

Colorado Rail Experience

9 days from \$2,595

Highlights

- Five scenic rail excursions, including the *Durango & Silverton Narrow Gauge Railroad*
- Docent-led tour of the Colorado Rail Museum
- Pikes Peak excursion by coach
- Garden of the Gods tour

Trains

- *Georgetown Loop Railroad*
- *Leadville, Colorado & Southern Railroad*
- *Durango & Silverton Narrow Gauge Railroad*
- *Cumbres & Toltec Scenic Railroad*
- *Royal Gorge Route Railroad*

Hotels

- Hilton Garden Inn, Denver, CO
- DoubleTree, Breckenridge, CO
- Strater Hotel, Durango, CO
- Holiday Inn Express, Alamosa, CO
- The Antlers, a Wyndham Hotel or Marriott Hotel, Colorado Springs, CO



Durango & Silverton Narrow Gauge Railroad

2021 Dates & Prices
July 15 – 23

Double From: \$2,744.50

Single From: \$3,614

Prices are per person based on double occupancy

Inclusions

- Hotel accommodations for 8 nights
- 11 meals, including lunch on the *Royal Gorge Route Railroad*
- Transportation by deluxe motorcoach
- Select transfers
- Services of a professional Tour Manager
- Baggage handling

Journey through the untamed beauty of Colorado on this 9-day Rocky Mountain expedition. We discover expanses of landscape hidden from modern traffic aboard five fantastic railways: the *Georgetown Loop Railroad*, the *Leadville, Colorado & Southern Railroad*, the *Durango & Silverton Narrow Gauge Railroad*, the *Cumbres & Toltec Scenic Railroad* and the *Royal Gorge Route Railroad*. While we ride the rails, railroad experts and knowledgeable guides introduce us to the mining and railway history of the state. Our journey also includes a momentous excursion to the summit of Pikes Peak by motorcoach and a visit to the awe-inspiring Garden of the Gods. Join the experience as the colorful past of the Old West is brought to life once more.

**RESERVATIONS
& INFORMATION**

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Railroad Club**

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Garden of the Gods

1 ORIENTATION/
DESTINATION POINT

■ VISIT

1 NIGHTS IN HOTEL

◆ SCENIC RAIL

+++ BY RAIL

— BY MOTORCOACH



Day 1 - Denver

Arrive in Denver and transfer to your hotel with the remainder of the day at leisure. Overnight Denver.

Day 2 - Colorado Rail Museum/ Georgetown Loop Railroad

The day begins with a drive from Denver to Golden, CO, to visit the Colorado Rail Museum. A docent-led tour through its featured exhibits, extensive collection of rolling stock and Roundhouse restoration facility offers an insider's perspective of this fascinating site. Next, we immerse ourselves in the mining history of the Rocky Mountains aboard the *Georgetown Loop Railroad*. This narrow-gauge, two coil loop railway was completed in 1884 and takes us on the original 4 1/2-mile loop between Georgetown and Silver Plume. After lunch in Georgetown, we drive through the rugged landscape to the resort town of Breckenridge, where the remainder of the day is free to enjoy the authentic Gold Rush surroundings of the town. Overnight Breckenridge, CO. (L)

Day 3 - Leadville, Colorado & Southern Railroad

Discover the mining and railroad past of Leadville, CO, as we join the *Leadville, Colorado & Southern Railroad* on a course through San Isabel National Forest. Views of Colorado's tallest peaks, Mt. Massive and Mt. Elbert, come into view as the train travels through the lush valley and across the Continental Divide. We

return to Breckenridge, where the rest of the day is free to enjoy our wild surroundings. Overnight Breckenridge, CO. (B)

Day 4 - Breckenridge to Durango

Enjoy a leisurely day of travel on our drive to Durango. Our route includes inspiring vistas of the Rockies, lush National Forests and quaint mining towns. We arrive in Durango late this afternoon and check into the Strater Hotel. Located within walking distance of the *Durango & Silverton Narrow Gauge Railroad*, the hotel features the largest collection of American antiques in the country. The evening is yours to explore the town, which is brimming with Wild West history. Overnight Durango, CO. (B)

Day 5 - Durango & Silverton Narrow Gauge Railroad

This morning, we board one of the most scenic railroads in the Southwest, the *Durango & Silverton Narrow Gauge Railroad*. This journey takes us on a route along the Animas River to Silverton, CO, an 1874 mining town located high in the San Juan Mountains. A true highlight is the ride through the Animas River Gorge. We return to Durango with the remainder of the day at leisure. Overnight Durango, CO. (B)

Day 6 - Cumbres & Toltec Scenic Railroad

An unforgettable journey lies ahead as we set out on the *Cumbres & Toltec Scenic Railroad*,

the longest and highest narrow-gauge steam railroad in North America. The Southwest's scenes are on full display on this 64-mile ride, crossing the Colorado/New Mexico border 13 times. After our rail excursion, we drive into the San Luis Valley, the oldest settled area in Colorado, to Alamosa. Overnight Alamosa, CO. (B, L, D)

Day 7 - Royal Gorge Route Railroad

This morning, we depart for Canon City, where we board the *Royal Gorge Route Railroad* in the first-class vista-dome car. The train travels along the Arkansas River and concludes with a stop underneath the soaring Suspension Bridge from the rim to the river's edge. After our journey, we continue by coach to Colorado Springs. Overnight Colorado Springs, CO. (B, L)

Day 8 - Pikes Peak by Motorcoach/ Garden of the Gods

Take in incredible 360-degree vistas from 14,115 feet above sea level today as we travel to the summit of Pikes Peak, the mountain that inspired the song "America the Beautiful." We begin at the Railroad Depot in Colorado Springs, where we board our motorcoach for this 4-hour narrated journey, winding up and down Pikes Peak Highway, one of the most iconic roads in Colorado. Along the way, we make scenic stops to snap photos of the spectacular mountain views. On arrival at the summit, there is ample time to take in the views from every angle, visit the gift shop and sample world-famous doughnuts. Before returning to Colorado Springs, we visit Garden of the Gods - a National Natural Landmark site - for a drive through the dramatic red rock formations that reach up to 300 feet tall. Overnight Colorado Springs, CO. (B)

Day 9 - Tour Conclusion

Our tour of Colorado's railways concludes after breakfast. A group transfer to Denver International Airport accommodates flights departing after 1:00 p.m. (B)



- Deposit: Non-Refundable \$500.00 per person deposit is due at the time of reservation
- Final Payment: 90 days prior to departure. (April 16, 2021)
- Includes land tour, pre-night hotel and departure transfer
- Excludes roundtrip airfare, arrival transfer, travel insurance and gratuities.