

FREE OR NEERLY FREE

Yes, it's possible to be mindful of your budget while visiting Aspen. Below is a list of activities that cost nothing or close to it. The best things in life are free, aren't they?

- 1 Music on the Mountain - Ride the [Gondola](#) to the top of Aspen mountain to hear free [classical music on Saturdays](#) and [Sunday bluegrass music](#). Purchase of a gondola ticket required unless you plan on hiking to the top, then your ride down is free.
- 2 Stroll through the [Aspen Saturday Market](#), from June to October, and see what our local farmers, artists, and vendors have to offer.
- 3 Aspen area has over 59 [hiking trails](#) to suit all levels. Don't forget your water and sunscreen!
- 4 Boo! - Visit one of Aspen's [Ghost Towns](#). Walk through the ghost town of Ashcroft located at the end of Castle Creek Road or stop at the Independence Ghost Town while you are driving into town. Both ghost towns are located along [scenic drives](#).
- 5 Aspen boasts one of the finest contemporary art museums in the region, the [Aspen Art Museum](#), and thanks to a generous donor you can visit for free.
- 6 Pack a picnic and choose your spot! Hike to the top of [Smuggler](#) and eat your lunch while enjoying the view of Aspen, or drive out to the [Grottos](#), Aspen's Ice Caves, and pick a rock to enjoy your lunch.
- 7 Stroll through the lobby of the [historic Hotel Jerome](#) that has been in business for over a hundred years. During Prohibition a celebrated spiked drink, the Aspen Crud, was invented at its J-Bar.