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# The Best Lodging in Boulder

## **Boulder, 1 Day**

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# Guide Description



**AUTHOR NOTE:** What kind of experience you're looking for in Boulder should play a big role in what lodging you choose. If you're looking for a mountain getaway, Boulder Mountain Lodge is located in a beautiful setting just slightly out of town. If you're traveling with children, the Boulder Outlook Hotel has a pool, hot tub, and climbing rock that will keep your little ones (and you) busy for hours. If you're searching for a quiet bed & breakfast that is near downtown, the Briar Rose Bed & Breakfast and the Bradley Inn are both great choices.

# Itinerary Overview

things to do  
restaurants  
hotels  
nightlife

## Day 1 - Boulder

	<b>Boulder Outlook Hotel &amp; Suites</b> Across from Univ. of Colorado with indoor pool, hot tub, restaurant and blues club
	<b>Boulder Mountain Lodge</b> Multiple lodging options
	<b>Briar Rose Bed and Breakfast</b> Cozy, English country inn
	<b>Greenwood Bed and Breakfast</b> European-style B&B
	<b>Bradley Boulder Inn</b> Boulder's urban inn
	<b>Hotel Boulderado</b> Victorian luxury deluxe hotel
	<b>St. Julien Hotel &amp; Spa</b> A Relaxing Mountain Escape!

# Day 1 - Boulder

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## Boulder Outlook Hotel & Suites

**DESCRIPTION:** The Boulder Outlook is located across the street from the University of Colorado campus and a half-mile from Boulder Creek. The hotel's indoor recreation area brings a little bit of Boulder and the Foothills indoors with its 11-foot bouldering rock (with a smaller one for adventuresome youngsters), its chlorine-free indoor pool with a waterfall, and its flagstone spa tub. They also offer a fitness facility and dry saunas.

Located within the hotel is Blues & Greens, which is not your common hotel restaurant. Blues & Greens serves locally produced food that is sure to satisfy businesspeople to families traveling on a budget to those requiring special diet, including many vegetarian and vegan options.

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## Boulder Mountain Lodge

**DESCRIPTION:** This charming, family-owned mountain hideaway, five minutes north of downtown Boulder, occupies a scenic spot along a quiet canyon and offers breathtaking views of the surrounding landscape. The location between Boulder and Eldora Ski Resort makes it ideal for a business traveler on an extended stay, or a leisure traveler searching for panoramic accommodations. There are several types of lodging available on the property including motel rooms, kitchenettes, suites and camping at the adjacent campground. Campsite rentals include use of showers, streamside hot tubs, and the seasonal pool. Space is available for both tents and RVs. © wcities.com



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## Briar Rose Bed and Breakfast

**OUR LOCAL EXPERT SAYS:**

Be sure to reserve your spot far in advance if you're in town for a big event like CU graduation.

**DESCRIPTION:** Find your sanctuary in the heart of Boulder at the foot of the Flatiron mountains. Discover the brilliant subtlety of sencha green tea as our innkeepers enrich your stay with quiet attention and lively conversation. Green hotel. Private baths. WIFI internet. Welcome home to the Briar Rose.



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**4 Greenwood Bed and Breakfast**

**DESCRIPTION:** While most bed-and-breakfasts occupy old or historic structures, the Greenwood resides in a residential neighborhood in a relatively new suburban home. Despite its contemporary setting this inn is a traditional European bed-and-breakfast (meaning a shared bathroom) with two rooms decorated in a southwestern motif. One room offers a queen-size bed and the other has twin beds. Both have excellent views of the Flatirons and mountains. © wcities.com

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**5 Bradley Boulder Inn**

**DESCRIPTION:** Check into The Bradley Inn on your next visit to Boulder and slip into something more comfortable. The all-inclusive boutique Bradley Inn has 12 exquisite rooms, each with private bath and amenities such as fireplaces, spas, luxury linens, and balconies with mountain views. There is nothing else in Boulder that compares. Enjoy a gourmet breakfast each morning with homemade pastries, fresh-squeezed orange juice, quiche, fresh fruit and other treats. Each evening, relax in the stunning Great Room with a glass of wine, surrounded by original artwork by Colorado artists, during our complimentary wine and cheese hour. Wireless internet, a complete Business Center, Home Theatre, complimentary movies, and health club privileges are all-inclusive.



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**6 Hotel Boulderado**

**DESCRIPTION:** Named for the combination of Boulder and Colorado, this exquisite Victorian hotel, built in 1909, treats guests to a lavish stay. Historic rooms bedecked in a posh style provide business and leisure travelers the ultimate in refined luxury and comfort. Mammoth VIP rooms come complete with separate living areas and extra Victorian elegance. For a true visual awe-treat definitely check out the stained glass ceiling in the mezzanine. The hotel is usually booked nightly, especially in the summer, so reservations should be made well in advance. © wcities.com



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**7 St. Julien Hotel & Spa**

**DESCRIPTION:** The St. Julien Hotel is located just one block from the Pearl Street Mall, and its terrace has one of the best views in Boulder, overlooking the foothills of the Rocky Mountains. The Julien's spa and fitness center features an indoor lap pool and restorative treatments. This hotel has 23,000 square feet of indoor and outdoor meeting space that can prove for business meetings or celebrations. The guestrooms feature minibars, safes, large soaking tubs in the bathrooms, complimentary weekday newspapers, and high-speed Internet access. Jill's Restaurant, located inside the hotel, serves light fare using regional organic products.



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# Boulder Snapshot

## Local Info

Boulder's natural beauty is second to none, shadowed by the towering Flatirons and surrounded by more than 31,000 acres of recreational open space and nature preserves. Often described as "the little town nestled between the mountains and reality," Boulder is a small town of 28 square miles and only 100,000 people that has the quality of restaurants and variety of activities of a big city.

### Downtown

The Pearl Street Mall, Boulder's "downtown," is a four-block pedestrian mall brimming with tourists and locals alike. This tree-lined promenade, long ago a refuge for the wildest of the wild westerners, is alive with cafés, galleries, brewpubs, restaurants, musicians, street performers, and every type of shopping imaginable. In the summer, the Pearl Street Mall is host to popular events such as Bands on the Brick and the Downtown Boulder Art Fair. The Boulder County Farmers Market is a short walk from the Pearl Street Mall, and is one of the most happening summer events in Boulder, offering organic fruits and veggies, local wines, artisanal cheeses, and beautiful flowers. The popular Boulder Museum of Contemporary Art is just next to the Farmers Market, as is the Boulder Creek Path, which runs along the Farmers Market and meanders downtown. The Boulder Creek Path, which is often busy with bikers, joggers, and meanders through town, also heads up the Canyon, which leads to Boulder Falls.

### University Hill

The University of Colorado at Boulder—referred to as "CU" not "UC"—is spread across more than 600 acres of landscape, dotted with gorgeous stone buildings with red Spanish-tiled rooftops. Catch a CU football game at Folsom Field, or during the summer, see a performance from the Colorado Shakespeare Festival. The Boulder History Museum is also on the CU Campus, as is Fiske Planetarium—a superb place to catch up on your stargazing. Macky Auditorium Concert Hall is a magnificent venue on campus that hosts a variety of music throughout the year.

Known as "The Hill" by locals, this neighborhood is right next to the CU

Boulder campus and is a popular hangout spot for college students. Literally parked on a hilltop above downtown, this district provides pizza, subs, burritos, coffee, beer in a bucket, and head shops to CU's 30,000 students. Fox Theater is located at the center of The Hill, and is a popular spot for students to go hear their favorite bands play live. The residential neighborhood on The Hill is an odd mix of fraternity and sorority houses, apartment complexes, student rental houses, and huge, beautiful old houses. Chautauqua Park rests at the base of Flagstaff Mountain on the southwest side of The Hill. The park, one of three remaining from the early 1900s cultural movement, features a dining hall and an auditorium that hosts an excellent summer concert series in a unique venue. Flagstaff Mountain is an great place to go hiking or to just drive up and get a spectacular aerial view of the city.

### Surrounding Areas

Celestial Seasonings is just a short drive from downtown and offers a tour and plenty of samples. Eldorado Canyon State Park—where the world comes to rock climb—is a 25 minute drive from downtown Boulder, as is the small mountain town of Nederland, home to Eldora Mountain Resort.

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## Things to Do Insights

### Outdoor Activities

If there is one thing you must not miss during your time in Boulder, it is a chance to view and explore the iconic Flatirons. Try hiking or climbing on Flagstaff Mountain, or simply picnic in the gorgeous Chautauqua Park. The Boulder Creek Path is also a great place to go for a walk or bike ride, as it meanders through town before heading up the Canyon to Boulder Falls. The Falls are beautiful, but the incredible drive there through the mountains makes it all the more worthwhile. Another great place slightly outside town is Red Rocks Park, which is a spectacular drive as well and has some beautiful, relatively easy hikes. This park is in the same location as Red Rocks Amphitheater, which is arguably one of the best venues in the country to see live music.

Boulder is infamous for its winter sports because of its proximity to multiple ski resorts, the closest of which—and the cheapest and least crowded of which—is Eldora Mountain Resort, so keep that in mind when you're deciding which winter clothes to pack.

### Sightseeing

Spending an afternoon just wandering around the campus of the University of Colorado at Boulder is worth it simply because of the beautiful buildings and the weather, which is almost always beautiful as well. While you're there, stop in and check out the CU museum to learn some history about the school and the town.

Boulder has several unusual tours available, including Banjo Billy's bus tour and the tour of Celestial Seasonings, which will also allow you to sample a wide variety of teas. Speaking of tea, the Dushanbe Teahouse is a beautiful piece of architecture with hand-carved and hand-painted ceilings, columns, and ceramic panels that warrants a visit even if you aren't a tea fanatic (but do try the tea—it's delicious). If you're interested in finding more experiences to engage a variety of senses, check out the Boulder Creek Winery, Redstone Meadery, and the Belvedere Belgian Chocolate Shop.

### Shopping

The Pearl Street Mall, a 4-block pedestrian mall in downtown Boulder, has the best shopping in town. With an eclectic combination of art galleries, outdoor gear shops, and clothing stores, Pearl Street is the place to go for one-stop shopping. Be sure to check out the stores just off the walking mall, too, as they are equally as good but often get missed; among these is Willow, which has lovely, affordable, local art.

### Events

Popular summertime events in Boulder include the Farmers' Market, Downtown Boulder Art Fair, Boulder Creek Hometown Fair, and Folks Festival. Another incredibly popular event in Boulder happens in early

## Boulder Snapshot continued

April—theConference on World Affairs—which brings in speakers and panelists from around the world to talk about and debate nearly everything imaginable. Held annually on President's Day Weekend, theBoulder International Film Festival draws crowds from around the country. Every year in early October,Open Studios provides people an opportunity to bike around town visiting the homes and studios of local artists.

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### Fun Facts

1. Interesting fact: Baseline Road is a significant east-west route to both Boulderites& cartographers, for it marks the 40th parallel on world maps.

2. Weird fact: Boulder's Third Flatiron, which towers 1,400 feet high-- a few hundred feet

higher than the Empire State Building-- has been climbed by people without using their hands, on roller skates, naked, and in 8 minutes(by separate climbers).

3. Fun fact: Robert Redford was a janitor atThe Sink, before moving on to become famous!

4. Random fact: Boulder has more used bookstores per capita than any other city in the country.

5. TheFlatiron Mountains got their name by pioneer women who said they looked like flat, metal irons used to iron their clothes.

6. TheUniversity of Colorado at Boulder's buildings are built with red sandstone, quarried in nearby Lyons.

7. With Coors, Anheuser-Busch, and local microbreweries such asBoulder Beer andAvery Brewing, this area has become the largest beer-producing triangle in the world.

8. In 1967, Boulder became the first city in the United States to tax itself for funds to be used specifically for the acquisition, management, and maintenance of Open Space.

9. One of Boulder's sister cities is Dushanbe, Tajikistan, which gifted us theBoulder Dushanbe Teahouse.

10. Boulder is surrounded by more than 31,000 acres of recreational open space and nature preserves.

11. Boulder has been referred to as the"Boulder Bubble" and"28 square miles surrounded by reality."

12. Boulder has received myriad accolades over the years, ranging from Foodiest to Brainiest City, from Best Biking City to Best City for Teleworking, from Best City for Young People to Best City to Retire in Style.

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