



TRAINS AROUND COLORADO

JUNE 14-24, 2024 (11 DAYS)

This Railroad Adventure steams across Colorado and New Mexico. Travel on five scenic trains, on some of the highest altitude railroads in America.



Day 1: Travel through IN, IL, to Clive, IA west of Des Moines. Lunch at Culvers on your own, and Dinner at the **Iowa Machine Shed** on your own. Lodging at Best Western Plus in Clive IA. **Day 2:** Westward Ho! through Iowa and Nebraska. Stopping in Kearney, NE at the **Great River Road Archway Museum in Kearney, Ne.** across I-80. You will experience the adventures of the Oregon Trail, Mormon Trail and beyond with twelve unique walk-through immersive environments. Over-night at the Holiday Inn Express in North Platte, NE. Dinner is on your own tonight. **Day 3:** This morning a visit to the **Baileys Railroad Yard & Golden Spike (8 story) Tower**, for a 360-degree view of the world's largest railroad classification yard. The rail yard stretches 8 mile and covers nearly 3000 acres, and more than 10,000 cars pass through daily. A stop at the **Pony Express station** in Gothenberg NE. An original station of the "lightning mail"-The Pony Express service that used relays of horse-mounted riders between Missouri and California. Arriving in **Denver, CO** to check into the hotel for an overnight stay. Dinner tonight will be on your own. **Day 4:** Ride on **Train #1 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, fill, loops,



and curves totaling 3.1 miles of narrow-gauge track. Lunch at the Tommyrocker's Brewery in Idaho Springs. Travel to **Grand Junction, CO** for an overnight stay at the Hampton Inn with Dinner at a colorful local restaurant. **Day 5:** Travel to **Ouray** and ride the high mountains cliffs and hanging mining trails, when you take the **Jeep Tour over Corkscrew Pass into Red Mountains**. The color of the Red Mountain is simply astonishing. The tour immediately begins a climb through dense timber forests, and works its way up through Corkscrew Gulch. After negotiating a section of switchbacks, the tour crests out at 12,244' in elevation at the top of Corkscrew Pass. Enjoy a Picnic Boxed Lunch as well. Our jeep tour ends in Historic **Silverton, CO** where we board **Train #2 the Silverton-Durango Railroad**. This steam locomotive travels along the **Animas River** Silverton to Durango, Winding through spectacular & breathtaking canyons in the remote wilderness of **San Juan National Forest**. Relive history traveling on the same tracks as miners, cowboys and settlers of the Old West took over a century ago. We'll have Dinner at the **Gazpacho Restaurant** in Durango as well as overnight in Durango.



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Day 6: Travel to **Chama, NM**. Ride **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'll climb through an

unspoiled landscape, past historic railroad structures dating back to the turn of the twentieth century. Enjoy the grandeur of the Rocky Mountains as this sure-footed locomotive rolls through tunnels, above deep gorges and over **Cumbres Pass**. You will stop in lonely **Osier Dining Hall** for lunch on your own. We will be overnighing at the Holiday Inn Express in Alamosa. Dinner at one of Alamosa's restaurants is included



Day 7: This morning climb aboard **Train #4 Royal Gorge Railroad** for another of Colorado's most scenic trains for a 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. Travel to **Colorado Springs**, where we will be staying two nights. Tour the **Garden of Gods Park**, a Registered National Natural Landmark in Colorado Springs. Enjoy a film about the park's geology and experience Native American culture. Also, have ample time to explore the Trading Post. Dinner at the **Edelweiss German Restaurant** is included today.

Day 8: Tour the **Manitou Cliff Dwelling**, located at the foot of **Pikes Peak**. These mountain dwellings are a rare historical treasure. Preserved under a protective red sandstone overhand,

authentic **Anasazi cliff dwellings**, built more than 700 years ago, await you here. There are no "Do Not Touch" signs. You are free to touch and even go inside these fascinating architectural remnants of an American Indian culture that roamed the **Four Corners area** of the Southwest from 1200 BC to AD1300. The afternoon features a round trip **Train #5** ride on **Pikes Peak Cog Railroad**. This 8.9 mile long ride

travels along Ruxton Creek in **Englemann Canyon**. The track is built next to the stream and there are boulder fields on both sides of the train. Conductors like to point out the various "faces" and shapes, with a bit of imagination, can be seen in the giant boulders. Pass Minnehaha Falls, Hells Gate, Lake Moraine and Mount Almagre before climbing above the timberline. Reach the summit at 14,110 ft. Special Dinner tonight at the **Famous Flying W Chuckwagon**. Enjoy a real Chuckwagon dinner and be entertained by the Flying W Wranglers and their beautiful 3-part vocal harmonies about the romantic American cowboy.

Day 9: We begin our journey home with a travel day to **Abilene, Kansas** for our nights stay. A **surprise stop** along the way. Dinner tonight is at Ike's Place on your own. **Day 10:** Traveling Eastward through Kansas, Missouri to St. Peters, MO to our lodging. I'm sure S & S Travel has an amazing stop included today. **Day 11:** We are in the final homeward bound stretch today. Wow, 5 great train rides all around Colorado to remember for a lifetime.

Tour Includes: All Attractions, 21 Meals(10 Breakfasts, 4 Lunches, 7 Dinners)
10 Nights Quality Lodging, Luggage Handling 1pc & Travel via Motorcoach

Cost per person..... Double \$4221
Triple \$3822, Quad \$3651, Single \$5292

. Deposit of \$400 per person by May 14, 2024. Balance Due May 17, 2024. We highly recommend insurance. Please call us for brochure. If Canceled after May 17, 2024 Penalty is loss of deposit. After June 2, 2024 Penalty of 50% of total cost.
After June 13, 2024 Penalty of 100% of total cost.

Depart: Ft Wayne, Auburn, Kendallville, Goshen

