

# COLORADO TRAINS



EXPERIENCE THE BEAUTY OF THE COLORADO ROCKIES FROM THE MANY HISTORIC TRAINS OF THE OLD WEST. ASCEND PIKE'S PEAK ON THE WORLD'S HIGHEST COG RAILWAY. SEE THE ROYAL GORGE BY TRAIN. STEP ABOARD AN 1881 STEAM TRAIN FOR A JOURNEY THROUGH THE SPECTACULAR SNOW PEAKED MOUNTAINS.

**AUGUST 20 - 28, 2012**  
**9 DAYS**

## HIGHLIGHTS

*Airforce Academy Tour*

*Garden of the Gods*

*Pikes Peak Cog Railway & Pikes Peak*

*Royal Gorge Railway*

*Royal Gorge Park*

*Cumbres & Toltec Scenic Railroad*

*Durango Silverton Narrow Gauge Railroad*

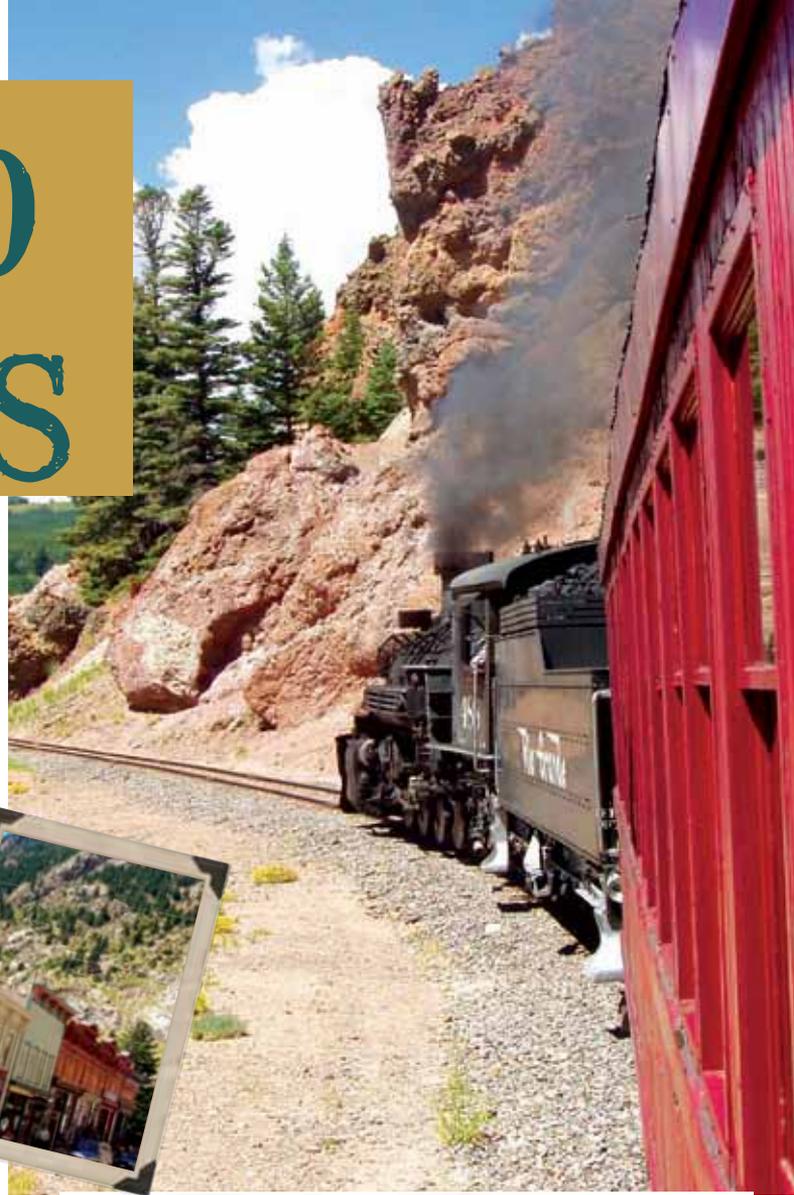
*Colorado National Monument Canyon*

*Palisade Fruit Orchards*

*Amtrak Train Ride Grand Junction to Denver*

*Georgetown Loop Railroad*

*Denver City Tour*



## MAP AT A GLANCE



### DAY 1 - HOME TO COLORADO SPRINGS

Fly to the Colorado Rockies! Visit the AirForce Academy in Colorado Springs. Later check into your hotel for a relaxing two night stay. Tonight we will enjoy a get acquainted dinner as we prepare for our railroading experience.

**Included Meals: Dinner**

**Hotel: Drury Inn**

### DAY 2 - COLORADO SPRINGS

Visit Garden of the Gods featuring red rock formations and breathtaking views of Pikes Peak, it was marked on the National Register

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**Pick up at the door was a selling point for me. I would highly recommend this group to anyone and I would definitely use again!"**

**Ginnie, Hanover MN**



for Historic places in 1979. Lunch will be included at the Garden of the God's Trading Post. Depart for Manitou Springs and experience Pikes Peak which forms a stunning backdrop for Colorado Springs and the Garden of the Gods. It is the farthest east of the big peaks in the Rocky Mountain chain, which contributed to its early fame among explorers, pioneers, and immigrants and made it the symbol of the 1859 Gold Rush to Colorado with the slogan, "Pikes Peak or Bust". Your best views will come from a ride on the Cog Railway to the top. See magnificent Seven Falls, one of the grandest mile of scenery in Colorado, wildlife and more on this exciting rail journey. This evening dinner will be on your own.

**Included Meals: Breakfast, Lunch**

### DAY 3 - COLORADO SPRINGS TO ALAMOSA

Enjoy breakfast before we depart for Canon City. Board the Royal Gorge Railroad for a 24-mile journey beneath Royal Gorge Bridge. This ride will afford some of the most spectacular scenery your eyes will ever see! Visit Royal Gorge Park, affording breathtaking views from the highest suspension bridge in the world, rising 1,053 feet above the rapids of the Arkansas River. Ride the Aerial Tram across the gorge or take the Incline Railway to the bottom of the canyon. After a fabulous day in the Royal Gorge area, we drive to Alamosa, Colorado for our overnight stay.

**Included Meals: Breakfast**

**Hotel: Holiday Inn Express**

### DAY 4 - ALAMOSA TO DURANGO

Motor to Antonito and board the famous Cumbres and Toltec Scenic Railroad. This train runs between Antonito, Colorado and Chama, New Mexico. The track was originally laid in 1880 by the Denver and Rio Grande Railroad. Chama today is a small village, but considered hallowed ground by many railfans. Chama houses one of the most physically complete railroad yards in the country. The railroad yard still has the feel of 1960 and earlier. We will board our motor-coach in Chama and drive to Durango, an old romantic mining town.

**Included Meals: Breakfast, Lunch**

**Hotel: Historic Strater Hotel**

### DAY 5 - DURANGO TO PALISADE

Board The Silverton, the last scheduled narrow gauge railroad in the United States. This 1881 coal-fired, steam-powered locomotive was built to haul silver and gold ore, and today it will carry you along the breathtaking canyons of the La Plata and San Juan Mountains. See breathtaking scenery as we wind around mountain peaks, canyon walls, and rushing streams enroute to Silverton, once a bustling mining town in the 1870s. Nestled in the San Juan Mountains, Silverton is a national historic landmark. Take time to explore Silverton's historic architecture built between 1882 and 1910 during Silverton's boom time. Motor on the million-dollar highway over Red Mountain Pass of the San Juan Mountains to Palisade.

**Included Meals: Breakfast**

**Hotel: Wine Country Inn**

### DAY 6 - PALISADE

After breakfast we make our way to Grand Junction. Drive the spectacular Colorado National Monument offering sweeping views of the canyon. Drive through lovely orchard country with a stop at one of the orchards for a tour and opportunity to shop. Dinner is included at Wine Country Inn tonight.

**Included Meals: Breakfast, Dinner**

### DAY 7 - PALISADE TO DENVER

This morning board the Amtrak train for a full day of scenic raiing through the Colorado Rockies from Grand Junction to Denver.

**Included Meals: Breakfast**

**Hotel: Hampton Inn**

### DAY 8 - DENVER

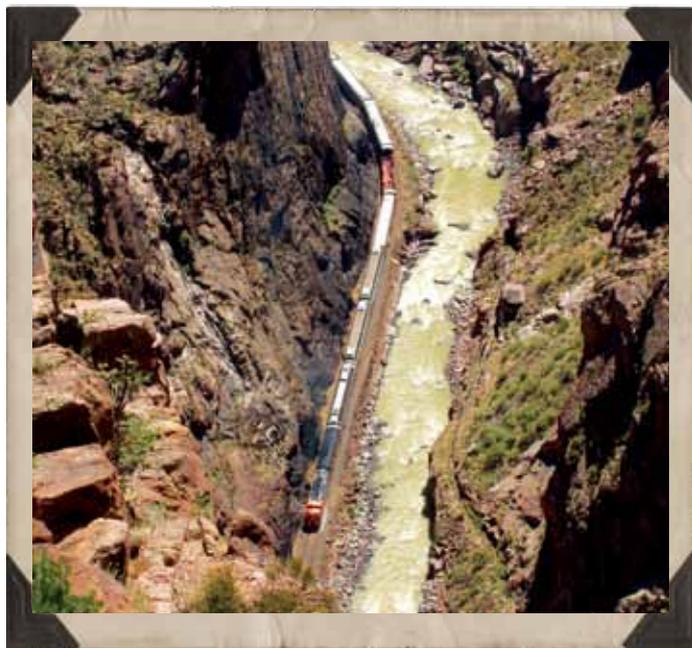
We'll make our way to nearby Georgetown and board the Georgetown Loop Railroad. Finished in 1884 for the Colorado Central Railway to transport silver in and out of the region, this breathtaking stretch of narrow gauge railroad is an engineering marvel, featuring several horseshoe curves and bridges including the Devil's Gate High Bridge. Lunch will be on your own at historic downtown Georgetown. Return to Denver for a tour of the mile high city nestled at the foot of the Rockies. We'll enjoy a tour of Molly Brown's house. Tonight you are guests at a farewell dinner.

**Included Meals: Breakfast, Dinner**

### DAY 9 - DENVER TO HOME

After an included breakfast we'll catch our flight for home.

**Included Meals: Breakfast**



#### 2012 TOUR DATES & PRICES:



<b>DATES:</b>	<b>August 20 - 28, 2012 (9 Days)</b>	
<b>PRICE PER PERSON:</b>	<b>\$2,279 Double</b>	<b>\$2,779 Single</b>
	<b>\$2,169 Triple</b>	<b>\$2,059 Quad</b>
<b>PRICE INCLUDES:</b>	<b>RT Airfare including taxes, fuel surcharges &amp; baggage fees, 13 Meals, Activities as stated in brochure, Luxury Motorcoach</b>	
<b>DEPOSIT DUE PER PERSON:</b>	<b>\$100 pp deposit at time of reservation, Full payment due 45 days prior to departure.</b>	
<b>OPTIONAL TRAVEL PROTECTION PP:</b>	<b>\$164 double (per person) / \$200 single</b>	
<b>TOUR PACE:</b>	<b>Light-Moderate Walking</b>	
<b>R&amp;J TRAVEL BUCKS</b>	<b>\$35 Travel Bucks Earned With This Tour</b>	

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