

Boulder, CO

Description:

- Roughly 45 minutes' drive from Denver International Airport, shuttles available
- Site of University of Colorado
- Small city of about 102,000, including 29,000 students
- Same climate and geography as Denver
- Always on somebody's Ten Best list; a vibrant, active, cultural yet outdoorsy college town
- Several options for very nice hotels/meeting facilities

Architectural interest:

- Colorado Chautauqua Historical District and Park, early 1900s
- National Center for Atmospheric Research; I. M. Pei building
- Mapleton Historic District, Highland Lawn Historic District, among others
- Hotel Boulderado, 1909
- Old Main Building, University of Colorado, 1876

Other points of interest:

- National Institute of Standards and Technology; houses the Atomic Clock that sets the time nationwide (tours)
- National Oceanographic and Atmospheric Administration (tours)
- Fiske Planetarium/Sommers-Bausch Observatory; Friday evening telescope viewing, laser shows
- Rockies Brewing Company, Boulder Beer Company, Boulder Creek Winery
- Celestial Seasonings tea factory (tours)
- Miles of trails, many open spaces and scenic locations; wide variety of outdoor recreation
- Several museums with varying specialties
- More going on than this short list will allow