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25 WEEKEND
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LODGING: **Wild Horse Inn**, P.O. Box 609, Fraser; (970) 726-0456; www.wildhorseinncolorado.com. Western elegance describes this inn. Built of 400-year-old Engelmann spruce logs, the Wild Horse Inn is a gem. Each of the rooms has a private balcony, television and VCR, and private bath and whirlpool. To get to the Wild Horse Inn from Winter Park, follow U.S. Highway 40 for 3 miles northwest of Fraser to County Road 83. The lodge is 1.5 miles north on the right side of the road.

DAY 2

Morning

BREAKFAST: Wild Horse Inn. French toast, fresh-baked maple nut scones, good coffee, pancakes and sausage, or an egg frittata might be on the menu. You won't leave the table hungry.

Depart Winter Park, traveling northwest on Highway 40 headed for Fraser, the town that boasts about its reputation as "Icebox of the Nation." Fraser is the site on the weather map that has pictures of icicles next to its frigid temperature, which can plunge to well below zero. You will see signs on the east side of Highway 40 between Winter Park and Fraser for **Cozens Ranch House and Museum** (970-726-5488). Here you will get a glimpse of how the former sheriff of Central City lived. William Zane Cozens moved to the Fraser Valley in 1874 and operated a complex that included a hotel, dining room, and post office. Thanks to the Grand County Historical Association, today you can tour the restored ranch, which displays Cozens family artifacts. The museum is open Monday through Saturday from 10:00 A.M. to 5:00 P.M. and Sunday from noon to 5:00 P.M. Winter hours vary, so it's best to call ahead.

LUNCH: **Carver's Bakery** (Cooper Creek Square, Highway 40, Winter Park; 970-726-8202) is tucked behind Cooper Creek Square. This hidden treasure is a locals' favorite. All sandwiches are made with fresh-baked bread. There are plenty of vegetarian options, homemade soups, burgers, and salads. Save room for a dessert pastry. Open 7:00 A.M. to 3:00 P.M. Sunday through Wednesday and 7:00 A.M. to 9:00 P.M. Thursday through Saturday.

Afternoon

Return to Denver via Highway 40 and I-70 east.