

# COLORADO ROCKIES TOUR

Ride the Durango & Silverton Narrow Gauge Railroad  
Visit Rocky Mountain, Arches, Canyonlands, & Mesa Verde National Parks  
Colorado National Monument  
Pike's Peak and Manitou Springs  
May 23-June 1, 2023

**\$3295.00 per person**  
**Single Supplement \$700.00**



INCLUDED FEATURES; Roundtrip airfare, 9 nights' accommodations, all transportation, tours and admissions listed on the itinerary, 8 breakfasts, 2 lunches & 4 dinners, 2 shows, train ride from Silverton to Durango as well as fully escorted with a Thompson Tours Certified Guide.

## DAY 1

Depart home city for Denver transfer to our hotel. Join your guide for your deluxe Colorado Rockies Tour. This is simply a travel day.

Overnight – Rocky Mountain Park Area

## DAY 2

### Rocky Mountain National Park

Departing Denver, the full scope of the Rockies lies before you as you begin the ascent toward adventure. Drive over Berthoud Pass, summiting the Continental Divide and sitting at 11,314 feet above sea level for gorgeous mountain views. As you descend along curving roads it's nearly impossible to take your eyes off the ever-changing and incredible alpine scenery. Winter Park, a classically cozy Colorado ski town tucked against the western slope of the Divide, is home to one of the state's most popular ski resorts. Enjoy the town, exploring quaint shops and breathing in the pine-scented air while visiting the scenic town of Grand Lake for lunch. Somehow food just tastes better in the fresh mountain air, and you'll enjoy yours at a fabulous little lakeside café nestled along the actual Grand Lake.

The final, and arguably most scenic, destination is Rocky Mountain National Park. Full of wildlife, breathtaking views and more photo opportunities than your camera will know what to do with, this park is a feast for the senses and a nature-lover's dream. On Trail Ridge Road, you may even find yourself higher than you've ever been before at 12,183 feet above sea level! Your return trip to Denver is the perfect chance put your feet up, reflect on your day and decide which of your photos will make your friends the most jealous.

On to Grand Junction via the scenic ride past Breckenridge, Vail and other famous ski resorts.

Meals - BREAKFAST & LUNCH.

Overnight – [Grand Junction](#)

## DAY 3

### Arches - Dead Horse - Canyonlands - Moab - Grand Junction

This morning enjoy amazing National Parks starting with Arches National Park, see the world's largest concentration of natural sandstone arches as well as an astounding variety of geological formations. Dead Horse

State Park contains many spectacular views of sediment deposits left behind by ancient oceans, freshwater lakes and streams. Next, arrive at Canyonlands National Park and travel to the Island in the Sky mesa, which rests on sheer sandstone cliffs over 1,000 feet above the surrounding terrain. Pass through the town of Moab, a popular filming location for western movies since the 1940s, before returning to Grand Junction. COLORADO JET BOAT NIGHTTIME DINNER AND SHOW, starting with a Dutch Oven dinner served on the banks of the Colorado River, followed by a jetboat cruise on the Moab Queen. The evening begins at 40,000 watts of light illuminating the canyon walls with cowboy and Indian tales with lights, sound and music.

Meals - BREAKFAST AND DINNER.

Overnight – [Grand Junction](#)

## DAY 4

### Grand Junction - Colorado National Monument - Grand Junction

Visit one of the grand landscapes of the American West — Colorado National Monument. We travel along the Rim Rock to see a colorful panorama of deep, sheer-sided canyons and high rock towers. Then on to Colorado's wine country to learn about one of the region's up-and-coming vineyards. This evening enjoy dinner at a local vineyard.

BREAKFAST AND DINNER

Overnight – [Grand Junction](#)

## DAY 5

### Grand Junction - Silverton - Durango

Drive south to the small mining town of Silverton, a national historic landmark. Hidden high in the San Juan Mountains, this town blends spectacular scenery, Victorian charm and historic architecture. Then it's "all aboard" the [Durango & Silverton Narrow Gauge Railroad](#). This 1881 coal-fired, steam-powered locomotive was built to haul silver and gold ore from the San Juan Mountains...but you will soon realize it is the view that is truly precious.

BREAKFAST

Overnight - [Durango](#)

## DAY 6

### Durango - Mesa Verde National Park - Durango

This morning we will travel to Mesa Verde National Park, best known as the home of the ancient and mysterious civilization. Visit the fascinating Spruce Tree Cliff Dwellings to see two of the largest cliff dwellings built between 1211 and 1278 by ancestors of the Pueblos. This evening enjoy the Bar D Chuckwagon dinner show.

BREAKFAST & DINNER

Overnight - [Durango](#)

## DAY 7

### Durango - Colorado Springs

Enjoy a relaxing ride to Colorado Springs. Enroute marvel at the scenery as you depart the San Juan National Forest and pass through the beautiful Rio Grande National Forest, a vast expanse of wilderness.

BREAKFAST

Overnight – **Colorado Springs**

## DAY 8

### Colorado Springs - Manitou Springs - Colorado Springs

Depart for Manitou Springs, home of Pikes Peak — the legendary symbol of the 1859 Gold Rush. Embark on a journey aboard the Pikes Peak Cog Railway, the world's highest cog railroad, for an 8.9-mile trip to the top of Pikes Peak (approx. 14,110 ft.). During the journey you will see magnificent views and perhaps animals in their native habitat. Later, travel to the Garden of the Gods, on the National Register for Historic Places, to see the towering sandstone formations and enjoy a wonderful view of Pikes Peak.

Meals – BREAKFAST AND LUNCH

Overnight – **Colorado Springs**

## DAY 9

### Colorado Springs - Denver

Upon arrival in Denver experience two sides of Denver - a historic western town and thriving modern city - all in the same trip. Travel through the quiet tree-lined streets of Denver's residential neighborhoods and journey back to the 19th century. Witness the elegance of historic Larimer Square and the Victorian mansions of "unsinkable Molly Brown" and others.

Along the way, you will pass a variety of cultural attractions, such as beautiful City Park, Civic Center Park, the gold-domed State Capitol, the United States Mint and the Denver Art Museum, to name a few. Another highlight is bustling 17th Street, Denver's financial nerve center with its towering skyscrapers set against the backdrop of the Rocky Mountains. The 16th Street Mall, a multi-million-dollar pedestrian mall, is located just a block away and features a variety of restaurants, specialty shops and seasonal activities of all kinds. At the end of this journey, you will no longer be a stranger to the Mile-High City! Farewell dinner this evening.

Meals - BREAKFAST & DINNER

Overnight – **Denver**

## DAY 10

Denver to home city.

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Inclusions in above prices:

Airfare First Class Hotel Accommodations based on twin share. All transfers and transportation are by private air-conditioned vehicles \* any individuals traveling outside of group arrangement must organize own transfers. Group tour manager throughout the land tour. Tours, sightseeing and admissions as per itinerary. All applicable taxes Meals as indicated on the itinerary (8 Breakfasts-B – 2 Lunches-L - 4 Dinners-D)

Transportation from Wilkes Barre/Scranton is provided to the airport.  
Flights can be scheduled from any airport on request possibly additional cost.

- Exclusions in above prices:**
- Seat selection
  - Personal items
  - Optional Tours
  - Meals unless listed in itinerary \*\* Our hotels and itinerary may change but all inclusions and class of hotel will stay the same.

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