

TRI-STATE TRAVEL

Railroads of Colorado

9 Days August 5-13, 2023

This Railroad Adventure steams across scenic Colorado. Travel on Five Scenic Trains, some of the highest altitude railroads in America during the day and enjoy comfortable rooms and fine dining at night. It's an all-fun, all-natural Rocky Mountain High, combining adventure, history and romance into one great tour.

Tour Highlights:

- Five Scenic & Rugged Train Rides
 - The Georgetown Scenic Railroad
 - The Silverton - Durango Railroad
 - The Cumbres & Toltec Railroad w/lunch
 - Royal Gorge Route Railroad w/lunch
 - Pikes Peak Scenic Railroad
- Corkscrew Mountain Jeep Tour w/lunch
- Tour the Garden of the Gods
- Manitou Cliff Dwellings
- Flying W Ranch Dinner Show
- Great Platte River Road Archway Tour & Dinner
- Eight Nights First Class Lodging
- Eight Breakfasts & Three Lunches
- Five Dinners Plus Two Drury Happy Hours
- Taxes and Gratuities on Included Accommodations, Attractions, and Meals
- Luggage Handling
- Deluxe Motorcoach Transportation

Per Person Prices:

\$3,749 DOUBLE OCCUPANCY

\$3,629 TRIPLE...\$3,499 QUAD...\$4,599 SINGLE

\$750 per person deposit due with reservation

Final Payment due June 1, 2023

**Travel Insurance is available
and strongly recommended.**

(see page 2 for details)

**For Additional Information
Or To Make A Reservation Contact:**

Tri-State Travel

1-800-779-4869



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Day 1 - Lincoln, NE – After a day of travel, arrive in Lincoln, NE for the night. Dinner is on your own this evening.

Day 2 – Denver, CO – Today, travel takes you to the Denver area for a night at the Drury Inn. Dinner is on your own this evening but you can take advantage of Drury's 5:30 Kickback Happy Hour (HH). Each evening from 5:30 pm-7:30 pm, the hotel offers a rotating menu of hot foods and cold beverages. (B,HH)

Day 3 - Georgetown Scenic Railroad - Grand Junction, CO - Today, head to Georgetown (at 8,500 feet she was once known as the 'Silver Queen of Colorado') here you ride the Georgetown Scenic Railroad. An old-time steam locomotive chugging its way up the canyon, hauling your train past the remains of several gold and silver mines. This open car train takes you between Georgetown and Silver Plume, over 2 miles apart, over mountainous terrain, requiring trestles, cuts, fills, loops, and curves totaling 3.1 miles of narrow gauge track.

Arriving in Grand Junction, CO this afternoon, check into your hotel for the night. Enjoy dinner this evening at the Rockslide Restaurant located in the heart of downtown Grand Junction. (B,D)

Day 4 - Jeep Tour & Box Lunch - Durango & Silverton Narrow Gauge RR – Pagosa Springs, CO – This morning take a three hour Jeep Tour over 12,000 foot Corkscrew Pass into the Red Mountains. You ride beside high mountain cliffs over hanging mining trails where the clear air and the color of the red mountains are simply astonishing. A picnic lunch will be included.

The jeep tour ends in Historic Silverton, CO where you board the Silverton-Durango Railroad. This steam locomotive travels along the Animas River winding through spectacular & breathtaking canyons in the remote wilderness of San Juan National Forest. You may feel as though you are reliving history as you travel on the same tracks that miners, cowboys and settlers of the Old West took over a century ago. Dinner is included this evening at a local restaurant. Then check into your Pagosa Springs, CO hotel for the night. (B,L,D)

Day 5 - Ride the Cumbres & Toltec RR w/ Hot Lunch - Alamosa, CO - Early this morning you travel to Chama, NM for a ride on train #3 The Cumbres & Toltec Railroad. Perhaps the most beautiful ride in America, it is rugged, narrow gauge, coal-fired, steam powered mountain railroad traversing 64 miles of unparalleled scenery. You climb through an unspoiled landscape, past historic railroad structures dating back to the turn of the twentieth century. You enjoy the grandeur of the Rocky Mountains as this sure-footed locomotive rolls through tunnels, above deep gorges and over Cumbres Pass. A stop is made for lunch at the lonely Osier Dining Hall near the halfway point. End the day in Alamosa, CO for the night. Dinner is included this evening at a local restaurant. (B,L,D)

Day 6 - Ride the Royal Gorge Railroad w/ Lunch – Colorado Springs, CO – Garden of the Gods – After breakfast, ride the Royal Gorge Train for a scenic journey through the spectacular Royal Gorge. Since 1879, these tracks have followed the winding, tumbling Arkansas River deep within the soaring, 1,000-foot granite cliffs of Colorado's Royal Gorge. The Royal Gorge Route is a quality, Colorado attraction – no thrill rides or cotton candy – just rugged scenery. This ride also includes a delicious lunch.

This afternoon arriving in Colorado Springs, CO, tour the Garden of the Gods Park. At this Registered National Natural Landmark learn of the park's geology with the 14-minute movie, and experience Native-American culture.

Then check into the Drury Inn for a two night stay. Dinner is on your own this evening but you can take advantage of Drury's 5:30 Kickback Happy Hour (HH). Each evening from 5:30 pm-7:30 pm, the hotel offers a rotating menu of hot foods and cold beverages. (B,L,HH)

Day 7 - Ride the Pikes Peak Cog Railway – Manitou Cliff Dwellings – Fly W Ranch Dinner - This morning, ride the new and improved Pikes Peak Cog Railway. Your train ride takes you 9 miles up to the summit of Pikes Peak. Enter Pike National Forest, travel along Ruxton Creek, by Diamond Rock, within the steep, rocky walls of Englemann Canyon, past stacked boulder formations, a striking waterfall, and through Deer Park. When you reach the summit described as the "gateway to heaven," here you can explore the newly constructed re-designed Summit House visitor center.

This afternoon tour the Manitou Cliff Dwellings, located at the foot of Pikes Peak, these mountain dwellings are a rare historical treasure. Preserved under a protective red sandstone overhang, authentic Anasazi cliff dwellings, built more than 700 years ago, await you here. There are no "Do Not Touch" signs.

Dinner this evening will be at the Flying W Ranch. Enjoy a real Chuckwagon Dinner and be entertained by the Flying W Wranglers. The Wranglers specialize in beautiful 3-part vocal harmonies about the romantic American Cowboy. (B,D)

Day 8 - Great Platte River Road Archway Tour & Dinner – Grand Island, NE – Today features a visit to the Great Platte River Road Archway. Built over the top of I-80 this is best described as a splashy, brassy history museum that uses film, computer graphics, light and sound, life-size dioramas, re-enactors and classic cars to document over 150 years of transportation and communication across America." You will also enjoy a buffet dinner while here. Continue travel to Grand Island, NE for the night. (B,D)

Day 9 - Depart for Home - This morning, after breakfast at the hotel, depart for home. (B)

The Travel Protection Plan: is not included but is available and strongly recommended. Premium is non-refundable unless the entire tour cancels. We offer a travel protection plan through Trip Mate Travel Insurance/a division of United States Fire Insurance Company Eatontown, NJ. Any surcharges and/or tax increases received from suppliers for this package (Airlines, Cruise Companies, Hotels, etc.) may result in an increase in the per person price of your tour package.

For those individuals who may have purchased the Travel Protection Plan, this may also result in an increase in your Travel Protection Plan Premium. Please refer to www.tripmate.com/Plan TPD13 for information regarding detailed coverages and limitations to the insurance policy. Waiver of Pre-Existing Condition Exclusion. The exclusion for pre-Existing conditions will be waived provided (a) your payment for this plan is received within seven days of the date your initial payment or deposit for your trip is received; and (b) You are not disabled from travel at the time your plan payment is paid.

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