



Royal Gorge



Glen Eyrie



The Best of Colorado Springs

May 8 - 13, 2024 (6 days)

MAP AT A GLANCE



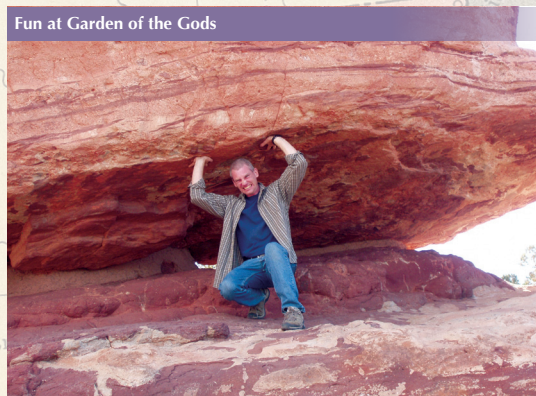
HIGHLIGHTS



- 4 Nights in Colorado Springs
- Garden of the Gods
- Pikes Peak Cog Railway & Pikes Peak
- Royal Gorge Railway
- Royal Gorge Park
- Cave of the Winds Mountain Park
- United States Air Force Academy Tour
- U.S. Olympic & Paralympic Museum
- ProRodeo Hall of Fame & Museum of the American Cowboy
- Big Horn Lodge at Glen Eyrie



View from Pike's Peak



Fun at Garden of the Gods

Day 1 - Home to Colorado Springs, CO

We set off today for the Colorado Rockies! Our flight will take us to Denver where we will board our motorcoach and make our way to Colorado Springs. We'll settle into the Drury Inn & Suites for a relaxing four night stay. Get to know one another during our Welcome Dinner this evening.

Included Meals: Dinner

Hotel: Drury Inn & Suites (4 Nights)

Day 2 - Colorado Springs

Enjoy breakfast before we depart for Cañon City. Board the Royal Gorge Railroad for a 24-mile journey beneath Royal Gorge Bridge. This ride will provide some of the most spectacular scenery your eyes will ever see! Lunch will be served aboard the train while we keep our eyes open to glimpse wildlife in their natural habitat. 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 and then walk back across the 1929 suspension bridge. After a fabulous day in the Royal Gorge area, we will return to our hotel. This evening enjoy the Drury's "Kickback," a complete light meal.

Included Meals: Breakfast, Lunch, Drury Kickback

Day 3 - Colorado Springs

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. Lunch will be included at the Garden of the God's Trading Post.

Then, visit Garden of the Gods. Featuring red rock formations and breathtaking views of Pikes Peak, it was marked on the National Register for Historic places in 1979. Next we will head to Cave of the Winds Mountain Park. Be sure you have your walking shoes on as we're going to be stepping down under as we explore this magnificent cave via a guided walking tour! Returning to the hotel, we'll again enjoy the Drury's Kickback Reception.

Included Meals: Breakfast, Lunch, Drury Kickback

Day 4 - Colorado Springs

After breakfast at the hotel, we are treated to a guided tour of the incredible United States Air Force Academy. We'll thoroughly enjoy their museum, but visiting the Cadet Chapel (if renovations are complete) is sure to be the highlight! Soaring 150 feet toward the Colorado sky, this U.S. National Historic Landmark is the most popular man-made attraction in Colorado. We'll soon understand why! Next we will head to the 19th century brick buildings along Colorado Avenue, known as Old Colorado City, for lunch and shopping on our own. Afterwards we'll experience a guided tour of the U.S. Olympic & Paralympic Training Center. Our



Garden of the Gods - truly spectacular!



We'll visit the U.S. Air Force Academy with its incredible Cadet Chapel!



U.S. Olympic Training Center - USA Mens Paralympic Basketball Team



Take in the majestic Royal Gorge as we rail along the Arkansas River



The impressive Glen Eyrie Castle is situated amidst Colorado's natural beauty

tour will begin with a video presentation, followed by a walking tour of the complex. Go Team USA! Arriving back to our hotel, we'll partake in the Kickback's tasty spread again.

Included Meals: Breakfast, Drury Kickback

Day 5 - Colorado Springs to Glen Eyrie Estate

Enjoy one last Drury breakfast before we check out and travel to the ProRodeo Hall of Fame & Museum of the American Cowboy. This interesting museum is designed to "preserve the legacy of the cowboy contests, the heritage and culture of those original competitions, and the champions of the past, present, and future." After lunch on our own, we'll enjoy the sights as we make our way to the grand Glen Eyrie Estate. Glen Eyrie is an English Tudor-style castle built in 1871 by General William Jackson Palmer,

the founder of Colorado Springs. Nestled on over 700 breathtaking acres, Glen Eyrie's stunning beauty and rich spiritual heritage create a place where guests can set aside their troubles and catch their breath. You have all afternoon to explore the first and second floors of the spectacular Castle, visit the Carriage House, stroll the lovely grounds, stop in at the Bookstore & Coffee Shop (of course located in a 150-year-old building full of history and charm!), play a game of cornhole or horseshoes, and relax in a hammock in the fresh air! Our accommodations this evening are located right on Glen Eyrie's expansive property at the recently renovated Big Horn Lodge. A special chef's choice buffet dinner is served this evening in the Castle King James Hall.

Included Meals: Breakfast, Dinner

Hotel: Big Horn Lodge at Glen Eyrie

Day 6 - Glen Eyrie Estate to Home

This morning we will enjoy breakfast in the Castle King James Hall, thoroughly appreciating our special surroundings. Then we bid the Glen Eyrie Estate goodbye and travel back to Denver for our flight home. Arrive home with wonderful memories of the Best of Colorado Springs!

Included Meals: Breakfast

The Best of Colorado Springs

2024 DATES & PRICES



DATES:	May 8 - 13, 2024 (6 Days)	
PRICE PER PERSON:	\$2,799 Double	\$3,199 Single
	\$2,679 Triple	\$2,609 Quad
PRICE INCLUDES:	Roundtrip Airfare from MSP including all baggage fees, 9 Meals & 3 Kickbacks, Hotels & Activities as stated in brochure, Luxury Motorcoach	
DEPOSIT DUE PER PERSON:	\$200 p/p deposit at time of reservation, Full payment due 60 days prior to departure.	
OPTIONAL TRAVEL PROTECTION P/P:	\$200 Double per person	\$235 Single
	TOUR PACE: (See page 13 for description) Moderate to Extensive Walking (*Altitude Changes may affect your health.)	
TRAVEL BUCKS:	\$40 R&J Travel Bucks p/p earned on this tour	
NEEDED TRAVEL DOCUMENTS:	A Valid Driver's License or government issued ID.	

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