

Hotel de Paris Museum Announces Expanded Tour Schedule and Improved Access for 2011

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Georgetown, CO - Hotel de Paris Museum opens to the public on Saturday, April 30, 2011 with extended summer hours, a longer tour season, and newly renovated courtyards. Renowned for its authenticity, Hotel de Paris Museum dates to the silver mining boom, when it served as a restaurant, showroom for traveling salesmen, and hotel during the Gilded Age. All three floors are open to the public and feature restored rooms filled with thousands of historic artifacts in their original settings. Complimentary outdoor seating and free internet access are now available.

Hotel de Paris Museum is located at 409 6th Street, Georgetown, CO, 80444. Free public parking is located next to the museum.

Open weekends in May, daily June-September, and weekends October-December. Docent-led tours cost \$5 for adults, \$3 for minors/seniors/military; National Trust for Historic Preservation members are discounted 50%; Georgetown, CO residents and Les Amis museum members are free. Hours of operation and additional details may be found at hoteldeparismuseum.org

Restored Period Rooms

Hotel de Paris Museum displays over 5,000 genuine objects from the hotel's past in restored period rooms. Three floors encompassing over 7,000 square feet remain furnished with artifacts that tell the story of Frenchman Louis Dupuy, the "father of domestic science," and his amazing transformation from a miner to a famous hotelier and restaurateur in the silver mining boomtown of Georgetown, Colorado. The complex story of Dupuy's life is shared by docents and illustrated through original photography, statuary, oil paintings, etchings, lithographs, books, decorative arts, and culinary items presented in faithful arrangements.

Visitors will explore one of the most luxurious hotels in the West from both the guest and proprietor perspectives and learn about efforts to preserve this rare historical and cultural resource. This year, the public will enjoy increased accessibility to the museum as they inspect beautifully decorated rooms with fewer roped off areas. In addition, extended summer hours and a longer tour season afford a greater opportunity than ever before to visit Hotel de Paris Museum.

Renovated Courtyards

A new, attractive feature for 2011 is Hotel de Paris Museum's renovated courtyards. Over 2,000 square feet of enclosed outdoor space ornamented with gilded statuary and accented by antique roses is tucked behind the historic hotel. Recently installed interpretive signage examines historical behind-the-scenes workings of Hotel de Paris through the use of detailed narratives and captivating images. The public is invited to enjoy (free of charge) café-style seating and internet access in an open-air setting with breathtaking views of pristine Rocky Mountain peaks.

About Hotel de Paris Museum

Hotel de Paris Museum was established in 1954 and created a local interest in historic preservation. The museum (a not-for-profit organization) educates the public about domestic science, Western history, and historic preservation in the Georgetown-Silver Plume National Historic Landmark District. Hotel de Paris Museum, a National Trust Historic Site, is owned and operated by The National Society of the Colonial Dames of America in the State of Colorado.