

DURANGO TRAVEL

Durango is a major tourist destination throughout the year. The town of fifteen thousand people has more hotels, restaurants and support services than most towns of its size. When choosing a place to stay in Durango, it is most convenient to stay in the downtown historic district (especially if you will not have personal transportation) as you will be within walking distance of restaurants, shops, grocery stores and the SWAG office. However, staying downtown tends to be more expensive than staying further out of town. Call Southwest Adventure Guides for recommendations on out of town accommodations.

Getting to Durango: United Express, US Airways, and Frontier Airlines fly out of Denver and America West flies out of Phoenix. In the winter months SouthWest airlines fly round trip out of Dallas. If you can't fly directly to Durango, another option is to fly to Albuquerque, rent a car and make a 3 hour drive north to Durango or take a commuter flight with Rio Grande Air. We can arrange transportation for an additional \$30 through a local company. If you are driving, Durango is 8 hours from Phoenix, 6 1/2 hours from Denver, and 18 hours from Dallas.

Durango Chamber of Commerce: 800-525-8855. www.durango.org

Recommended places to stay in Durango (reservations recommended). See back page for campgrounds (summer only).

Durango Lodge: (888) 440-4489: Convenient, next to train station, less expensive, clean and continental breakfast.

Best Western Rio Grande: (800) 245 - 4466: Convenient, next to train station, mid - high price range.

Double Tree: (800) 222 - 8733 Convenient, business class hotel. Upper price range.

Comfort Inn: (800) 532 - 5373: On North Main, located 5 min. outside of Durango.

Durango Hometown Hostel: (970) 385 - 4115. Clean, affordable, and friendly.

The Strater Hotel: (970) 247 - 4431. Historic downtown hotel in the heart of Durango.

Local taxi, airport pick-up and drop-off: Durango Transportation - 970-247-4161 or 1-800-626-2066

Buckhorn Limousine - (970) 769 - 0933

Recommended Restaurants (Locals choice):

Carver's Brew Pub - 1022 Main St. Brew pub and restaurant.

Steamworks - 801 E. 2nd Ave. Brew pub and restaurant.

Italian: Mutus, Mamas Boy.

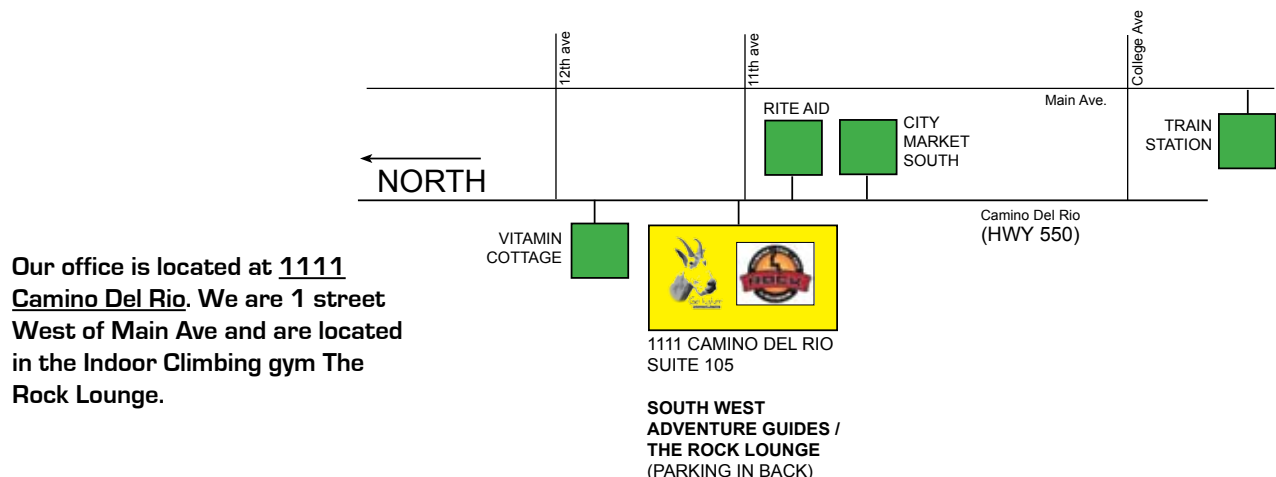
Supermarkets:

Albertson's - 6th St. & Camino del Rio

City Market South - 9th St. & Camino Del Rio

City Market North - 32nd St. & Main

Nature's Oasis - 11th St. and Camino del Rio



DURANGO AREA CAMPGROUNDS: SUMMER ONLY

Forest Service Campgrounds (limited facilities): \$12 per night per site. First come, first serve basis.

Junction Creek Campground - Close to downtown Durango, a very nice and convenient site for camping. To get there, drive north on Main Ave. and turn left on 25th St. Follow this road for about 6 miles to the campground entrance on the left.

Haviland Lake Campground - 15 miles north of Durango on Hwy 550.

Chris Park Campground - Next to Haviland Lake Campground. This is a group campsite that is reservable for large groups through reserveusa.com or 1-877-444 - 6777.

Commercial Campgrounds - These have full facilities and cost between \$15 and \$35 per night.

Lightner Creek Campground - 970-257-5406. Take Hwy 160 west for three miles. Turn right on Lightner Creek Rd. (County Road 207). Follow this road for three miles to the campground entrance on the left.

United Campground - 970-247-3853. 1 mile north of Durango on Hwy 550.

Ponderosa KOA Campground - 970-247-4499 Drive 10 miles north from Durango on Hwy 550. Turn right on County Road 250. Drive 1/2 mile to campground entrance on right.

Durango East KOA - 970-247-0783. 5 miles east of Durango on Hwy 160.

Additional Information

Forest Service Information
970-247-4874

Durango Chamber of Commerce
970-247-0312 or 800-525-8855

OURAY HOTEL AND INFORMATION (FOR OUR WINTER ICE CLIMBING TRIPS)

Ouray is a quaint, small town similar to many of the old mining towns of Colorado. It is unique in that it is surrounded by high alpine mountains. For this reason it is called the "Switzerland of America". Ouray is known for its local hot springs, scenic beauty and ice climbing. To get to Ouray, one can fly into Grand Junction (100 miles), Montrose (40 miles) or Durango (70 miles). the drive from Durango can be tricky during a winter storm, however.

Recommended places to stay:

Box Canyon Lodge and Hot Springs: www.boxcanyonouray.com 800-327-5080

Ouray Victorian Inn: www.ouraylodging.com 800-846-8729

Ouray Chalet: 800-924-2538

Wiesbaden Hot springs Spa and Lodging: 970-325-4347

Additional Information (Ouray)

Ouray Chamber of Commerce: www.ouraycolorado.com 800-228-1876



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