The HOLIDAY GUIDE

FOR DENVER

SHOP LOCAL

Holiday Shopping

I do most of my holiday shopping right here in Denver. The gifts feel more thoughtful, and the money stays in our community. These are the shops I keep going back to every year.

SMALL BUSINESS SATURDAY
Sat, Nov 28

CHRISTKINDLMARKET
Nov 20 – Dec 23

CHERRY CREEK NORTH MARKET
Nov 19 – Dec 24

FOR THE HOST
Miller Lane Mercantile
Home Goods · Tennyson St

FOR THE FOODIE
The Amborsian Pantry
Artisinal Pantry Stocks · Cherry Creek North

FOR THE KIDS
Talulah Jones
Whimsical toys & blind boxes · Denver

FOR THE HOMEBODY
Homebody
Home Goods & more · E 6th Ave

FOR THE STOCKINGS
Stanley Marketplace
Small gifts from local makers · Aurora

FOR THE ONE WHO HAS EVERYTHING
Arvada Fine Art Market
Original Colorado art · Nov 27 – Dec 13



SPEND AN AFTERNOON IN
Tennyson Street

Browse the indie boutiques and galleries in Berkeley, then warm up with a drink at Huckleberry’s

THE TABLE

Eat, Drink & Be Merry

My go-to spots when friends are in town for the holidays, from the coffee I grab before work to where I'd meet you for a nightcap.







RESTAURANTS

Tavernetta - Union Station

Adelita's - Edgewater

Somebody's People - S Broadway

COFFEE

Sweet Bloom Coffee

Queen City

Tí Cafe · Broadway

DRINKS

The Welton Room· RiNo

La Vie en Rose · RiNo

Peach Crease Club · RiNo

TREATS

Bakery Four· Tennyson St

Reunion Bakery - S. Pearl

La Fillette Bakery - E. 14th

ON THE CALENDAR

Events & Festivities

Grab your calendar. These are the holiday events we plan our whole December around, and the good ones sell out early.

CONCERTS & SHOWS

The Nutcracker
Nov 28 – Dec 27 · Ellie Caulkins Opera House

Joseph & the Technicolor Dreamcoat
Nov 20 – Jan 3 · Arvada Center

Journey
Nov 22 · Ball Arena

The Last Waltz Revisited
Nov 25 · Fillmore Auditorium

Big Head Todd & the Monsters
Nov 28 · Fillmore Auditorium

FESTIVALS & MARKETS

Denver ChristkindlImarket
Nov 20 – Dec 23 · Tivoli Quad, Auraria

Blossoms of Light
Nov 20 – Jan 10 · Denver Botanic Gardens

Zoo Lights
Nov 23 – Jan 3 · Denver Zoo

9NEWS Parade of Lights
Sat, Dec 5 · Downtown Denver

New Year's Eve Fireworks
Dec 31, 9pm & midnight · 16th Street



The *Holiday* bucket list

- [ ] Try a seasonal drink at Sweet Bloom Coffee
- [ ] Pick up baked goods from Moon Raccoon
- [ ] See The Nutcracker at the Ellie Caulkins
- [ ] Stroll Blossoms of Light at the Botanic Gardens
- [ ] Go ice skating at McGregor Square
- [ ] Sip mulled wine at the Christkindlmarket
- [ ] Grab a lager at Bierstadt Lagerhaus
- [ ] Go holiday shopping on Tennyson Street
- [ ] Walk inside the Mile High Tree
- [ ] Watch the 9NEWS Parade of Lights
- [ ] Drive through Christmas in Color at Red Rocks
- [ ] Run (or walk) the Turkey Trot in Wash Park
- [ ] Toast with bubbles at La Vie en Rose
- [ ] Volunteer with Mile High United Way
- [ ] Bake holiday cookies
- [ ] Catch first chair at a Colorado ski resort



PART ONE

Adventures in Denver

When the weekend is wide open and you want to feel festive without planning much, these are my easy go-tos.







WINTER FUN

Ice skating at McGregor Square · A seasonal drink at The Unknown Legend · A winter walk around Wash Park

LIGHTS, DECOR & DISPLAYS

Blossoms of Light at the Botanic Gardens · Zoo Lights · The Mile High Tree on the Tivoli Quad · Cherry Creek North's Winter Wanderland

MARKETS & MAKERS

Denver Christkindlmarket · Cherry Creek North Holiday Market · Arvada Center Holiday Pottery Sale

PART TWO

Adventures in Denver

For family days: the spots kids beg to go back to, the best backdrops for your holiday card, and a few that welcome the dog too.







FOR THE KIDS

Zoo Lights at the Denver Zoo · ICE! at Gaylord Rockies · Colorado Ballet's The Nutcracker

FESTIVE PHOTO OPPS

Inside the Mile High Tree · Christmas in Color at Red Rocks · Photos with Vietnamese Santa at Stanley Marketplace (Nov 29)

FOR THE PETS

Homeward Bound + After Pawty with adoptable dogs at The People's Building (Nov 29) · Dog-friendly loops at Wash Park & Sloan's Lake

JUST OPENED

New + Coming Soon

Every time I'm out with clients, someone asks what's new in town.
Here's what opened this year and what's coming soon.

Rōmyō	Japanese-Italian · Larimer Square
Blossom by SYC	Upscale Chinese small plates · LoHi
Rễ Tre	Vietnamese, in the old New Saigon · Athmar Park
La Vie en Rose	Champagne bar · RiNo
Soda Club	Vegan Italian · RiNo
Monarch	Wood-fired sourdough pizza · Uptown
Ciao Babe	Italian schiacciata sandwiches · LoHi
Sandomi	Japanese sandos · Edgewater Public Market
The Stockton	Steakhouse, National Western (coming soon)
G&G Surf Club	Chef Troy Guard · DTC (coming soon)

TAKE A TRIP

Local Stays & Getaways

Need a cozy place to put up visiting family, or craving a quick weekend away yourself? These are the spots I recommend.

GETAWAYS



~1.5 HRS BY CAR

Estes Park

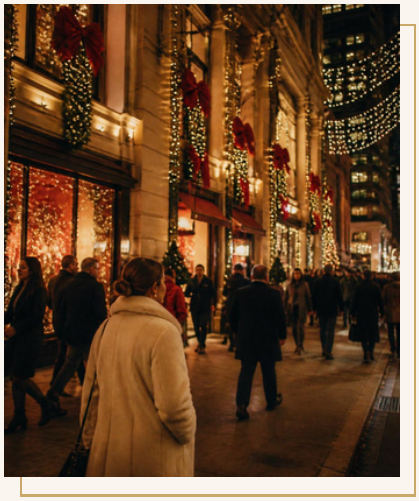
Mountain views, elk sightings & a cozy small-town downtown



~2 HRS BY CAR

Breckenridge

Skiing, a snowy Main Street & historic mining-town charm



~1.5 HRS BY PLANE

Santa Fe, NM

Farolito-lit adobe, galleries & green chile everything

LOCAL STAYS

- The Crawford Hotel · Union Station
- The Brown Palace · Downtown
- Urban Cowboy · Uptown
- Halcyon · Cherry Creek
- The Clayton Hotel · Cherry Creek

Book early. Holiday weekends fill up fast.

FROM ME TO YOU



Wishing You *Happy Holidays*

I hope you have a wonderful holiday season making memories and enjoying great company.

I'm so glad I could share a few of my favorite holiday happenings in Denver with you!

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You don't have to be ready to buy or sell to reach out. Curious what your home is worth? Send me a message or schedule a call.

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