art Museum

Denver Center for the Performing Arts

Denver Public Library

Museum of Contemporary Art

Clyfford Still Museum

Kirkland Museum

Big Blue Bear at Denver Convention Center

Skyline Park

Civic Center Park and State Capital

Commons Park

Confluence Park

Cherry Creek Trail

South Platte River Trails

Ride the Light Rail System

Shopping/Walking

16th Street Pedestrian Mall

Larimer Square

LoDo (specifically Tattered Covered Bookstore)

Cherry Creek Shopping Center

Cherry Creek North

REI Flagship Store 17th Street between Broadway and City Park (called "Uptown")

Union Station (lots of great restaurants)

Day Trip to Boulder

Hotel Boulderado

St. Julien Hotel

Boulder County Farmers Market, 13th Street adjacent to Central Park

Boulder Book Store Pearl Street – main street downtown; pedestrians only; lined with bookstores, art galleries, coffeehouses, boutiques and restaurants