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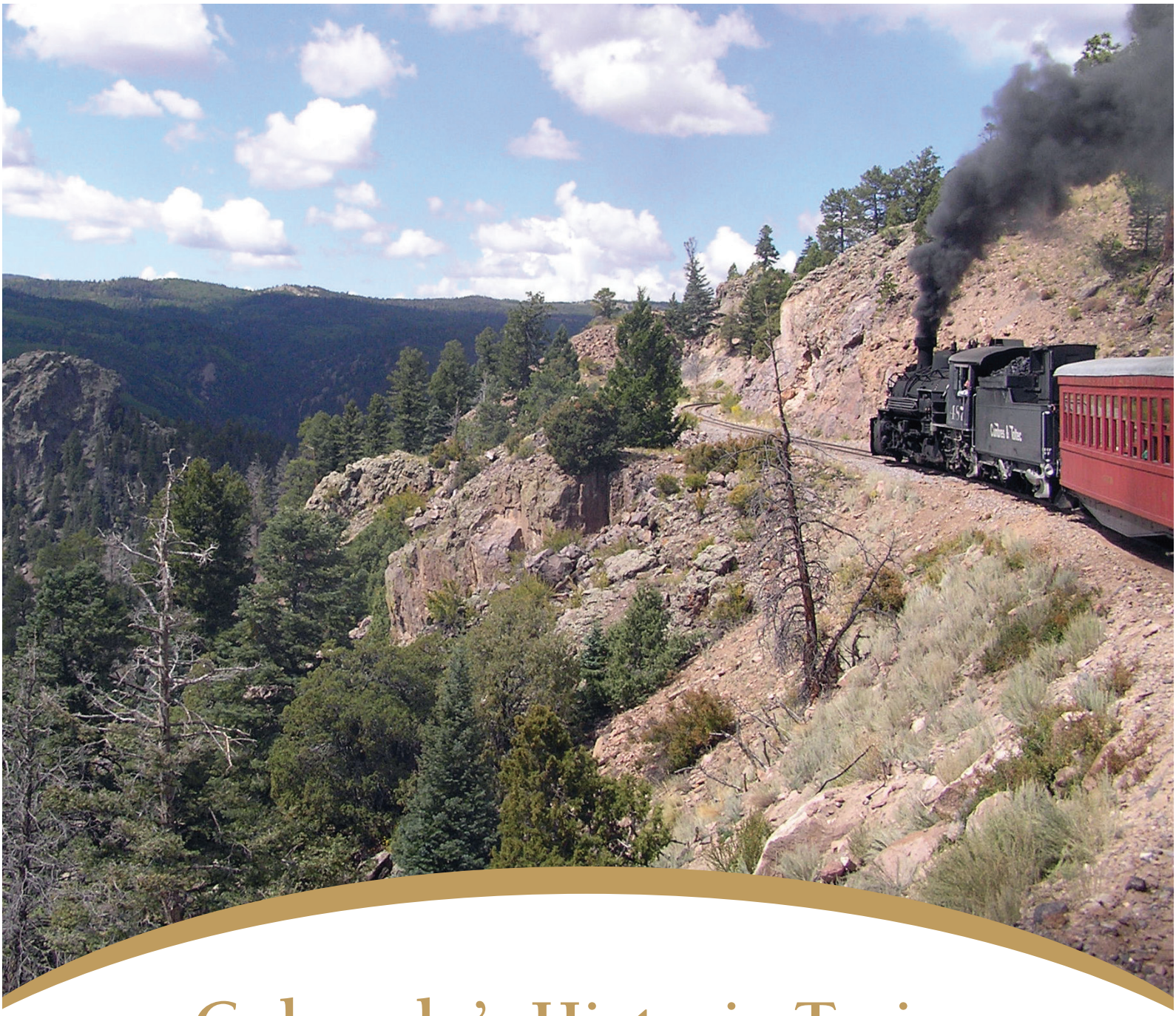

Colorado's Historic Trains

featuring Six Scenic Rail Excursions and Three National Parks

Departure Date: August 4, 2023

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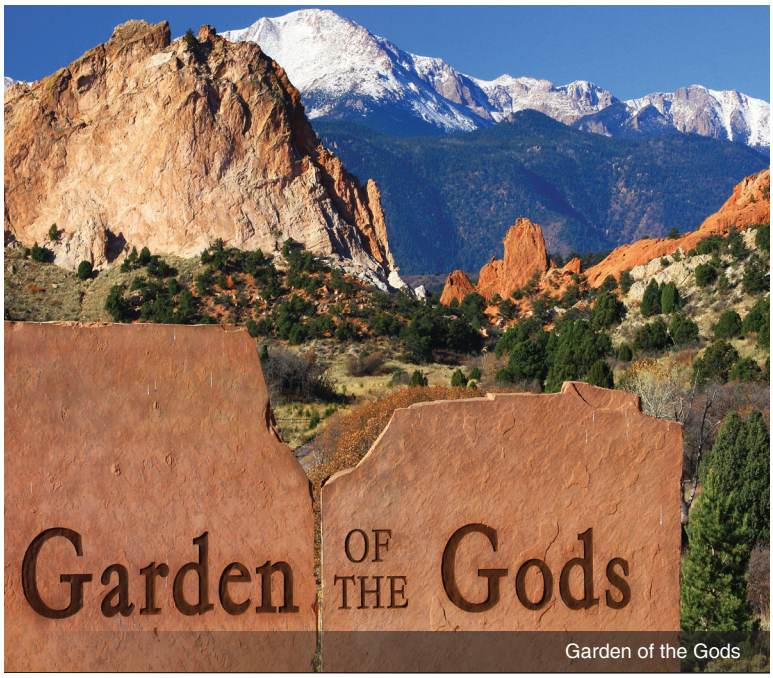
Rocky Mountain National Park



Garden of the Gods

DAY 1 Arrive in 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. **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**

Durango & Silverton Narrow Gauge Railroad

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**

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 reflects 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, say goodbye to Colorado with a group transfer to the Denver International Airport for flights home after 12:00 p.m. **Meal: B**

Tour Highlights

- 14 Meals: 8 breakfasts, 2 lunches and 4 dinners
- Round trip airport transfers
- Experience SIX scenic rail excursions following historic routes of the Old West
  - ❖ Travel along the Arkansas River Valley aboard the Leadville Colorado & Southern Railroad
  - ❖ Durango & Silverton Narrow Gauge Railroad, voted one of the "Top Ten Most Exciting Rail Journeys in the World"
  - ❖ Ride through the Rockies aboard the Cumbres & Toltec Scenic Railroad
  - ❖ Ride the Royal Gorge Route Railroad across the famous Hanging Bridge
  - ❖ Relive the gold mining days aboard the Cripple Creek & Victor Narrow Gauge Railroad
  - ❖ Climb 14,000 feet on the Pikes Peak Cog Railway
- Visit beautiful Rocky Mountain National Park, a living showcase of the grandeur of the Rocky Mountains
- Tour Mesa Verde National Park with its amazing cliff dwellings, home to "the Ancient Ones," the Anasazi Indians
- Visit the Black Canyon of Gunnison National Park
- Drive through Garden of the Gods Park with its unique red sandstone formations
- $45 in Mayflower Money

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Royal Gorge Railroad

HOTEL ACCOMMODATIONS

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

2023 Departure Date	Per Person Twin	Single Room add
August 4	$3,549	$1,049

Pricing includes roundtrip airfare from Chicago, IL

Air itineraries may not be available until documents are received. Air seats are assigned by the airline for the entire group. Seat changes can only be attempted upon receipt of tickets and documents at which time availability may be limited. If specific seat assignments are vital to your reservation, we recommend individual air reservations rather than booking air with the group.

Travelers Protection Plan (TPP) – $250 per person (optional)
This nonrefundable fee waives all cancellation fees when we are notified of cancellation one day before the tour departs. If you must leave the tour early due to personal illness, illness or death of a member of your immediate family, TPP guarantees full refund for any unused services after the departure of the tour. Other benefits include medical expenses for illness and injury, emergency transportation, 24 hour hot line, and lost or stolen baggage assistance. Return air transportation is included ONLY if your air tickets were provided by Mayflower Cruises & Tours. If you purchase the optional Travelers Protection Plan (TPP), you will be refunded all payments, including deposit amount, less the TPP premium amount.

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- 61 days or more: Deposit Amount
- 60 to 31 days prior: 20% of tour cost
- 30 to 15 days prior: 30% of tour cost
- 14 to 1 day prior: 40% of tour cost
- Day of departure or early departure from tour: 100% of tour cost
- No refund on unused portions of the tour

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REAL ID **Real ID or passport required to fly within the United States beginning May 3, 2023. For more details contact a travel specialist.**

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