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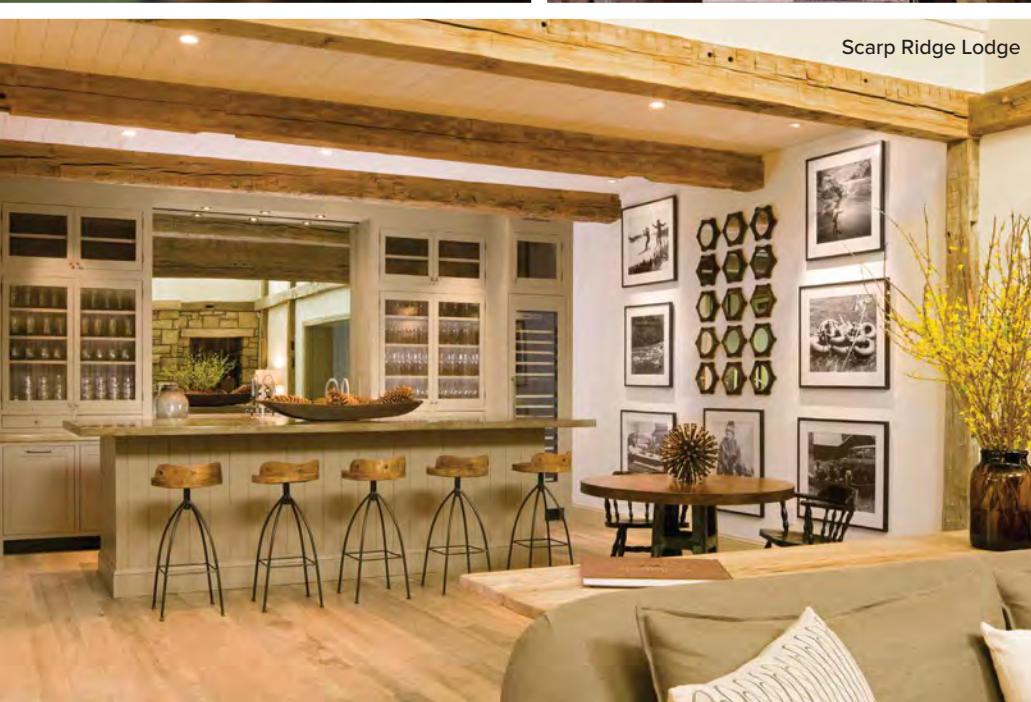
25 UNFORGETTABLE
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Taylor River Lodge



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Scarp Ridge Lodge



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Wed in the Wildflowers

CRESTED BUTTE, COLORADO



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Colorado is no stranger to destination weddings and domestic honeymoons, but the Rocky Mountains are seeing their share of overcrowding lately...unless you know where to look. If you love the rustic luxury of the Rockies, but seek a spot a little less traveled, then consider Crested Butte, Colorado. It's known as the Wildflower Capital of the state, making it a beautiful natural backdrop for a destination "I do." A short drive from Gunnison-Crested Butte Regional Airport (and four-plus hours from Denver), the small-town charm of this old mining village is ideal for groups who want to stroll down a historic main street and settle into a swanky, BBQ-style rehearsal dinner.

The big day could take place in the expansive surroundings or an intimate courtyard at Sopris House. For a buyout stay great for small groups, Scarp Ridge Lodge by Eleven Experience (sleeps 20) means living like you're in a posh hotel within the communal surroundings of a loved one's home. What was once the Croatian Hall where miners drank and danced, is now an ultra-luxurious boutique hotel offering inclusive adventures like snowcat skiing, guided hikes and ice climbing. If you want to get out in nature on wheels, then your group can enjoy the largest single track trail system in the U.S. for mountain bikes. Or you can paddle board down the river and then stroll into town for live music at Public House. On the other hand, you could hang in the indoor saltwater pool or fan-favorite rooftop Jacuzzi at Scarp Ridge Lodge and watch the stars (a must after all that exercise). Entry into this elevation will be a breeze with their oxygen-enriched air system and heated floors. But the best part is the great outdoors – with over 1,000 exclusive back acres for cat skiing in winter. Once you've tied the knot, let the honeymoon begin!

For unforgettable quality time with friends and family, no matter the season, consider taking your group to Crested Butte for a little old-fashion fun, combined with the all the modern luxuries your wedding deserves.



Public House

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Sopris House