

To IPDPS 2005 Attendees

Destination Services of Colorado is providing three tours specially tailored to the schedule of IPDPS 2005 attendees. They have been organized by DSC for the week of IPDPS to meet the interests of guests accompanying you and to allow IPDPS attendees to take a break from technical meetings to participate. The tours are described below, noting that the recommended attire is comfortable walking shoes, casual pants, jacket & camera. To register for the tours, please download the pdf form provided by DSC and mail or fax directly to Destination Services of Colorado. See registration form for details regarding deadlines and cancellation refunds.*

Tour #1 – ROCKY MOUNTAIN NATIONAL PARK – SUNDAY, APRIL 3, 2005 (all day)

- **Tickets @ \$60 – Includes transportation, DSC guide, gourmet lunch**



Tour guests from IPDPS will board the bus at the Omni-Interlocken at 10:00 AM and head directly to the Rocky Mountain National Park, passing through Boulder and Estes Park on the way to the Park entrance. A DSC tour guide will be aboard to describe attractions along the way and answer questions about the Park. The bus will tour the Park with stops to allow folks to "mosey" around at points of special interest and visit spots highlighted by H.J. Siegel (IPDPS host general chair) in his presentation last year in Santa Fe. For a review of what's in store, visit H.J.'s link at http://www.engr.colostate.edu/~hj/IPDPS_2005_location.pdf. With different elevations throughout, the Park supports a variety of ecosystems. Ponderosa and lodge pole pine, juniper and aspen grow at lower levels, while brilliant wildflowers

characterize the middle elevations. Near the mountaintops, trees disappear and the landscape turns to alpine tundra of plants. Throughout the day, there will be chances to view elk, Rocky Mountain bighorn sheep, river otters, coyotes, various songbirds and eagles. A gourmet box lunch will be served while in the Park and there will be snacks & drinks aboard. The bus will return to the historic mountain village of Estes Park and allow time to explore local shops and points of interest, including the Stanley Hotel (and perhaps enjoy a cup of hot chocolate). The bus will return to Omni-Interlocken by dinnertime and before IPDPS Sunday registration closes. *Note that the route and length of the tour is subject to weather conditions at the time of the tour.*

Tour #2 – RED ROCKS & BUFFALO BILL SITE – TUESDAY, APRIL 5, 2005 (afternoon)

- **Tickets @ \$50 – Includes transportation, DSC guide, bottled water**



Bus departs Omni-Interlocken at 12 noon. To begin the tour, you will travel to Red Rocks. These dramatic sandstone monoliths serve as a history book of animal and plant life in the area for the past 250 million years. As spectators gaze at the towering red sandstone rocks, they view the ancient tales of prehistoric times. Upon arrival, you will exit at the trading post to browse a bit and then be escorted along trails to learn about these unique geological formations. Next you will travel to the historic gravesite of the one and only William F. "Buffalo Bill" Cody known for his skills as a buffalo hunter. By his request, Buffalo Bill was buried on Lookout Mountain in 1917,

overlooking the Great Plains and the Rockies. From this vantage point, you will feel the breezes from the high peaks of the continental Divide, smell the Ponderosa Pines, and watch the mountain wildlife, all near the gravesite of the man who traveled the world leaving a lasting vision of the American West. The museum includes Sitting Bull's bows and arrows, Buffalo Bill's show outfits, Frederick Remington's "Portrait of a Ranch Hand," and many other objects from the old west. Before departing, you will have a chance to explore the breathtaking view of the Buffalo Herd Overlook that is located near the gravesite. This is a great viewing area to catch a look at endangered species in their natural environment of grassy hills and Ponderosa Pines.

Tour #3 – DENVER IN A DAY – THURSDAY, APRIL 7, 2005 (afternoon)

- **Tickets @ \$40 – Includes transportation, DSC guide, bottled water**



Bus departs Omni-Interlocken at 12 noon, headed to the Mile High City! The tour begins with a visit to the gold domed Denver Capitol and then on to Larimer Square. This quaint block of cafes and shops, included in the National Register of Historic Places, is a beautifully restored district and the gateway to historic Lower Downtown Denver, referred to as LoDo. This 20-block area of 100-year-old buildings has been converted into antique stores, galleries, restaurants and specialty shops. Next, you will be able to tour historic Brown Palace Hotel, a four-star, luxury landmark located in the heart of downtown Denver. Throughout its 109-year history, the Brown Palace Hotel has played host to presidents, princesses, kings and queens, and their entourage of followers.

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