

2026 DENVER CONVENTION

LCCA TOUR SCHEDULE

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You've heard the phrase "Trains, Planes and Automobiles". The 2026 Denver convention has them all! You will have your choice of five, YES, five train rides: the Georgetown Loop Railroad, Leadville Train ride, Cog Railroad at Pikes Peak, Royal Gorge Train and the Colorado Railroad Museum.

Other tours this year include two aircraft museums, a museum that does hold planes, trains and automobiles, and other great venues – making this a week you will find extremely busy. While there is always a huge demand for the many train rides, this year we have alternate tours for those wanting to experience other Denver sights. Whether it is trains, planes or automobiles or other exciting Denver venues, the LCCA Denver Convention has a tour for you.

As a reminder, for those who are 'flatlanders', the heights of Colorado and the train tours are at higher elevations where hydration is important. Be sure to check out the cautions for high elevations on the information page, or the blog.

Sit back and enjoy the mountain views, remembering John Denver and why he was so happy to experience a "Rocky Mountain High."



MONDAY, JULY 20, 2026

TOUR #1

Georgetown Loop, Scooters BBQ,
Buffalo Bill Museum

Time: 7:30 a.m. – 4:30 p.m.

Maximum Guests: 288 people

Price: \$180

The LCCA's first train ride of the week starts in Georgetown, Colo. The Georgetown Loop Railroad (www.georgetownlooprr.com) is a historic narrow-gauge railway, celebrated for its dramatic mountain scenery and ingenious engineering. Completed in 1884, the railroad was designed to connect the mining towns of Georgetown and Silver Plume which are only two miles apart but separated by a steep canyon. To overcome the elevation difference of 640 feet, engineers created a looping corkscrew route that extends the track to 4.5 miles, featuring sharp curves, switchbacks and the iconic Devil's Gate High Bridge, a 95-foot-high trestle where the train crosses over itself. This hour and fifteen-minute ride will be the first of many other great rides this week. After the ride, we will stop at the best smokehouse in Colorado. You will have a choice of 2 sandwiches and all the fixings. The last stop of the day will take you to the Buffalo Bill Cody Museum and grave site (www.buffalobill.org). This famous museum, known for detailing Buffalo Bill's life, is the gravesite of Buffalo Bill and his wife on Lookout Mountain overlooking the great plains of Colorado. From there, you will be able to see the city of Denver and beyond.



MONDAY, JULY 20, 2026

TOUR #2

Buffalo Bill Museum, Scooters BBQ, and Capital Prize Gold Mine

Time: 8:45 a.m. – 4 p.m.

Maximum guests: 27 people

Price: \$190

Today's alternative tour will take you to Buffalo Bill Cody's Museum and grave site. This famous museum is known for detailing Buffalo Bill's life. His grave site along with his wife, is located on Lookout Mountain overlooking the great plains of Colorado. From here you will be able to see the city of Denver and beyond. Afterward, we will head toward Georgetown and have a box lunch made by the famous Scooters BBQ, one of the best smokehouses in Colorado. The next stop is The Capital Prize Gold Mine in the town of Georgetown. The mine, situated inside Griffith Mountain, was established in 1867 by the brothers George and David Griffith (founders of Georgetown) and has been in operation for over 150 years. The tour will take you 1000 feet into the mine's tunnels. The tour provides a firsthand look at the mining process, showcasing historic tools, machinery, and visible veins of gold and silver. You will learn about the gold rush in the area and maybe try your luck at mining gold. The mine is still an active gold mine so closed toed shoes are required. This very informative tour is a very easy walk with no stairways and Hardhats are included to use on the tour.



TUESDAY, JULY 21, 2026

TOUR #3

Leadville Train Ride and Downtown Leadville

Time: 6:30 a.m. – 5 p.m.

Maximum guests: 150 people

Price: \$195

Tuesday's exciting day starts off heading West out of Denver to the foothills of the Rockies, then climbing over 11,000 feet to our destination. On our way, we will be going through the famous Eisenhower Tunnel. This tunnel was opened in 1973 and is 1.69 miles long and goes directly below the Continental Divide at an altitude of 11,112 feet. Along the way we will pass by many famous ski slopes like Loveland and Copper Mountain. Be sure to look out the windows to catch a glimpse of elk, deer, bear or bighorn sheep along the way. As we arrive in Leadville (the highest, in elevation, incorporated city in the U.S.) the bus will disembark at the famous Leadville train station to start our grand journey. As our train heads out of town, we will see great mountain vistas including continuous views of peaks in the Swatch Range. You will have excellent photo opportunities of some of Colorado's highest peaks including Mount Massive and Mount Elbert. The train travels high above the headwaters of the Arkansas River, providing stunning views of the forested valley below. At the midway point, you may disembark and explore the valley and nearby creek and take pictures of the locomotive. Lunch options will be provided on this 2 hour and 15 minute ride, truly a rare gem that blends altitude, history, and alpine grandeur into one unforgettable experience. After the ride, we will disembark and head to downtown Leadville to visit the legendary old stores and museums along main street. This 'on your own' adventure in downtown will showcase the highlights of one of Colorado's oldest cities and is time to take in all Leadville has to offer. (www.leadvillerrailroad.com)



TUESDAY, JULY 21, 2026

TOUR #4

Denver Driving Tour

Time: 12 p.m. – 4 p.m.

Maximum Guests: 27

Price: \$118

This guided driving itinerary offers a cultural tour designed to showcase the “Real Denver” rather than just the typical tourist go-to locations. Participants can expect to cover several vibrant, distinct neighborhoods, experiencing the city’s thriving local art, food and history. The goal is to hop around efficiently by bus, seeing the shift in energy each area offers while still passing major landmarks. Highlights include the architectural beauty of Union Station and the Colorado State Capital. The tour also dives into local culture by visiting the historically rich Five Points district and the street art-filled River North Art District (RiNo District).



TUESDAY, JULY 21, 2026

TOUR #5

Colorado Rockies Baseball Game

Time: 5:30 p.m. – 9:30 p.m.

Maximum Guests: 27

Price: \$117

A few years back at our Chicago convention, we went to see the Chicago Cubs and it was a big hit. This year we will watch the Denver Rockies playing the Washington Nationals. We will travel to Coors Field in downtown Denver which was built in 1995 and is the highest stadium in the United States at 5,200 ft. above sea level. The price includes bus drop off/pick up and a great ticket to see this game. Bring your glove along to try to catch a ball to remember this great outing. In the unlikely event of a rainout, our tickets will be good on Wednesday (with transportation on your own). In the case of the game being called due to weather, unfortunately, there will be no refunds on this tour.
(www.mlb.com/rockies/ballpark)



WEDNESDAY, JULY 22, 2026

TOUR #6

Pikes Peak and National Museum of World War II

Time: 7:00 a.m. - 5:30 p.m.

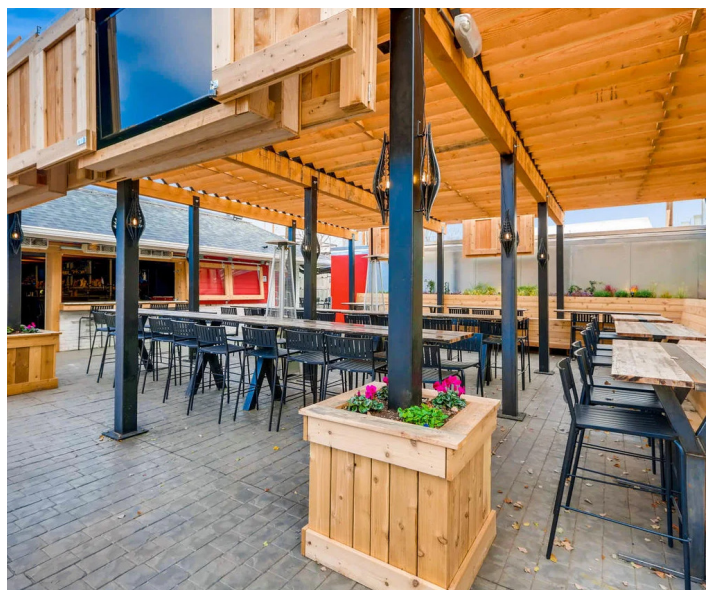
Maximum Guests: 150

Price: \$239

Wednesday's tour will take us south of Denver to Manitou Springs, home of the Pikes Peak Cog Railway. We will get on board the newly remodeled cog line to travel nine miles up the mountain. The trip will take about 45 minutes and along the way, you will see alpine scenery, forests, rock formations, and panoramic views. You will pass historical landmarks like the old halfway house hotel, Ruxton Park and Minnehaha Falls. As we get to the summit, we will disembark and visit the new visitors center and check out the gift shop and lookout areas. You may want to check out the coffee shop that offers the legendary "Donuts in the Sky" made exclusively at this altitude. They will melt in your mouth! Head back outside and walk about a half a block to the summit and get a great photo at the very top of Pikes Peak. On this tour we want to stress hydration because of the altitude. This experience is designed to elevate your spirit—not your risk. Please travel responsibly and enjoy the summit safely.

We will spend about 45 minutes at the summit and head back down the mountain to meet our bus for our box lunch to eat on our way to the National Museum of World War II. We will disembark at the museum's gift shop and headquarters. From there, you will have a self-guided tour of the facility and check out the many buildings of all the aircraft. Every plane in this museum is air-worthy and will fly on several occasions during the year. After the museum tour, we head back to the hotel to socialize and prepare for our next tour.

Note: Please refer to the altitude waver in the important notes section (www.cograilway.com) (www.nationalww2museum.org)



WEDNESDAY, JULY 22, 2026

TOUR #7

Denver RiNo Brewery Tasting and Art Tour

Time: 11:30 a.m. - 3:45 p.m.

Maximum Guests: 27

Price: \$80

Explore the vibrant district on a self-guided 2.5-hour tasting tour that combines craft beer tastings and street art. Visit four local breweries, cideries, or kombucha spots - chosen from top spots like Ratio Beerworks and Stem Ciders - sampling over 10 unique drinks or more along the self-guided tour with a pay-as-you go for your samples. Guests will see the sights of River North (RiNo) Art District's colorful murals and artistic transformation. This tour offers something for everyone to savor Denver's creative culture, whether you're a craft beverage enthusiast, a street art lover, or simply looking to experience one of the city's most dynamic and evolving neighborhoods in a fun and flavorful way. A map of the area and info will be given out before the tour starts. Are you ready to explore Denver on your own terms?



THURSDAY, JULY 23, 2026

TOUR #9

Red Rocks Amphitheater and
Colorado Railroad Museum

Time: 8 a.m. - 12:15 p.m.

Maximum Guests 150

Price: \$85

Today we will be traveling to Golden, Colo. and beyond, visiting two of the top 10 attractions in the Denver area. Our first stop of the morning will be a self-guided walking tour through the Red Rocks Park and Amphitheater and Visitors Center. The history of Red Rocks originated as a sacred Ute Indian tribal gathering place and evolved into a world-renowned concert venue, officially opening in its current form in 1941. You are welcome to take the stairs down to the stage if you dare. Trust us... the stairs are not for everyone! The Visitors Center features exhibits on the park's history and geology, a gift shop, a restaurant and restrooms, and is a good starting point for this adventure. (www.redrocksonline.com)

The second tour of the morning is the Colorado Railroad Museum in Golden. The railroad museum will be a self-guided walking tour that will check out the vast collection of refinished vintage engines and rolling stock. Head down to the working roundhouse and check out the turntable as well. Don't forget to take the train for a nice ride around the park with a beautiful loop around the property. Behind the office area is a G-gauge garden train with fabulous scenery, throughout and hosting shade trees to keep you nice and cool. (www.coloradorailroadmuseum.org)

THURSDAY, JULY 23, 2026

TOUR #8

Royal Gorge Train Ride

Time: 8:30 am - 4:30 pm

Maximum Guests: 100

Price: \$242

Today's exciting Royal Gorge train ride is one of the most scenic trips you will ever see. We will depart Canon City and ride in a coach car where you are able to order your own lunch if you wish, or simply sit back and enjoy the view, or go outside to the gondola with comfortable seating to enjoy the wonderful views of Royal Gorge. The ride will be a 24-mile round trip through the Royal Gorge in 1950s-era air-conditioned cars and over the famous Hanging Bridge and travel through Colorado's grandest canyon with 1000-foot sheer rock walls on each side. You'll experience beauty that only Mother Nature can create. Along side the route runs the tumbling, rushing, winding Arkansas River with some of the most challenging rapids in the world. Here wildlife is abundant, and you may get a glimpse of elk, big horn sheep, eagle or blue heron. Sit back and relax and have the time of your life. (www.royalgorgetraineroute.com)



THURSDAY, JULY 23, 2026

TOUR #10

Forney Museum of Transportation
and Wings Over the Rockies

Time: 1 p.m. - 5:30 pm

Maximum Guests 150

Price: \$95

At our first stop, discover the marvels of motion at the Forney Museum of Transportation, Denver's hidden gem for lovers of vintage vehicles, industrial design, and American ingenuity. With over 800 artifacts spanning locomotives, classic cars, motorcycles, aircraft, and even vintage bicycles, this museum offers a one-of-a-kind journey through the evolution of transportation.

Step inside and behold the legendary Union Pacific "Big Boy" steam locomotive, wander past rare Kissel Kars, elegant carriages, and gleaming motorcycles from every era. Each exhibit is steeped in history, showcasing the craftsmanship, innovation, and cultural impact of machines that moved generations. Whether you're a gearhead, a history buff, or simply curious, the Forney Museum offers immersive storytelling, rotating exhibits, and a gallery of die-cast models and transportation art. (www.forneymuseum.org)

We reboard the bus to our next stop where we will step into the heart of aviation history at the Wings Over the Rockies Air & Space Museum, Denver's premier destination for flight enthusiasts, families, and curious minds alike. Located in the historic Hangar 1 of the former Lowry Air Force Base, this 100,000-square-foot museum invites you to explore a stunning collection of iconic aircraft, space vehicles, and rare military artifacts.

From the legendary B-52 Stratofortress towering overhead to the combat-tested AV-8B Harrier II and the sleek F-14 Tomcat, every exhibit tells a story of innovation, courage, and exploration.

This museum blends nostalgia with cutting-edge technology to honor the pioneers of flight and space travel. (www.wingsmuseum.org)

FRIDAY, JULY 24, 2026

TOUR #11

Colorado Capital and Denver Museum
of Nature and Science

Time: 7:30 a.m. - 1 p.m.

Maximum Guests: 150

Price: \$95

Friday's exciting tours will start at the Capital Building of Colorado. This self-guided tour will begin inside the main rotunda area of the Capital. Observe the murals depicting the history of water in Colorado and portraits of U.S. presidents, walk past the entrances to the chambers where Colorado's lawmakers meet, view the historic, preserved chambers where the state's Supreme Court once held cases, look for windows that feature prominent figures and events from Colorado's past history and admire the walls and columns made from rare pinkish-rose marble which is only found in Colorado. Lastly, check out Mr. Brown's attic, this exhibit area features historical information about the building's construction and other details. On the way out, look for the marker on the 13th step, marking exactly 5,280 feet above sea level. Be sure to bring your Capital Collection Souvenir Passport Book and add the Colorado capital stamp. (www.capitol.colorado.gov)

The second stop is the world-famous Denver Museum of Nature and Science. This museum started from a single hall in 1900 to a modern three-story 716,000-square-foot institution housing over one million objects and anthropological materials. Permanent exhibits include prehistoric dinosaur skeletons and fossils from the Denver region, a space odyssey which simulates space travel, the most beautiful wildlife dioramas from around the world and Egyptian mummies and other artifacts from ancient Egypt. This is a must-see museum that has been proclaimed one of the best in the nation. After the tour, we will board the bus back to the hotel to get ready for the afternoon seminar and the LCCA business meeting. (www.dmns.org)



SATURDAY, JULY 25, 2026

TOUR #12

Molly Brown House and Museum

Time: 9 a.m. - 11:45 a.m.

Maximum Guests: 50

Price: \$69

The Molly Brown house (also known as the Lion House) was the home of Molly (Margaret) Brown. She was a philanthropist, activist and a socialite that was best known as the “Unsinkable Molly Brown” and was known as a heroine of the Titanic. The museum is her former home and presents exhibits interpreting her life, Victorian Denver and historic preservation. The house was built in 1889 including Queen Ann-style architecture. She and her family traveled frequently, and so the house was often rented out. In 1902, it was the Governor’s mansion until 1926. After her death in 1932, it was sold and turned into a rooming house for men. The house continued to deteriorate, and by 1970 a group of citizens formed the Historic Denver Inc. and raised the funds to completely restore the home to its glory days. Inside you will see beautifully restored stained glass windows and woodwork, along with many photos of her past. Your tour will take you to both floors of this beautiful mansion then visit the gift shop behind the house. (www.mollybrown.org)

SATURDAY, JULY 25, 2026

TOUR #13

Denver Botanic Gardens

Time: 8 a.m. - 1 p.m.

Price: \$69

The Denver Botanic Gardens is a beautiful 23-acre oasis right in the heart of the city, featuring over 15,000 different plant species from around the world. The grounds feature over 40 themed gardens, representing plants from Colorado’s arid climate as well as ecosystems around the world. Highlights include: the Japanese garden, a peaceful and meticulously designed with stone lanterns, koi ponds and bonsai; the Water Gardens, home to lilies and aquatic plants from across the globe; the Mordecai Children’s Garden, an interactive area designed for kids to explore nature hands-on; and the Boettcher Memorial Tropical Conservatory, a large glass dome filled with exotic plants, orchids, and tropical trees. Lunch is available on the grounds along with a great gift shop. (www.botanicgardens.org)



VERY IMPORTANT EXTRA TOUR NOTES

Please read carefully!

The Convention Team wants every attendee to be safe and to enjoy all the convention has to offer. We ask that you review this list of notes, requests and requirements to have the best experience.

- Flatlanders heading to Denver should take altitude seriously. Hydrate aggressively, skip alcohol early on, and avoid strenuous activity your first day. Consider a light coat for select tours and an umbrella for those possible rainy days.
- Tours will always leave the hotel on time as posted. Don't miss the bus. No Refunds!
- We will always attempt to return as listed, but due to traffic, detours, wrecks, etc., we may not always be able to meet our designated return time.
- July is a hot month. When necessary, we will have two bottles of water for each person on bus tours with extended length of time or distance. Or to be safe, you may wish to bring your own water.
- Most buses are equipped with restrooms, but please use them only in case of an emergency.
- Food is allowed on the buses, but please be courteous and remove all trash.
- Tours may be eliminated if we don't meet a minimum requirement by a given date. (normally 30 seats by May 15).
- For your safety and comfort, closed-toe shoes should be worn on most tours. Some places require them.
- Please follow directions for food, photography, handbags, etc. at each site and venue.
- Some tours have a limited capacity. Register early. If you snooze, you lose!
- All tours have one price, regardless of age.
- If you require certain diets when food is provided on the tour, please note that we cannot be responsive to your specific needs. If you have special dietary needs, you must provide your own food on tours.
- All TIPS, (the bus driver, venues, food servers, etc.) are included in the price of your ticket and we pay these in advance. Extra tips are not expected at any of our destinations or events.
- Some tours may include quite a bit of walking! Some have stairs. Check it out early.
- We will have an LCCA-designated volunteer on each tour bus. Please rely on them and do not distract the bus driver.
- Our volunteers will have emergency phone numbers in case help is necessary.
- Not all tours are ADA-compliant. Some venues cannot handle wheelchairs, scooters, etc.
- While LCCA tours welcome guests with mobility devices, please note that drivers are not expected or required to load, unload, or physically assist with ADA scooters, wheelchairs, or other mobility equipment. Our volunteers may assist whenever possible and at their discretion.
- Some venues offer discounts in their gift shops. These offers may not be advertised or announced as we have had problems in the past. You may ask them if there is a discount when you check out at their register.

Have great tours and inform us of your experience upon return. Enjoy all Denver has to offer!

For members on the **Pikes Peak Tour #6**, The Pikes Peak Cog Railway has shared that the altitude of Pikes Peak and the effects it has on your health should be noted.

ALTITUDE INFORMATION: You may be traveling to 14,115 feet above sea level. All tours do not go to 14,000. Regardless of your age and fitness level, lightheadedness and disorientation can occur at this elevation. If you experience any of these symptoms, you may be experiencing altitude sickness. Children or individuals with existing health issues and individuals who cannot communicate their symptoms, should proceed with caution.

Be aware of your situation and the situation of those around you. We want and expect this tour to be one of the spectacular highlights of our Convention. It is important for everyone to be able to safely enjoy all this tour has to offer. A waiver will be signed at registration.