



# The Ultimate Denver Relocation Guide

*The Best Neighborhoods, Local Hotspots & Moving Hacks for Your Big Move  
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📌 **Thinking about moving to Denver?** Whether you're looking for an **urban lifestyle, family-friendly suburbs, or easy mountain access**, this guide breaks down the best places to live, eat, and explore! Plus, you'll get **local moving hacks** to make your transition smooth.



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# Find Your Perfect Denver Neighborhood

## Best for Urban Living & Walkability

If you want to live in a **bustling area with great restaurants, nightlife, and entertainment**, check out:

- **LoDo (Lower Downtown)** – Historic and lively, packed with nightlife, sports bars, and easy access to Union Station.
- **RiNo (River North)** – Artsy and vibrant, known for its breweries, street art, and creative spaces.
- **LoHi (Lower Highlands)** – A stylish, upscale area with trendy restaurants and incredible city views.
- **Capitol Hill** – Historic charm meets city life with walkable streets, local cafes, and a laid-back feel.
- **Washington Park (Wash Park)** – Perfect for those who want an urban feel with access to parks for running, biking, and walking dogs.

**Local Hack:** Many urban homes don't have garages, so check for **permit-only parking** or garages for rent if you own a car.

## Best for Families & Top-Rated Schools

If you're looking for **great schools, parks, and a safe suburban feel**, these areas are perfect:

- **Highlands Ranch** – A well-planned community with excellent schools, parks, and recreation centers.
- **Centennial** – A quieter suburb with strong schools, family-friendly parks, and great shopping.
- **Parker** – A fast-growing area with newer homes, larger lots, and excellent schools.
- **Broomfield** – A great middle ground between Denver and Boulder, with a mix of urban and suburban life.
- **Littleton** – A charming suburb with a historic downtown, great schools, and easy mountain access.

**Local Hack:** Colorado has an **open enrollment system**, so you can apply for schools outside of your district if you find a better option for your kids.

## Best for Outdoor Lovers & Mountain Access

If your weekends are all about **hiking, biking, skiing, and exploring nature**, check out these areas:

- **Golden** – A historic town at the foothills of the mountains with breweries, trails, and an outdoorsy vibe.
- **Sloan's Lake** – One of the few places in Denver with waterfront living, perfect for jogging, biking, and paddleboarding.
- **Evergreen** – A true mountain town just 40 minutes from downtown, surrounded by forests and hiking trails.
- **Morrison** – Famous for Red Rocks Amphitheater, with small-town charm and stunning views.
- **Louisville** – A top-rated city with plenty of trails, open spaces, and easy access to Boulder.

**Local Hack:** Even if you live in central Denver, you're never more than 30 minutes from a great hiking trail.

# Cost of Living in Denver

## \$750,000

Median Home Price

Prices vary significantly by neighborhood

## \$2,200

Monthly Rent

Average for a two-bedroom apartment in popular areas

## \$150-250

Monthly Utilities

For electricity, gas, and water

## 0.6-0.8%

Property Tax Rate

Relatively low compared to other states

While Denver is more affordable than cities like San Francisco or Seattle, it's still pricier than the national average. Gas prices usually hover around **\$3.50/gallon**, but fluctuate seasonally. Groceries are slightly above the national average, but still cheaper than coastal cities.

**Local Hack:** Colorado's **property taxes are relatively low** (around **0.6%-0.8% of home value**), which helps offset higher home prices.





# Moving to Denver: Logistics & Practical Steps

## Change Your Address

Update USPS, banks, and subscriptions.

## Set Up Utilities

Xcel Energy (electric/gas), Denver Water, Comcast/CenturyLink (internet).

## Get a Colorado Driver's License

Required within **30 days** (DMV: [dmv.colorado.gov](https://dmv.colorado.gov)).

## Register Your Vehicle

Some counties require **emissions testing** before registration.

## Enroll Kids in School

Check Denver Public Schools (DPS) or private options.



## Things to Do as Soon as You Move:

**Local Hack:** Avoid the DMV rush by scheduling an appointment online—some locations have long wait times.





# Adjusting to Denver's Climate & Altitude

## Thin Air & Altitude Sickness

Give yourself **a few weeks to adjust**, drink plenty of water, and limit alcohol intake at first.

## Dry Climate

Invest in a **humidifier**, lip balm, and lotion—your skin will thank you!

## Snow & Weather

Snowstorms happen, but Denver's **300+ days of sunshine** mean it melts quickly.

## Winter Gear

You'll need a **warm coat, gloves, and boots**, but Denver isn't as harsh as the Midwest.

Denver's **5,280-foot elevation** means there are a few things to keep in mind.

**Local Hack:** Even in winter, Denver gets **plenty of 50-60°F days**—don't be surprised if people wear shorts in February!





# Best Places to Eat & Drink in Denver



## Best Steakhouses

- Guard & Grace – Upscale with incredible cuts of meat.
- Bastien's – Classic Denver steakhouse famous for its sugar-crusted steak.



## Best Mexican Food

- El Taco de Mexico – A legendary spot for authentic green chili.
- La Loma – Amazing handmade tortillas and margaritas.



## Best Breweries

- Wynkoop Brewing – Denver's first craft brewery.
- Great Divide Brewing – Strong IPAs and lagers.



## Best Coffee Shops

- Huckleberry Roasters – Great for remote work.
- Little Owl Coffee – The best espresso in town.

Denver has an incredible **food and brewery scene**.





# Lifestyle & Outdoor Activities



**Best Local Hikes:** Red Rocks, Chautauqua Park, St. Mary's Glacier.

**Ski Resorts Close to Denver:** Breckenridge, Keystone, Winter Park.

**Dog-Friendly Parks:** Berkeley Lake Dog Park, Railyard Dog Park.

**Local Hack:** The mountains get **super crowded on weekends**—leave early or go midweek for the best experience!



# Job Market & Economy

## Tech & Startups

- Google
- Palantir
- Slack

## Healthcare

- UCHHealth
- Kaiser Permanente
- Denver Health

## Aerospace

- Lockheed Martin
- Ball Aerospace



Denver has a strong economy with **booming industries in tech, healthcare, and aerospace.**

**Local Hack:** If you work remotely, check out **Denver's co-working spaces** like WeWork or Green Spaces.





# Is Denver the Right Fit for You?

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## City for Adventurers

Denver offers endless outdoor activities year-round, from hiking and biking to skiing and snowboarding.

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## Food Lovers Paradise

With an incredible restaurant scene and craft breweries, Denver is a destination for culinary enthusiasts.

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## Career Opportunities

A strong job market with growing industries makes Denver attractive for professionals looking to advance their careers.

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## Neighborhood Variety

From urban lofts to suburban family homes to mountain retreats, Denver has living options for every lifestyle.

Denver is a **city for adventurers, food lovers, and career-focused professionals**, but choosing the right **neighborhood and lifestyle** makes all the difference.



**Want personalized recommendations on the best areas for YOU? Let's chat!** I help buyers and renters find the perfect home based on their budget, lifestyle, and goals.



# Ready to Make Denver Your Home?

I'm here to guide you through every step of your Denver relocation journey.

With deep local knowledge and personalized service, I'll help you find the **perfect neighborhood** that matches your lifestyle.

## Free Consultation

Let's discuss your needs, budget, and timeline for moving to Denver.

## Neighborhood Tours

Explore potential areas before making any decisions.

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