



DURANGO & SILVERTON RAILROAD

SCENIC COLORADO AND ITS TRAINS

Durango • Colorado Springs • Denver • Mesa Verde & Black Canyon National Parks • Garden of the Gods • Durango & Silverton, Royal Gorge, Cumbres & Toltec, and Pikes Peak Railroads

Board the popular **Durango & Silverton Scenic Railroad** and travel 45 miles along the winding Animas River through breathtaking mountain scenery.

Embark on the **Royal Gorge Route Railroad**. The 24-mile round trip journey between Canon City and Parkdale follows the Arkansas River through the scenic Royal Gorge.

A highlight of our nine-day tour is the trip to the top of 14,110-foot high **Pikes Peak** aboard the **Cog Railway**. The views from the top inspired Kathryn Lee Bates to write “America the Beautiful.”

Travel 64 miles on board the nation’s highest and longest narrow gauge rail line, the **Cumbres & Toltec Railroad**.

Spend a morning touring the **U.S. Olympic Training Center** in Colorado Springs.

2260 miles of comfortable scenic travel on Amtrak’s **California Zephyr**.

The **Black Canyon of the Gunnison National Park** is one of our country’s newest National Parks.

A day at **Mesa Verde National Park**. See hundreds of the world’s largest and best cliff dwellings as well as ruins that date from the 1200s.

Days 1-2 En Route to
Grand Junction

Day 3 Durango & Silverton
Narrow Gauge Railroad

Day 4 Durango / Mesa Verde

Day 5 Cumbres & Toltec
Railroad

Day 6 Royal Gorge Railroad

Day 7 Pikes Peak Cog Railway

Day 8 Denver

Day 9 En Route to Chicago

TOUR DATE(S):

2017

Thurs., July 6 to Fri., July 14

TOUR PRICE:

All prices are per person / double occupancy unless otherwise stated.

\$2,695 - 9 Days

Upgrades: Roomette + \$495
Bedroom + \$1,045

SINGLE \$3,295

Upgrade: Roomette + \$990

FLY OPTION - Fly to Grand Junction and return from Denver. 7 Days

Price: \$2,295

Single: \$2,895

America by Rail will be happy to arrange your flights. Airfare is not included in the above price.

YOUR TRIP INCLUDES:

- Round-trip transportation by Amtrak and deluxe motorcoach.
- Reclining coach seat with leg rest on Amtrak for two nights.
- First-class hotel accommodations for six nights.
- 15 meals.
- Extensive sightseeing including admission to all attractions.
- Baggage handling, taxes and tips.
- Services of a professional America by Rail Tour Director

SCENIC COLORADO AND ITS TRAINS

Day 1: Depart Chicago

Scenic Colorado and its Trains tour members will meet the Tour Director in Chicago's Union Station by noon. They'll prepare to board the famous California Zephyr, departing at 2:00. It features double-decker Superliner equipment. Relax in your comfortable reclining coach seat with leg rest. Roomettes or Bedrooms are available at an additional cost. All dining car meals are included beginning with dinner this evening. After settling in, you'll want to go to the glass-walled Sightseer Lounge car for spectacular viewing. **D**

Day 2: Colorado Rockies

Today's journey through the Colorado Rockies will be one of the many high points of this fabulous vacation. The train will wind around sharp curves and through numerous tunnels. You'll look down at fast flowing streams winding through valleys far below. We'll travel under the Continental Divide as we pass through the six-mile Moffat Tunnel. The breathtaking mountain vistas will continue until late afternoon when we arrive in Grand Junction.

Grand Junction is a modern city of 42,000 on the western slopes of the Rockies. The DoubleTree by Hilton is our home for our first night in Colorado. Dinner tonight in the hotel's fine restaurant is included. **B, L & D**

Day 3: Durango

Following breakfast, we'll depart Grand Junction and drive south to our first major attraction, the Black Canyon of

the Gunnison National Park. It is one of our country's newer National Parks. You'll see 12 miles of the deepest portion of the Gunnison River gorge. Some of the earth's oldest base rocks have been cut by the river to a depth of 2,700 feet. Down by the river, the canyon narrows to about 40 feet.

We'll continue south over the beautiful San Juan Mountains to Silverton, a typical wild-west mining community with a rather infamous past.

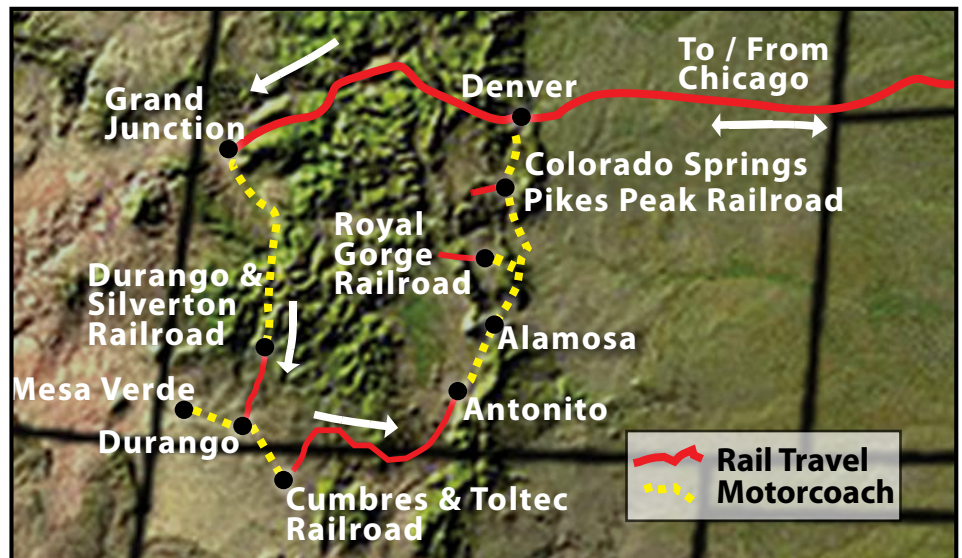
We'll have time to walk along Blair Street with its false-fronted buildings typical of the Old West. Plan on an "on-your-own" lunch in Silverton.

A high point of our tour occurs this afternoon when we ride on the Durango & Silverton Scenic Rail Road. The steam-powered, narrow-gauge train travels through the San Juan National Forest, following the winding Animas River through breathtaking mountain scenery.

The 45-mile, three-and-a-half hour rail journey will end in the picturesque city of Durango, commercial center for the ranching and mining enterprises of the southwest San Juan Mountains. This city of 14,000 thrived as a railroad and mining center in the late 1800s. Much of the downtown area has been restored to its Victorian past. We'll enjoy the hospitality of the DoubleTree by Hilton tonight and tomorrow. The hotel is conveniently located near downtown Durango.

You're free this evening to enjoy Durango. There are numerous dining options. **B**

AMERICA BY RAIL WILL BE HAPPY TO MAKE ARRANGEMENTS FOR YOUR CONNECTING TRANSPORTATION TO CHICAGO AND BACK BY RAIL OR AIR.



CB-CONTINENTAL BREAKFAST · B-BREAKFAST · L-LUNCH · D-DINNER


CUMBRES & TOLTEC RAILROAD

Day 4: Durango / Mesa Verde

This morning we'll travel westward to Mesa Verde National Park, one of our nation's major archeological preserves. Many large canyons seam the Mesa Verde area. In the shelter of hundreds of caves eroded in the cliffs are some of the world's largest and best preserved cliff dwellings. They were occupied around 1200 A.D. Ruins Road covers 12 miles and provides a view of about 40 cliff dwellings from canyon rim lookout points.

We'll return to Durango at mid afternoon. You're free the rest of the day to enjoy the shops, museums, galleries and a variety of fine restaurants. **B**

Day 5: Cumbres & Toltec Railroad

This morning we'll board our deluxe motorcoach and travel 109 miles to Chama, New Mexico. In Chama we'll board the nation's highest and largest narrow gauge rail line, the Cumbres & Toltec Scenic Railroad. Built in 1880 and little changed since, the Cumbres & Toltec Scenic Railroad is the finest and most spectacular example of steam era mountain railroading in North America. Its equipment, structures and vast landscape exist today as if frozen in the first half of the twentieth century. Its steam locomotives still labor up steep grades carrying visitors over high trestles, through tunnels, and along narrow shelves above yawning gorges.

The train will depart Chama at 10:00 a.m. and travel 64 miles through the awesome mountain scenery and arrive in Antonito, Colorado, at 4:05 p.m. A

full buffet lunch is included during a one-hour stopover in Osier.

Upon arrival in Antonito, we'll board our deluxe motorcoach and continue 29 miles to Alamosa, a town of 8,000. Our hotel is the Holiday Inn Express Hotel and Suites. Dinner is included this evening.

B, L & D

Day 6: Colorado Springs

Breakfast in our hotel is included this morning.

We'll board our deluxe motorcoach and travel north 137 miles to Canon City where, at 12:30, we'll embark on one of the most scenic rail excursions in North America, the Royal Gorge Route Railroad. The 24-mile round trip journey between Canon City and Parkdale follows the Arkansas River through the scenic Royal Gorge. The train travels across an unusual hanging bridge where the gorge narrows to just 30 feet wide. You'll pass under the Royal Gorge Bridge. It is said to be the world's highest suspension bridge (1053 feet). A light "on-your-own" lunch is available on the train.

We'll continue on to the beautiful city of Colorado Springs. Our hotel for the next two nights, the historic Antlers Hilton, is located in the heart of this city of 360,000. You're free this evening to explore this charming metropolis. **B**

Day 7: Colorado Springs

Today is the day we discover Colorado Springs and its environs. This popular vacation spot at the foot of Pikes Peak is known for its bracing air, sunshine, and picturesque setting.

A highlight of our nine-day tour is this morning's encounter with 14,110-foot high Pikes Peak. The views from the top of the peak inspired Kathryn Lee Bates to write "America the Beautiful". On a clear day you can see Denver, 75 miles to the north, and the Sangre de Cristo Mountains in southern Colorado and New Mexico, which are 100 miles away. We'll travel to the top of the mountain on the world-famous Pikes Peak Cog Railway. The distinct altitude and temperature changes from base to peak

may cause discomfort for persons with heart or respiratory problems.

Those unable to participate in the climb up Pikes Peak will visit Miramont Castle. Nine types of architecture - including Gothic, Romanesque and Tudor - are incorporated into the design of this 48-room mansion.

A lunch at the Garden of the Gods is included. This afternoon everyone will explore the spectacular Garden of the Gods, a 1300-acre park where the Great Plains meet the Rockies. We'll return to our hotel by late afternoon.

Tonight you'll enjoy an included dinner at a nearby restaurant. **L & D**

Day 8: Denver

We'll depart for Denver this morning. A visit to the U.S. Olympic Training Center is scheduled en route. The tour begins with a video presentation, followed by a walking tour of the complex.

Following an "on-your-own" lunch, we'll begin an afternoon tour of the Mile-High City. You'll experience two sides of Denver, which is a historic Western town and a dynamic modern city.

Your guide will introduce you to the historic and city highlights. You'll see many of Denver's major cultural attractions and landmarks including the Museum of Natural History, the Denver Botanic Gardens and the historic Colorado State Capitol with its golden dome. We'll travel to the top of Lookout Mountain for breathtaking views of the High Plains, the city of Denver and the Rocky Mountains.

Following our sightseeing tour, we'll have dinner (included) at a Denver restaurant. We'll then continue to the Denver Amtrak Station to prepare to depart at 7:10 p.m. on the eastbound California Zephyr. Enjoy the same accommodations and amenities you experienced on your westbound trip.

D

Day 9: En Route to Chicago

Our train will roll across Iowa and Illinois before our late afternoon arrival in Chicago. Some tour members will change to trains bound for Midwest, Eastern and Southern home cities. Others may spend the night in Chicago and fly home tomorrow. **B & L**

GENERAL INFORMATION

REGISTRATION AND DEPOSIT:

A deposit of \$200 per person, of which \$100 per person is non-refundable, is required to finalize registration. The balance is due 75 days prior to departure. If payments are not received by the due date(s) specified, reservations may be cancelled without notice.

TOUR CANCELLATIONS:

If cancellation is received by America by Rail more than 75 days prior to departure, \$100 of your deposit will be retained. For cancellations received within 75 days of departure, the following per person cancellation fees apply:

- 46-75 days prior to departure: 25% of total tour cost.
- 15-45 days prior to departure: 50% of total tour cost.
- 14 days or less prior to departure through duration of the tour: 100% of total tour cost.

The total tour cost includes tour price, add-ons and upgrades.

Refunds will be made approximately 30 days after the conclusion of the tour.

Payment / cancellation exceptions are noted on tours. All pricing is per person / double occupancy unless otherwise stated.

TOUR PRICE INCLUDES:

TRANSPORTATION

Rail transportation over the tour route and motorcoach, van, or other modes of transportation where specified in the tour.

TRAIN ACCOMMODATIONS

All tours except those categorized as Coach Class include private Roomette on Amtrak overnight trains and Bedrooms (double occupancy) or Roomettes (single occupancy) on VIA Rail Canada overnight trains.

Bedrooms on Amtrak are available at an additional cost. Reclining coach seats are included on U.S. and Canadian trains used only during the daytime except for those categorized as Coach Class. Coach Class tours include reclining coach seats with leg rests on Amtrak trains. Meals on the trains are included for those traveling Coach Class on the North American tours as indicated in the itinerary.

HOTELS

Accommodations are based on two persons sharing a room. Two-bedded rooms are provided in most instances. However, sometimes their availability is limited. If a two-bedded room is required, please notify America by Rail at time of registration.

America by Rail reserves the right to substitute hotels for those named in any tour description, when necessary. Every effort is made to have hotel rooms available for occupancy upon arrival. There may be instances when rooms are not available until later.

SINGLE ROOMS

Single rooms at hotels and Amtrak Roomettes on a single basis are available at a single cost.

SIGHTSEEING / ADMISSIONS

Sightseeing, as outlined in the itineraries, will be provided by motorcoaches in most instances. Admission fees are included as specified. Sightseeing tour arrangements may be altered if required.

MEALS

All included meals are listed in the tour itinerary. Persons requiring a special diet must inform America by Rail at the time of registration. Not all restaurants / trains will be able to honor special requests. Due to events beyond our control, trains are sometimes delayed and supplies may become limited. If you have special dietary requirements, please make sure you have a sufficient supply of nourishment to meet your dietary needs.

In the itineraries, the meals are listed at the end of each day using CB for Continental breakfast, B for breakfast, L for lunch, and D for dinner.

BAGGAGE

For your convenience and to expedite movement, baggage handling is limited to one suitcase per person. Transfer and portage of one suitcase per person is included at

overnight stopovers. On most tours the one suitcase per person is handled by America by Rail and is checked through to the next destination. An overnight bag is used while en route. America by Rail is not responsible for loss or damage to your baggage or for any lost, stolen or destroyed item. Specified transfers between rail stations and hotels are included.

TOUR DIRECTORS

Services of a qualified America by Rail Tour Director are included for all matters pertaining to the tour. Tour Directors will meet all tour members at the origination city.

TIPS AND TAXES

All gratuities to hotel staff (except to chambermaids), sightseeing guides and drivers are included. Gratuities for sleeping car attendants and meals aboard the train are included. Gratuities for meals specified in the tour itinerary are included on escorted portions of the tour. Gratuities for cruise ship stateroom stewards and dining waitstaff are included.

TOUR PRICE DOES NOT INCLUDE:

Transportation and tips between your home city and the official origination city; charges for excess baggage; health, accident or baggage insurance; tips to chambermaids and for personal services; items of a personal nature such as laundry; meals, except those specified as included; gratuities for special services; charges for room service, and alcoholic beverages with included meals.

Gratuities for the America by Rail Tour Directors are at your discretion; \$3-\$10 per person per day is the industry standard. They should be extended on an individual basis, not as a group.

RAIL SCHEDULES:

The routing and features described in tour descriptions may be altered to adjust to rail schedules in effect at the time of the tour. America by Rail reserves the right to substitute motorcoach or air travel for unavailable rail schedules, misconnections, delays or other causes.

TRAVEL DOCUMENTS :

A valid passport will be required for any trip crossing international borders. i.e. into or out of the United States. At time of reservation we will need your date of birth; gender; passport number, passport expiration date and issuing country.

HEALTH, MOBILITY AND FITNESS TO TRAVEL:

America by Rail will make reasonable efforts to accommodate the special needs of tour participants. Such participants, however, should be aware that the Americans with Disabilities Act is inapplicable outside of the United States and facilities outside the United States for disabled individuals are limited. Any type of disability requiring special provisions must be reported to America by Rail at the time of registration. America by Rail is not required to provide participants with personal devices, such as wheelchairs or individually prescribed devices such as prescription eyeglasses, or to provide services of a personal nature including assistance in eating, toileting or dressing. Accordingly, all participants are responsible to participate without assistance of the America by Rail Tour Director or other attendant. Tour Directors are prohibited from providing physical assistance or accommodations (beyond normal civil courtesies, such as holding doors open for passing). It is recommended that participants requiring assistance, including those requiring the use of a mobility device, be accompanied by a travel companion who will be responsible to provide required assistance. Participants will be asked to submit a confidential medical form for each tour.

Those travelling with oxygen are required to advise America by Rail at least two weeks prior to departure. Amtrak requires all equipment, including oxygen concentrators, must be able to operate a minimum of four hours without available onboard electrical power (in the event of a power disruption onboard). Oxygen equipment must be Underwriter's Laboratory (UL) or Factory Mutual (FM) listed. The total weight of all tanks may not exceed 120 lbs. Within this limit, no more than 2

tanks 50 lb each, or no more than 6 tanks 20 lbs each

SMOKING:

Smoking is not permitted on America by Rail motorcoaches. Those who smoke may do so at any of the frequent stops we make. All Amtrak and VIA Rail trains are entirely smoke-free. If time is available at station stops, it will be announced by the conductor. Cruise ships policies vary from line to line, but all have designated areas to accommodate smokers.

PLEASE NOTE:

America by Rail reserves the right, at its sole discretion, to accept or retain any individuals as members of the tour. The acceptance of any service provided as part of an America by Rail tour, or any ticket or voucher, shall be deemed to be acceptance of and consent to these conditions.

All rates published herein are in U.S. dollars and based on tariffs and exchange rates in effect on the printing date of the tour brochure. Prices and arrangements are subject to change without notice.

No persons, other than a representative of America by Rail, authorized by a document in writing, may vary, add or waive any term or condition set forth in the preceding provisions.

A \$50 per person fee will be assessed for each itinerary alteration requested after final arrangements are confirmed.

It is our company policy to issue a tour roster to all tour participants containing all tour participants' names and addresses. If you do not want your address included, you must let us know at time of reservation.

Times, schedules, entertainment and activities are subject to change without notice.

IMPORTANT INFORMATION REGARDING FUEL SUPPLEMENT:

Please be advised America by Rail reserves the right to apply a fuel supplement for all guests should the price of oil warrant it.

RESPONSIBILITY CLAUSE:

America by Rail acts only in the capacity as an agent for the owners and contractors providing means of transportation, hotel or other services. All tour services, tickets and vouchers are subject to any and all terms and conditions under which such means of transportation, hotel or other services are offered or provided. America by Rail shall not be or become liable or responsible in any way whatsoever, for any loss, injury or damage from acts of God, sickness, theft, weather, strikes, war, or quarantine however caused or arising.

America by Rail reserves the right to cancel a tour in the event tour participation does not meet minimum requirements.

America by Rail shall not be obligated to honor any booking resulting from, nor shall be responsible or liable whatsoever in connection with, misprints or errors of any kind, whether in brochures, advertisements, on the Internet, during the booking process or otherwise, that result in traveler being undercharged for the tour. America by Rail reserves the right, prior to departure, to collect the correct fare or cancel the booking and refund any payment made by traveler.

AMTRAK STATEMENT:

The National Railroad Passenger Corporation (Amtrak) is not to be held responsible for any act, omissions, or event during the time passengers are not on board their trains or conveyance. The passenger contract in use of the National Railroad Passenger Corporation (Amtrak) when issued, shall constitute the sole contract between the National Railroad Passenger Corporation (Amtrak) and purchaser of these tours and / or passenger. All conditions are subject to the laws of the District of Columbia, U.S.A.

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