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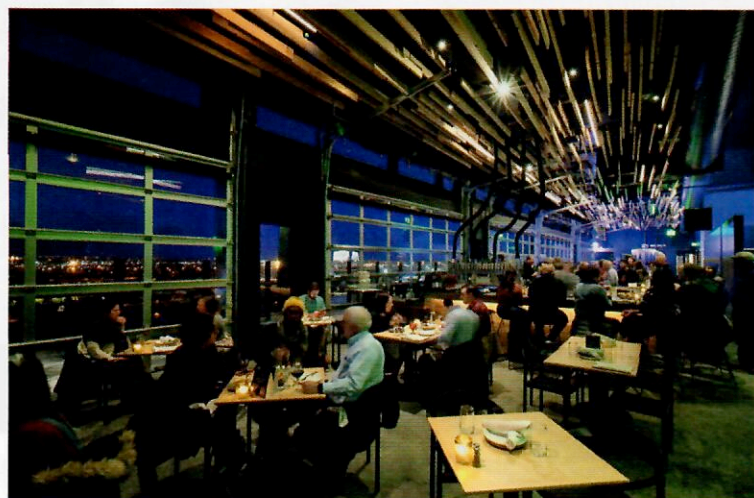


+ **LUXE LIFE**

WHERE TO SPLURGE IN ASPEN ON ESTATE RENTALS,
HELI-SKIING, \$500 COCKTAILS, AND MORE



Clockwise: the Jacuzzi's rooftop pool; rooftop dining at the Source; Narrative at the Jacquard



conveyed via an in-room bulletin board with a monthly calendar of Red Rocks shows and other Denver goings-on, recommendations from the Do List, and info about local artwork in the rooms and lobby store. **Rooms from \$129. 18484 W Colfax Ave, 303-215-0100, originhotel.com**

THE SOURCE HOTEL, RINO

Situated in River North (a.k.a. RiNO), a transitioning industrial district that's now home to artist studios and galleries, craft breweries, and trendy restaurants, this spare, modern hotel, open for a year, is in its element. The amply sized rooms have concrete floors, birch casework, and large windows—which even open up garage style in select rooms. But the Source is more than just a hotel. For starters, there's a brewery on-site, a branch of Colorado's popular New Belgium. On the second floor, a marketplace features restaurants (including the highly rated Safta) and a varying collection of shops and kiosks selling local

goods. In the connected building next door, once an iron foundry, are more restaurants—Acorn draws raves—plus a specialty liquor store, bakery, and more. With so many options, plus a rooftop pool area and a restaurant/bar where you can try all of those New Belgium brews, there may be no reason to leave the Source, but it's worth venturing out into the rest of RiNO, including Zeppelin Station, another food and retail market hall a few blocks away (and HQ for ski resort operator—Ikon Pass!—Alterra Mountain Company).

Feature we love: At check-in, guests are offered a small, brewed-on-site welcome beer; sip it while admiring the view out to Long's Peak, one of Colorado's 14ers.

Rooms from \$249. 3330 Brighton Blvd, 720-409-1200

THE JACQUARD HOTEL AND ROOFTOP, CHERRY CREEK

Open since October 2018, this chic 201-room hotel, part of Marriott's

Autograph Collection that emphasizes design and sense of place, has a killer location in the heart of Cherry Creek, Denver's classic upscale destination for shopping and dining. The Cherry Creek Shopping Center, home to Neiman's, Nordstrom, and some 160 other stores, is just a block away. From the sleek, minimalist lobby to the compact but thoughtfully appointed, modern rooms, the Jacquard exudes luxe urban style. Bonus: Narrative, the hotel's book-themed ground floor restaurant, has developed a local following for comfort-food classics like shrimp and grits with Andouille sausage and a hearty chicken avocado chopped salad, an interesting wine list, and a sophisticated bar scene.

Feature we love: The "rooftop" in the hotel's name refers to the top-level pool area and the Kisbee bar; in warm weather, taking in the stellar view of the city and mountains while swimming laps in the 75-foot-long pool or lounging with a cocktail feels like a getaway in and of itself.

Rooms from \$249. 222 Milwaukee St, 303-515-2000, thejacquard.com

Navigating Denver to Aspen Flight Issues: The Inside Scoop

IS YOUR UNITED flight from Denver to Aspen delayed or cancelled? Snowstorm on I-70? We asked two Aspen frequent fliers, Sarah Pelch, a vice president at music-bookings agency Opus 3 Artists, and writer and editor Tom Passavant, how they handle travel to and from the mountains.

Before renting a car rather than waiting for a rescheduled flight, check conditions on I-70; if the weather is bad enough or if a rockslide occurs (it happens!), the highway will close.

"For some reason, United sometimes seems to wait until the last minute to formally cancel a connecting flight to Aspen, even when the weather's lousy and previous flights have already been scratched," says Passavant. (He advises checking aspenairport.com for the most timely local info.) Rather than wait until the last minute to book a hotel near DIA, as those can book up quickly, especially if Denver weather is also bad, he recommends reserving a room as soon as your flight status seems iffy. "Sure, the cost is probably nonrefundable if your flight does go," says Passavant, "but those chairs out at gate B58 are no bargain, either."

If an airline offers you a voucher because of mechanical or scheduling issues, you'll likely be handed a \$50 Electronic Travel Certificate (ETC). Says Pelch, "I refuse that and instead go to the United website to write a letter to Customer Care and request a higher value ETC or a certain amount of frequent flyer miles. I usually get a better result."