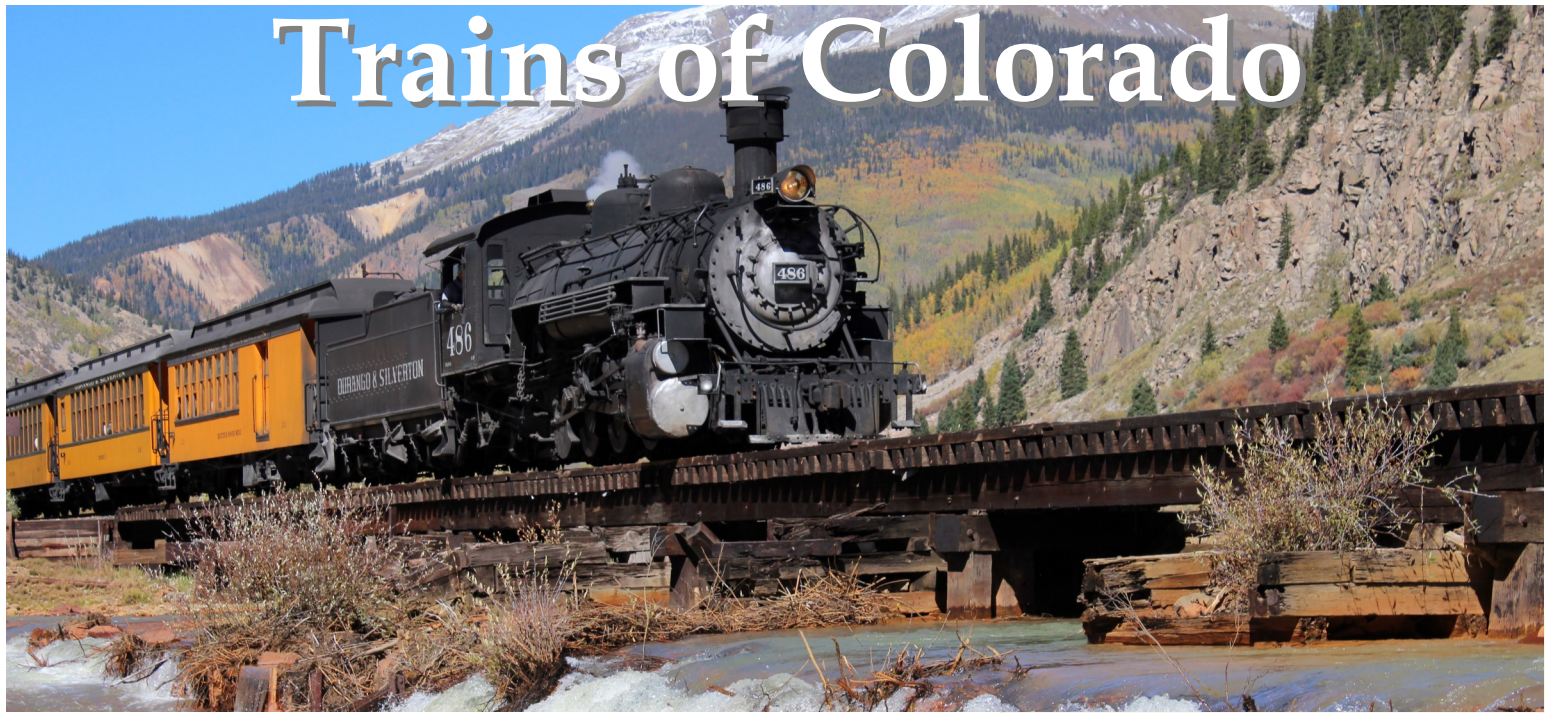


Trains of Colorado



August 21 – 28 2023

8 Days & 7 Nights

Sightseeing Highlights

4 Trains: **Pike's Peak Cog Railroad**
 Durango to Silverton Railroad
 Cumbres & Toltec Scenic Railroad
 Royal Gorge Route Railroad
Garden of the Gods & Trading Post
U.S Air Force Academy & Cadet Chapel
Horseshoe Bend
Lake Powell Cruise
Las Vegas

Itinerary

Day 1 We will be starting our journey with a trip to the base of the Colorado Rocky Mountains with a flight to **Denver**. Denver is not only the capital of Colorado, but happens to be its largest city in the state. After settling into our hotel all travelers will meet for a delicious welcome dinner and opportunities to get to know other travelers on the tour. Overnight in Colorado Springs or vicinity for 2 nights. (D)

Day 2 We will begin day two by have breakfast at the hotel before heading to the historic town of Manitou Springs, CO. We will get to enjoy a ride on the **Pike's Peak Cog Railway**. This three hour experience provides some of Colorado's most incredible views, which includes local wildlife as well as sights of trees that are over 2,000 year old. The peak of the vista is approximately **14,115 ft.** high. Then we descend down the mountain and visit the **Garden of the Gods**, a sight so beautiful that it became registered national landmark in 1971. This unique paradise with spectacular red sandstone rock formations and panoramic views would not be complete without a stop at the **Garden of the Gods Trading Post**. There we can explore Native American culture through art, architecture, and crafts in this one of a kind gift shop designed to resemble a traditional Pueblo Native American home. (B)

\$3,499.00 Per Person, Double Occupancy
\$4,199.00 Per Person Single Occupancy



Tour Price Includes:

- Round trip Airfare
- Deluxe Motorcoach
- Tour Director
- Luggage Handling

Meals:

- 7 Breakfasts
- 1 Lunch
- 2 Dinner

Hotel Accommodations:

- **Colorado Springs**-Drury Inn & Suites, 2 Nights
- **Alamosa**- Holiday Inn Express 1 Night
- **Durango**- Best Western Plus Rio Grand Inn, 2 Night
- **Page, AZ**-Courtyard Page at lake Powell, 1 Night
- **Las Vegas**-Golden Nugget Hotel 1 Night

*Or Similar

Moderately Active: Faster Pace, Substantial distances covered, extensive walking and stair climbing.

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Day 3 We will begin our day with a visit to the **United States Air Force Academy** (if available for security concerns). This location has some amazing architecture as well as a stunning church and an educational visitor center. It is there that we will learn what it takes for a recruit to be successful and graduate from this highly prestigious institution. The day will continue with a drive to Canyon City to board the **Royal Gorge Route Railroad**. Riding the rails through the Royal Gorge you may spot some amazing wild life that Colorado has to offer such as big horn sheep, blue heron, or even bald eagles. We will certainly see the famous Royal Gorge Suspension Bridge as we ride underneath it and enjoy the wilds of the Arkansas River. (B) Overnight Alamosa, CO

Day 4 Today we visit beautiful **Antonito, Colorado**. There we will be greeted by towering mountain peaks, scenic vistas and deep colorful gorges. You after all cannot visit Colorado without exploring the great Rocky Mountains. Here is where we will board the **Cumbres & Toltec Scenic Railroad** for an enjoyable day long ride to Chama, New Mexico. The Cumbres & Toltec is America's most authentic steam-operated railroad and is a proud remnant of the spirit that won the West. Your lunch will be included in this journey. (B,L) 2 nights Durango CO

Day 5 Our day will begin by traveling on a train from Durango to Silverton. Enjoy a ride on the **Durango to Silverton Railroad**, is quite historic train and has been in continuous operation since 1882, carrying passengers behind vintage steam locomotives and rolling stock indigenous to the line. The town of Silverton, formally became established in 1885. This historic town is nestled high in Colorado's stunning San Juan Mountains at 9,318 ft. Silverton celebrates a rich mining history with a storied Old West past. (B)

Day 6 Having explored the beautiful mountain vistas the last few days it is time to enjoy the desert scenery as we travel onto Page, Arizona. Explore the beautiful overlooking view of the Colorado river famously known as, **Horseshoe Bend**. The day would not be complete without first taking a scenic cruise on **Lake Powell** and see some of the amazing canyons this lake is known for. (B, D)

Day 7 Nearing the end of our journey together we will start heading our adventure to Las Vegas, Nevada. Where we will spend our final night of the trip enjoying this exciting city. (B)

Day 8 On our final day we will depart for the Las Vegas airport for our return flight home. Once on board we will have an opportunity to do some reminiscing about the wonders and sights we have seen both natural and manmade that we have experienced on our journey. (B)

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DEPOSIT: \$200 due now to hold your place.

Final Payment is due on **June 9, 2023**.

CANCELLATION: No refund will be given after June 9, 2023.

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