

Tour Connection and Western Leisure

COLORADO TRAIN ADVENTURE

SEPT 25, 2020 – OCT 5, 2020

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COST: \$2375pp dbl occup \$3250 single occup \$2150 triple occup

DAY 1: DEPART LANSING ON OUR COLORADO TRAIN ADVENTURE (Fri. Sept 25)

A day on the road and overnight in Des Moines, IA area (CB, D)

DAY 2: DES MOINES IA TO NORTH PLATTE NE (Sat. Sept 26)

After breakfast at the hotel, depart on our next leg of the tour staying overnight in North Platt NE (B)

DAY 3: ARRIVE IN DENVER - COLORADO SPRINGS (Sun. Sept 27)

After a brief check-in with your tour director, enjoy your first taste of adventures to come as you travel south to Colorado Springs for touring of Garden of the Gods. An abundance of plant and animal life can be found throughout its 1,340 acres, as well as the magnificent red sandstone rock formations, for which the Garden is best known. Next, check into your hotel and join the group for a welcome dinner at a local restaurant. (B, D)

DAY 4: ROYAL GORGE - GREAT SAND DUNES – ALAMOSA (Mon. Sept 28)

Pack up your bags, partner, because today you're off! This morning board the Royal Gorge Route Railroad for a vintage train ride along the legendary Arkansas River deep within the Gorge. Next, travel to Royal Gorge Park & Bridge, where the world's highest suspension bridge towers 1,053 feet above the Arkansas River. Here you will have time to walk out on the bridge, have lunch on your own and explore other sights in the park. In the afternoon we travel west with a rest stop in the old mining town of Salida. Then travel south to Great Sand Dunes National Park for sightseeing. After a wonderful day in Colorado, arrive in Alamosa for a one night stay. Dinner included at a local restaurant. (B, D)

DAY 5: CUMBRES & TOLTEC SCENIC RAILWAY (Tue. Sept 29)

This morning, "all aboard" the Cumbres and Toltec Scenic Railroad, considered the finest remaining example of a once vast network of narrow gauge lines linking together the Rocky Mountain Mining Camps. This unique railroad has been called by author Lucius Beebe, "the most awesomely spectacular example of mountain railroading in North America." Leave Antonito, Colorado and travel to Osier where you'll disembark and enjoy lunch; then re-board your motorcoach and travel to the old west mining town of Durango for a two night stay. (CB, L)

DAY 6: MESA VERDE NATIONAL PARK (Wed. Sept 30)

After breakfast, travel to nearby Mesa Verde National Park for a day of exploration. Here you will visit cliff dwellings where the mysterious Anasazi once lived. Known as the "Ancient Ones" to the Navajo, the Anasazi lived in the Four Corners area almost a thousand years ago, then suddenly disappeared - leaving their incredibly well-preserved dwellings to intrigue and challenge modern man. This is the nation's largest archeological preserve with 4,000 sights including 600 cliff dwellings. Spend some time in the Visitors Center with its large collection of ancient artifacts for an introduction to the ancient culture. A local expert will guide you through the most famous ruin sites with a stop at the Spruce Tree House Restaurant for lunch on own. After a fascinating tour of the park, return to Durango with the rest of the day free to explore this fun western town on your own. (B)

DAY 7: DURANGO & SILVERTON RAILROAD (Thu. Oct 1)

This morning, ride the Durango Silverton Narrow Gauge Railroad, one of the last such railroads operating in the United States. "All aboard!" for a delightful trip through the Colorado Rockies between Durango and Silverton. The rugged peaks, alpine meadows, and crystal lakes take you back to the early days of the West when mountain men searched this untouched land for traces of bear and mountain lion. Upon arrival in Silverton, enjoy some free time to explore the many shops and have lunch on your own. Meet our motor coach for a scenic drive north to Grand Junction. This evening see the fantastic monoliths of Colorado National Monument. Over the centuries, wind and water have carved sheer, walled canyons, spires, and gorges from the brilliant orange and red sandstone. Overnight in Grand Junction and enjoy dinner this evening at the hotel. (B, D)

DAY 8: GRAND JUNCTION TO DENVER (Fri. Oct 2)

Depart and travel east for a ride through the Heart of the Rockies enjoying vistas of rugged canyons, pristine wilderness, and deep gorges. Cross the Continental Divide at Loveland Pass as we travel east descending once again into the "Mile High City" of Denver. Before checking into our hotel, we'll stop at the Colorado Railroad Museum in Golden. This museum's mission is to acquire, preserve and exhibit railroad equipment, artifacts, and photographs emphasizing Rocky Mountain area railroads. You'll learn about the history of this region from the 1860's to present. What a great end to our Colorado Train Vacation. This afternoon, check into your hotel and freshen up but don't wander too far because tonight you will rejoin your fellow passengers for a farewell dinner. (B, D)

DAY 9: DENVER TO LINCOLN NE (Sat. Oct 3)

Say farewell to Denver and the Rocky Mountains and start for home. (B, D)

DAY 10: LINCOLN NE TO DAVENPORT IA Sun. Oct 4)

After breakfast, continue towards home, overnight in Davenport IA area (B)

DAY 11: DAVENPORT IA TO LANSING (Mon. Oct 5)

After breakfast, travel back to Lansing. We arrive home with memories of our Colorado Train Adventure (B)

Tour Includes: Deluxe motor coach transportation • 10-night accommodations • Services of a professional tour director • 10-breakfasts, 1-lunch, 5-dinners • Entrance fees to attractions, National Parks and Monument as mentioned in itinerary • Tips for included meals • Luggage handling (1 suitcase per person)

Not Included • Items of a personal nature (i.e., room service, telephone, liquor, etc.) • Meals (other than mentioned in the itinerary) • Customary gratuities for the tour director, driver, local guides and outfitters.

*This tour requires average physical activity. Participants should be in good health, able to climb stairs and walk reasonable distances, possibly over uneven ground or unpaved trails. This tour covers areas of higher altitudes including overnight locations above 6,000 ft. and touring above 9,000 ft.

Travel insurance available at a cost of \$155 rate for dbl or triple occup. \$195 single rate

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