

# TRAINS OF THE COLORADO ROCKIES WITH SCENIC BEAUTY THROUGHOUT



**Departing Sunday September 11<sup>th</sup> 2022 for 8 days / 7 nights**

Join us as we travel from the Black Hills to the wonderful State of Colorado for this fantastic tour. Traveling by several different trains throughout the trip you will see some of the most breathtaking scenery in our beautiful country. From suspension bridges to mountain trains get the best views possible as we travel on tracks that our vehicles could never go. Explore Colorado with us, the state noted for its vivid landscape of mountains, plains, mesas, canyons, plateaus, and desert lands.

## **Itinerary:**

### **Day 1: Rapid City to Denver (415 miles)**

This morning we leave the Black Hills and head south towards Denver, CO. Sit back & relax and enjoy a movie as we pass through Wyoming and into Colorado. Comfort and meal stops will be made as required. We arrive into Denver late afternoon.

***Overnight Denver – No meals included***

### **Day 2: Denver to Grand Junction – Amtrak Train**

An early start this morning as you can take breakfast aboard the Amtrak California Zephyr. Your journey will take you up into the Colorado Rocky Mountains traveling through the Moffat Tunnel and the many majestic peaks. During our journey you can relax in your own private compartment or sit in the Dome Car, the choice is yours! Breakfast & Lunch will be served in the restaurant and is included in your journey. On arrival in Grand Junction you will be met and transferred to your hotel for overnight. Estimated time of arrival is around 4pm. Supper time this evening depends on the arrival time of the train.

***Overnight Grand Junction, CO – Breakfast, Lunch included***

### **Day 3: Grand Junction to Silverton (121 miles) – Silverton to Durango by Train (2.30pm departure with an ETA Durango of 6pm)**

This morning we drive south to the small mining town of Silverton, a national historic landmark. Hidden high in the San Juan Mountains, this town offers spectacular scenery, Victorian charm and historic architecture built between 1882 and 1910. Then it's "all aboard" the Durango and Silverton Narrow Gauge Railroad. This 1881 coal-fired, steam-powered locomotive was built to haul silver and gold ore from the San Juan Mountains...but you will soon realize it is the view that is truly precious.

***Overnight Durango, CO – Breakfast included***

### **Day 4: Durango – Mesa Verde National Park - Durango**

Today, it's time to explore Mesa Verde, Spanish for green table. Mesa Verde offers a spectacular look into the lives of the Ancestral Pueblo people who made it their home for over 700 years, from A.D. 600 to A.D. 1300. Today, the park protects over 4,000 known archeological sites, including 600 cliff dwellings. These sites are some of the most notable and best preserved in the United States.

***Overnight Durango, CO – Breakfast included***



### **Day 5: Durango to Canon City (260 miles)**

After breakfast we travel east across southern Colorado to Canon City, home to the famous Royal Gorge Railroad. On arrival, we check into our hotel and then you have time to explore downtown.

***Overnight Canon City – Breakfast included***

### **Day 6: Canon City & The Royal Gorge Train (Lunch Included)**

A leisurely morning before we board our Luncheon Train through the Royal Gorge... Enjoy the magnificent scenery whilst you 'tuck into' your first class lunch. Ride beneath the highest suspension bridge in the world, the Royal Gorge Bridge, which spans the gorge 1,053 feet above the railroad tracks. On arrival back at the station, we continue our journey to Manitou Springs, CO.

***Overnight Canon City, CO – Breakfast included***

### **Day 7: Canon City to Cheyenne, WY via Golden, CO**

After breakfast we embark on our journey to **THE U.S. AIR FORCE ACADEMY** in Colorado Springs. Here 4,000 exceptional young men and women from across the United States become future leaders in service to our nation. After our visit we continue our journey to Cheyenne, WY

***Overnight Cheyenne, WY – Breakfast & Farewell Supper included***

### **Day 8: Estes Park to Rapid City, SD**

After breakfast this morning it's time to head north and back to the Black Hills. Comfort breaks and meal stops will be made when required.

***Breakfast included***



## Itinerary at a glance

**Price:** \$3,795 (pp based on double occupancy)

**Single:** add \$795

**Triple:** deduct \$100 per person

**Starts:** Sunday September 11<sup>th</sup> 2022

**Ends:** Sunday September 18<sup>th</sup> 2022

## What's included?

- Fully escorted and all ground transportation
- 1 suitcase per person (up to 50lbs) including any train fees
- Meals as listed
- 7 nights' accommodations plus all tours and entrance fees as listed
- Baggage handling and taxes

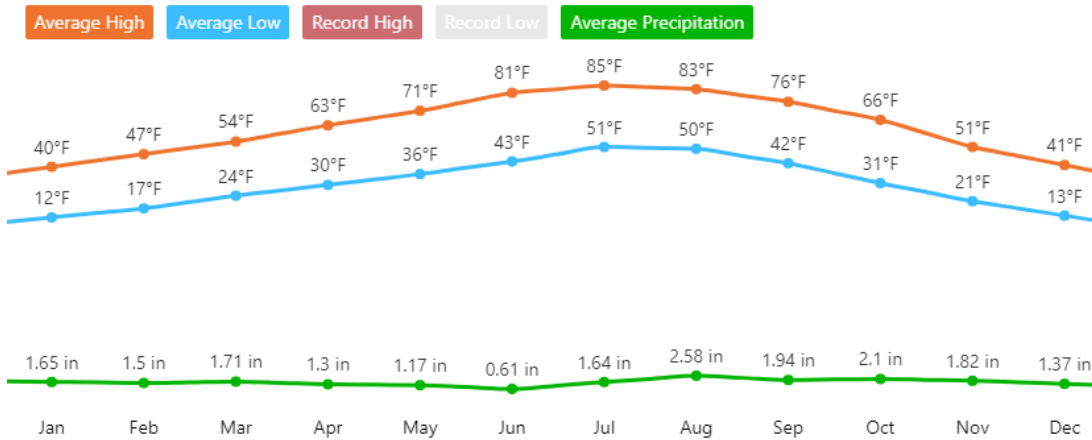
## How to book

- Deposit of \$500pp due at time of booking
- Balance due July 12th 2022 or at time of booking if after this date.

## What you'll need

- Photo ID is required for train security
- Binoculars would be excellent and a camera is a must!

## Weather



July is on average the **WARMEST** month.

January is on average the **COOLEST** month.



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