

Join us on our journey...

Riding the Rails

Sunday, Oct. 3 - Thursday, Oct. 7, 2010

Colorado

Schedule

Departure:

TBD

Return:

TBD

Make Reservations

Make your reservation at your local office, e-mail gyc@nebat.com or mail to:

National Exchange Bank & Trust
Attn: GYC Travel
P.O. Box 988
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Payment Details

Cost Per Person:

Member	\$1825
Non-Member	\$1900
Single	\$1900

*Airfare pricing based on 2009 pricing.

Deposit:

\$285 per person (plus \$85 mandatory travel insurance) due within 10 days of making reservation.

Early payment due: March 31, 2010*

*After March 31, add \$50 per person.

A \$5 fee will apply if the full payment is not received by the final due date.

For more information, contact Janet Johnson at 920.906.6865

The Mile-High City

Sunday, October 3

Up, up and away! This morning flight has us arriving in **Denver** where we will meet our tour director. We begin to familiarize ourselves with the "Mile-High City" with an afternoon **guided motorcoach tour** that includes sights



such as the Colorado State Capitol, the U.S. Mint, Coors Field, historic residential neighborhoods and more. **The Drury Inn** is the perfect place to call home for the night and the popular **Trail Dust Steak House** is a delectable choice for our "Welcome to Colorado" **dinner**.

*Itinerary continued on reverse side.

Trip Highlights

- Round-Trip Airfare
- Aerial Tramway Ride
- 3 Rail Rides, Royal Gorge Route Railroad, Incline Railway, and Pike's Peak Cog Railway
- Tours of Stanley Hotel, Colorado Territorial Prison and Museum, Garden of the Gods and more
- 9 Dining Experiences: 4 Breakfasts, 1 Lunch, 4 Dinners & Snacks
- 4 Nights Hotel Accommodations at Drury Inns in Denver & Colorado Springs
- Tour Transportation by Chartered, Luxury Touring Coach
- Expert local "Step-on" Guide
- Luggage Handling of One Large Suitcase per Person
- Travel Insurance
- Deluxe Round-Trip Motorcoach Transportation
- National Exchange Bank & Trust GYC Escort
- Gratuities



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Monday, October 4

This morning, we visit **Rocky Mountain National Park**, one of the most scenic locations in North America. We travel above the timberline on Trail Ridge Road, the highest continuous highway in the nation, reaching an elevation of more than 12,000 feet. (Watch your ears for popping!) Along the route is **Estes Park**, an attractive resort village at the edge of the national park. This is the spectacular setting of the **Alpine Visitor Center** where you will have free time for lunch (on your own) and some great picture taking! After lunch, we will visit the **Stanley Hotel**, a 1909 historic hotel that inspired Stephen King to write “The Shining.” In fact, its dramatic position at the base of the mountains served as the setting for the 1997 television film version of the book. Following a **guided historic ghost tour** of this magnificent hotel, we will enjoy dinner in their elegant dining room.

Tuesday, October 5

Following **breakfast** at our hotel, we make our way to **Colorado’s Canyon Country**. We arrive in the **Royal Gorge Region** and “do some time” in our visit to the **Colorado Territorial Prison and Museum**. Known as one of the “Hell Holes” of the Old West, this historical cell house was the original Women’s Correctional Facility constructed in 1935. Our visit reveals the gas chamber; the last hangman’s noose used here, confiscated weapons and an array of artifacts accompanied by colorful tales of life in the prison. This afternoon we ride the rails of the **Royal Gorge Route Railroad**. Just when you think that the scenery cannot be beat, you look out another window and enjoy more breathtaking scenery. Our next adventure leads us to the **Aerial Tramway**. Gliding more than 1100 feet above the canyon floor is the world’s longest single-span **Aerial Tram**. The ride offers exceptional 360-degree views of the Gorge, the Bridge, the Park and Colorado’s majestic Sangre de Cristo Mountains. Built in 1931, and traveling at a 45-degree angle, the world’s steepest **Incline Railway** is still considered one of the most difficult structures ever built. Here, timeless granite walls loom all around as you descend more than 1,500 feet to the canyon floor, a mere 50 feet at its widest. Stepping off the car, you’ll enjoy the cool spray of the roaring Arkansas River, while whitewater rafters brave the Class 5 rapids below your feet. Tonight, we enjoy **dinner** before returning to our hotel, the **Drury Inn**.

Wednesday, October 6

This morning’s excursion takes us to the **Pike’s Peak Cog Railway**. The first part of our trip is along Ruxton Creek in Englemann Canyon. Here the steep track follows a cascading stream through dense stands of Englemann spruce, Colorado blue spruce and Ponderosa pine trees. The track is built next to the stream and there are boulder fields on both sides of the train. Conductors like to point out the various “faces” and shapes. Look for big horn sheep and yellow-bellied marmot sunning themselves on the mountain sides. Following our rail ride, we visit Manitou Springs for lunch on our own. This afternoon, we visit the magnificent red rock formations set at the base of Pike’s Peak called the **Garden of Gods**. A trained naturalist will tell of the geology and history of the Park and the Pike’s Peak region of Colorado before we stretch our legs in the shops in search of pottery, porcelain, postcards and more. We return to our hotel for a rest and refresh break before departing for a “farewell” dinner at **Giuseppe’s Old Depot Restaurant**. October 26, 1871, the first passenger train stopped at the soon-to-be Denver and Rio Grande Railroad Depot in the infant city of Colorado Springs, Colorado. The last passenger train faded from view in 1971, but that same Depot still stands, gracious as a grand lady slightly past her prime. Giuseppe’s Depot continues that fine tradition of western hospitality today.

Thursday, October 7

Following breakfast at our hotel, we check-out and board the motorcoach. Before leaving Colorado Springs behind, we visit the **U.S. Air Force Academy Visitor Center**. The private organizations which donated the building to the Air Force named it in honor of retired Arizona Senator Barry M. Goldwater, an avid supporter of the academy. Time permitting, we will visit **The Cadet Chapel**. Soaring 150 feet toward the Colorado sky, the Air Force Academy Chapel is an all-faiths house of worship designed to meet the spiritual needs of cadets. It contains a separate chapel for four major religious faiths — Protestant, Catholic, Jewish and Buddhist — plus an all-faiths room used by Muslim cadets and available for members of the other faiths as well. All too soon it is time to say good-bye to the beautiful sights of Colorado as we head home with wonderful memories.