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Colorado Historic Trains

July 23 – 31, 2021

Day 1 Arrive in Denver

Fly from Hartford/Bradley to Denver. Welcome to Denver, the “Mile High City.” Meet your fellow travelers

at 5:00 p.m. for a get-acquainted dinner hosted by your Tour Manager. Meal: D

Day 2  Rocky Mountain National Park

Departing Denver, venture into Rocky Mountain National Park, a living showcase of the grandeur of the Rocky Mountains. With elevations ranging from 8,000 feet on the wet, grassy valleys to 14,259

feet at the weather-ravaged top of Longs Peak, the park is filled with breathtaking scenery and experiences. Following the Trail Ridge Road a stop at the Alpine Visitor Center offers an opportunity to

learn more about this fascinating place. Meal: B

Day 3  Leadville Colorado & Southern Railroad

Today, travel to historic Leadville to board the Leadville Colorado & Southern Railroad. While onboard, learn about the fascinating history of the railroads and hear ghost stories and tales of the wild from

your conductor while traveling north along the Arkansas River Valley. Rising up 1,000 feet from the valley floor you will be greeted by spectacular views of Fremont Pass and the two tallest peaks in Colorado, Mount Massive and Mount Elbert. Later, travel through scenic Monarch Pass and Curecanti National Recreation Area while en route to Montrose. Meals: B, Box Lunch

Day 4  Durango & Silverton Narrow Gauge Railroad

This morning, visit the Black Canyon of Gunnison National Park. Then, it’s “full steam ahead” as you board the Durango & Silverton Narrow Gauge Railroad. Voted one of the “Top Ten Most Exciting

Train Journeys in the World” by the Society of American Travel Writers, this route winds through the spectacular and breathtaking canyons in the remote wilderness of the two-million acre San Juan

National Forest. The locomotives used today remain 100% coal-fired, steam-operated and are maintained in their original condition. Later, check into the Sky Ute Casino Resort where you may wish to

give “Lady Luck” a try. Meals: B, D

Day 5  Mesa Verde National Park

Visit the land of the ancient Pueblo Indians in Mesa Verde National Park. The fascinating cliff dwellings and culture of these people provide you with a look into a society that existed approximately 1,400

years ago. Building elaborate stone communities, the Pueblo developed their own society that existed for some 700 years, before disappearing. Archeologists called them Anasazi, from a Navajo word

translating as “the ancient ones.” Meals: B, D

Day 6  Cumbres & Toltec Scenic Railroad

Your day begins as you board the motorcoach and ride to the Cumbres & Toltec Scenic Railroad, the original Rio Grande Line. This is America’s most spectacular narrow gauge steam railroad. Explore 50

miles of wild and rugged territory between Chama, New Mexico and Antonito, Colorado, the highest point on the railroad. Meals: B, L

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Day 7  Royal Gorge Route Railroad and Garden of the Gods

Aboard the Royal Gorge Railroad follow the 12-mile route along the old Denver and Rio Grande Western train line. Ride through the “Grand Canyon of the Arkansas” on an unforgettable journey over

the famous Hanging Bridge, which clings precariously to the steep granite walls of Royal Gorge. Then, enjoy a drive through the stunning Garden of the Gods. This 1,300 acre park reflect the rich diversity

of the terrain and red sandstone formations tell a unique geological story. Meal: B

Day 8  Cripple Creek and Pikes Peak Cog Railway

Begin the day with a ride on the Cripple Creek & Victor Narrow Gauge Railroad. Scenic wonders await around every curve and this century-old steam locomotive is reminiscent of the gold mining days

of the area. Then “Ride to the Clouds” aboard the Pikes Peak Cog Railway, the highest cog railroad in the U.S. which stretches nine miles long as it vertically climbs to almost 14,000 feet. This evening

assemble for a farewell dinner, sharing memories of this unforgettable scenic rail adventure. Meals: B, D

Day 9  Denver and Home

Following breakfast we say goodbye to Colorado with fond memories of our western railroads adventure with a group transfer to the Denver airport for flights home to Hartford/Bradley. Meal: B

 Accommodations

Days 1  Doubletree Hotel, Denver, Colorado
Days 2  Comfort Suites, Dillon, Colorado
Days 3  Hampton Inn, Montrose, Colorado
Days 4-5  Sky Ute Casino Resort, Ignacio, Colorado
Days 6  Hampton Inn, Alamosa, Colorado
Days 7-8  Radisson Hotel, Colorado Springs, Colorado