



COLORADO

DUDE & GUEST
RANCH ASSOCIATION

2022 VACATION GUIDE



AN INVITATION FROM THE PRESIDENT



THERE IS SOMETHING MAGICAL ABOUT A COLORADO DUDE RANCH

Welcome to the Colorado Dude & guest Ranch Association! This association has been committed since 1934 to represent the highest quality ranches that will give you an experience full of memories that will last a lifetime. There is a ranch in our association that will fit your interests and desire. We have three categories of ranches; working cattle ranches, traditional dude ranches and luxury ranches. Every ranch represents a unique experience and has its own personality.

Step into our Western Lifestyle and have a vacation full of adventure. You will have the opportunity to ride high in the mountains, go hiking, fly fish and ride a zipline, sit by a campfire, go white water rafting, team pen, cattle drive and much much more. Share quality time with family and friends. Unplug from a hectic world, relax, refresh and enjoy the peaceful grandeur of the environment we are privileged to share with our guests each and every day.

You won't regret the decision to join us and step back to a "simpler time" experiencing a taste of the old west and that will bring out the cowboy and cowgirl in us all!



HAPPY TRAILS
Cheri Amos-Helmicki, President
Colorado Dude & Guest Ranch Association





ECONOMICAL

We make it easy and economical to get to Colorado. One toll-free phone call 1-800-729-5521 to our Colorado Dude & Guest Ranch Travel Services can ensure the lowest rates for air travel, rental cars, and other travel needs.

We regularly beat the internet rates published by airlines and other popular travel services.

AND EASY

All of our ranches are easy to get to. Although the first leg of your trip is often by air, some over-the-road time will most likely be necessary to reach your ranch destination. This often involves the use of a rental car, ranch-arranged airport pickup, or mountain shuttle service.

Either way, you can be sure that the drive will be gorgeous and a great start to your vacation.



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RANCH COMPARISON CHART



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Table is for comparison only.
For details see individual ranch brochures and websites visit www.coloradoranch.com.
Rates Subject to change.

Map #	Ranch name	Maximum Number of Guests	Average Daily All Inclusive Rate	Minimum Night Stay (peak season)	Week Starts (sat/sun)	Partial Week Option Available		Childrens/Teens		Dates Open Peak Season & Off Season	Contact
						Peak Season	Off Season	Min Age Accommodated	Program Age Range		
1	Badger Creek Ranch	8	\$385	4	Sunday			13	n/a	5/31-10/3	719-837-2962
2	Bar Lazy J Guest Ranch	42	\$527	6	Sunday	No	Yes	0	3 to 12	5/29-8/27, 8/28-10/1	970-725-3437
3	Black Mountain Ranch	40	\$600	6	Sunday	No	No	3	5 to 18	5/22-6/4, 6/5-9/10	970-653-4226
4	C Lazy U Ranch	80	\$810	7	Sunday	No	Yes	3	3 to 17	Year Round	970-887-3344
5	Cherokee Park Ranch	40	\$477	6	Saturday	No	No	0	2 to 12	5/28-8/12, 8/13-9/9	970-493-6522
6	Colorado Trails Ranch	50	\$631	6	Sun/Flex	Yes	Yes	0	5 to 17	6/5-8/6, 8/7-10/31	970-247-5055
7	Deer Valley Ranch	100	\$422	7	Saturday			0	2 to 12	6/4-8/6, 8/7-6/1	719-395-2353
8	Devils Thumb Ranch	240	\$539	2	Flexible			5	5 to 12	6/1-8/31, 9/1-11/13, 11/18-12/31	970-726-7000
9	Drowsy Water Ranch	55	\$465	6	Sunday	No	Yes	0	0 to 17	5/29-6/4, 6/5-8/27, 8/28-9/10	970-725-3456
10	Elk Mountain Ranch	30	\$465	7	Sunday	No	Yes	0	0 to 8	6/5-6/12, 6/12-8/21, 8/21-9/18	719-539-4430
11	Emerald Valley Ranch	39	\$700	1	Flexible			3	n/a	Year Round	844-305-7239
12	Latigo Ranch	32	\$660	6	Sunday	Yes	Yes	1	3 to 13	6/5-6/25, 6/26-8/20, 8/21-9/17	970-724-9008
13	Lost Valley Ranch	90	\$611	7	Sunday	No	No	0	3 to 17	3/1-5/19, 5/29-8/28, 9/2-11/27	303-647-2311
14	Majestic Dude Ranch	80	\$500	6	Saturday	Yes	Yes	0	4 to 17	5/28, 6/4-8/5, 8/6-8/27	970-533-7900
15	Rainbow Trout Ranch	60	\$563	6	Sunday	No	Yes	0	3 to 17	5/29-8/20, 8/21-9/17 to 10	719-376-2440
16	Rawah Ranch	32	\$695	3	Flexible	Yes	Yes	4	4 to 10	6/1-9/30	800-510-7071
17	Sundance Trail Ranch	24	\$475	3	Sun/Wed	Yes	Yes	0	5 to 15	5/24-6/13, 6/14-8/15, 8/16-9/12	970-224-1222
18	Sylvan Dale Ranch	40	\$572	6	Sunday	Yes	Yes	0	3 to 12	6/5-8/19, 9/4-9/9, 9/11-9/16, 9/29-10/4	970-667-3915
19	Tumbling River Ranch	50	\$483	6	Sunday	No	Yes	0	0 to 17	May to October	800-654-8770
20	Vista Verde Ranch	52	\$1,038	6	Sunday	No	Yes	6	6 to 18	5/27-10/23	970-879-3858
21	Wind River Christian Ranch	65	\$420	6	Saturday	No	No	0	0 to 18	5/29-8/31, 9/1-10/7	970-586-4212
22	Zapata Ranch	30	\$435	3	Sunday	Yes	Yes	8	n/a	3/1-5/1, 5/1-10/31	719-378-2356

*Rates listed represent a typical adult (per person) daily rate during the peak season.
It is based on double occupancy.
Actual rates may vary and children's rates are typically available.





OUR INVITATION

On behalf of our 22 Colorado Dude & Guest Member Ranches, we would like to invite you to experience something deeply personal with us: your vacation! If you are ready for rest & relaxation, you have come looking in the right place. If you are ready for some quality time spent with family and friends, you have also come looking in the right place. And if you have come looking to be challenged and intrigued, you are ready for a vacation unlike any other.

We've been told that these mountains change us: they give us room to breathe and bring us closer together in a way that is unparalleled. We invite you to a place where not only precious memories are made, but parents become heroes in the eyes of their children. Where strangers become life-long friends and adults can be kids again. Come and experience a world where the most valuable commodity (family) flourishes. Be romanced by the mountains and care for the closest of kin.

Allow us to expand your limits and let you become more to family and friends than you ever dreamed possible. Please, be our guest in the Colorado West.



OUR PLEDGE

Our pledge for over 80 years the Colorado Dude & Guest Ranch Association has maintained specific qualifications for membership. We also require our members to maintain a horse program that adheres to our strict, high standards. Each ranch is regularly inspected for compliance to these qualifications and standards. We also check for cleanliness, appropriately maintained facilities, hospitality, and honest representation in each ranch's promotional messages. Every member ranch strives to meet or exceed your expectations.

THE RANCH LIFE

Colorado dude and guest ranches know the formula for almost stopping time. Visiting one of our ranches enables you to slow down, unplug from technology, and reconnect with family and friends. We invite you to step out of your frenzied everyday life and onto a more relaxing path.

When time is measured by a horse's clip-clopping pace, you will be able to renew family relationships and build memories so treasured that your children will want to relive them with their children. Here, the days are sun-drenched, the evenings cool and refreshing. No outside traffic or annoying city noises intrude on your stay. Come let your Colorado mountains renew your spirit and your lives.



WHAT TO EXPECT AT A COLORADO RANCH



A TYPICAL WEEK

From the opening campfire until you hug new found friends a fond “so-long”, your week unfurls at your own pace. Each day we ride, and dude ranches are great places for families with different skills. When not riding, you may choose to swim, river raft, fish, hike, or mountain bike. You can also try a four-wheel drive trip to an old gold mine or visit nearby National Parks and local historical attractions. Of course, spending time in a hammock or rocking chair with only the hummingbirds and chipmunks to keep you company is always an option.

Cookouts, country dancing, cowboy poets and balladeers, cattle drives, and plenty of Colorado sunshine are all part of your dude ranch week. Most ranches offer 6-7 night stays however you will find that there are a few ranches that do offer shorter stays if you are unable to stay the whole week!



SADDLE UP

We ride at our ranches in small groups with experienced wranglers (guides) along to make sure you have fun. Horseback riding is tailored to meet your desires and abilities. Our horses are carefully trained and appropriately matched to your riding abilities and style. Each of our ranches offers different types of riding terrain, so each ranch owns horses that match the work they will be asked to do.

Dude ranches are excellent places to improve your riding skills or learn to ride for the first time. Most ranches suggest that children be at least 6-8 years old to ride their own horse out on the trail. For younger kiddos, riding on lead around the ranch or a pony cart are just a few of the ways ranchers introduce smaller buckaroos to the wonderful world of horses.

There is nothing more relaxing and fun than letting a well trained horse take you into the Colorado high country. But trail riding is just one way you may enjoy horses at our ranches. Many ranches also offer cattle roundups, team penning, rodeo games, overnight pack trips, or visits to local rodeos.





SOMETHING FOR EVERYONE

Our ranches are our homes, not a chain of look-alike hotels or resorts. We can't promise you won't get your boots muddy, jeans dusty, or touch nature up-close; because more than likely you will! Our ranches live off the 'fast lane' of life, and our hospitality comes from the heart.



LIVIN' WESTERN

Our rate plans include all meals so bring your appetite. The mountain air, horseback riding, or swinging on the front porch will make you hungry. Remember, calories don't count at high altitude! Meals are served family style, plated, or as a buffet depending on the meal. The art of conversation with family and friends gently comes back at meal time at a dude ranch. We specialize in fun cookouts, barbecues, on-the-trail mail stops, chuck wagon suppers, or servicing you streamside, poolside or lakeside!

FOOD NEVER TASTED SO GOOD

Be assured, whether 'down-home good', 'gourmet', or 'farm to table' you will find variety, selection, and wholesome food choices at our ranches. All accommodate most special dietary or nutritional requirements. And don't be surprised if the ranch owners do of the cooking at some meals. We love to share family recipes with our guests.

COMFY BUNKIN'

Accommodations range from cozy cabins to spacious lodge rooms. Each ranch offers comfy beds, western décor, and all the amenities you would expect at many fine lodging establishments. We inspect our member ranches on a regular basis for cleanliness and neatness. All of our ranches are modern in amenities, yet have a historic or even rustic feel that makes staying at a dude ranch so special. We want you to experience an authentic western ranch, while we are always watchful for your comfort and safety.





SEASONS

Fall, Winter, & Spring host a myriad of unique activities at a Colorado Guest Ranch.

5 Unknown Secrets About Colorado Dude Ranches in September:

1) Adult Only Weeks: 'When the kids are away the parents will play!' Most ranches offer Adult Only weeks and weekends in September. Saddle up for an unforgettable ride through the changing Aspens (i.e. leaf peeping on horse- back) or try your hand at rounding up the cattle. September is a great month for the 'big kids' of the family to take a deep breath after a busy summer and enjoy all that Colorado has to offer in the fall. Whether you take a solo trip to rejuvenate , travel as a couple, or maybe it's a short getaway with friends, you will likely fall in love with autumn in the Colorado Rockies.

2) Specialty Weeks and Weekends

- Culinary Weeks
- Yoga Retreats
- Cowgirl Roundups
- Painting/Photography Workshops
- Cattle Roundup Weeks
- Hunting & Birding Trips
- & More!

If you are looking to get a little something 'extra' out of your Colorado Dude Ranch vacation then check out the specialty weeks and weekends in September. Click here for a list of a few of the offerings and call 1-866-942-3472 for ranch availability.

3) All Inclusive Packages: Our CDGRA member ranches continue to offer their famous ALL INCLUSIVE packages throughout the month of September. These rates always include meals, lodging, & horseback riding and typically include most of the on ranch activities. You can truly leave your wallet at home! No need for tipping at meals or lugging around a bulky purse. Colorado cowboys travel light. And we think you should too!

4) Short Stays Available: Although you'll still find the popular week long stays available in September, you will also find that Colorado Dude & Guest Ranches offer a variety in minimum night stays. Many ranches that require a 6- 7 night stay in the summer months will offer a minimum 3 night package (or less based on availability!) in the fall, winter, and spring. You can also find a few ranches who offer B&B stays. So whether you come for a night, 3 nights or more, September is a great month to get a taste of an authentic Colorado Ranch experience.

5) Discounted Fall Rates: And if you just needed one more reason to jump in your car or on a plane to a Colorado Dude Ranch this September... check out the fantastic low rates many ranches offer throughout the month of September and on into the fall and winter! Call 1-866-942-3472 for September availability and to find the perfect ranch for your next getaway.

DUDE RANCH WINTERS & SNOW SPORTS

Horseback riding season starts in May or June, depending on the elevation of the dude ranch and when it's safe to assume the snow will have melted. But some dude ranches have riding available throughout the year.



When snow blankets the Colorado Rocky Mountains, wildlife comes in a little closer to the dude ranch and suddenly that fire in the lodge takes on a whole new glow. Colorado's arid climate produces some of the world's best powder for snow sports. Skiing, back-country skiing, snowshoeing, snowmobiling, sledding, dog- sledding, nature viewing, sleigh rides, ice climbing and hot tubing are a few of the possible activities. Check to see what's available at each individual ranch.

SPECIAL EVENTS

Weddings, family reunions, business retreats and other special occasions are more memorable with the Colorado Rocky Mountains as a backdrop. And with the unique charm and fun activities of a dude ranch – along with our professional hosts, chefs, organizers and, of course, wranglers to help – you can pull off a perfectly memorable event. Check with individual ranches for capacity and capabilities.





FAMILY REUNIONS

Plan Your Next Family Reunion at a Colorado Dude Ranch

When it comes to pleasing all members of the family, no one comes to the rescue quite like a Colorado Dude Ranch. It's tough planning a family reunion. With so many varying interests and personal tastes, where do you start? Our ranches are ALL INCLUSIVE which makes planning activities for the week as simple as getting to the ranch.

All of our Colorado Dude Ranches are well equipped to make sure everyone has a fun western experience! Most ranches have daily activities offered for kiddos 3+ and many ranches can accommodate infants as well. The little buckaroos will:

- ride horses
- pan for gold
- explore old mining huts
- do scavenger hunts
- play games
- laugh around the bon fire with marshmallow in hand
- and get dirty!

FAMILY REUNIONS (CONT.)

And, although they'll never admit it, the teens in the family might even crack a smile as they zip down a mountain zip line, tube down a rushing creek, or enjoy a 'teens only' ride up to a cookout lunch on the trail.

For the adults, there are daily rides offered for those who have cowboy blood running in their veins. And for those who prefer to explore the Rocky Mountains 'sans equine', you can choose between:

- fishing
- hiking
- soaking in the hot tub
- enjoying a massage
- reading your favorite novel
- or simply swinging on your porch swing and clearing your lungs with some fresh mountain air.

Even the adults in the family with real young ones (infants & toddlers under 3) will have the chance to just relax and actually take a 'vacation' too! Many ranches offer babysitting for the wee-ones so mom and dad can take a ride, enjoy the square dance, or simply take a much needed nap!

So with all of these activities, will I even see my family? You might ask... ABSOLUTELY! Whether it's a family ride, meal time around the table, family game night, guest rodeo time and much more~ there are always plenty of ways to reunite the WHOLE family at a Colorado Dude Ranch.

Our CDGRA ranches range in capacity from 15-100 guests per week and each ranch offers something unique for every age. Although most of our ranches have kids and teen activities offered, we do have a few 'adult only' (18+) ranches as well. (Perfect for the family reunion with grown up kids).

And the icing on the cake~ ALL CDGRA ranches are ALL INCLUSIVE. So meals, lodging, horseback riding and much more are included in one rate. This makes it simple to plan and budget.

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