



Continental Divide Trekking Adventure: James Peak to Argentine Pass

Overview

Explore Colorado’s mountainous heart on this 5-day trekking adventure. On this trip you will traverse 55 miles of the Colorado Continental Divide Trail and explore sprawling mountain meadows, dense pine forests and endless high alpine ridges. Through the course of this route you will summit 11 named peaks including Grays Peak and Torreys Peak – two of Colorado’s mighty 14ers and the tallest points on the entire Continental Divide. As you hike, our knowledgeable guides will share the rich human and natural history of the Rocky Mountains. Each night you will camp underneath the starry mountain skies and feel the quiet wonder of the wilderness or take a short ride back to your hotel. This is a true Colorado adventure. *Itinerary available both as camp based or inn based.*

| PAX | Pricing (Per Person) | Dates (2025) | Trip Deposit (Per Person) |
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| 1-6 | Contact us for pricing | Your custom dates | \$500 |

Price based on double occupancy. Single Supplement Price \$500. Deposits are non-refundable.

Difficulty Level

Hard - Extreme

Exposure Rating

Moderate - High

Trail Type

**Rough & Rocky Trail
Alpine Scree Fields**

Participants should be in excellent physical shape and will need to train specifically for this objective. Hiking distances will range from 8-14 miles and include up to 4,600 ft in elevation gain.

Hiking up mountain valleys you are shielded from the worst of the elements. Wind and weather are possible on alpine ridges and peaks. Travel on steep slopes or near cliffs is rare. Final day of trek involves crossing an exposed and narrow ridge.

Trails are all well maintained but still rough and rocky by most standards. Expect loose rocks and occasional step ups above knee height.

Day 0: Travel to Colorado

We will pick you up at Denver International Airport and then head straight into the mountains. After settling in at the hotel we will have a short pre-trip meeting and orientation, where we will review each day's itinerary and answer any questions. We will also do a gear check to make sure everyone has their essential gear. *Lodging: Hotel, Included Meals: None*

Day Itinerary:

TBD: Airport Pickup

7:30 PM: Gear Checks

7:00 PM: Trip Orientation and Meeting

Day 1: James Peak Out and Back

(Hiking Distance: 9.03 miles) (Hiking Elevation Gain: ~3192')

We begin our business without delay. It is only the first day of hiking, but we have the 13,271' James Peak to climb on our first segment of the CDT. The James Peak wilderness area is known for its perennial snow fields and beautiful wildflowers. The hiking is not extreme, but we have plenty of high elevation ground to cover before we reach our first camp at Fall River. *Lodging: Camp or Hotel, Included Meals: Trip Dependent*

Day Itinerary:

6:00 AM: Breakfast in Hotel

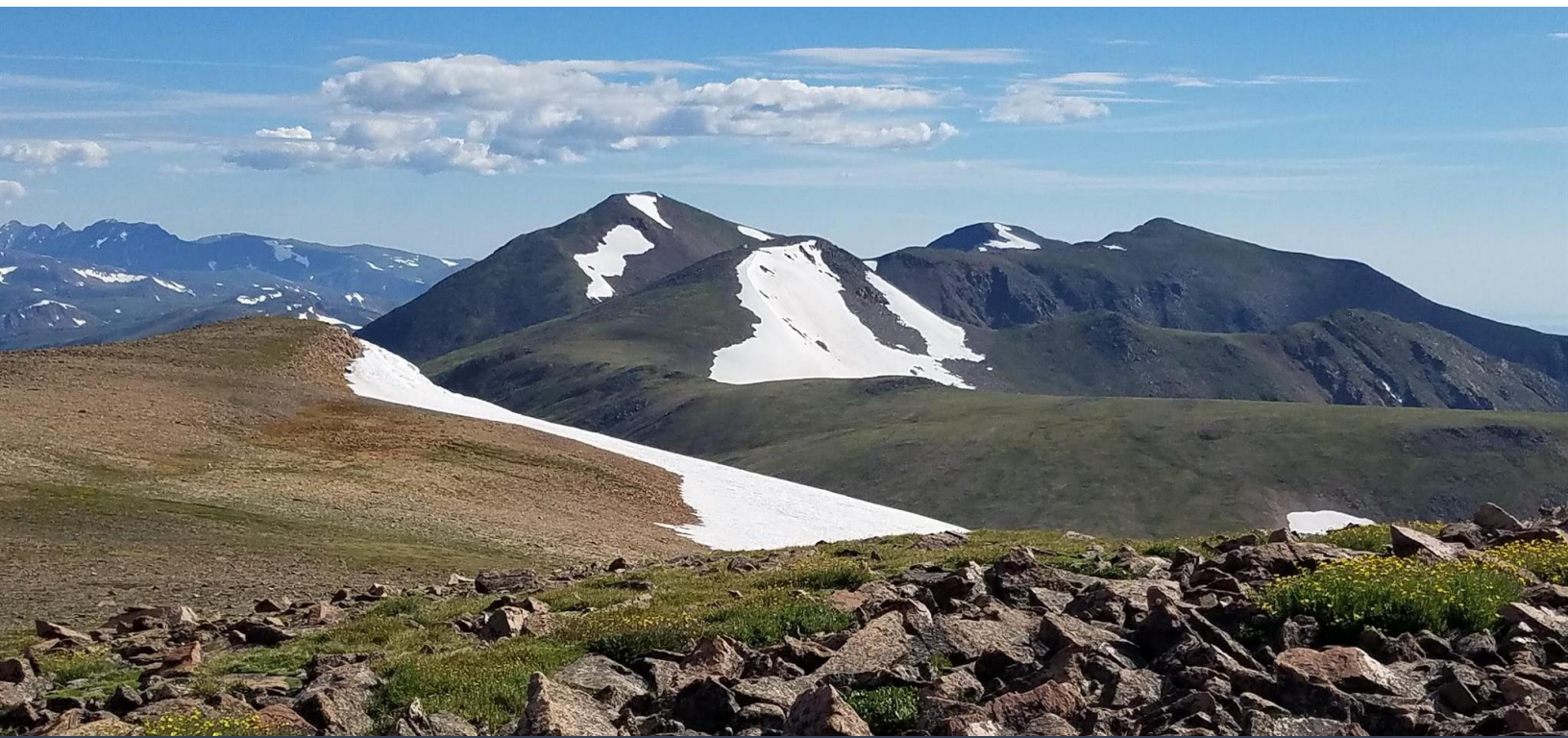
12:00 PM: Trail Lunch

7:00 AM: Depart for trailhead

5:00 PM: Arrive at Camp

9:00 AM: Start Hiking

6:00 PM: Dinner





Day 2: Hike from Fall River to Vasquez Pass

(Hiking Distance: 13.88 miles) (Hiking Elevation Gain: ~4,600')

This will be our longest single day of hiking. Experience mountain movement at its finest as we weave southward; ridge to ridge and peak to peak. Over the course of the day, we will traverse 5 named peaks and the majority of our time will be spent above 11,000' of elevation. This evening's camp will be one of our highest at around 11,600' and if the weather is clear the stars will be spectacular.

Lodging: Camp or Hotel, Included Meals: Trip Dependent

Day Itinerary:

7:00 AM: Breakfast

6:00 PM: Arrive at Camp

8:00 AM: Begin Hiking

7:00 PM: Dinner

12:00 PM: Trail Lunch

Day 3: Hike from Vasquez Pass to Herman Gulch

(Hiking Distance: 12.46 miles) (Hiking Elevation Gain: ~3,200')

Only slightly shorter but with less climbing, we have another full day of high alpine ridge walking and peak bagging. This day will see us tagging an additional two named summits and hiking a full 8 miles above 12,000'! We have another high camp tonight and the option to go check out the stunning Herman Lake – if we have the energy for the extra mile. *Lodging: Camp or Hotel, Included Meals: Trip Dependent*

Day Itinerary:

7:00 AM: Breakfast

4:00 PM: Arrive at Camp

8:00 AM: Begin Hiking

7:00 PM: Dinner

12:00 PM: Trail Lunch



Day 4: Hike from Herman Gulch to Stevens Gulch

(Hiking Distance: 8.89 miles) (Hiking Elevation Gain: ~1,300')

After 3 full days of hard effort, today's hike will be a welcome respite. We are descending more than we climb and hiking our overall shortest distance. We will return to the Sub-Alpine and Montane zones to cross the broad Clear Creek River Valley before climbing back to the border of tree line at the head of Stevens Gulch. From here we are in perfect position for the grand finale climb of the trip: Grays and Torreys Peaks. *Lodging: Camp or Hotel, Included Meals: Trip Dependent*

Day Itinerary:

8:00 AM: Breakfast

2:00 PM: Arrive at Camp

9:00 AM: Begin Hiking

6:00 PM: Dinner

12:00 PM: Trail Lunch



Day 5: Climb Grays Peak (14,278'), Torreys Peak (14,267') and Mount Edwards (13,849')

(Hiking Distance: 10.63 miles) (Hiking Elevation Gain: 4,443')

On our final day of hiking we tackle the two tallest peaks on the Continental Divide, the twin summits of Gray and Torreys Peaks. These two mountains are beautiful climbs but in truth the most thrilling part of the day may be the long catwalk ridge between Grays Peak and Mount Edwards that guards the final section of our route. After navigating this final challenge, we will have a leisurely descent down the Argentine Pass to where our ride back into civilization awaits.

Lodging: Hotel, Included Meals: Breakfast and Lunch

Day Itinerary:

6:00 AM: Breakfast

3:00 PM: Arrive to Pick Up Point

7:00 AM: Begin Hiking

4:00 PM: Arrive to Hotel

12:00 PM: Trail Lunch

6:00 PM: Celebration Dinner

Day 6: Head on to your next adventure!

This is your final day in the Colorado Rockies. Wake up a little later and enjoy breakfast before we take you back to the airport and you head on to whatever adventure awaits you next!

Included Meals: Breakfast

Day Itinerary:

TBD: Shuttle to DIA or Downtown Denver



Inclusions and Exclusions

Included:

- 5 days of guided hiking
- 2-6 nights of lodging in hotels (trip dependent)
- 0-4 nights of camping (trip dependent)
- Transfers to and from Denver Int. Airport
- Transportation to and from trailheads
- All meals while in camp or hiking
- Trekking poles
- Tents, Sleeping Bag, Sleeping Pad
- Stove, group cookware
- Emergency equipment

Not included:

- Airfare
- Personal hiking gear
- Travel insurance
- Meals while traveling or at hotel

Required Gear List

| Clothing | | | |
|-------------------------|-------|--------------------------|-------|
| Hiking Boots/Shoes | _____ | Insulated "Puffy" Jacket | _____ |
| Hiking Socks (3+) | _____ | Hardshell/Rain Jacket | _____ |
| Underwear (3+) | _____ | Light Gloves | _____ |
| Long Underwear | _____ | Sunglasses | _____ |
| Hiking/Soft Shell Pants | _____ | Hat | _____ |
| Rain Pants | _____ | Buff | _____ |
| Hiking T - Shirts (3) | _____ | Beanie | _____ |
| Fleece | _____ | | |

| Gear | | | |
|-----------------------|-------|---|-------|
| Backpack (50+ Liters) | _____ | Personal camp bowl, mug & utensils | _____ |
| Pack Rain Cover | _____ | Water Bottle(s)/ Hydration Bladder (2-3 Liters) | _____ |
| Sleeping Bag | _____ | Assorted stuff sacks | _____ |
| Sleeping Pad | _____ | Personal Hygiene Items/ Medications | _____ |
| Head Lamp | _____ | Portable Battery/Charger | _____ |

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