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Pikes Peak Cog Rail

P R E S E N T S

Colorado Train Adventure

September 8 - 15, 2018

Day 1 - Arrive in Denver - Colorado Springs (Sat)

Arrive in Denver by 1:00pm. **(*Please arrive at the Denver Airport before 1:00pm)** After a brief check-in with your tour director, enjoy your first taste of adventures to come as you board our motorcoach and travel south to **Colorado Springs**. Enjoy touring of the **US Air Force Academy**. Situated in the shadow of the mountains and overlooking the open spaces of the western plains, the academy is famous for its architecturally unique chapel. Next, check into your hotel for a two-night stay. Tonight join the group for a **welcome dinner** at a local restaurant. **Drury Inn& Suites, Colorado Springs, CO (D)**

Day 2 – Pikes Peak Country (Sun)

Today is devoted to sightseeing around **Colorado Springs**. First, you will ride on the **Pike's Peak Cog Railway** that climbs to the top of Pikes Peak. Looking at this famous peak, rising 12,110 feet above sea level, you will understand the meaning of "Rocky Mountain High!" Next, continue to the **Garden of the Gods Trading Post** and enjoy a sumptuous lunch and some time to shop. This afternoon, continue sightseeing and tour Garden of the Gods. An abundance of plant and animal life can be found throughout its 1,340 acres, as well as the magnificent red sandstone rock formations, for which the Garden is best known. Return to your hotel with some time to freshen up, and then be our guests for an evening of western hospitality at a local restaurant. **Drury Inn& Suites, Colorado Springs, CO (B,L,D)**

Day 3– Royal Gorge– Alamosa (Mon)

Pack up your bags, partner, because today you're off! This morning board the **Royal Gorge Route Railroad** for a vintage train ride along the legendary Arkansas River deep within the Gorge. Next, travel to the historic rail town of **Salida** for a delicious home style lunch. This afternoon visit **Great Sand Dunes National Park** for sightseeing, then arrive in **Alamosa** for a one night stay. **Holiday Inn Express, Alamosa, CO(B,L,D)**

Day 4 – Cumbres and Toltec Scenic Railway (Tue)

This morning, "all aboard" the **Cumbres and Toltec Scenic Railroad**, considered the finest remaining example of a once vast network of narrow gauge lines linking together the Rocky Mountain Mining Camps. This unique railroad has been called by author Lucius Beebe, "the most awesomely spectacular example of mountain railroading in North America." Leave Antonito, Colorado and travel to **Osier** where you'll disembark and enjoy lunch; then re-board your motorcoach and travel to the old west mining town of **Durango** for a two night stay. **Holiday Inn, Durango, CO (CB,L)**

Day 5 – Mesa Verde National Park (Wed)

After breakfast, travel to nearby **Mesa Verde National Park** for a day of exploration. Here you will visit cliff dwellings where the mysterious Anasazi once lived. Known as the "Ancient Ones" to the Navajo, the Anasazi lived in the Four Corners area almost a thousand years ago, then suddenly disappeared- leaving their incredibly well-preserved dwellings to intrigue and challenge modern man. This is the nation's largest archeological preserve with 4,000 sights including 600 cliff dwellings. Spend some time in the Visitors Center with its large collection of ancient artifacts for an introduction to the ancient culture. A **local expert will guide** you through the most famous ruin sites with a stop at the Spruce Tree House Restaurant for lunch on own. After a fascinating tour of the park, return to Durango with the rest of the day free to explore this fun western town on your own. **Holiday Inn, Durango, CO (B)**

Day 6 – Durango & Silverton Railroad (Thu)

This morning, ride the **Durango Silverton Narrow Gauge Railroad**, one of the last such railroads operating in the United States. “All aboard!” for a delightful trip through the Colorado Rockies between Durango and Silverton. The rugged peaks, alpine meadows, and crystal lakes take you back to the early days of the West when mountain men searched this untouched land for traces of bear and mountain lion. Upon arrival in **Silverton**, enjoy some free time to explore the many shops and have lunch on your own. Meet our motorcoach for a scenic drive north to **Grand Junction**. This evening see the fantastic monoliths of **Colorado National Monument**. Over the centuries, wind and water have carved sheer, walled canyons, spires, and gorges from the brilliant orange and red sandstone. Overnight in Grand Junction and enjoy dinner this evening at the hotel. **Doubletree, Grand Junction, CO (B,D)**

Day 7 – Grand Junction– Denver (Fri)

Depart and travel east for a ride through the Heart of the Rockies enjoying vistas of rugged canyons, pristine wilderness, and deep gorges. Cross the **Continental Divide** at Loveland Pass as we travel east descending once again into the “Mile High City” of **Denver**. Before checking into our hotel, we’ll stop at the **Colorado Railroad Museum in Golden**. This museum’s mission is to acquire, preserve and exhibit railroad equipment, artifacts, and photographs emphasizing Rocky Mountain area railroads. You’ll learn about the history of this region from the 1860’s to present. What a great end to our Colorado Train Vacation. This afternoon, check into your hotel and freshen up but don’t wander too far because tonight you will rejoin your fellow passengers for a **farewell dinner. Embassy Suites Denver Airport, Denver, CO (B,D)**

Day 8 – Journey Home (Sat)

Say farewell to Denver and the Rocky Mountains. A morning transfer to the airport has been arranged for your journey home. (B)

Tour Includes

- 7 nights accommodations
- Transportation by motorcoach
- Services of a professional tour director
- 7 breakfasts, 3 lunches, 5 dinners
- Entrance fees to attractions, National Parks and Monument as mentioned in itinerary
- Tips for included meals
- Luggage handling (1 suitcase per person)

Not Included

- Airfare (Call iMAGINATION DESTINATIONS to arrange)
- Post-night/Pre-night accommodations (Call iMAGINATION DESTINATIONS to arrange)
- Meals (other than mentioned in the itinerary)
- Items of a personal nature (i.e., room service, telephone, liquor, etc.)
- Customary gratuities for the tour director, driver, local guides and outfitters

Price Per person
\$2,169.00 DOUBLE
\$2,779.00 SINGLE
\$1,999.00 TRIPLE

Pre Night in Colorado Springs; \$180.00 per room, per night. (includes tax & breakfast) - **Post Night** in Denver; \$195.00 per room, per night. (includes tax)

*This tour requires average physical activity. Participants should be in good health, able to climb stairs and walk reasonable distances, possibly over uneven ground or unpaved trails. This tour covers areas of higher altitudes including overnight locations above 6,000 ft. and touring above 9,000 ft. with a half day trip to the top of Pike’s Peak which is 14,000 ft.

Travel Protection Plan is available and strongly recommended. Premium is non-refundable unless the entire tour is cancelled. Any surcharges and/or tax increases received from suppliers for this package (Airlines, Cruise Companies, Hotels, etc.) may result in an increase in the per person price of your tour package. For those individuals who have purchased the Travel Protection Plan, this may also result in an increase in your Travel Protection Plan premium.

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Responsibility Clause:

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