

Colorado Trip Highlights:

- *5 day deluxe motorcoach tour of beautiful Southwest Colorado.*
- *Explore the historic mountain towns of Durango, Silverton, Telluride & Ouray along with the unique and charming resort mountain towns of Aspen & Vail.*
- *Travel back in time and stay at the Historic Strater Hotel – home of the Diamond Belle Saloon.*
- *Travel through majestic mountains and steep canyon walls on the historic and world-renowned Durango & Silverton Narrow Gauge Railroad.*
- *Experience “Switzerland in America” on a 4-wheel drive jeep tour in the spectacular San Juan Mountains.*
- *Live it up in one of Colorado’s most iconic towns, Aspen, playground of the rich and famous.*
- *Enjoy breathtaking views of the Maroon Bells, some of the most photographed mountains in North America.*
- *Relax after a busy day in upgraded hotels.*



Deluxe Western Colorado Adventure

August 29, 2021 5 Days

\$1,699 pp/Double \$2,049 pp/Single \$1,599 pp/Triple

Summer in Colorado's San Juan Mountains – Wow! Blue skies, majestic mountains, box canyons, and historic/charming mountain towns – all seen from a world famous historic train, a 4x4 mountain jeep, and our deluxe motorcoach. Join John & Gina Kitchen on this upgraded, classic Colorado tour.

Day 1 – We depart Colorado Springs this morning on our way to **Durango**. This beautiful drive will take us past Alamosa, over Wolf Creek pass, and through the resort town of Pagosa Springs. After arriving in Durango, we'll stay at the **Historic Strater Hotel** in the heart of downtown. Sit back and let the costumed dance hall girls and bartenders of the **Diamond Belle Saloon** transport you back to the turn of the century. This evening, stroll along the downtown shops and restaurants that have made Durango one of the finest Colorado mountain towns.

Day 2 – ALL ABOARD the **Durango & Silverton Narrow Gauge Railroad**. Enjoy one of the most scenic and famous train rides in the world as we travel through the majestic **San Juan Mountains** to the mining town of **Silverton**. You will think you stepped back into 1880 as you walk through and explore this historic town. After lunch, we will continue our journey over the "**Million Dollar Highway**." This stretch of road has been named one of the most scenic roads in America. We will arrive in the Victorian town of **Ouray** later this afternoon...just in time to explore the Main St. shops and find a favorite restaurant. We'll be staying 2 nights in Ouray at the #1 rated hotel, the **Hot Springs Inn**. After witnessing the beauty of this town, surrounded by majestic mountains, you will know why they call it the "**Switzerland of America**."

Day 3 – Get ready for some excitement this morning. Today we take a **4x4 mountain jeep ride** over **Yankee Boy Basin**. Have your camera ready for a photographer's paradise with switchbacks to 11,200 ft., twin falls, ghost towns, and abandoned mines. For lunch today, we'll travel to **Telluride**, located in a scenic box canyon surrounded by 14,000 ft. peaks. Take in the Victorian-era homes, clapboard storefronts, art galleries and restaurants; or, take the free, scenic gondola ride to Mountain Village, a European-style village at the base of Telluride Ski Resort. Upon our return to Ouray, we'll visit **Box Canyon Falls**, a compact, but spectacular and powerful waterfall. This evening, we'll have another chance to explore the shops and restaurants of downtown Ouray.

Day 4 – This morning we depart for **Aspen, Colorado**. After a scenic **gondola ride**, we'll be having lunch with a view today at the top of Aspen Mountain. After lunch, you'll have time to explore the renowned downtown area including the **John Denver Sanctuary**. We'll be spending the night at **The Limelight Hotel Snowmass**, just a short drive away. Wind down from the busy afternoon with a relaxing ride on the scenic **Elk Camp chairlift ride** right next to our hotel. Late afternoon and evening will be yours to enjoy the luxury hotel, explore Snowmass Base Village or return to downtown Aspen to continue living the life of the rich and famous.

Day 5 – This morning we will visit the **Maroon Bells**, one of the most photographed mountains in North America. Stroll up to the lake and catch the beautiful Maroon Bells mountains reflecting off the shimmering water. On our way home today, we will pass through the spectacular **Glenwood Canyon**. For lunch, we'll stop in the resort town of **Vail**. Enjoy a leisurely stroll along the cobblestones of Vail Village before returning home with memories of breathtaking scenery, fun adventures, and good friends.