

Royal Gorge Railroad passing under Royal Gorge Bridge

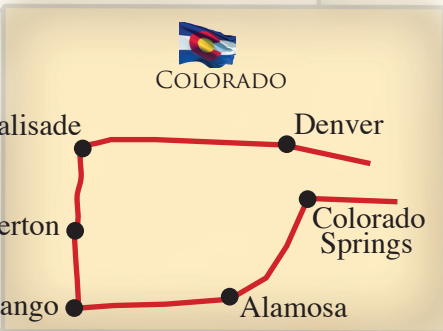


Durango Silverton Railroad

Colorado Trains

August 20 - 30, 2024 (11 days)

MAP AT A GLANCE



HIGHLIGHTS

- 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
- Two night stay at the peaceful Wine Country Inn
- Colorado Peach Orchard Visit
- Amtrak Train Ride Grand Junction to Denver
- Georgetown Loop Railroad
- Flying W Ranch Chuckwagon Dinner & Show



Travel to the summit of Pikes Peak (14,115 feet) via the Cog Railway



Colorado National Monument

Experience the beauty of the Colorado Rockies from the many historic trains of the Old West; including Pike's Peak & Royal Gorge!

"All aboard for a great train adventure with R&J Tours."

Jon - Hutchinson, MN - 2023 Colorado Trains Traveler



Garden of the Gods



Day 1 - Home to York, NE

We set off today for the Colorado Rockies! There will be coffee stops and lunch on your own as we travel along. We will have a "Welcome" pizza party tonight as we get to know our fellow travelers.

Included Meals: Pizza Party

Hotel: Hampton Inn

Day 2 - York to Colorado Springs, CO

This morning we will stop at the Golden Spike Tower & Visitors Center in North Platte. From their 7th floor open air observation deck, we'll get a bird's eye view of the sights & sounds of Bailey Yard, the world's largest classification yard! We reach Colorado today and check into our hotel for a relaxing two night stay. Tonight we will enjoy Drury's Kickback Reception, which is a complete light meal, as we prepare for our railroading experience.

Included Meals: Breakfast, Drury Kickback

Hotel: Drury Inn (2 Nights)

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. This evening an authentic chuckwagon supper and original western stage show awaits us at the Flying W Ranch, a secluded, working mountain cattle ranch!

Included Meals: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

Day 4 - Colorado Springs to Alamosa

Enjoy breakfast before we depart for Cañon City. 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. 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! Lunch will be served aboard the train while we keep our eyes open to glimpse wildlife in their natural habitat. After a fabulous day in the Royal Gorge area, we drive to Alamosa, Colorado for our overnight stay.

Included Meals: Breakfast, Lunch

Hotel: Holiday Inn Express

Day 5 - 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. The railroad yard still has the feel of 1960 and earlier. We will disembark from the train in Cumbres and drive to Durango, an old romantic mining town. Dinner and the evening is on your own to explore Durango.

Included Meals: Breakfast, Lunch

Hotel: Historic Strater Hotel

Day 6 - 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,



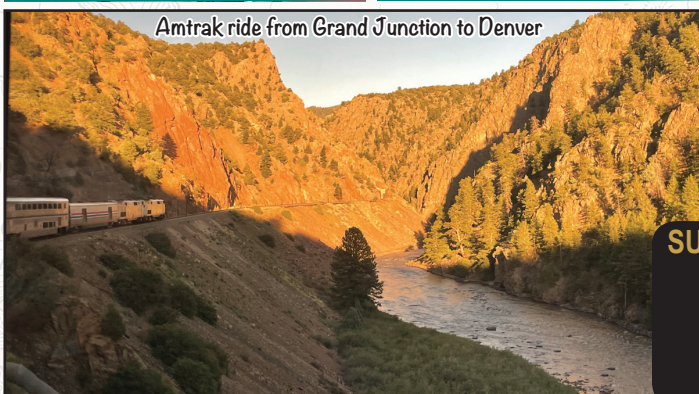
Breathtaking views on the Durango Silverton Railroad!



Ready for gondola ride across Royal Gorge



Cumbres & Toltec RR - refilling water!



Amtrak ride from Grand Junction to Denver





Sights on Georgetown Loop



Georgetown Loop - hang on!

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. Spend two nights at the exceptional Wine Country Inn where you can stroll through the working vineyards that surround the inn, an 80-room Victorian style hotel, which sits in the middle of 21 acres of vines!

Included Meals: Breakfast
Hotel: Wine Country Inn (2 Nights)

Day 7 - Palisade

After breakfast we make our way to Grand Junction. We'll drive through the grand landscapes of the spectacular Colorado National Monument, offering sweeping views of the canyon. Drive through lovely orchard country with a stop at one of the orchards to shop. Dinner is included at Wine Country Inn.

Included Meals: Breakfast, Dinner

Day 8 - Palisade to Denver/Westminster

This morning board the Amtrak train for a full day of scenic railing through the Colorado Rockies from Grand Junction to Denver. Enjoy both lunch and dinner on your own aboard the train.

Included Meals: Breakfast
Hotel: Drury Inn & Suites (2 Nights)

Day 9 - Denver/Westminster

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. We'll then enjoy a tour of Molly Brown's house. Have you heard of her fame as a survivor of the Titanic? We're about to learn so much more! Partake in the Drury's Kickback Reception tonight.

Included Meals: Breakfast, Drury Kickback

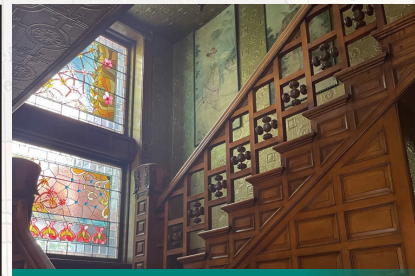
Day 10 - Denver to Lincoln, NE

After an included breakfast, we will begin our journey towards home, overnighting in Lincoln. Lunch is planned along the way at Big Ole's Steakhouse.

Included Meals: Breakfast, Lunch
Hotel: Best Western Plus



Cumbres & Toltec scenic view!



Staircase in Molly Brown's house



Pikes Peak



Durango & Silverton train ceiling

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2024 DATES & PRICES

DATES:	August 20 - 30, 2024 (11 Days)	
PRICE PER PERSON:	\$3,999 Double	\$4,869 Single
	\$3,749 Triple	\$3,589 Quad
PRICE INCLUDES:	17 Meals & 2 Kickbacks, Hotels & Activities as stated in brochure, Luxury Motorcoach	
DEPOSIT DUE PER PERSON:	\$100 p/p deposit at time of reservation, Full payment due 30 days prior to departure.	
OPTIONAL TRAVEL PROTECTION P/P:	\$254 Double per person	\$317 Single
	Tour Pace: (See page 9 for description) Moderate Walking (*Altitude Changes may affect your health.)	
TRAVEL BUCKS:	\$50 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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