

Trains of the Colorado Rockies



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Departing Monday July 10 2017 for 8 days / 7 nights

Join us as we travel from the Black Hills to the wonderful Colorado for this fantastic brand new tour. Traveling by several different trains throughout the trip you will see some of the most breathtaking scenery in our beautiful country. From suspension bridges to cog railways get the best views possible as we travel on tracks that our vehicles could never go. Explore Colorado with us, the state noted for its vivid landscape of mountains, plains, mesas, canyons, plateaus, and desert lands.



Itinerary:

Day 1: Rapid City to Denver (415 miles)

This morning we leave the Black Hills and head south towards Denver, CO. Sit back & relax and enjoy a movie as we pass through Wyoming and into Colorado. Comfort and meal stops will be made as required. We arrive into Denver late afternoon.

Overnight Denver – No meals included

Day 2: Denver to Grand Junction – Amtrak – 1st Class

An early start this morning as you can take a continental breakfast at your hotel then a full hot breakfast (included) aboard the Amtrak California Zephyr. Your journey will take you up into the Colorado Rocky Mountains traveling through the Moffat Tunnel and the many majestic peaks. During our journey you can relax in your own reserved seat or sit in the Dome Car, the choice is yours! On arrival in Grand Junction you will be met and transferred to your hotel for overnight. Estimated time of arrival is around 4pm.

Overnight Grand Junction, CO – Breakfast & lunch included#

Day 3: Grand Junction

After a leisurely breakfast it's time to explore this delightful area, take in a winery and take in the Colorado National Monument. Colorado National Monument preserves one of the grand landscapes of the American West. But this treasure is much more than a monument. Towering monoliths exist within a vast plateau and canyon panorama. You can experience sheer-walled, red rock canyons along the twists and turns of Rim Rock Drive, where you may spy bighorn sheep and soaring eagles. This evening enjoy a charming downtown full of great shops, restaurants, art galleries and so much more.

Overnight Grand Junction – Breakfast & Supper included

Day 4: Grand Junction to Silverton (121 miles) – Silverton to Durango by Train – 1st Class

This morning we leave Grand Junction behind and drive south to the small mining town of Silverton, a national historic landmark. Hidden high in the San Juan Mountains, this town offers spectacular scenery, Victorian charm and historic architecture built between 1882 and 1910. Then it's "all aboard" the Durango and Silverton Narrow Gauge Railroad. This 1881 coal-fired, steam-powered locomotive was built to haul silver and gold ore from the San Juan Mountains...relax in your 1st class carriage as you begin to realize the views are truly precious.

Overnight Durango, CO – Breakfast

Day 5: Durango – Mesa Verde National Park - Durango

Today, it's time to explore Mesa Verde, Spanish for green table. Mesa Verde offers a spectacular look into the lives of the Ancestral Pueblo people who made it their home for over 700 years, from A.D. 600 to A.D. 1300. Today, the park protects over 4,000 known archeological sites, including 600 cliff dwellings. These sites are some of the most notable and best preserved in the United States.

Overnight Durango, CO – Breakfast included

Day 6: Durango to Canon City – Royal Gorge Train – 1st Class including Supper #

After breakfast we travel east across southern Colorado to Canon City's Royal Gorge Railroad. Board the train for a 24-mile ride beneath the highest suspension bridge in the world, the Royal Gorge Bridge, which spans the gorge 1,053 feet above the railroad tracks. This is some of the most spectacular scenery you will ever see.

Overnight Canon City – Breakfast & Supper included#

Day 7: Canon City to Manitou & Pike's Peak Cog Railway Journey.

After breakfast we depart for Manitou Springs, home of Pike's Peak, the legendary symbol of the 1859 Gold Rush. Embark on Pike's Peak Cog Railway, the world's highest cog railroad, for an 8.9 mile journey to the top of Pike's Peak (approx. 14,110 ft.). During the journey you will see magnificent views and perhaps animals in their native habitat. Later, travel to the Garden of the Gods, on the National Register for Historic Places, to view the towering sandstone formations and a wonderful view of Pike's Peak.

Overnight Manitou – Breakfast & Supper included#

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Day 8: Manitou, CO to Rapid City, SD

After breakfast this morning it's time to head north and back to the Black Hills. Comfort breaks and meal stops will be made when required. #

Breakfast included

Itinerary at a glance

Price: \$2,495 (pp based on double occupancy)

Single: add \$795

Triple: deduct \$100 per person

Starts: Monday July 10 2017

Ends: Monday July 17 2017

What's included?

- Fully escorted
- All ground transportation
- 1 suitcase per person (up to 50lbs) including any train fees
- 7 nights' accommodations
- All tours and entrance fees as listed
- 7 breakfasts / 1 lunch / 3 Suppers
- Baggage handling and taxes

How to book

- Deposit of \$500pp due at time of booking
- Balance due April 15th 2017 or at time of booking if after this date.

What you'll need

- Photo ID is required for train security
- Binoculars would be excellent
- A camera is a must

Weather

The weather in Colorado is normally mild at this time of year, but can cool down into the 40s at night, so don't forget to bring appropriate clothing. Check out weather.com for average temperatures.

Travel Advice

Please visit the travel advice section of this site for further information and government advisories and warnings.



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