

# Denver Departures

With 134 regularly scheduled departures each day, SkyWest Airlines carries approximately 150,000 Denver passengers each month. Many of these travelers find adventure, respite and repose just beyond the state's capital. To make the most of your Colorado experience, consider these delightful Denver Departures.

| DURANGO

## High-country Art



**KNOWN FOR OUTDOOR ADVENTURES** and high-altitude thrills, Durango also has a place in the art world. The scenic community nestled in the San Juan Mountains boasts more than 13 galleries in addition to operating studios and resident artists.

Durango galleries offer the work of local, regional, national and international artists working in a variety of media and genres. They include contemporary fine art (sculpture, jewelry, watercolor, pastel, oil and mixed media paintings), a treasury of Indian arts (museum-quality weavings and Southwestern works), contemporary Western and American Indian art (sculptures, pottery, baskets, and one-of-a-kind home furnishings), fine art photography and more.

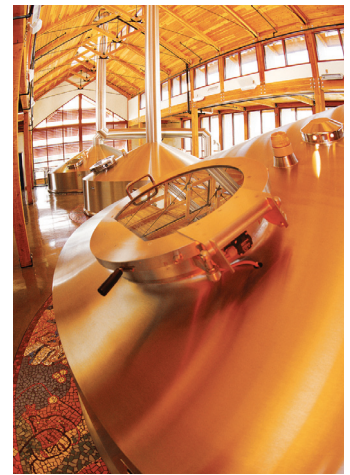
Nationally recognized as one of the 100 Best Art Towns in America, Durango is home to a national treasure for Indian studies—the Center for Southwest Studies at Fort Lewis College. Created as a museum and research facility, the center focuses on the Four Corners region and houses more than 8,000 artifacts, 16,000 volumes, numerous periodicals, and 500 special collections dating from prehistory to the present.

In addition to prolific gallery art, numerous displays of public art dress Durango's downtown. Sculptures of bronze, steel and copper not only beautify the city but also tell a story. For more information on Durango's art offerings and more, visit online at [www.durango.org](http://www.durango.org). ■

| FORT COLLINS

## Taste Innovative Brewing for Free

Visitors to Colorado, looking for a different kind of refreshing “cold” respite, can halt the search and head straight to Fort Collins' New Belgium Brewing, where study, intuition and earth-consciousness create libations that include pilsner lager, black ale, amber ale, Belgian-style ale and special seasonal releases. The newest babe in the brood: Mothership Wit, an all-organic wheat beer.



The business' eco-practices are also worth a look. Since its 1991 basement inception, it has become a fully wind-powered brewery. Travel and bicycle gift incentives color the corporate culture. So, too, does a shared passion to minimize the company's environmental footprint.

Add a tour to your to-do list and discover a green facility set off by on-site water treatment, alternative light sources and renewable heating and cooling systems. And by selling unusable yeast and spent grain as cattle feed, the do-gooder beer meisters considerably decrease waste. Tours and tastings are free. Call 888-NBB-4044 for tour times and information, or consider a self-guided tour any time between 10 a.m. and 6 p.m. except for Sundays. For more information, visit [www.newbelgium.com](http://www.newbelgium.com). ■

