

GREAT WESTERN HOLIDAY

To Denver, Pikes Peak, the Royal Gorge, the Cumbres & Toltec Scenic Railroad with enchanting Santa Fe, New Mexico

April 21-28 & October 13-20, 2025

April 20-27 & October 12-19, 2026

8 - Days From \$3,995 PP

Two of our favorite destinations are Colorado and New Mexico and for the first time in many years we are delighted to offer an exclusive small group holiday that literally is a peak experience. We have combined in one leisurely program extraordinary sights and magical destinations, ending in the most magical destination of all, Santa Fe with a three-night stay in the heart of the old town. Nicely, our holiday begins with free or low-cost train travel to Denver where on day one, a deluxe hotel in the heart of downtown awaits, along with a welcome reception, a nice way to meet your fellow travelers.

The following day we have a short drive to Colorado Springs, stopping at the Garden of the Gods en route to a trip aboard the Pikes Peak Cog Railway to the top of Pikes Peak for a view so stunning it inspired Kathy Lee Bates to write what became the opening lines of 'America the Beautiful'. The following days include a ride aboard the historic Cripple Creek & Victor Narrow Gauge Railroad, the US Air Force Academy or relaxing by the pool with a beautiful mountain backdrop. Next is a trip through the famed Royal Gorge along the Arkansas River, one of the great train trips of North America. This is simply a warm up for what comes next, our trip over the fabled Cumbres & Toltec Scenic Railroad, the nation's longest, highest and most authentic steam railroad through the most spectacular scenery in the West. We traverse the entire line running along canyon walls, through two tunnels and over a 138 foot Cascade Trestle, past forests of aspens and evergreens, well supplied with deer, antelope, elk, fox, eagles and bears for a journey you will never forget.

Saving the best for last, our guests then enjoy three nights in glorious Santa Fe with its pueblo style architecture, rich history, art galleries and fine restaurants, all in the shadow of the Sangre de Cristo Mountains. Naturally, we have included superb sightseeing, some exceptional dining as well as plenty of free time. The only major flaw of this program is it will sell out rapidly so prompt reservations are strongly encouraged.

All Aboard!



HIGHLIGHTS:

Low-cost train travel to the start of the trip in Denver from over 300 US cities when booked early.

Overnight deluxe hotel stay in Denver with welcome reception on the first day of the tour.

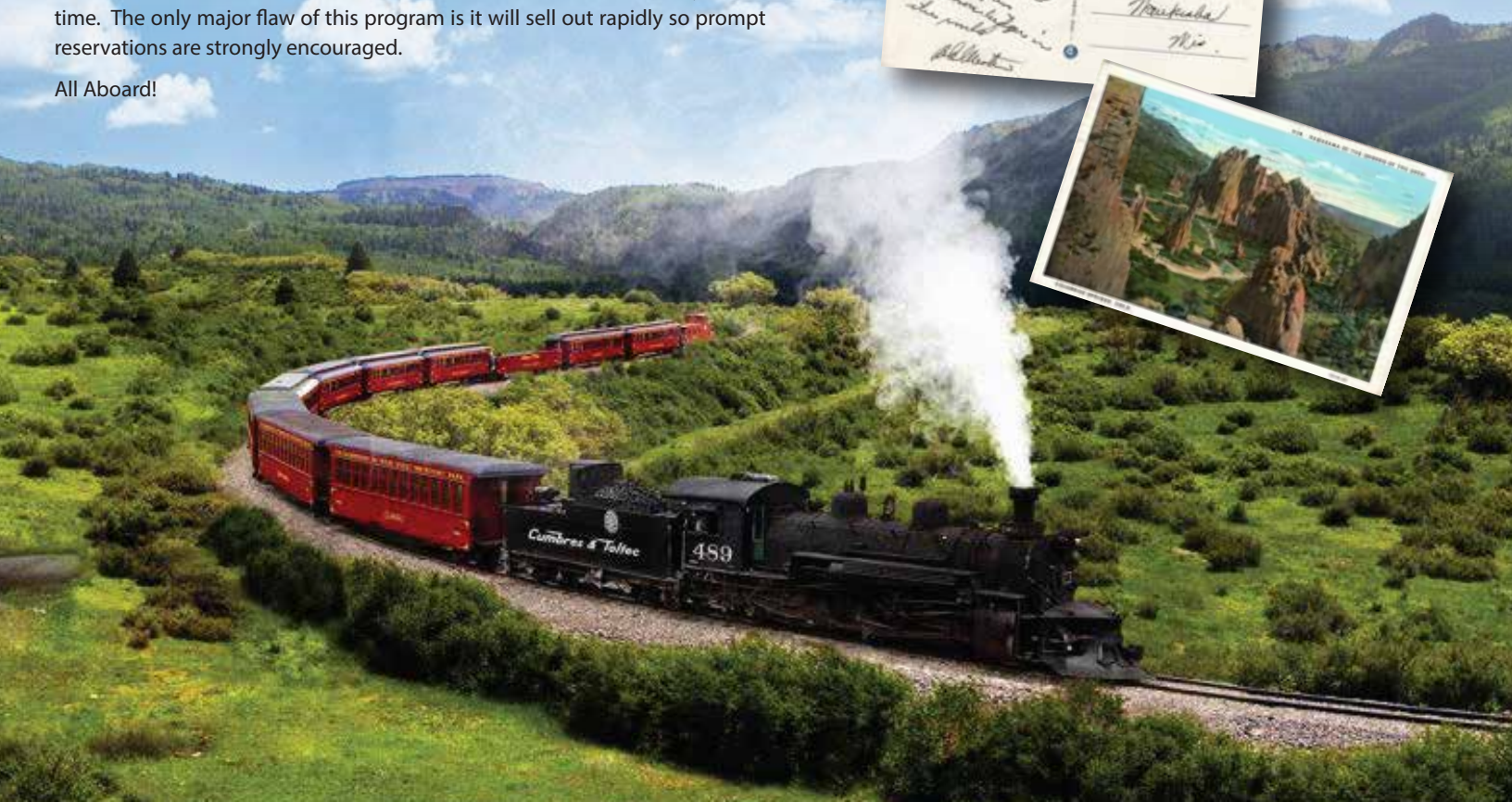
Two-night stay in downtown Colorado Springs with breakfast daily and all taxes.

Complete sightseeing throughout including all excursion train rides listed in the program along with admission fees where needed including transfers throughout.

Many meals including breakfast daily.

Three-night stay in Santa Fe with deluxe accommodations including breakfast daily and all taxes. Transfer to the Albuquerque airport and train station is included for guests making outbound travel plans on the final day. We also offer special rates for those that would like to extend their stay in Santa Fe.

Fully hosted by a professional tour manager.



DAY TO DAY ITINERARY:

Day 1 Denver, Colorado

Guests arrive in Denver and transfer to our downtown hotel for an overnight stay in the 'Mile High City' which has had an amazing rebirth in recent years. Later, a casual welcome reception, a nice way to meet your fellow travelers. R

Day 2 Colorado Springs, Colorado

After breakfast we depart for Colorado Springs stopping at the awe-inspiring Garden of the Gods en route. Later today is the extraordinary trip to the top of Pikes Peak on the historic Pikes Peak Cog Railway and you will want to have your camera ready. This afternoon we check into our hotel for a two-night stay with the balance of the evening free to enjoy this lovely setting. B

Day 3 Colorado Springs, Colorado

This morning, a short drive brings us to the historic Cripple Creek & Victor Narrow Gauge Railroad for a scenic 45-minute trip over this railway, built to service the mines that once dotted the area. After the steam train ride, we return to Colorado Springs with an opportunity to visit the famed US Air Force Academy or simply enjoy downtown at your own pace. Later this afternoon, a visit to the nearby historic mining town of Manitou Springs. The evening is at leisure. B

Day 4 Alamosa, Colorado

Another day filled with grandeur with a trip through the Royal Gorge by sightseeing train, a two-hour ride alongside the Arkansas River. President Theodore Roosevelt described a trip over this railroad as "The trip that bankrupts the English language" and you will likely agree. Later, a scenic drive south to Alamosa where we have included a casual dinner at one of our favorite restaurants. B D

Day 5 Santa Fe, New Mexico

The big day. We depart this morning by steam train over the Cumbres & Toltec Scenic Railroad and enjoy a day of spellbinding vistas. The train makes a lunch stop during the journey and at 10,015 feet, Cumbres Pass is the highest mountain pass reached by train in North America. As the train climbs higher, the view reveals the entire Chama Valley with alpine meadows with wildflowers. The lower elevations are dominated by aspen trees and grassy hills then later today, we pass over Lobato Trestle for an afternoon arrival in

Chama, NM where we transfer to Santa Fe for the first of 3-nights in this magical city. B L D

Day 6 Santa Fe, New Mexico

This morning begins with a guided walking tour of the famed downtown Plaza by an expert local guide who literally wrote the book on what to see and do in Santa Fe. Following our tour, a traditional New Mexican lunch and after lunch, there is time for shopping on the Plaza. The boutiques and galleries are exceptional. We have left the evening free for you to enjoy one of the many nearby restaurants. B L

Day 7 Santa Fe, New Mexico

This morning visit the Georgia O'Keeffe Museum, showcasing the works of the country's most acclaimed female artist, followed by a visit to lovely Loretto Chapel with its famous staircase. This afternoon is a fine time to visit one of the Santa Fe's many acclaimed spas or fitting in a bit more shopping. Tonight is our casual farewell dinner in an authentic New Mexican restaurant where you are likely to be asked 'red, green or Christmas' in regards to sauce on your main course. A final evening in this enchanting town. B D

Day 8 Homeward bound

After breakfast we offer a short transfer to the Albuquerque train station and airport for those guests departing today. B

Guests who wish to stay a little longer can take advantage of our special hotel rates for extended time in Santa Fe.

FARES:

OCCUPANCY	SPRING	FALL
Double	\$3,995	\$4,195
Single	\$4,995	\$5,195

Hotels

- Hyatt Place, Denver Colorado
- Hyatt Place, Colorado Springs Colorado
- Hampton Inn, Alamosa Colorado
- Inn of the Governors, Santa Fe New Mexico



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