

Wendinger Travel invites you to

# Trains Across Colorado

July 24 August 1, 2025

\$2,498 per Person



Featuring Four  
Train Rides  
through the  
Rockies!

## Itinerary

**Thursday, July 24**

**Kearney, NE**

Enjoy the view of the rich farmland as we travel through southwestern Minnesota and western Iowa to our included lunch buffet en route. This afternoon, we will be driving through the historic city of Omaha on our way to Lincoln, the capital of Nebraska. Interstate 80 becomes the Great Platte River Road which was the nation's thoroughfare to the west. Paying tribute to this bountiful history is the Great Platte River Archway Monument. This eight story structure spans the highway much like a bridge and traces the westward migration through murals and lifesize figures. Our evening stay is at the Country Inn & Suites of Kearney, NE.

**Friday, July 25**

**Denver, CO**

After breakfast, we will travel near the mouth of Clear Creek in the foothills west of Denver, where the city of Golden boasts more than its share of natural beauty. Nestled between the Colorado Front Range and the famous Table Mountains, you'd never know Golden was just a hop, skip, and jump away from the urban bustle of Denver. This is where the west lives! Our lunch stop will include time for shopping. This afternoon, we will visit the world's largest single brewery, established by Adolph Coors in 1873. Coors Brewing Company will give us an overview of the beermaking process of brands that include Coors, Coors Light, Killians Red, Zima and Keystone. Our overnight stay will be at a Drury Inn & Suites in the Denver area.

**Saturday, July 26**

**Grand Junction, CO**

All Aboard the Amtrak! After breakfast, we'll travel through the Colorado Rockies, negotiating the "Big 10 Curve" and passing



*Amtrak through the Colorado Rockies!*

nearby Central City, once known as the "Richest Square Mile on Earth". Tracks can be seen far below as we wind between the Front Range of Denver and the Rockies while passing through 29 tunnels. Granby, the gateway city to Rocky Mountain

National Park, leads us to the approximate midpoint of the train's journey at Dostero; located at the base of Colorado's most recently active volcano, Dostero Crater. Spectacular high cliffs are dotted with aspen and evergreen trees as the rugged Glenwood Canyon comes into view. This area of the Grand Valley is a major fruit growing region; and Palisade is known for its peach orchards and wine vineyards, producing over three million bushels of fruit annually. The Colorado National Monument, a series of canyons and mesas similar to the Grand Canyon, overlook the city. Accommodations will be in Grand Junction, CO, at the Grand Vista Hotel.

**Sunday, July 27**

**Durango, CO**

After breakfast, we will begin our journey to Ouray, CO, the beginning of the *Million Dollar Highway* over the Red Mountain Pass of San Juan Mountains. The name refers to the six mile stretch to Silverton on US 550. It's ranked among the nation's most spectacular routes and features chasms so deep that neither cliff tops nor canyon bottoms are

visible on either side of the motor coach. Bear Creek Falls cascades under the highway into the canyon below and can be viewed from the overlook where we will stop for a photo opportunity. We will have time for lunch and shopping in Silverton, once a bustling mining town in the 1870's.

This afternoon we will board the historic coal-fired steam locomotive – Narrow Gauge Railroad. We'll be taken on an afternoon journey with ruggedly beautiful scenery and views of the Animas River as we wind through the San Juan National Forest on our way to Durango. Our motor coach will be waiting to transport our group to our 2-night stay at the Historic Strater Hotel in Durango, CO.



**Monday, July 28**

**Durango, CO**

Spectacular sights continue this morning as we visit the Mesa Verde National Park with its amazing cliff dwellings of the Pueblo Indians, dating back to 1300 AD. A park guide will

enhance the experience with fascinating stories of the last civilizations, and we will have lunch in the park before heading back into the eastern part of the Rocky Mountains. This afternoon you will have time to explore some of the many boutiques and galleries in Downtown Durango.



**Tuesday, July 29**                      **Alamosa, CO**  
 Open your eyes to the spectacular and rare Western scenery which can only be viewed from the Cumbres & Toltec Scenic Railroad. After a morning drive to New Mexico, we'll board America's most authentic coal fired, steam operated Narrow Gauge Railroad, carrying you through steep mountain canyons, high desert, and lush meadows, while traveling a zigzag route between the Colorado and New Mexico border. A lunch buffet will be included in your day excursion. We conclude our day with a short drive to the town of Alamosa, CO for our overnight stay at the Hampton Inn.

**Wednesday, July 30**                      **Colorado Springs**  
 After breakfast, we will travel to Cañon City, where the breathtaking views from the highest suspension bridge in the world rise 1,053 feet above the rapids of the Arkansas River. You will have an opportunity to walk across the bridge for magnificent photo opportunities. The best experience of the Royal Gorge is waiting.....the excursion on the **TRAIN**, where you will enjoy an included lunch. After disembarking from the train, the beauty of Colorado Springs and the Garden of the Gods awaits us with its red rock formations. Our hotel for the evening is the Drury Inn of Suites in Colorado Springs.



**Thursday, July 31**                      **York, NE**  
 Today, our travels lead us from "Colorful Colorado" into Nebraska. Nestled at the confluence of the North and South Platte Rivers, North Platte, Nebraska, has always been a railroad town. We will visit the Golden Spike Tower, viewing Union Pacific's Bailey Yard. It is the world's largest rail yard with activity around the clock, every day of the year. Union Pacific has made it possible for generations of North Platte families to prosper; while the railroad itself hauls the cargo that touches each of our lives in every way, every day. The courtyard proudly flies 23 flags representing each state Union Pacific serves. Our overnight stay will be at the Hampton Inn in York, NE.



Golden Spike Tower

**Friday, August 1**                      **Home**  
 Following breakfast, we'll board our motor coach with one last look at the landscape of Nebraska while heading homeward toward Minnesota. Souvenirs, captivating photos, new found friends, a wealth of knowledge, and lasting memories are all "packed" into your nine day journey to the majestic Colorado Rockies!

**Your Trip Includes:**

- Nine days round trip deluxe motor coach transportation
- Eight nights accommodations, based on double occupancy
- Baggage handling
- Breakfast each morning
- Buffet lunch first day
- **Amtrak** through the Colorado Rockies
- **Cumbres & Toltec Scenic Railroad** with lunch buffet
- Mesa Verde National Park & Guide
- **Silverton Durango Railway**
- **Royal Gorge Train, lunch & Bridge**
- Great Platte Archway Monument
- Golden Spike Tower
- Brief drive through Garden of the Gods
- Fully escorted

**Tour price: \$2,498.00** per person based on double occupancy. Single accommodations are **\$758** additional charge. Credit cards are accepted, a 3% processing fee will be added.



**Deposit and Payments:**  
 A deposit of **\$300.00** per person is required to secure your reservation. Full payment is due by April 20, 2025. Credit cards are not accepted.

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