



# GUIDED OVERLAND TRIP PACKET

*COLORADO-STYLE SAFARI*

**OUR TURN-KEY GUIDE  
ON WHERE TO CAMP,  
WHAT TO DO, LOCAL  
ATTRACTIONS AND  
MORE.**

**WE ARE LOCALS AND  
NOW SO ARE YOU!**



# PACKET INFORMATION

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# MEET THE GROUP

## The Guides



Travis Titus

I was born and raised in Colorado and couldn't be happier to share my home state with you! The outdoors have always been a huge part of my life and I was lucky enough to start adventuring as a kid. In 2019, I started TAC to help others enjoy the great outdoors who maybe didn't have the same opportunities.

Before TAC, I was a mechanical design engineer and continue to tinker and design. I have a 7yr daughter and 4yr old son who are seasoned campers!

**FUN FACT:** I have camped for 60 straight days with no shower or toilet paper!



Sam Clark

I'm from Colorado Springs, one of Colorado's great cities for outdoor lovers. I worked as a cycle-touring guide for many years in Europe before returning home and now run an urban land trust. We've used TAC vehicles for everything from quick hunting trips to easing our 18-month old into camping life. I'm excited to spend some quality time in the high country with you all. **Fun Fact:** I've biked across the United States twice!

## Guests

Party 1:

Party 2:

Party 3

**Your name here!**

# THE ROUTE

## Driving Highlights

610 Total Miles

140 Miles on Dirt Roads

5 Mountain Passes



# DAY 1



**The Route:** Denver to Aspen Ridge

**Drive Time:** 3.5hrs

**Total Distance:** 130 miles total, 17 miles dirt

At **9:00am**, arrive at TAC Headquarters (1830 W 64th Ln, Denver CO 80221) where we will begin the trip orientation and get everything loaded up. Have breakfast beforehand but we will have coffee and snacks available. We will be hitting the road by 10:30am and getting to camp by 4:00pm.



## Activities:

- Lunch near Buffalo Peaks Wilderness area
- Exploring from camp

# DAY 2



**The Route:** Aspen Ridge to McDonough Res

**Drive Time:** 3.5hrs

**Total Distance:** 100 miles total, 20 miles dirt

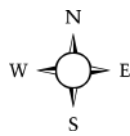
Departing camp around 10am and arriving at camp for lunch. The afternoon will be open for camp relaxing and other activities in the area.

## Activities:



- Explore waterfall
- Fishing (you will need a CO fishing license)
- Paddle boarding/packraft (weather depending)

## DAY 3



**The Route:** McDonough Res to Spring Creek

**Drive Time:** 4.5hrs

**Total Distance:** 120 miles total, 60 miles dirt

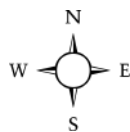
Departing camp at 9:30am and then having lunch along the Gunnison River. In the afternoon we will head into the Crested Butte area and arrive around 4:30pm to camp on Spring Creek.

### Activities:



- Optional 1hr hike in gorgeous aspen grove to beaver ponds
- Fishing or exploring from camp

## DAY 4



**The Route:** Spring Creek to Denver

**Drive Time:** 4.5hrs

**Total Distance:** 200 miles total, 20 miles dirt

Last day on the trail! Departing camp around 10:00am and then back over the Continental Divide with a lakeside lunch. Then hitting scenic highways over mountain passes and back to Denver around 5pm. We will have some snacks available as we unpack.

### Activities:



- Optional short hike at top of Cottonwood Pass (over 12,000ft high)

# FOOD AND DRINK

## Breakfast:

- Sourdough French Toast
- Breakfast Tacos
- Fancy Trail Oatmeal

## Lunch:

- Prosciutto, brie, and arugula baguettes
- Chicken salad sandwiches
- Mediterranean pita pockets
- Coldcut sandwiches with chips with guacamole and salsa

## Appetizers available each day:

- Cheese board
- Chips and salsa

## Dinner:

- Beer braised bratwurst, warm farro salad with corn & hazelnuts and coleslaw
- Sage braised lamb shanks, mashed potatoes and peas
- Shortribs, mirepoix french lentils and kale



# FOOD AND DRINK

## Dessert:

- Campfire cones with marshmallows, dark chocolate and peanut butter
- Berry, mascarpone, fireside pound cake
- Cobbler with fruit and whipped cream

## Snacks:

- Fruit, chips, veggies, granola bars, gorp, cheese and crackers

## Drinks

- Rocky mountain water, coffee, orange juice, tea (some caffeinated and herbal), hot chocolate, lemonade powder, canned sparkling water
- We will not be providing sodas but you can bring your own. Note that we may not have cooler space for all drinks

## Alcoholic Drinks\*

- Camp cocktail each night
- A modest selection of wine and beer
- You can bring additional drinks if desired

\*A note about our alcohol policy: we are all for social drinking around camp once the driving is done. No drinking before camp will be tolerated. For those coming from lower elevations, alcohol does not help the acclimation process and will only exacerbate any altitude-related symptoms. Moderation is the goal!





# PACKING LIST

For this trip we will be supplying all the group camping gear needed. That means you are really just responsible for clothes. Below is our recommended personal packing list.

**Pro Tips:** Focus on bringing layer options rather than just a shirt for warm weather and a jacket for cold weather. You will be happier if you can just add a light layer when the sun goes behind a cloud. We also highly recommend packing into duffle bags rather than rolling suitcases.

## Weather in June

The summer has been cooler and wetter than usual thus far. There is also a huge snowpack that is still melting. It is nice a green out there! Expect daytime temps to be in the 60-70s. Night temps will be in the 40's-50's. This time of year it is very common to have afternoon thunderstorms roll through so be ready for intermittent rain. Mornings are usually sunny and nice. Because of the extra moisture, there could be more mosquitos than normal.

## Clothing

- Rain Jacket
- Heavy fleece or insulated jacket (ideally can wear under the rain jacket)
- Hoodie sweatshirt or thin fleece
- Shorts
- Lightweight pants (ideally not cotton)
- Jeans or heavier pants
- T-shirts
- Thin long sleeve shirts
- Casual socks
- Warm hiking socks

- Warm knit hat
- Sun hat
- Thin gloves

**Extra warm layers** (for those worried about being cold)

- Long underwear
- Fleece pants
- Insulated vest
- Thick gloves
- Neck gaiter/balaclava

## Footwear

- Hiking boots or sturdy waterproof hiking shoes
- Camp shoes (like sneakers or warm booties)
- Sandals if you plan to do any water activities

## Toiletries

- Sunscreen
- Chapstick
- Lotion
- Toothbrush/toothpaste
- Medications
- Reading glasses, contacts, etc
- Small towel if you want to shower

# PACKING LIST CONT.

## Personal Gear

- Reusable water bottle (VERY IMPORTANT!)
- Sunglasses
- Small daypack (can be shared amongst your party)
- Headlamp
- Bedding and Tent (for those not using our bedding or tents)
- Camera
- Any reading material

## Group Gear We Will Be Bringing

There is a TON we will be packing, here is the majority of it

- All stoves and cookware
- All dishes
- Tables and chairs
- Lanterns and string lights
- Shovels
- Saws
- Axe
- Fridges and coolers
- Water jugs
- Hammocks
- Binoculars
- Insulated blankets
- Power bank to charge up devices
- Portable shower\*
- Large screened tent (for bugs)
- Bug repellent device
- Propane firepit (we will be building campfires too, but this is great for the mornings)
- Inflatable boats
- Walkie talkies for each vehicle
- Portable FLUSH toilets with privacy tents (so fancy!)
- Toilet paper
- GPS communication device for emergencies
- First Aid kits
- Tents, cots, and sleeping pads for those not in rooftop tents
- Sleeping bags and pillows for those in our vehicles

\*Our shower is a bladder pressurized by foot pump and has a hose with nozzle. For those that want it, we can heat some water to go inside the shower. We have found though that on the Sept trip, you don't get very sweaty and it can feel cold to take a shower. An alternative is to buy large body wipes, like these ones pictured.



# FINAL DETAILS

## Fishing

- For those interested in fishing, you will need to buy a fishing license beforehand with Colorado Parks and Wildlife. You can do that online or at outdoor stores like Walmart. There is a non-resident 5-day license available for about \$34

## Setting Us Up For Success

- We love the group trip format as it means we get to make new camping friends! It also means we are on the adventure as a team. To help us all have a successful trip, it is really important to make sure you are taking care of yourself! That starts with arriving well rested, staying hydrated, avoiding unnecessary risks, and letting a guide know of any concerns you are having before they become bigger issues. The altitude is going to be the biggest external factor and we will talk more about that during orientation.



**Let's Roll!**