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**If you visit Colorado in the winter, chances are you are going to enjoy the slopes,.**

The resorts in this neck of the woods are world famous and the names slide off the tongue. Vail, Aspen/Snowmass, Telluride, Breckenridge, Keystone, Copper Mountain and Beaver Creek are just a few of those places.

If, like me, you enjoy the seasons, love a snow scene, but you don't ski – what then? Well, I was lucky enough to spend a few days in Northern Colorado to find out and I started at the mile high city of Denver where I have been many times but always in the summer months.

There is no doubting where you have landed as you come out of DIA in the winter. Chances are the ground will be covered in snow, the sky will be blue, the temperature will be low and the view of the distant rocky mountains one to revere. The walk from the terminal to the metro train is but a few yards but in that time, you immediately get a sense of what is to come – cold, fresh, exhilaration.

I stayed at the brand-new [Rally Hotel](#) that overlooks McGregor Square with its giant TV screens showing sport from around the world. Rooms, service and the all-important Wi-Fi are all marked with the highest of grades. The hotel was walking distance from the rail station and adjacent to virtually all the downtown areas including all three of the major sports franchises – Nuggets for Basketball, Broncos for American Football (slightly longer walk) and Avalanche for Ice Hockey.

Just around the corner is Coors Field which is home to the Colorado Rockies Baseball team but this activity doesn't begin until late March/early April. I was fortunate to get a ticket for a Nuggets

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game. It's a different experience altogether from European sport. Tickets are available especially if you book in advance.

Festivals and events figure highly in the Denver winter schedule and a few days before I arrived in early January, the National Western Stock Show, which features rodeos, livestock shows, and exhibitions took place. Think traditional Western movies, cattle, drovers and stockmen, all in a modern city downtown area. Colorado is definitely more cowboy than one would first imagine.

I did however catch the [Blossoms of Light](#) Festival right in the centre of the city. It seems that almost anywhere in the US the Christmas Light season is one that basically starts the day after Thanksgiving and continues right until the end of January. When you have invested as much as the light fairies in Denver have why not? The illuminations are spectacular and if you have lost the spirit of festive time this will go some way to getting it back. If he hadn't gone back to the North Pole, you would fully expect St Nicholas to be in attendance.

Denver is home to several world-class museums, including the Denver Art Museum and the Museum of Contemporary Art. Visitors can also explore the city's historic neighbourhoods, such as LoDo (Lower Downtown), Capitol Hill and the more modern area of RINO (River North) where all the cool cats hang out.

For an overview of the city, its attractions, its neighbourhoods, its history and its culture I would highly recommend an [E-Tuk tour](#). The guides are on the ball, informative and amusing. In winter dress warm and make full use of the blankets on offer to cover your legs as it can get chilly.

For your Colorado winter extravaganza Denver is the ideal starting place.

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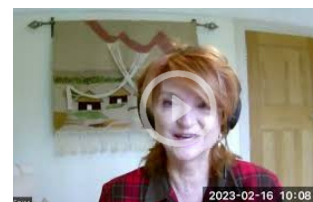
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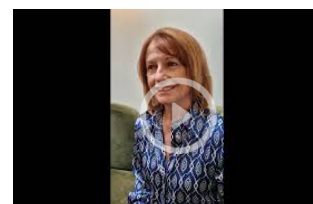
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