



Colorado's National Treasures: Historic Lands, Landmarks, & Locomotives

SEPTEMBER 6-14, 2008

Join this cultural heritage traverse through the Colorado Rockies—replete with the majestic landscapes, historic hotels, and renowned rail excursions. Colorado's national park units include mountainous splendor of alpine lakes, towering peaks, rolling meadows, captivating wildlife, 500-foot deep, sheer-walled, sandstone canyons, and pre-Columbian Anasazi Indian cliff-dwellings.

Call 800.488.4080 to register for a free tour web seminar on November 5th!

Highlights

Conservation Partnerships—National Parks Conservation Association has partnered with the National Trust for Historic Preservation to bring you a tour that focuses on majestic National Park Service units and famed Historic Hotels of America.

Historic Lands—Experience the beauty of Rocky Mountain National Park, Colorado National Monument, Mesa Verde National Park, Pikes Peak National Historic Landmark, and Garden of Gods Recreation Area.

Historic Landmarks—Visit the prominent Stanley Hotel, a century old landmark and inspiration for Stephen King's novel *The Shining*, and Durango's Strater Hotel, with its elaborate American Victorian architectural features.

Historic Locomotives—Ride aboard the great engineering feat of the Georgetown Loop Railroad and the famous Durango and Silverton Narrow Gauge Railroad through southwestern Colorado's San Juan Mountains. Journey through spectacular sights of the Hanging Bridge along Royal Gorge Route Railroad, and the world's highest cog railroad to Pike's Peak.

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Itinerary

SEPTEMBER 6: DENVER, COLORADO

Your tour begins with afternoon arrivals in Denver. FOUR POINTS BY SHERATON (D)

SEPTEMBER 7: STANLEY HOTEL AND ROCKY MOUNTAIN NATIONAL PARK

Travel to Estes Park and the famous Stanley Hotel, Stephen King's inspiration for *The Shining*. Meander among unique shops and fine galleries. Then discover the true meaning of panoramic on Rocky Mountain National Park's famed Trail Ridge Road—the highest continuous highway in America.* FOUR POINTS BY SHERATON (B)

SEPTEMBER 8: GEORGETOWN LOOP RAILROAD

Enjoy a scenic train ride aboard the historic Georgetown Loop Railroad. Constructed to transport silver in and out of the region, this narrow gauge railroad is an engineering marvel and features several horseshoe curves and bridges. Next, travel out to the picturesque alpine village of Vail. GRAND VISTA HOTEL (B)

SEPTEMBER 9: COLORADO NATIONAL MONUMENT

Visit one of the grand landscapes of the American West in Colorado National Monument. Travel along the Rim Rock to see a colorful panorama of deep, sheer-sided canyons. Journey to wine country to learn about one of the region's finest winemaking vineyards and sample the fruits of its labors. Dinner at a lovely vineyard is an exceptional opportunity to relax and enjoy the company of your fellow travelers. GRAND VISTA HOTEL (B,D)

SEPTEMBER 10: SILVERTON AND DURANGO NARROW GAUGE RAILROAD

Journey to the small mining town of Silverton, a national historic landmark hidden high in the San Juan Mountains. Silverton offers spectacular views combined with magnificent Victorian charm. Embark on the Durango and Silverton Narrow Gauge Railroad, a coal-fired, steam-powered locomotive built to haul silver and gold ore. Passengers soon realize it was the view that was truly precious. DURANGO STRATER HOTEL (B)

SEPTEMBER 11: MESA VERDE NATIONAL PARK

An incredible day awaits at Mesa Verde National Park which preserves the one thousand year culture of the remarkable Anasazi Indians. Visit the fascinating Spruce Tree Cliff Dwellings and see the famous Cliff Palace, two of the largest cliff dwellings built between AD 1211 and 1278. Enjoy an evening filled with traditional cowboy food and entertainment. DURANGO STRATER HOTEL (B,D)

SEPTEMBER 12: ROYAL GORGE RAILROAD

Travel east across southern Colorado to the Royal Gorge Railroad. Board the train for a ride beneath the highest suspension bridge in the world, the Royal Gorge Bridge, which spans the gorge 1,053 feet above the tracks. DOUBLETREE HOTEL (B)

SEPTEMBER 13: PIKE'S PEAK COG RAILWAY AND GARDEN OF THE GODS

Depart for Manitou Springs and the legendary views Pike's Peak Cog Railway, the world's highest cog railroad. Then view towering sandstone formations and a wonderful view of Pike's Peak from the Garden of the Gods. Celebrate your experiences at the farewell dinner. DOUBLETREE HOTEL (B,D)

SEPTEMBER 14: COLORADO SPRINGS TO DENVER

Your tour ends today with hotel transfer to Denver International Airport. (B)

NOTE: This tour includes traveling to high altitudes (approx. 14,110 ft.) and may not be suitable for some clients. We suggest you consult your physician if you have any concerns.

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Trip Details

NPCA MEMBER TRIP PRICE:

\$1,945 per person double occupancy;
\$600 single supplement.

PRICE INCLUDES:

All accommodations, meals as noted, ground transportation, entrance fees, and professional guide services.

PRICE DOES NOT INCLUDE:

Airfare, gratuities for naturalist guides, alcoholic beverages, or personal expenses.

PAYMENTS/CANCELLATIONS:

Space is confirmed by calling the NPCA Travel Desk at 800.488.4080. A \$100 per person deposit is due at registration. Final payment will be invoiced separately and is due 62 days prior to departure. Cancellation notice must be submitted in writing and is effective upon date of receipt. Cancellations up to 60 days prior receive a refund, less the \$200 per person handling fee. Cancellations 60-16 days prior to departure result in the loss of 20% of your total cost. Cancellations within 15 days of departure result in the loss of 40% of your total cost. Cancellations on day of departure result in the loss of 100% of your total cost.

TRAVEL INSURANCE:

To protect yourself from the loss of deposit and cancellation fees, you are encouraged to purchase travel insurance. A trip cancellation waiver is available for this tour, but must be purchased at the time of booking to be effective. Ask your travel advisor for more details.

ARRIVE/DEPART:

Denver, CO

LENGTH:

9 days/8 nights

PACE:

Easy and at your own pace.