

The Spectacular Rocky Mountains, Colorado National Monument & The Arches National Park, Utah



10 wonderful days by road & rail departing Friday September 7th 2012

This fully escorted vacation includes breakfast each day, all hotels, transportation, touring & all taxes - plus it's fully escorted!

First we travel from Rapid City to Denver and overnight. The next morning, we depart Denver aboard Amtrak bound for Grand Junction via The Majestic Rocky Mountains.

After we leave Denver aboard Amtrak, we head west and start to climb up towards the Moffat Tunnel and experience the grandeur of the majestic Rocky Mountains with our final destination today being Grand Junction. 1st Class accommodations include Breakfast and Lunch... just a delightful way to enjoy both a meal and the magnificent scenery.

Two days to explore this delightful area as we take our drive along the rim of sheer-walled canyons past towering monoliths of the Colorado National Monument. The Historic Rim Rock Drive offers 23 miles of breathtaking panoramic views and numerous overlooks.

With Moab, UT as our next base, we tour the world renowned Arches National Park where natural wonders abound us. Arches National Park, contains the world's largest concentration of natural arches. Then of course there is Canyon Lands National Park offering some of the most awesome scenery you will ever see.

But, our sightseeing is not yet over as we wind our way back through the majestic Rocky Mountains we take 2 overnights in Glenwood Springs, CO.

As we head back to the Black Hills of South Dakota, our last night is spent in Cheyenne, WY where we stay at Little America... what a delightful place this is to overnight. Beautiful accommodations and a restaurant to compliment the fine surroundings.

Highlights of your tour

- Some of the many features on this tour are:
- Breakfast each day, all hotels, transportation, touring & all taxes
- Overnight in Denver
- 1st Class accommodations aboard Amtrak with breakfast & lunch included.
- 2 night's in Grand Junction, CO
- 3 nights Moab, UT
- 2 night's Glenwood Springs, CO
- 1 night Cheyenne, WY
- We tour the world renowned Arches National Park & Canyonlands National Park in Utah and the breathtaking Colorado National Monument
- This tour is fully escorted



Day to day itinerary

Day 1 – Black Hills to Denver, CO

This morning, we depart the Black Hills with our destination as Denver with an estimated time of arrival around 4pm to 5pm.

Overnight Denver – Supper Included

Day 2 - Denver to Grand Junction, CO

After breakfast we leave our hotel at 7.15am. The station is just about 3 miles away. Our train leaves at Denver approximately 8.20AM. After boarding our 1st Class compartment we start our climb up towards the Moffat Tunnel and experience the grandeur of the majestic Rocky Mountains with our final destination being Grand Junction (260 miles). We are scheduled to arrive in Grand Junction around 4.15pm, and then transfer to our hotel. Free time to explore Grand Junction, CO.

Breakfast & Lunch included on train – Supper in Grand Junction - Overnight Grand Junction.

Day's 2 & 3 - Touring the Colorado National Monument & the Grand Junction area

Overnight Grand Junction – Breakfast & Supper Included

Day 4 – Grand Junction to Moab, UT (120 miles)

Today, we depart the hotel at 9.00am we head for Utah and the town of Moab. A stop for lunch will be made and we expect our arrival in Moab be around 4pm.

Breakfast & Supper Included - Overnight Moab, UT.

Day 5 - Touring The Arches National Park, UT

This morning we head out for a full day of touring. Natural wonders abound as we tour Utah's world renowned national parks- Arches National Park, containing the world's largest concentration of natural arches.

Breakfast & Super Included - Overnight Moab

Day 6 – Touring Canyonlands National Park

Today it's Canyonlands National Park. Canyonlands preserves a colorful landscape eroded into countless canyons, mesas and buttes by the Colorado River and its tributaries. The rivers divide the park into four districts: the Island in the Sky, the Needles, the Maze and the rivers themselves. While these areas share a primitive desert atmosphere, each retains its own character and offers different opportunities for exploration.

Breakfast & Super Included - Overnight Moab

Day 7/8 – Moab, Grand Junction and then Glenwood Springs, CO (203 miles)

Alas, it's time to say goodbye to Moab as we head back towards Grand Junction and Glenwood Springs, CO. We make regular comfort breaks and a stop for lunch. Arriving in Glenwood Springs mid afternoon we have time to explore this picturesque village in the Rocky Mountains.

Breakfast & Supper Included - Overnight Glenwood Springs, CO.

Day 9 – Glenwood Springs, CO to Cheyenne, WY (258 miles)

After breakfast this morning, it's time to head back towards the Black Hills with our last overnight being in Cheyenne, WY.

Breakfast & Supper Included – Overnight Cheyenne, WY

Day 10 – Cheyenne, WY to the Black Hills (365 miles)

After breakfast we leave Cheyenne bound for home.

Breakfast included

Itinerary at a glance

Price: \$1,995 (pp based on double occupancy)

Single: add \$675

Starts: Friday September 7th 2012

Ends: Sunday September 16th 2012

What's included?

- Breakfast & Supper each day, all hotels, transportation, touring & all taxes
- Transportation from Rapid City throughout
- 1 night Denver, 2 night Grand Junction, CO - 3 nights Moab, UT – 2 night's Vail, CO – 1 night Cheyenne, WY
- We tour the world renowned Arches National Park in Utah, Canyonlands National Park, UT and the breathtaking Colorado National Monument
- The picturesque City of Vail, CO
- Fully escorted

How to book

- Deposit due of \$250 per person
- Balance due by February 8th 2012

What you'll need

- Passport is not required for traveling on this trip
- A camera is essential for this tour!

Weather

The weather in Colorado is normally pleasant at this time of year - refer to weather.com for average temperatures.

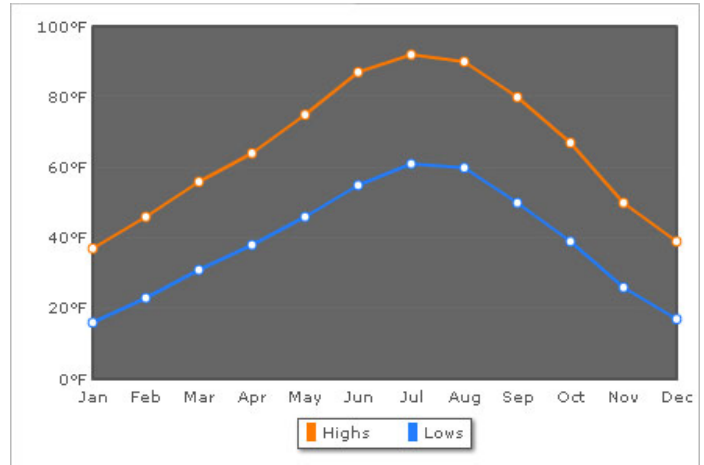
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