

Win the lottery? These are the six Colorado vacations you'll want to take

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While Colorado has endless free options for getaways in the great outdoors, our state also is teeming with over-the-top, extravagant escapes. From a downtown Denver presidential suite to a private helicopter tour to a remote fishing lodge, here's where to go if you suddenly find yourself with a travel budget where the sky's the limit.

Taylor River Lodge

Almont

Now with seven remote locations around the world (an eighth is scheduled to open in Chile later this year), Crested Butte-based Eleven Experience is leading the charge in luxury experiential travel. Tucked away in the woods in nearby Almont, Taylor River Lodge is a fly fisherman's dream, where six rustic-yet-chic cabins lie steps away from a stocked trout pond. Guests are armed with personal guides for bespoke float and wading trips on the Taylor River and up through the "Gunni." Off the water, it's a summer-camp-style utopia of hiking, biking, kayaking, horseback riding, archery and more — with gourmet meals and an impressive wine and cocktail program. For the most epic vacation of all time, round up a full entourage of friends and family for a full buyout of the property (\$22,040/night based on 24 guests). All inclusive, from \$1,950/night, elevenexperience.com

The Little Nell and Sentient Jet

Aspen

No jet card, no problem when you're a guest at Colorado's crown jewel of five-star hotels. Of course Aspen Snowmass has an official private-aviation partner, and as a Ski-Co-owned property, The Little Nell is exclusively able to offer guests Sentient Jet's standard rates without a year-round commitment. Starting at \$5,272 per hour, the perks include guaranteed availability, access to a premier network of aircraft and a dedicated on-demand client-management team to make any wish their command. From \$497/night, thelittlenell.com

Marble Distilling Co.'s "Distilled Flight"

Carbondale

Carbondale's sustainable spirits



Tucked away in the woods in Almont, Taylor River Lodge is a fly-fisher's dream. Provided by Taylor River Lodge



The Taylor River Lodge features an indoor pool. Provided by Taylor River Lodge

maker is taking your average distillery tour to new heights with a private chopper ride in partnership with Aspen Heli Charter. Winding along the Crystal River Valley and surrounding areas, the day-long program starts with a visit to Nieslanik Beef's farm and Flying Dog Ranch to see the cycle



Just four miles downriver from its sister property, Dunton Hot Springs, Dunton River Camp is an off-grid getaway that takes glamping to the next level. Provided by Dunton River Camp

of how grains are grown, harvested and eventually returned as livestock feed. Following an overview of Marble Distilling Co.'s whiskey-aging program and philosophy — tasting straight out of the barrel is included — guests take flight over majestic high-mountain valleys to Marble for a

birds-eye-view of the Marble Quarry and historic Crystal Mill. The experience culminates with a tour, tasting and lunch at Marble Distilling Co. Main Street, with an overnight stay at the Distillery Inn upstairs. Price available upon request, marbledistilling.com.