



The Colorado Rockies

featuring National Parks and Historic Trains

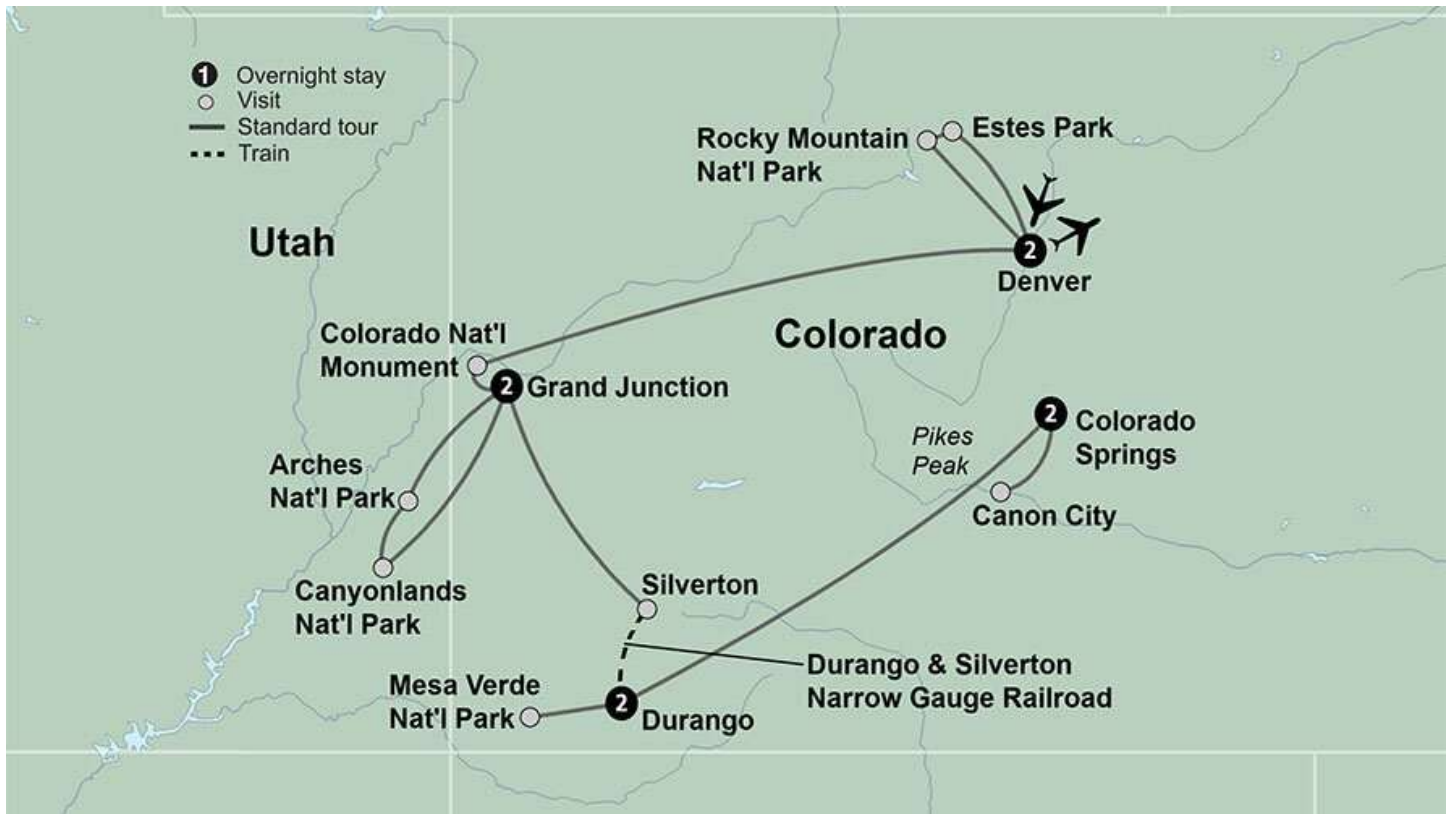
September 29 — October 07, 2023 • 9 Days • 12 Meals



Highlights

Denver, Rocky Mountain National Park, Colorado National Monument, Grand Junction, Black Canyon of the Gunnison, Museum of the Mountain West, Durango & Silverton Narrow Gauge Railroad, Mesa Verde National Park (UNESCO), Pikes Peak Cog Railway, Garden of the Gods

Day 1 – 2	Sheraton Denver Downtown Hotel, Denver, Colorado
Day 3 – 4	Doubletree Hotel Grand Junction, Grand Junction, Colorado
Day 5 – 6	Durango Strater Hotel, Durango, Colorado
Day 7 – 8	Embassy Suites Colorado Springs, Colorado Springs, Colorado



DAY
1

Sep 29, 2023: Denver, Colorado - Tour Begins

Adventure awaits as you explore the towering peaks and rolling meadows of Colorado and Utah. This tour (which features four national parks) opens in the "Mile High City" of Denver where you will gather for a welcome dinner with your fellow travelers.

Included Meals

Dinner

DAY
2

Sep 30, 2023: Denver - Rocky Mountain National Park - Denver

Travel through Boulder, a scenic university town known for its iconic landmark...the striking, reddish-brown foothills known as the Flatirons. Stop in Estes Park, a mountain resort town and home of the Stanley Hotel, the inspiration for Stephen King's *The Shining*. Your adventure in Rocky Mountain National Park starts on the Trail Ridge Road, the highest paved, continuous highway in North America. It's a drive that should be on everybody's bucket list. At Rainbow Curve, marvel at the majestic mountains that stand in contrast to deep, rugged canyons. Later, return to Denver for a free evening in this dynamic city.

Included Meals

Breakfast

DAY
3

Oct 01, 2023: Denver - Colorado National Monument - Grand Junction

The spectacular Rocky Mountains are your traveling companion. Make a scenic drive from Denver to Grand Junction, passing through many of Colorado's famous ski resorts. This journey also takes you to one of the grand landscapes of the American West – Colorado National Monument. Continue along the monument's historic Rim Rock Drive to see a colorful panorama of deep, sheer-sided canyons and high rock towers. Gather for dinner at a favorite local hangout in Grand Junction, a town that attracts outdoorsmen, foodies and all manner of free spirits.

Included Meals

Breakfast

Dinner

DAY
4

Oct 02, 2023: Black Canyon of the Gunnison National Park - Grand Junction

Today, venture to another amazing national park – Colorado's own "Grand Canyon"! Marvel at the steep-walled gorge and dramatic views of Black Canyon of the Gunnison National Park while travelling along its South Rim. Pause at one of the scenic viewpoints to soak in this stunning wilderness of rock, water, and sky. Enjoy a picnic lunch overlooking some of the steepest and oldest rock walls in North America, carved over 2 million years by the Gunnison River. Perhaps you'll even spot a peregrine falcon. Then, immerse yourself in the stories of the American west during a tour of the Museum of the Mountain West, a preserved and re-created pioneer town that captures life as it was over a century ago. Return to Grand Junction for an evening at leisure.

Included Meals

Breakfast

Lunch

DAY
5

Oct 03, 2023: Grand Junction - Silverton - Durango

Head south to Silverton, a former silver mining town and now a National Historic Landmark. Hidden high in the San Juan Mountains, this town blends spectacular scenery, Victorian charm and historic architecture. Then it's "all aboard" the Durango & Silverton Narrow Gauge Railroad. This 1881 coal-fired, steam-powered locomotive made its name hauling silver and gold ore from the San Juan Mountains, but you will soon realize it is the view that is its most precious asset.

 **Included Meals**

Breakfast

DAY
6

Oct 04, 2023: Durango - Mesa Verde National Park - Durango

An incredible day awaits in Mesa Verde National Park (UNESCO), home of the ancient Ancestral Puebloan civilization. Join a local guide on a drive through the park making several photo stops including views of the famous Spruce Tree House, one of Mesa Verde's best preserved cliff dwellings and Cliff Palace, the largest in the park. This evening, experience a farm-to-table dinner on a family-owned ranch surrounded by red mountain peaks and lush green pastures.

 **Included Meals**

Breakfast

Dinner

DAY
7

Oct 05, 2023: Durango - Colorado Springs

Sit back and relax during a scenic ride to Colorado Springs. En route, marvel at the landscape as you make your way from the San Juan National Forest and across Wolf Creek Pass, a section of the Continental Divide that would take pioneers two to three weeks to cross. Continue on through the Rio Grande National Forest, a vast expanse of wilderness named for the 1,800 miles of Rio Grande River that cuts through the forest. Your day concludes in Colorado Springs, an artistic and cultural hub.

 **Included Meals**

Breakfast

DAY
8

Oct 06, 2023: Colorado Springs - Manitou Springs - Colorado Springs

Depart for Manitou Springs, home of Pike's Peak – the legendary symbol of the 1859 Gold Rush. Embark on a journey aboard the Pike's Peak Cog Railway, the world's highest cog railroad, for an 8.9 mile trip to the top of Pike's Peak. During the journey you will see magnificent views and perhaps animals in their native habitat. Later, travel to the Garden of the Gods to take in the view of towering sandstone formations that dot the landscape set in the backdrop of majestic Pikes Peak. Tonight, join your fellow travelers for a farewell dinner and celebrate your adventure.

 **Included Meals**

Breakfast

Dinner

DAY
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Oct 07, 2023: Colorado Springs - Tour Ends

Your tour comes to a close in Colorado Springs.

Elevation

The highest elevation encountered on this tour is 12,183 feet in Rocky Mountain National Park.

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