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Named one of the world's best horror tales of all time, Stephen King's 'The Shining' celebrates its 45th anniversary this year.

Stemming from a stay at The Stanley Hotel in Estes Park, Colorado, the original concept of the story came from the author's real-life experiences.

Whilst living in nearby Boulder, the hotel was recommended to King and his wife but, on arrival, they found they were the only guests staying that night.

The eerie feeling of being alone served as inspiration for the Overlook Hotel.

Celebrate 45 years of a true horror classic and check out what else there is to see and do in Estes Park, following in the steps of the author.

## Opera Colorado and The Stanley Hotel 5-6 February

Taking place 5-6 February, Opera Colorado and The Stanley Hotel are joining forces to offer an unmissable operatic adaptation of The Shining. Priced at \$2,000 per room, the exclusive experience includes accommodation, dining and a performance from Moravec and Campbell's rendition of The Shining. All proceeds will benefit Opera Colorado's education and community engagement programs.

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The mountain village of Estes Park offers a rustic flare and hometown hospitality. Guests can explore Elkhorn Avenue and Moraine Avenue, packed with more than 200 shops, restaurants and galleries, or head to Estes Park Museum, where they can learn about the individuals at the heart of the village, from Native American Tribes to notable artists unique to Colorado. Estes Park is also the gateway to Rocky Mountain National Park, meaning there's no shortage of unique wilderness activities to try.

## **Rocky Mountain National Park**

For the film remake of The Shining, the surrounding Rocky Mountains inspired a soundtrack of the same name. The landscape boasts stunning views. It features include mountains, alpine lakes and a wide range of wildlife in green forests and snow-capped mountains. Its diverse landscape offers hiking, cycling, camping, rock climbing and water sports.

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### The Stanley Hotel

Nestled in the Rocky Mountains, The Stanley Hotel was built in 1909 and still retains its history, attracting a large number of The Shining fans each year. The interior has been renovated over time but still has a turn-of-the-century feel and is said to have 'high spirited activity.' Room prices start from \$319.

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