**Great places to go on vacation in Colorado**

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 I’m going on a trip to Colorado, and I’m going to three resorts [Aspen, Estes Park, and Colorado Springs]. At these places I will go to special landmarks. I will tell you about landmarks in three of these special cities.

Let’s begin with Aspen, Aspen used to be a mining center for gold. Now it is a resort. Aspen is in West Central Colorado. If you like music, and dancing you should go in the summer, there are two festivals one dancing, and one music. Other things that you can do in the summer are hiking, fishing, and you can even ride in a tram to the top of a 14000-foot mountain. In the winter, you can enjoy sledding, tubing, and snowboarding, but most popular is skiing.

 Secondly, I’m going to Estes Park. Rocky Mountain National Park is in Estes Park. So make sure you have your hiking shoes. Before the Europeans came over the Arapaho Indians lived there in the summer. Fun fact, the Arapaho Indians called Estes Park the circle. There are a lot of year round activities. Such as horseback riding, fishing, climbing and hiking. You can even see a show at the Historic Theater. The theater does not show movies any more, but you can see live shows there.

 Lastly, I’m going to Colorado Springs. Colorado Springs is the second largest city in Colorado. If you like a lot of people in one place you should go to this city first. There are a lot of academies in this area. Such as The U.S. Air Force Academy. A special landmark is the Garden of the Gods. The Garden of the Gods is a very peaceful place, and it is very beautiful.

 As, you can see Colorado is a very good place to go on vacation, and visit these resorts (you can hike, bike, climb, fish and ski. There are many other places to go as well, but that’s another story.