

Wendinger Travel invites you to

# Trains Across Colorado

August 6 - 14, 2019

\$1,998 per Person



## Itinerary

### Tuesday, August 6

### 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 life-size figures. Our evening stay is at the Country Inn & Suites in Kearney, NE.

### Wednesday, August 7

### 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 beer-making process of brands that include Coors, Coors Light, Killians Red, Zima and Keystone. Our overnight stay will be at the Drury Inn of Denver, Colorado; also known as the Mile-High City and was recently recognized for the third year in a row as the best city for singles!

### Thursday, August 8

### Grand Junction, CO

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



Amtrak through the Colorado Rockies!

mid-point 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.

### Friday, August 9

### 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 a two-hour 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 in Durango, CO.



### Saturday, August 10

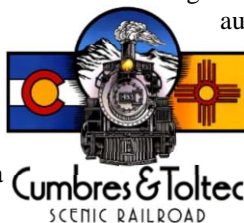
Spectacular sights continue this morning as we visit the Mesa Verde National Park with its amazing cliff dwellings of the Pueblo Indians, dating back to 1300 AD.

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.

### Sunday, August 11

### Salida, 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 drive to the town of Salida, CO for our overnight stay.



# Trains Across Colorado Reservation Form -- August 6 - 14, 2019



**Wendinger Travel requests all non-smoking rooms unless otherwise specified.**

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Room Partner \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City, State, Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_ Cell Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Traveling Companions \_\_\_\_\_

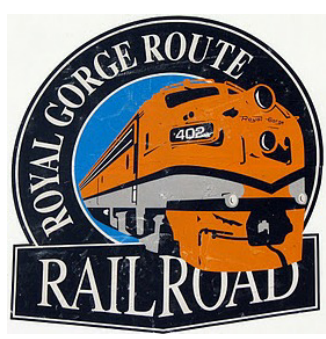
Indicate tentative pick-up point: \_\_\_ New Ulm \_\_\_ Hutchinson \_\_\_ New Prague

Finalized route & pick-up locations determined by Wendinger Travel at time of invoicing.

**Make \$200 deposit per person payable to:**  
**Wendinger Travel** 38483 - 631 Avenue, New Ulm, MN 56073  
**Phone:** 507-359-3111, **Toll Free:** 888-363-9104 **Email:** ppwend@newulmtel.net

## Monday, August 12 Colorado Springs, CO

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. This afternoon, the best experience of the Royal Gorge is waiting.....the excursion on the **TRAIN!** After disembarking from the train, the beauty of Colorado Springs and the Garden of the Gods awaits us with its red rock formations. We'll tour the Olympic Training Center before a brief drive through the Garden of the Gods Park en route to our hotel, the Drury Inn & Suites of Colorado Springs.



## Tuesday, August 13 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 Best Western Plus of York, NE.



Golden Spike Tower

## Wednesday, August 14 Home

Following breakfast we'll board our motor coach, with one last look at the landscape of Nebraska while heading homeward toward Minnesota. One final attraction at the Spomer Classics Museum in Worthington, MN offers displays of automotive memorabilia, classic autos for sale, and porcelain/neon dealership signs. This museum will truly take you back in time. 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!

**General Information:**  
**Tour price: \$1,998.00** per person based on double occupancy. Single accommodations are **\$538** additional charge.

**Deposit and Payments:**  
 A deposit of **\$200.00** per person is required to secure your reservation. Full payment is due by June 15, 2019. Credit cards are not accepted.

**Responsibility:** Wendinger Travel acts only in the capacity of an agent for travelers in all matters pertaining to hotel accommodations, sightseeing tours and transportation by motor coach; and not held responsible for damage expense or inconvenience caused by itinerary or schedule changes, nor for loss, injury or damage to any person or property from any cause whatsoever. The right is reserved to decline to accept or retain any person as a member of this tour. Wendinger Travel is not responsible for individual needs of travelers. To ensure a safe and enjoyable experience, a travel companion **MUST** accompany all guests requiring special assistance.

## Your Trip Includes:

- Nine days round trip deluxe motor coach transportation
- Eight nights accommodations, based on double occupancy
- Baggage handling - except on Aug. 11
- 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 & Bridge**
- Olympic Training Center
- Great Platte Archway Monument
- Golden Spike Tower
- Brief drive through Garden of the Gods
- Spomer Classics Museum
- Fully escorted

*Wendinger Travel purchases Travel Insured's Group Deluxe protection plan on behalf of all travelers.*

## Cancellation pertaining to non-medical:

A full refund will be made up to 60 days prior to departure date. Up to 45 days prior, 50 % of the tour price will be refunded. Within 45 days before departure date no refund will be given.

