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5 Staycations for Ultimate Relaxation

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Planning a faraway, week-long summer vacation for the entire family may not sound relaxing, or even feasible, this year. If you find yourself sharing that sentiment, consider planning a quick staycation that can be enjoyed over a weekend. Here are five experiences to explore right here in Colorado.



Rawah Guest Ranch

Explore the Northern Colorado wilderness at this authentic luxury guest ranch. At Rawah, you and your family will get the all-inclusive experience. There are multiple cabins to choose from, offering one to two-bedroom options. If relaxation is on the must-do for you, you can even indulge in a massage at the Hideout. During the day, the entire family can explore the grounds, enjoying horseback riding, fly fishing, hiking, and shooting and archery. However, the Ranch's gourmet dining—serving breakfast, lunch, and dinner—is a highlight for guests. rawahranch.com



Gaylord Rockies Resort & Convention Center

If you're looking for something away from a "typical mountain resort stay," visit Gaylord Rockies Resort & Convention Center. The resort features 1,387 modern guest rooms and 114 suites, along with its very own water park (only for resort guests!) and seasonal events. Memorable dining experiences include Old Hickory Steakhouse or The Fortunate Prospector, or you can even have room service delivered. marriot.com



Gateway Canyons Resort & Spa

Discover a world of new adventures with your family at Gateway Canyons Resort & Spa. This Resort offers a variety of amenities, including the Kiva and Palisade pools, Palisade hot tub, and the spa. Activities are endless in the Canyon and include hiking and climbing, mountain biking, and off-road touring. Check with the concierge before you arrive because some activities do have age restrictions. Dining is next level at Gateway. Currently, guests can enjoy food and entertainment while at Paradox Grille or pick up a delicious coffee at Kiva Café. gatewaycanyons.com



C Lazy U Ranch

This all-inclusive, year-round guest ranch is located in the heart of the Rocky Mountains, offering an experience the entire family will enjoy. The Ranch offers 38 guest ranch accommodations, including individual rooms and fully-private cabins, and all are within walking distance of the Main Lodge. The dining experience features wood-fired, farm-inspired menus that change depending on the season. There's no shortage of activities while at the Ranch either! Families can enjoy the pool and hot tub, horseback riding, cattle pushing clinics, the "Shodeo," fly fishing, archery, mountain biking, Ranger tours, paddle boating, and beehive tours, to name a few. clazyu.com



Vista Verde Ranch

Located north of Steamboat Springs, this luxury dude ranch offers an unforgettable ranch experience that you will keep coming back to experience again and again. Their family vacation program is designed so there is something for everyone. They even provide a kids program for children six years and older. During the summer months, families can enjoy time with the horses, cookouts, and barn dances. Other activities include paddleboarding, fly fishing, archery, and yoga. After a day of fun, enjoy a meal crafted by Chef Gillespie's team of talented chefs. vistaverde.com