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All our trips require moderate walking and a few stairs. Excursions with a † next to the trip name usually include a walking tour of the venue or there will be a significant amount of walking required or stairs. Note the day trips marked with the ⛰ indicate trips at high altitude over 8,000’. Please note that if participants plan on bringing a walker or wheelchair or need special handicapped accessibility seating or dietary considerations, they must notify the front desk when they register to ensure accommodations can be met. Please note ✖ indicates a payment/cancellation deadline and ❌ indicates menu prices are subject to change. Return trip times are approximate. Unless otherwise noted cancellation of excursions must be done at least five business days before departure date.

EXCURSIONS

PEARL STREET MALL IN BOULDER †

Boulder’s famous street is lined with restaurants, shops and galleries; four blocks of which have been closed to traffic to make for easy walking! Here, in the center of historic downtown, locals and visitors stroll the brick-paved pedestrian walkways, linger on sun dappled benches and restaurant patios, shop to their heart’s content and stop to watch only—in Boulder street performers as well as view the art on display. Stroll at your own pace and luncheon at one of the many restaurants or cafes. Lunch is on your own. Fee includes escort and transportation.

54102 Sept. 1
• Thu., 9:15 a.m.-3:30 p.m.
• $35 ($28 Resident)

17-MILE HOUSE ⛰ ✖

Have you ever explored a relay station? You will step back in time at 17-Mile House, a 160-year old farm which served as an important resting stop for pioneers traveling on the Cherokee/Smoky Hill wagon trails in the 1860s. This country-designated heritage area includes a historic house, red barn, silo, milk house and loafing shed, which were restored to their known condition in the early 1900s, as well as two windmills and 32 acres of open space. Along with our tour, enjoy a delicious picnic lunch of fried chicken, potato salad, salad, fresh fruit and drink. Fee includes lunch, escort and transportation.

54891 Sept. 8
• Thu., 10 a.m.-2:30 p.m.
• $34 ($27 Resident)
• Payment/cancellation deadline: Aug. 29
FALL COLORS IN CRIPPLE CREEK
Travel with us to see the beautiful Colorado fall colors as we go to Cripple Creek. Once in town, spend some time shopping, sightseeing, dining or gambling. Then hop back on the bus as we continue with our scenic drive. Fee includes escort and transportation.

54020 Sept. 13
• Tue., 9 a.m.-5 p.m.

54021 Sep. 14
• Wed., 9 a.m.-5 p.m.
• $61 ($49 Resident)

THE LYONS REDSTONE MUSEUM
Originally built in 1881 as the town’s schoolhouse, the historic sandstone building now preserves the history of Lyons through its exhibits and research opportunities. Before our tour we will have lunch at Oskar Blues Grill & Brew, a landmark microbrewery known for handcrafted beer that serves a range of Creole, Cajun and BBQ eats. Fee includes museum, escort and transportation.

56401 Sept. 18
• Sun., 8:45 a.m.-6 p.m.
• $59 ($47 Resident)
• Menu range: $8-$20

MIRAMONT CASTLE TOUR & TEA
The Miramont Castle in Manitou Springs is a unique structure, owned and operated by the Manitou Springs Historical Society. Their mission is to preserve and restore the architectural integrity of the castle and provide educational experiences and resources not only on the Castle itself but also the history of Manitou Springs, its indigenous people and artifacts. We invite you to join us and experience life as it would have been in Victorian times. From the Castle itself, where you can view 30 rooms with authentic Victorian furnishings, to the Queen’s Parlor Tea Room where you can enjoy a delicious and multi-course afternoon tea. After the tea, spend a bit of time exploring the town. Fee includes tea, gratuity, tour, escort and transportation.

54019 Sept. 20
• Tue., 8:30 a.m.-4:30 p.m.
• $105 ($84 Resident)
• Payment/cancellation deadline: Sept. 1

BALLY’S CASINO IN BLACKHAWK
Hop on board a luxury motor coach as we travel up the hill to Bally’s Casino in Blackhawk. Extras to be received for our group include $10 in free play after you earn 300 points and $15 food credit at the Bourbon Street Cafe. Fee includes escort and transportation.

54022 Sept. 21
• Wed., 9 a.m.-4 p.m.

54023 Oct. 19
• Wed., 9 a.m.-4 p.m.

54024 Nov. 4
• Fri., 9 a.m.-4 p.m.
• $28 ($22 Resident)
• Payment/Cancellation deadline is two weeks prior to each casino date.
OKTOBERFEST IN BRECKENRIDGE

No need to go to the Bavarian countries – Breckenridge will bring Oktoberfest to you! Join us as we travel into the mountains to this wonderful town for their annual Oktoberfest for food, music, fun and of course beer! Explore the town and the festival in the Fall colors. Fee includes escort and transportation.

54612 Sept. 25
• Sun., 9:30 a.m.-6:30 p.m.
• $59 ($47 Resident)

ELK BUGLING IN ESTES PARK

Come search for elk as we explore Rocky Mountain National Park during sunset. We will eat an early dinner at the Trailhead Restaurant located in the Gateway to the Rockies Emporium. After dinner we will head into the park in hopes of seeing these magnificent creatures bugling and grazing in the meadows or on the hillsides. Dress appropriately for evening mountain temperatures. Fee includes escort and transportation.

54031 Sept. 28
• Wed., 1-9:45 p.m.
• $61 ($49 Resident)
• Bring your America the Beautiful Pass or $20 for park entrance fee
• Menu range: $8-$40

DHT/TBT: FOOD, GLORIOUS FOOD

Join Denver History/Treasure Box Tours as we examine some of the history of how Denver got food to the table... and continues to do so. We will visit some specialty shops where hard-to-find and unusual items will appeal to diverse palates. We will also stop for some fine dining to explore the full world rather than just the basics of Americana. Bring money for your lunch, as well as your other food shopping. Fee includes docent, escort and transportation.

54027 Sept. 26
• Mon., 10 a.m.-3 p.m.
• $61 ($49 Resident)

INTO THE WOODS AT THE ARVADA CENTER

How long can Happily Ever After last? There’s more to life than marrying the prince, attending balls and scaling beanstalks. A tribute to the late, great Stephen Sondheim, Into the Woods, explores the real lives of fairy tale characters and the consequences of choices made in passing moments. Fee includes show, escort and transportation.

56533 Oct. 2
• Sun., 12:45-5 p.m.
• $88 ($70 Resident)
• Payment/cancellation deadline: Sept. 1
CAPITOL HILL GHOST & HISTORY TOUR

This trip is not suitable for participants with walkers/wheelchairs.

The Capitol Hill Neighborhood has been voted one of the top 10 most beautiful neighborhoods in the country. Walk along the shady tree-lined sidewalks of the Capitol Hill neighborhood, enjoy the fresh air and learn about Denver’s colorful and often scandalous past. This area has been documented as the most haunted neighborhood in the city of Denver. The tour offers an expansive range of information including the history of the neighborhood, scandals from the past and haunted dwellings. After the tour we will stop for lunch at Postino Broadway where you will choose from a delicious menu of starters, soups, salads, boards and bruschetta or paninis, and of course desserts. (Lunch is on your own) This is a two-hour tour with a walking distance of 1.7 miles. Please wear good walking shoes, a hat and bring a water bottle. Fee includes tour, docent, escort and transportation.

54032 Oct. 3
- Mon., 9:30 a.m.-3 p.m.
- $61 ($49 Resident)
- Payment/cancellation deadline: Sept. 17
- Menu range: $8-$20

FALL COLORS ON THE PEAK TO PEAK HIGHWAY

Travel with your friends from the ACAA as we see the beautiful colors on the famous Peak to Peak Highway. Take a scenic drive thru the Golden, Nederland, Rollinsville and Lily Lake areas. We will stop in Estes Park for lunch and time to explore the town before heading back to the ACAA. Lunch is on your own. Fee includes escort and transportation.

54034 Oct. 5
- Wed., 8:45 a.m.-3:30 p.m.
54035 Oct 11
- Tue., 8:45 a.m.-3:30 p.m.
- $54 ($43 Resident)

DENVER MOB TOUR

Join us as once again we team up with Tom Hackett as he leads us on a driving tour of the Denver area where the mob families lived, worked and played. We will stop for lunch at the famous Gaetano’s Italian Restaurant for a special mob-themed luncheon destination. Lunch is on your own. Fee includes tour, docent, escort and transportation.

54036 Oct. 6
- Thu., 10:15 a.m.-3 p.m.
- $60 ($48 Resident)
- Menu Range: $7-20
DHT/TBT: BEER, BEAUTIFUL BEER
“Beer is proof that God loves us and wants us to be happy,” -Benjamin Franklin. Though Mr. Franklin never made it to Colorado, the heady libation he so extolled certainly did and in a big way! Join Denver History/Treasure Box Tours for a look at the golden glasses once drunk more frequently than water and learn how beer changed our future forever. Breweries lost, and other long working, we’ll explore it all. Now drink to that! Our tour will include a stop for lunch so please bring money for your meal. Special note: If you wish to sample any of the brews, the cost is extra and on your own—not included in the trip fee. Fee includes tour, docent, escort and transportation.

54037 Oct. 13
• Thu., 10 a.m.-3 p.m.
• $60 ($48 Resident)

PIKES PEAK/COG RAILWAY
Come see the hillside and top of Pikes Peak as we board the famous Pikes Peak Cog Railway. New tracks, new trains and new depot, but the same beautiful scenery! We will ride the train up to the new visitor center, spend time exploring the center and seeing for miles the great Colorado landscape. Back down the mountain and then to lunch in Old Colorado City, where you will be able to explore the town and choose to eat at one of the many cafes. Fee includes train ticket, escort and transportation.

56895 Oct. 17
• Mon., 7:45 a.m.-4 p.m.
• $144 ($115 Resident)
• Payment/cancellation deadline: Sept. 28

THE SCARLET PIMPERNEL AT CANDLELIGHT DINNER THEATER
The Scarlet Pimpernel is a swashbuckling action/adventure musical based on Baroness Orczy’s famous 20th-century novel about the French Revolution and the battle for liberty, quality and fraternity. With an epic, sweeping book by Nan Knighton and a rousing and passionate score by Knighton and Frank Wildhorn, The Scarlet Pimpernel is a colorful window into 18th century French and British history. The show’s most popular numbers include “Into The Fire,” “When I Look At You,” “You Are My Home,” “She Was There” and “I’ll Forget You.” Fee includes lunch, show, gratuity, escort and transportation.

54039 Oct. 23
• Sun., 10:30 a.m.-5:30 p.m.
• $116 ($93 Resident)
• Last day to register/cancel: Sept. 16

BREAKFAST & ANTIQUING
Enjoy a delicious breakfast at Le Peep in Lakewood. Choose from their signature skillets, omelets, pancakes and more! Breakfast is on your own. Then, after breakfast we will travel over to the famous Brass Armadillo, one of the largest antique malls located near the foothills in Wheat Ridge. Fee includes escort and transportation.

54105 Oct. 24
• Mon., 8:30 a.m.-2 p.m.
• $30 ($24 Resident)
• Menu Range: $5-$15
SCHACHT SPINDLE CO. & MORE
See the world’s leading manufacturer of hand-weaving looms, spinning wheels and accessories at the Schacht Spindle Co. then lunch at Aunt Alice’s Kitchen in Longmont, a lively spot with old-fashioned décor turning out American lunch and dinner. Our final stop for the day will be the historical Hover Home, an elegant Tudor Revival home built over 100 years ago. Fee includes tour of Hover Home, escort and transportation.

56467 Nov. 10
• Thu., 8:45 a.m.-4:30 p.m.
• $58 ($46 Resident)
• Menu Range: $8-$20
• Payment/Cancellation Deadline: Oct. 7

DHT/TBT: FROM AIRPORT AND ARMY TO NEIGHBORHOOD
Stapleton, Lowry and Fitzsimmons are three names that used to mean something very different to the people of Denver and Aurora. An airport, an Air Force Base and an Army Medical Hospital, all three have been redeveloped as modern creations, but there are still signs of the old functions that can still be seen. Our day includes a break for lunch so please bring money for your meal. Fee includes docent, escort and transportation.

54040 Nov. 16
• Wed., 10 a.m.-3 p.m.
• $60 ($48 Resident)

MINES MUSEUM OF EARTH SCIENCE
The Mines Museum of Earth Science, formerly the Colorado School of Mines Geology Museum is a geology museum based in the Colorado School of Mines in Golden. The museum has two floors in which it displays fossils, gemstones, meteorites, minerals and mining artifacts, including the Colorado lunar sample displays. We will see all of the many wonders housed in this unique museum as our tour guide tells of the wonders and amazing items on display. After our tour we will head over to the Table Mountain Inn with its vibrant Santa Fe Décor and fresh Southwestern cuisine. Lunch is on your own. Fee includes museum, escort and transportation.

54892 Nov. 30
• Wed., 9:15 a.m.-3 p.m.
• $48 ($38 Resident)
• Menu Range: $5-$25
DINING ADVENTURES

BRUNCH AT THE CAPITOL HILL MANSION

Built in 1891 in what was once the ‘upscale neighborhood of Capitol Hill’, this mansion has stood the test of time. The mansion is now a bed & breakfast and a Colorado and National Historic Landmark! It will be in the beautiful garden that we will enjoy a delicious brunch prepared by the chef of the mansion. Dining alfresco with ACAA friends will make this a wonderful Fall day! Brunch includes your choice of four entrees, fruit salad, homemade brioche, bacon, tea breads and beverage. Note: there are four steps up into the garden. *Fee includes brunch, gratuity, escort and transportation.*

54791 Sep. 7
- Wed., 9:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m.
- $68 ($54 Resident)
- Payment/Cancellation Deadline: Aug. 30

EBONY & VINE

This Italian/American cuisine restaurant in Conifer has been offering delicious food since 2013. Appetizers, steaks, soups, dinner entrees, specialty burgers and more make this a unique place for dinner. *Fee includes escort and transportation.*

54696 Sep. 15
- Thu., 4:15-7:30 p.m.
- $34 ($27 Resident)
- Menu Range: $8-$40

TEXAS DE BRAZIL

Back by popular demand! Known as a ‘Taste of Two Traditions’, Texas de Brazil allows you to savor traditional Brazilian churrasco cooking served with the generous spirit and hospitality that Texas is known for. Once you sit down, you will enjoy a feast of chef-crafted salads, roasted vegetables, imported cheeses and charcuterie, baked cheese bread, garlic mashed potatoes, sizzling beef, lamb, pork, chicken and Brazilian sausage. You let the server know when you want more or when you have had enough! *Fee includes escort and transportation.*

54098 Oct. 14
- Fri., 10:45 a.m.-1:30 p.m.
- $23 ($18 Resident)
- Menu Range: $20 (salad bar only)
- $26 (full lunch)

ROCKYARD BREWING CO.

Castle Rock is home to many wonderful restaurants and cafes and today we are heading out to one of the longest running brew pubs in Douglas County! Four Colorado-raised siblings opened this establishment in 1999. It has won numerous gold medal awards for its beers, including the Great American Beer Festival, World Beer Cup and the Colorado State Fair. Choose from a wide variety of tasty morsels including appetizers, soups, salads, burgers, sandwiches and entrees. *Fee includes escort and transportation.*

56402 Oct. 26
- Wed., 10:30 a.m.-1:30 p.m.
- $23 ($18 Resident)
- Menu Range: $5-$41

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GOLD HILL INN—FINE DINING
This 1861 mining town outside of Boulder has a delicious restaurant! This was once a busy mining community and the Gold Hill Inn is one of a few still standing buildings. Enjoy a six-course dinner of appetizers, soup, salad, entrée, dessert, fruit and cheese tray, coffee and tea. Cash bar on your own. Fee includes dinner, gratuity, escort and transportation.
56422 Nov. 6
• Sun., 4-8 p.m.
• $100 ($80 Resident)

KINGMAN ESTATES WINERY—WINE TASTING
The unique climate and soil conditions in the Grand Valley of Colorado yield a grape with outstanding characteristics enabling the production of uniquely exquisite wines. Kingman Estates is proud to be among the wineries in Colorado that serve authentic, handcrafted wines made right there in their own facility. Sample five wines paired with sausage, cheese and sweets! Before the tasting we will stop at Great Scott’s Eatery – lunch is on your own. Fee includes wine tasting, snacks, escort and transportation.
54100 Nov. 12
• Sat., 10:30 a.m.-3:45 p.m.
• $63 ($50 Resident)
• Menu Range: $6-$16
• Payment/cancellation deadline: Oct. 31

TED’S MONTANA GRILL & SOUTHLANDS
Co-founders Ted Turner and George W. McKerrow imagined a restaurant where friends and family could sit down to an experience founded on the ideal that made our country great. Where important ingredients like simplicity, honesty and authenticity would create classic American dishes. Choose from salads, burgers, seafood, bison, steaks and more for a delicious lunch (lunch is on your own). After your meal, enjoy some time shopping the establishments at Southlands. Fee includes escort and transportation.
54694 Nov. 28
• Mon., 10:30 a.m.-3:45 p.m.
• $31 ($25 Resident)
• Menu Range: $6-$39

ACCA WINTER SNEAK PEEK
Get a sneak peek at what excursions are being offered for Winter 2022/2023 at the Aurora Center for Active Adults and pre-register! Registration is required for this event.
54610 Oct. 21
• Fri., 9-11 a.m.