SE**LF-GUIDED WALKING TOUR

DOWNTOWN BOULDER

TOTAL TOUR TIME: 31 Minutes / 1 Hour 11 Minutes (Including 40 min commute by FF2 Bus)
TOTAL TOUR DISTANCE: 1.4 Miles

DIRECTIONS TO TOUR LOCATION:
Walk northwest on 16th Street Mall or ride the Free Mall Ride to Denver Union Station. Take the Flatiron Flyer (FF1 or FF2 Express) to the Downtown Boulder Station.
Surrounded by the stunning Flatiron Mountains and with beautiful Boulder Creek running through the heart of the city, Downtown Boulder is filled with places to explore, shop, eat, drink and be entertained!

A. Dushanbe Teahouse
Sitting alongside Boulder Creek in Central Park, the Teahouse is considered one of Boulder’s most attractive and popular attractions, as well as being a local favorite for great food, tea, and atmosphere. Completely built by hand without the use of any power tools, the Teahouse was constructed in Dushanbe, Tajikistan as a gift to their sister city, Boulder.

B. Museum of Contemporary Arts
Founded in 1972 by a group of local artists, Boulder Museum of Contemporary Art (BMoCA) is one of Colorado’s premier venues for the exploration of contemporary art.

C. Boulder Creek
Boulder Creek Path hugs the water for over five miles, stretching from 55th Street in East Boulder all the way into Boulder Canyon in the west, winding through city parks, the University of Colorado campus and downtown Boulder.

D. Boulder Public Library
The main branch and the Carnegie Branch Library for Local History are located in downtown Boulder while the George Reynolds and Meadows branches are in South Boulder.

E. The Med
For more than 20 years, the locally owned “Med” has been offering a menu that brims with Italian, Spanish, French, and Greek cuisine.

F. The Kitchen
The Kitchen is an American bistro located in historic downtown Boulder. The Kitchen open its doors to the Boulder community in March 2004 and was the first location in its growing family of restaurants.

G. Ozo Coffee
Comfy outpost of local chain brewing gourmet coffee & espresso drinks with light daytime bites.

H. Pearl Street Mall
The Denver Art Museum’s Hamilton Building is an architectural work designed by Daniel Libeskind. Explore the museum’s galleries showcasing art from around the world, family programs, special exhibitions, the Museum Shop, on-site restaurants, and spectacular event spaces.

I. West Flanders Brewing Co
Local microbrewery offering Belgian-inspired craft beers, plus New American cuisine & Sunday brunch.

J. Hotel Boulderado
The Hotel Boulderado’s name is a combination of “Boulder” and “Colorado” and stands as a City of Boulder landmark. The hotel was opened on New Year’s Day, 1909 and today is on the National Register of Historic Places.

K. Boulder County Courthouse
Built between 1933 and 1934 and designed in the Art Deco style by architect Glen H. Huntington, the Boulder County Courthouse building replaced the original Second-Empire style courthouse that burned in 1932.

L. Boulder Theater
The Boulder Theater opened in 1906 as the Curran Opera House and the venue featured opera, musical productions and silent movies. Today, the Boulder Theater is considered one of the finest concert and live entertainment venues in the Rocky Mountain region hosting the most respected national, international and local artists.

M. Mountain Sun Pub & Brewery
Craft beers, brewery tours & pub grub plus folk, acoustic & bluegrass music some nights.

Areas of Opportunity: New/Planned Projects
Downtown Boulder is known for America’s Best Town for Startups (Bloomberg Businessweek) and being one of the Top College Towns in the Nation (Livability). Local officials have created policies that restrict the building height to 35-feet and determined an urban growth boundary in order to preserve the cherished identity of the city. Adaptive reuse and urban infill in the downtown area are the main opportunities for development. Downtown Boulder is divided into three main sections: Downtown Pearl, the West End, and the East End.

West Pearl Streetscape Improvements
Public improvements to the West End of Pearl Street between 7th and 11th streets, including the 9th and 10th street intersections were completed in 2015 to create safe and attractive public spaces. These streetscape improvements helped enhance the area’s unique character and reconstruct deficient sidewalks to be in compliance with the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA). Several new street trees, interactive kiosks and wayfinding elements were added.

The East End
Pearl Street’s East End begins on 15th Street and stretches to 21st Street and here you will find a vast variety of unique boutiques, restaurants and diverse businesses. While the East End is comprised of charming historical buildings, commercial and mixed use redevelopment projects continue to spur up change in the area.

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