



Spouse/Companion Tour

Monday, March 28, 2022

Experience Estes Park



Your day begins with an approximate 1½ hour scenic drive to Estes Park, Colorado. Upon arrival in this quaint city surrounded on all sides by awe-inspiring Rocky Mountain peaks, your first stop is at the Stanley Hotel for a private, guided walking tour of what is considered one of the most haunted hotels in the U.S. Built as a labor of love by entrepreneur F.O. Stanley and his wife, Flora, the Stanley Hotel opened on Independence Day 1909 and offers views of Lake Estes and Longs Peak. While its colonial revival architecture and age establish it as a unique place to visit, an unexpected one-night stay in late September 1974 by Stephen King and his wife, Tabitha, is what gave the hotel its notoriety. Inspired by his eerie experiences in a nearly empty hotel, including employee stories of encounters with spirits and a terrible nightmare, King wrote the best-selling novel-turned-movie, *The Shining*. www.stanleyhotel.com



Following the hotel tour, lunch is served at Claire's Restaurant and Bar which has been serving Estes Park since 1992. Claire's strives to use the freshest ingredients available and locally sourced products whenever possible. Following lunch, you will have a short time to walk around the shops in the downtown area of Estes Park before heading back to Denver. www.visitestespark.com/blog/post/a-visitors-guide-to-downtown-estes-park

Mike Pearl, a 3rd generation Colorado native, will be your docent for the day. He is retired from public high school classroom teaching and now guides visitors from all over the world as a professional, certified tourist guide. He received "Colorado Certification" from the Rocky Mountain Tour Guides Association and currently serves as the association's president. Mike earned a Ph.D. in Theater Education and is a veteran of the US Army.

DRESS FOR THE WEATHER AND WEAR COMFORTABLE WALKING SHOES!

Lunch Menu

Please advise of any special dietary needs at registration.

ENTRÉE CHOICES*:

- Santa Fe Salad with All-Natural Chicken
- Smoked Brisket Grilled Cheese and Fries
- Smoked Salmon Salad Sandwich and Fries
- Chef's Chicken Sandwich and Fries

// all entrees served with choice of dessert (chocolate cake or bread pudding) as well as coffee, tea or soft drink //

*Entrée choices will be detailed for you and collected during morning bus ride.

Itinerary (times are approximate)

~ Bottled water and snacks provided on bus. ~

- 7:00 am: Breakfast in Peaks Lounge on the 27th Floor of the Hyatt Regency (to-go boxes will be available)
- 8:30 am: Depart Hyatt Regency on coach bus for Estes Park (bus pickup at hotel's main entrance)
- 10:00 am: Arrive at the Stanley Hotel (time to browse the gift shop, use the restroom, purchase a snack, etc.)
- 10:45 am: Private, guided tour of the Stanley Hotel (tour does involve climbing some stairs)
- 12:00 pm: Depart the Stanley Hotel for lunch at Claire's
- 1:15 pm: Explore the shops in downtown Estes Park
- 2:00 pm: Depart for Hyatt Regency

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Attendance is limited to 25 people...REGISTER EARLY!

