

2012 Colorado Adventure

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Cost Estimates: \$3,050 2 Per/RV; \$2,050 1Per/RV; and \$1,100 Addt'l Per.

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Teddy Roosevelt described a train journey through Colorado as “the trip that bankrupts the English language.” Come find out for yourself! We’ll start with a welcome dinner in historic Durango. The first of many adventures will begin the next day entirely devoted to the grandest of all Colorado rail journeys on the Durango and Silverton Narrow Gauge Railroad. While in Silverton, you can browse the many shops and have a leisurely lunch before boarding the motor coach for the return trip to Durango over the Million Dollar highway. The next day we’ll carpool to Mesa Verde National Park, land of ancient Pueblo Indians and their cliff dwellings. Then we’re off to Chama New Mexico for our next journey on the Cumbres and Toltec Scenic Railroad, the longest and most spectacular narrow gauge steam railroad in North America. The train will stop in Osier at an altitude of 12,000 feet, where lunch will be served before returning to Chama. The next morning we depart Chama for Alamosa to ride the standard gauge Rio Grande Scenic Railroad over La Veta Pass, where you might see deer, elk, bear and other wild life along the way. While in Alamosa we’ll visit the Great Sand Dunes National Park. Departing Alamosa, we’re on our way to the Royal Gorge, home of the world’s highest suspension bridge. Our next excursion is a ride on the Royal Gorge Scenic Railway, “the most scenic train ride in North America”, where we’ll enjoy a gourmet lunch. For those who want a little more adventure there will be a river rafting trip down the Arkansas River. Our travels will then take us to Colorado Springs, home of the USAF Academy. In Colorado Spring we’ll visit the Air Force Academy, Seven Falls and board the world’s highest cog railway, the Manitou Springs and Pikes Peak Cog Railway, ascending to the 14,115 foot summit of Pikes Peak, which inspired the lyrics to “America the Beautiful”. **(CAUTION: Some people may experience altitude sickness which may include symptoms of dizziness, nausea and headaches. In addition, if you have cardiac or respiratory problems, it is not advised that you make the ascent without first consulting your physician).** There will be adequate time to visit the Garden of the Gods, Cave of the Winds, Broadmoor Hotel, Olympic Training Center or the Pro Rodeo Hall of Fame to name a few. We’ll travel up to Golden Colorado, our final stop. While in Golden we’ll enjoy a tour of the Coors Brewery and Colorado Railroad Museum, home to a vast collection of priceless railroad history. For our last railroad adventure, a ride on the famous Georgetown Loop, with its horseshoe curved steel trestle over the highway. A special farewell dinner will conclude our journey. Don’t miss this scenic Colorado adventure. We are limiting the caravan to 20 rigs, so get your reservations in early. Send a deposit of \$260.00 along with your application to HQ.