

★ DISCOVER COLORADO'S AWARD-WINNING SMALL TOWN ★

PALISADE, COLORADO

Colorado's Fruit & Wine Country — Grand Valley, Western Slope

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BEST SMALL
TOWN IN
THE WEST



WINE COUNTRY



PEACH BLOSSOMS



PEACH FESTIVAL

"We may not be well known, but we are well-loved."

— MAYOR GREG MIKOLAI, TOWN OF PALISADE

Palisade, Colorado was just named **#1 Best Small Town in the West** by USA Today 10Best readers — beating out Breckenridge, Astoria (Oregon), and Solvang (California). Nestled in Colorado's Grand Valley just 15 miles east of Grand Junction, this agricultural gem is celebrated for its world-class peaches, award-winning wines, dramatic red rock scenery, and warm community spirit. Palisade also holds the title of **America's #1 Wine Festival** (Colorado Mountain Winefest, USA Today 2017).

WHY PEOPLE LOVE PALISADE



FAMOUS PEACHES

500,000+ Elberta peach trees tended by 300+ local growers. A Colorado tradition since 1909 — sweeter than the Georgia Peach.



30+ WINERIES

Colorado's wine capital with award-winning vintages, scenic tasting rooms, and the legendary Colorado Mountain Winefest.



300+ SUNNY DAYS

A unique microclimate along the Colorado River creates ideal growing conditions and an enviable quality of life year-round.



OUTDOOR RECREATION

River rafting, the Palisade Plunge bike trail, Riverbend Park trails — adventure is right at your doorstep.

BY THE NUMBERS



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30+

WINERIES &
VINEYARDS



300

SUNNY DAYS PER YEAR



"People will say — Palisade has peaches, wine, incredible recreation. It's going to bring people in."

— MAYOR MIKOLAI



CYCLE THE VINEYARDS



📍 JUST ~2.5 HOURS FROM ASPEN — VIA CO-82 W & I-70 WEST A scenic Rocky Mountain drive to Colorado's award-winning fruit & wine country (~145 miles)

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