

## World's Coolest Hot Springs

Sometimes surreal, always sublime, and occasionally stinky, these 10 steaming pools of wellness are worth a dip.

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Dunton Hot Springs (Colorado)  
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#### Dolores, Colo.

**The Soak:** Yee-haw! This impeccably restored ghost town, located at 8,600 feet in the San Juan Mountains near [Telluride](#), offers six ways to soak in waters ranging from 85°F–106°F and rich in calcium-bicarbonate, iron, and manganese with a pinch of lithium. The most authentic (and hottest) is under the stars at the source; the most private is the king-bedded Well House cabin for two.

**The Scene:** Twelve hand-hewn cabins, built by gold miners in the 1800s and given a five-star facelift, bunk up to 42 people. Social hubs are the Saloon (serving organic local cuisine) and the Bath House (with two geothermal pools).

**When to Go:** Year-round.

