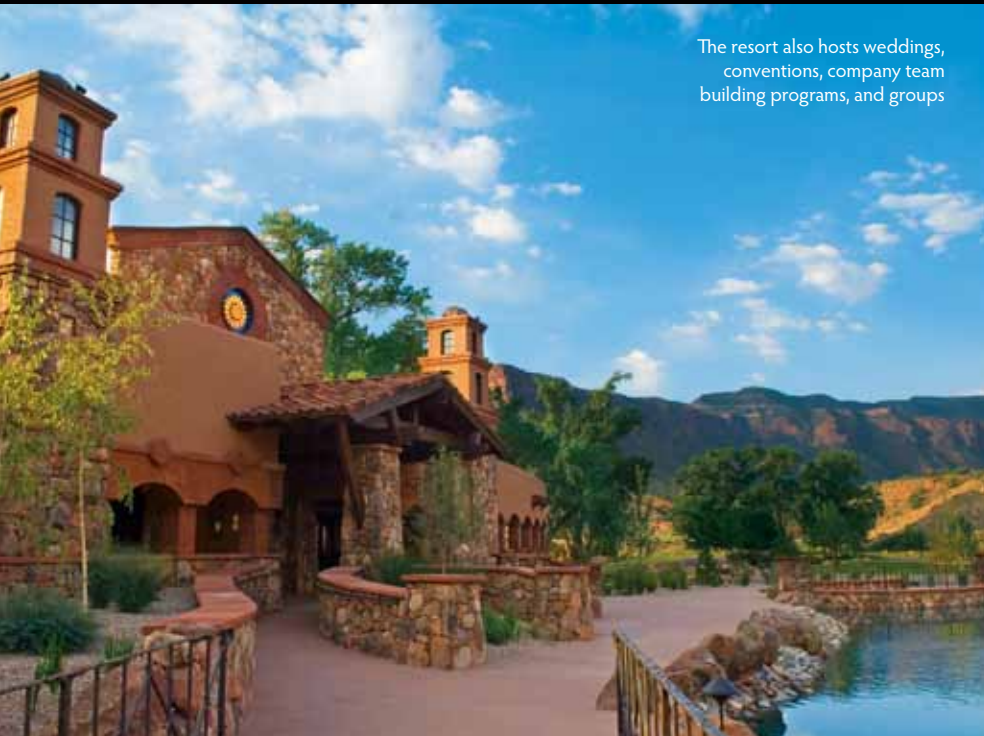


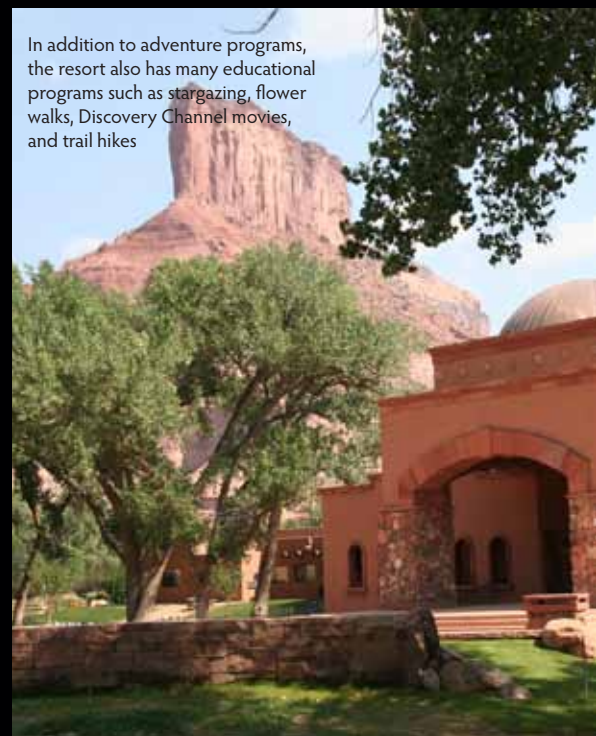
Gateway to Adventure

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The resort also hosts weddings, conventions, company team building programs, and groups



In addition to adventure programs, the resort also has many educational programs such as stargazing, flower walks, Discovery Channel movies, and trail hikes

Gateway Canyons Resort in Colorado offers nature-loving thrill-seekers adventurous fun in one of the most magnificent, unspoiled regions of the world. Founded by Discovery Channel's John Hendricks, the elegant resort offers guests a chance to experience outdoor activities in a picturesque environment.

Five breathtaking Colorado canyons encircle Gateway Canyons Resort in panoramic beauty



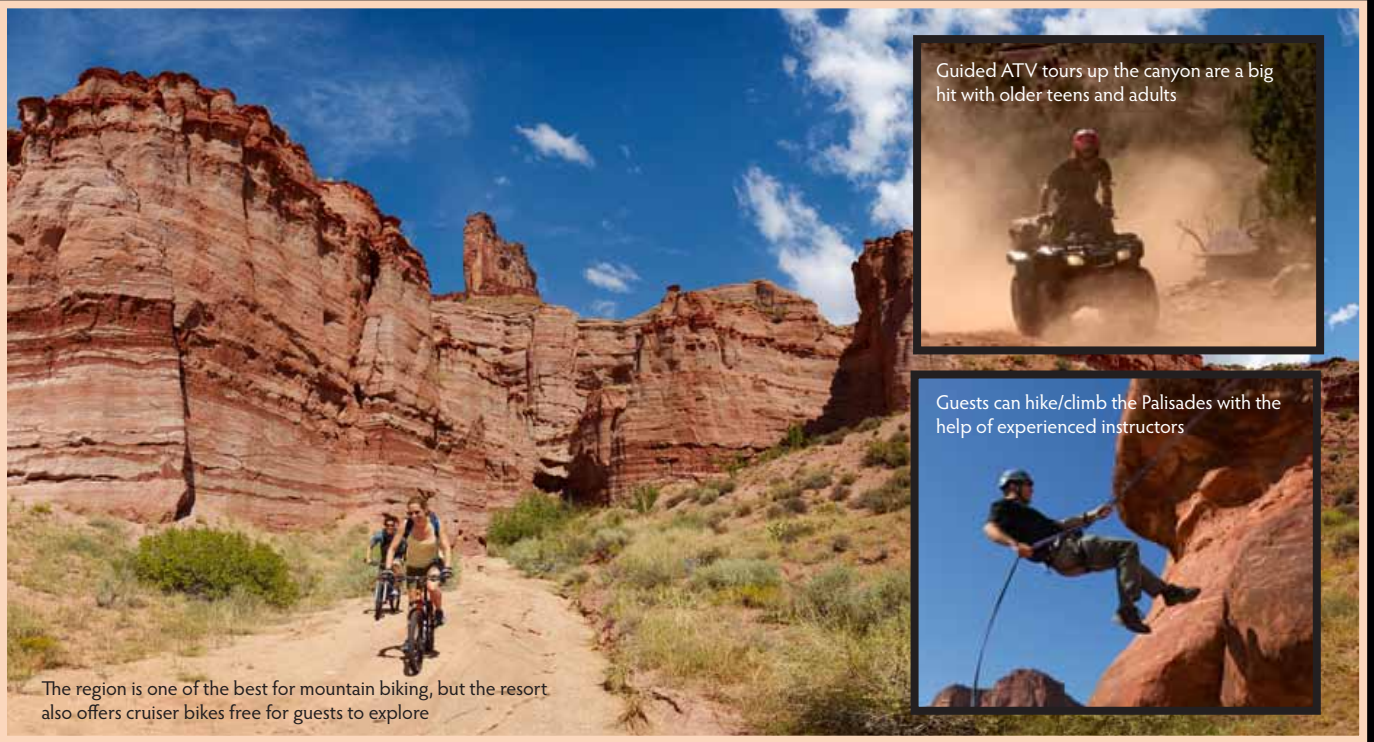
Instead of lying by a pool or napping on a beach, many Katyites are opting for active, adventure-filled getaways to make their vacations even more memorable. Situated in the midst of five spectacular Colorado canyons is Gateway Canyons, a four-star resort that offers nature-loving, thrill-seekers a chance to experience amazing outdoor excursions in one of the most scenic regions of the world.

Colorado's Best-Kept Secret

Frequently described as one of Colorado's best-kept secrets, its remote location in Gateway offers all the rugged beauty of a national park, but without all the people. With only 58 rooms, you won't find gobs of people, long lines, or congestion. Instead, you'll find ultimate tranquility, breathtaking views, and endless opportunities for adventure. The pristine resort is elegantly weaved into the majestic canyon environment and blends remarkably well into the natural scenery.

Discovery Channel Connection

Founder John Hendricks, who also founded the Discovery Channel, was awestruck by the colorful canyons of Gateway, CO. He began buying land in the '90s, putting much of it into conservation. Hendricks unveiled Gateway Canyons Resort in 2005 as a way to share what he felt was one of the most extraordinary landscapes in the world. The resort also has an educational component offering visitors ample programs such as stargazing, trail hikes, flower walks, Discovery Channel movies in the amphitheater, and much more.



The region is one of the best for mountain biking, but the resort also offers cruiser bikes free for guests to explore

Guided ATV tours up the canyon are a big hit with older teens and adults

Guests can hike/climb the Palisades with the help of experienced instructors

Once-in-a-Lifetime Adventures

Outdoor adventures include helicopter tours over the canyons, guided ATV rides to a vantage point overlooking all five canyons, horseback riding on a peaceful mountain trail, climbing to the top of the Palisades canyon, and whitewater rafting with majestic views all around, just to name a few. (Many excursions depend on the season, and the best times to visit are fall, spring, and summer.) The excursions are led by top-level recreation specialists whose first job is keeping guests safe and whose second job is making sure you have the time of your life.



Dedicated horse professionals serve as tour guides and can provide custom rides for all levels

Dream Horseback Rides

The horseback riding options are plentiful and are led by experienced, passionate guides. Rides can be customized for all levels, and guests can choose full trail rides, half-day rides, pony rides, and private riding lessons. Expert wranglers share interesting facts about horses, history, and the area, amid close-up views of the spectacular Unaweep canyon.



Rooms are large, spacious, and quiet and most have views of the magnificent canyons

Tranquility and Downtime

Even adventurers need a little downtime, and the resort makes sure to provide plenty of options for taking it easy, too. The rooms vary from standard queen and king rooms to full suites with hot tubs, fireplaces, and large covered patios. Decorated in a rugged-chic, southwest motif, the rooms are comfortable, spacious, and amazingly quiet. Guests can also enjoy a first-rate spa to help rub down those sore muscles after a long bike ride or hike. There are also three on-site eateries, including the elegant Entrada, an upscale restaurant serving up some of the finest fare in western Colorado.

A Remote Retreat

Getting away from it all is an understatement at Gateway Canyons Resort, which is rumored to be a destination for celebs seeking a remote paparazzi-free refuge. If you don't spot a celebrity here, just take a car ride to Aspen (two hours to the east) or Telluride (two hours north) and you're sure to find a few famous faces. The resort offers four-night adventure packages ranging from \$1,289 to \$1,589.

Amazing Auto Museum

As part of its learning culture, the resort is home to an auto museum celebrating the past 100 years of the American car. Amid the natural landscape, guests would never expect to find this renowned museum with more than 45 antique classics, including some of the rarest cars in the world. KM

Gateway Canyons is in western Colorado, about two hours northwest of Telluride



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- Spa
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- Whitewater rafting

Getting There

Katy visitors can catch direct flights from George Bush Intercontinental Airport into the Grand Junction airport and will drive an additional 1.5 hours to Gateway Canyons by car through picturesque canyons and mountains. For more information, visit gatewaycanyons.com.

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