

## **COLORADO TRAINS & FALL FOLIAGE PACKAGE PARTNER TOURS 2010**

**DATES:** SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 11 – FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 17, 2010  
FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 17 – THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 23, 2010  
***BOTH ARE GUARANTEED DEPARTURES!***

**DAY 1 - ARRIVE IN DENVER/COLORADO SPRINGS** – Arrive in Denver by 1:00pm. (\*Please arrive at the Denver Airport before 1:00pm) After a brief check-in with our tour director, enjoy our first taste of adventures to come as we board our motorcoach and travel south to **Colorado Springs**. Enjoy touring of the **US Air Force Academy**. Situated in the shadow of the mountains and overlooking the open spaces of the western plains, the academy is famous for its architecturally unique chapel. Next, check into our hotel for a two-night stay. Tonight's dinner is a special treat – a welcome dinner at the famous **Guiseppe's Train Depot Restaurant**. **(D)**

**DAY 2 – PIKES PEAK COUNTRY** – Today is devoted to sightseeing around Colorado Springs. First, we will ride on the **Pike's Peak Cog Railway** that climbs to the top of **Pikes Peak**. Looking at this famous peak, rising 12,110 feet above sea level, we'll understand the meaning of "Rocky Mountain High!" Next, continue to the **Garden of the Gods Trading Post** where we'll enjoy a sumptuous lunch and some time to shop. This afternoon we'll continue our sightseeing and tour **Garden of the Gods**. An abundance of plant and animal life can be found throughout its 1,340 acres, as well as the magnificent red sandstone rock formations, for which the Garden is best known. Return to our hotel with some time to freshen up, and then be our guests for a special evening of western hospitality and entertainment at the famous **Flying W Ranch** outdoor cookout. **(B,L,D)**

**DAY 3– ROYAL GORGE/RIO GRANDE RAILROAD** - Pack up your bags, partner, because today we're off! This morning visit the **Royal Gorge**, where the world's highest suspension bridge towers 1,053 feet above the Arkansas River. Depart and travel through the city of **Pueblo** on your way south. This afternoon arrive in **La Veta** to experience the new **Rio Grande Scenic Railroad**. Board historic **Dome Rail Cars** for a breathtaking ride through the **Sangre De Cristo Mountains** over La Veta Pass. Arrive **Alamosa**, meet the motorcoach and transfer to your hotel for overnight. Dinner included at a local restaurant. **(B, D)**

**DAY 4 – CUMBRES and TOLTEC SCENIC RAILWAY** - This morning, "all aboard" the 1880 **Cumbres and Toltec Scenic Railroad**, considered the finest remaining example of a once vast network of narrow gauge lines linking together the Rocky Mountain Mining Camps. This unique railroad has been called by author Lucius Beebe, "the most awesomely spectacular example of mountain railroading in North America." Leaving **Antonito**, Colorado and travel to **Osier** where you'll disembark and enjoy lunch, then continue on to **Chama**. In the late afternoon, re-board our motorcoach and travel to the old west mining town of **Durango**, Colorado for overnight. **(B,L)**

**DAY 5 – DURANGO/SILVERTON TRAIN** - This morning, ride the **Durango Silverton Narrow Gauge Railroad**, one of the last such railroads operating in the United States. "All aboard!" for a delightful trip through the **Colorado Rockies** between Durango and Silverton. The rugged peaks, alpine meadows, and crystal lakes take us back to the early days of the West, when mountain men searched this untouched land for traces of bear and mountain lion. Upon arrival in **Silverton**, enjoy some free time to explore the many shops and have lunch on our own. Meet our motorcoach for a scenic drive north to **Grand Junction**. This evening we will see the fantastic monoliths of **Colorado National Monument**. Over the centuries, wind and water have carved sheer, walled canyons, spires, and gorges from the brilliant orange and red sandstone. We'll overnight in Grand Junction and enjoy dinner this evening at the hotel. **(B,D)**

**DAY 6 – GRAND JUNCTION/DENVER** - Depart and travel east for a ride through the Heart of the Rockies enjoying vistas of rugged canyons, pristine wilderness, and deep gorges. Cross the Continental Divide at Loveland Pass as we travel east descending once again into the "**Mile High City**" of Denver. Explore this eastern gateway to the Rockies, beginning at the **Colorado State Capitol Building** and **historic Larimer Square**, where many buildings from Denver's colorful past are preserved. We'll also see The Mall, Denver's unique shopping area that maintains its delightful atmosphere by outlawing all cars! This afternoon, check into our downtown hotel and freshen up but don't wander too far because tonight we will rejoin our fellow passengers for a farewell dinner. **(B,D)**

**DAY 7 – JOURNEY HOME** – Say farewell to Denver and the Rocky Mountains. A morning transfer to the airport has been arranged for our journey home. **(B)**

**PRICE INCLUDES:** 6 nights accommodations; transportation on deluxe motorcoach; services of a professional tour guide; 6 breakfasts, 2 lunches, 5 dinners; attractions: U.S. Airforce Academy, Pike's Peak Cog Railway, Garden of the Gods, Royal Gorge Park, Rio Grande Scenic Railroad, Cumbres Toltec Railroad, Durango Silverton Railroad, Colorado National Monument, Denver City tour; admissions to parks, monuments, museums, and attractions as mentioned in the itinerary; tips for skycaps, bellmen (one suitcase per person) and included meals.

**NOT INCLUDED:** Airfare; Meals (other than mentioned in the itinerary); Items of a personal nature (i.e.: liquor, telephone, room service, valet, etc.); Customary end-of-tour gratuity for escort and driver.

**PRICE PER PERSON:**  
**\$1,580.00 TWIN**

**SINGLE ADD \$320.00      TRIPLE DEDUCT \$95.00**