



Royal Gorge Cabins offer freestanding accommodations with privacy, comfort and great views.

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Adventure Awaits; Five Reasons Colorado's Royal Gorge Should Be Travelers' First Next Destination

CANON CITY, Colo., April 22, 2020 - When it's time for travel again, central Colorado's [Royal Gorge](#) is a superlative place for nature-deprived outdoor-lovers to regain their adventure mojo. Here's why.

1. **It's close to home and nature.** The region's largest adventure provider, [Echo Canyon River Expeditions](#), is located about an hour from Colorado Springs and Pueblo, two hours from Denver and three hours from Fort Collins. "As travelers restart their relationships with their cars, I don't think they're going to want to travel very far," said Andy Neinas, owner of Echo Canyon. "The spirit-lifting beauty of the Sangre de Cristo



Glamping Tents come with fire rings and patios.



Experts believe adventure travel will be among the first segments of the industry to return.

mountains will do wonders for those of us who have been cooped up for months. I see those mountains every day, and I never grow tired of them.”

2. **Adventure travel may be the first segment of the travel industry to reopen.** Recent stories in the Los Angeles Times, [Forbes](#) and other respected media outlets have suggested that adventure travel might be among the first segments to make a comeback as travelers regain their confidence. In the [Forbes](#) interview with travel expert Everett Potter, Adventure Travel Trade Association (ATTA) CEO Shannon Stowell predicted that adventure travel will be the first to recover “due to the fact that the travelers are more intrepid in general and the type of travel is usually about immersion in nature, staying active and healthy and visiting remote communities.”

3. **There are adventures for everyone.** Echo Canyon River Expeditions offers several daily half- and full-day rafting adventures on different sections the Arkansas River including [family float trips](#) and more adventurous whitewater trips through the [Bighorn Sheep Canyon](#) and [Royal Gorge Canyon](#). A short drive from the Echo Canyon headquarters is the [Royal Gorge Bridge & Park](#), with popular adventures like a Via Ferrata, the Cloudscraper Zipline and the Skycoaster ride. Even a walk across the Royal Gorge Bridge - the country’s highest suspension bridge - is an adventure. Land-lovers will find dozens of mountain biking, hiking and running trails maintained by [Fremont Adventure Recreation](#), a non-profit organization committed to promoting a “culture of community and healthy living through human-powered outdoor recreation.”

4. **There are freestanding, private accommodations.** Located across the street from Echo Canyon River Expeditions are the [Royal Gorge Cabins](#), a complex of one- and two-bedroom [luxury cabins](#) with fully equipped kitchens, living areas and private outdoors spaces, and queen and double-queen [Glamping Tents](#) with private patios and fire rings. “We think the option of freestanding accommodations will appeal to our guests more than enclosed hotels with interior entrances,” said Neinas.

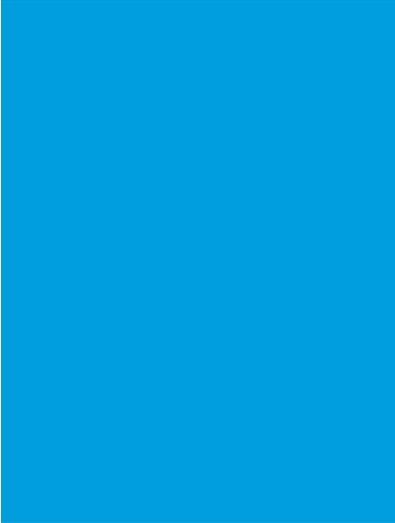
5. **Open-air dining.** On warm summer days and nights, the glass bay doors of [8 Mile Bar and Grill](#) open to the large patio where diners are surrounded by mountain beauty and in the evening, starry night skies. The 16-tap bar includes a variety of Colorado brews and popular favorites and the menu offers salads, burgers, sandwiches and meals to suit every palate.

In anticipation of the day that we can all adventure once again, Neinas and the staff at Echo Canyon River Expeditions and Royal Gorge Cabins have been spending their time deep cleaning the entire operation.

“These adventures aren’t going anywhere, and we’ll be ready when you are,” said Neinas.

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[Echo Canyon River Expeditions](#) is the leading whitewater destination resort in central Colorado and one of the country’s top [adventure resorts](#), according to *U.S. News & World Report*. The region offers an array of outdoor adventures and attractions including [whitewater rafting](#) on the Arkansas River, mountain biking on an acclaimed [trail system](#) and the [Royal Gorge Bridge & Park](#). Drive time is approximately two and one-half hours from Denver and one hour from Colorado Springs. The Colorado Springs Airport (COS) offers non-stop service from several major cities throughout the country including Dallas, Houston, Los Angeles, Chicago and Phoenix.



Contact Echo Canyon by email at info@raftecho.com or by calling 1-800-690-3246, or follow the resort on [Facebook](#), [Twitter](#), [YouTube](#), [Instagram](#) or by signing up for the resort's [newsletter](#). Travelers can also read about visitors' experiences on [TripAdvisor](#) and see why Echo Canyon is consistently named the No. 1-rated tour in Cañon City.

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