



Trains, Trains and More Trains of Colorado

August 21– 28, 2016



Tour Includes

Featuring 5 Trains

- Leadville Colorado Southern Railroad
- Pike's Peak Cog Railroad
- Durango to Silverton Railroad
- Cumbres & Toltec Scenic Railroad
- Royal Gorge Route Railroad
- ❖ Gardens of the Gods Trading Post
- ❖ Mesa Verde National Park
- ❖ U.S Air Force Academy & Cadet Chapel
- ❖ Round Trip Airfare to Denver, CO
- ❖ Round Trip Transfers from Sunnyvale Senior Center to Airport
- ❖ Meals: 7 Breakfasts, 2 Lunches, 4 Dinners
- ❖ Deluxe Motorcoach
- ❖ Travel Insurance
- ❖ Tips & Gratuities
- ❖ Baggage Handling

Hotel Accommodations

- ❖ 1 Night - Courtyard Denver West/Golden, CO
- ❖ 1 Night-Montrose, CO - Hampton Inn
- ❖ 2 Nights - Hampton Inn Durango, CO
- ❖ 1 Night - Hampton Inn Alamosa, CO
- ❖ 2 Nights - Colorado Springs, CO -Radisson Hotel in Colorado Springs, CO

Sunday: August 21

We start our exciting trip to Colorado with a flight to **Denver**, Colorado's capitol and largest city. Following a city area tour of Denver, we settle into our hotel, then meet for a delicious welcome dinner.

Meal-(D)

Overnight - Denver -Golden, CO

Monday: August 22

After breakfast at the hotel we travel by motorcoach to Leadville to board our first train! Traveling north along the Arkansas River Valley, **The Leadville & Southern Railroad** will rise 1,000 feet off

the valley floor, offering us spectacular views of Fremont Pass and the two tallest peaks in Colorado, Mt. Massive and Mt. Elbert. Our conductor will relate the fascinating history of the railroads, ghost stories and tales of the wild. A box lunch is provided today.

Meals-(B, L)

Overnight – Montrose, CO

Tuesday: August 23

Following breakfast at our hotel, we board our deluxe motorcoach to travel to Durango, CO, where we will visit the Breathtaking **Mesa Verde National Park**.

Designated in 1906 by President Theodore Roosevelt, the park is the largest archaeological preserve in the United States. It features numerous ruins of homes and villages built by the ancient Pueblo peoples called the Anasazi. There are over 4,000 archaeological sites and 600 cliff dwellings in the preserve. After an interesting day of sightseeing, we will gather together for a Western stage show and delicious BBQ supper.

Meals-(B, D)
Overnight - Durango, CO

Wednesday: August 24

After breakfast we have another exciting day traveling by train through beautiful Colorado. Today we will have an all-day ride on the **Durango to Silverton Railroad**. This historic train has been in continuous operation since 1882, carrying passengers behind vintage steam locomotives and rolling stock indigenous to the line. The town of Silverton, formally incorporated in 1885, is nestled high in Colorado's stunning San Juan Mountains at 9,318 feet. Silverton celebrates a rich mining history with a storied Old West past.

Meal-(B)
Overnight - Durango, CO

Thursday: August 25

This morning we leave early for beautiful Chama, New Mexico, where we are greeted by towering mountain peaks, scenic vistas and deep, colorful gorges. We will board the **Cumbers & Toltec Scenic Railroad** for an enjoyable daylong ride to Antonito, Colorado. The Cumbers & Toltec is America's most authentic steam-operated railroad and is a proud remnant of the spirit that won the West. Enjoy the included lunch train style.

Meal-(CB, L)
Overnight - Alamosa, CO

Friday: August 26

After breakfast we head to Canyon City to board the **Royal**

Gorge Route Railroad and travel by train to the exciting city of Colorado Springs, CO. Riding the rails through the Royal Gorge you may spot big horn sheep, blue heron, bald eagles, and enjoy the tumbling Arkansas River.

Meal-(B, D)
Overnight - Colorado Springs, CO

Saturday: August 27

We have breakfast at the hotel and head to historic Manitou Springs, CO for a ride on the famous **Pike Cog Railroad**. Enjoy this slightly over 3 hour train ride, an experience providing incredible views of Colorado's wildlife and 2,000 year old trees. We travel up to a 14,500 foot elevation to view spectacular vistas. Afterwards, we will have the opportunity to visit Garden of the Gods, a registered national landmark, which was named the #1 Park in the USA and #2 Park in the World. It is a unique paradise with spectacular red sandstone rock formations and panoramic views. At the **Garden of the Gods Trading Post**, explore Native American culture through art, architecture, and crafts in this unique gift shop, designed to resemble a traditional Pueblo Indian home. Hosted dinner tonight.

Meal-(B, D)
Overnight - Colorado Springs, CO

Sunday: August 28

After breakfast we will visit the Colorado Springs **Air Force Academy** and see the spectacular Cadet Chapel, Colorado's number one man made tourist attraction. We then bid farewell to the

unique beauty of Colorado Springs and depart for the Denver airport and our return flight home. Take a moment reminiscing about the wonders we have just experienced, both natural and manmade, on our journey.

Meal-(B)

Price Per Person

\$2,999 Double Occupancy
\$3,499 Single Occupancy
\$500 deposit per person due with reservation form.

Balance due Wednesday, June 22, 2016.

Price subject to change until final payment is received.

Early Booking Discount of \$50 pp if booked by Wednesday, September 30, 2015.

Travelers who are non-residents of Sunnyvale pay an additional \$50 pp to front desk at time of final payment.

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Elevation: The steps to the Denver State Capitol Building are exactly 5,280 feet, which is equal to one mile. Denver is referred to as the mile high city, since it is exactly 1 mile above sea level.

