

6 Under-the-Radar Family Vacations in Colorado

Enjoy the natural splendor of the Rockies in these underrated small-town gems.

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You've probably heard of [Colorado vacation destinations](#) such as Vail, Aspen, Denver and Colorado Springs, but this photogenic state is also home to out-of-the-way towns and villages that offer the same stunning beauty without the crowds. With the Rocky Mountains in the backdrop and abundant natural wonders, Colorado appeals to outdoorsy families with a zest for adventure. Here are six picturesque Colorado family [vacations](#) to consider on your next trip to the Centennial State.



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TELLURIDE

While Telluride is difficult to reach, with the closest major airport located about two hours away, it's well worth the effort. This beautiful town, which was established during the Colorado mining boom in the late 1800s, is surrounded by the jagged peaks of the San Juan Mountains. The site of Butch Cassidy's first bank robbery, Telluride beckons to adventure lovers of all ages. [The Hotel Telluride](#), which is just steps away from downtown, offers a convenient home base with a free shuttle to trailheads, dining spots and the local Town Park, which is home to countless festivals. Even better, you can enjoy panoramic views on a free gondola ride from the nearby Mountain Village ski area into town.