



## THE *low*down

**Mayor John W. Hickenlooper, a geologist-turned brewpub pioneer who had never run for political office, was elected Mayor of Denver in 2003 and reelected four years later. Time Magazine named the political newcomer one of the top five “big-city” mayors in America. He gives us a rundown of must-sees in Denver:**

### **BEST PEOPLE-WATCHING:**

The 16th Street Mall and adjacent LoDo are always buzzing with activity—there’s so much to do with all of the shops and restaurants.

**CAMERA-WORTHY:** In City Park, directly behind the Denver Museum of Nature and Science, you’ll see the most remarkable view of the Denver skyline—especially at sunset.

**GREATER GOODS:** Some of my favorite places to shop are in the great Denver neighborhoods—from Cherry Creek and Highlands to Stapleton, South Gaylord and Pearl Street.



The Brown Palace Hotel

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### **THREAD COUNT**

The sophisticated and stylish **Hotel Monaco** (800-990-1303) puts you within walking distance of Denver’s vibrant downtown nightlife. It’s actually two historic buildings revamped as one, boasting bold striped interiors and retro charm. A local crown jewel, **The Brown Palace Hotel** (800-321-2599) is a Victorian landmark that blends the modern and ageless amid luxury guest rooms and tasteful presidential suites. The hipster’s hangout is the **JW Marriott Denver at Cherry Creek** (303-316-2700)—exit the sleek lobby to stylish finds, trendy eateries and be-seen nightlife.



### **FOOD FIX**

Who would put the Rocky Mountains and savory sushi in the same sentence? The **Sushi Den** of Denver (303-777-0826), where elegantly arranged sashimi is an art form and fresh fish is flown in from Japan daily. **Zengo** (Japanese for “give and take”) (720-904-0965) is an energetic Latin-Asian restaurant adorned with a design tapestry of ravishing reds and funky geometric lights. **Deluxe** (303-722-1550) captured the spotlight on Rachel Ray’s *Tasty Travels* and is captivating the Denver crowd with a globe-trotting menu from pumpkin ravioli to Thai shrimp curry.



### **NIGHT OUT**

**Larimer Street** lights up downtown Denver with a number of clubs from ultra-posh to Irish pub. **Corridor 44** (303-893-0044) is a class act for pre-dinner cocktails. This champagne bar serves bubbly by the glass and the memorable Black Velvet—a tasty blend of champagne and Guinness® **SUITE TWO HUNDRED** (720-560-4433) is new on the scene and rocking a 7,000-square-foot dance floor rumored to attract the A-list crowd. **The 9th Door** (303-292-2229) is decidedly swanky draped in velvet and satin—with hot or cold tapas on the menu.