

Colorado Highlights

August 10 - 18, 2010
(9 days - 8 nights)



Highlights Include:

- Garden of the Gods
- Royal Gorge Route Railroad
- Royal Gorge Bridge and Park
- Georgetown Loop Railroad
- Air Force Academy and Chapel
- Seven Falls
- Black Canyon of the Gunnison National Park
- Flying W Chuckwagon Supper and Show
- Leanin' Tree Museum of Western Art
- Tour of United States Mint

Tue, Aug 10

Dumas, TX

After planning and talking about our trip to beautiful cool Colorado the day has finally arrived. With the motorcoach loaded we will be on our way routing to the panhandle of Texas.

Wed, Aug 11

Colorado Springs, CO

Today takes us across a small portion of Oklahoma and into Colorado. We overnight the next two nights in Colorado Springs with many attractions available to us. This evening enjoy a chuckwagon supper at the Flying W Ranch followed with music provided by the Wranglers.

Thu, Aug 12

Colorado Springs, CO

The Air Force Academy campus, the #1 man-made attraction in the state of Colorado will be our first stop today followed by a visit to the Garden of the Gods, a Registered National Natural Landmark. An abundance of plant and animal life can be found through out its 1340 acres, as well as the magnificent red sandstone rock formations for which the Garden is best know. Have your camera ready as we view Seven Falls, cascading 181 ft in seven distinct steps down a solid cliff of Pikes Peak granite.

Fri, Aug 13

Montrose, CO

All aboard! The historic Royal Gorge Route Railroad is a premier adventure for traversing 24 miles through the majestic Gorge along the mighty Arkansas River. Later, visit the Royal Gorge Bridge, the world's highest suspension bridge at 1053 feet above the Arkansas

River. You may choose to walk or ride the trolley across the bridge and shop for a souvenir to remember your visit.

Sat, Aug 14

Rifle, CO

Arriving at the Black Canyon of the Gunnison National Park we will stop at the Visitor Center for a brief orientation before continuing our driving tour of the park. No other canyon in North America combines the narrow opening, sheer walls and startling depths offered by the Black Canyon, whose unique and spectacular landscape was formed slowly by the action of water and rock scouring down through hard Proterozoic crystalline rock.

Sun, Aug 15

Denver, CO

Another beautiful drive is in store as we route eastward across the state through forests and ski areas such as Vail. Enjoy leisure time in Georgetown, a picturesque

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town of 1,000 residents. The extent to which the Victorian architecture has been preserved creates the feeling of living in a historical mining town. Climb aboard the Georgetown Loop Historic and Scenic Train, one of Colorado's first visitor attraction. The thriving mining towns of Georgetown and Silver Plume lie 2 miles apart in a steep, narrow mountain canyon. To connect them, railroad builders designed a "corkscrew" route that traveled twice the distance, slowly gaining more than 600 feet in elevation. The next 2 nights we overnight in Denver.



Mon, Aug 16

Denver, CO

We begin the day with a visit to the Leaning Tree



Museum and Sculpture Garden of Western Art. Located in Boulder, northwest of Denver, it is Colorado's finest western and wildlife art museum. Returning to Denver, this afternoon we tour the United States Mint which covers the present state of coin manufacturing as well as the history of the Mint. Learn about the craftsmanship required at all stages of the minting process.

Tue, Aug 17

Dumas, TX

Leaving the Denver Metropolitan Area our route will take us away from the mountains and major cities of Colorado as we begin our homeward journey. After lunch in Lamar we continue across the Panhandle of Oklahoma and return to Dumas.

Wed, Aug 18

Return home

As we board our motorcoach this morning we realize that our tour is rapidly coming to an end. It will be a time to sit back and reminisce of the natural and diverse beauty we have experienced and the new friendships made. Everyone will long remember our tour that featured Cool Colorado!

Thank you for traveling with Bilbrey Tours!

Price Includes:

- Motorcoach transportation from: **Abilene, Big Spring, Lubbock and San Angelo**
- 8 nights hotel accommodations
- Baggage handling for 1 piece of luggage
- Meals: 8 continental breakfasts
6 lunches or dinners
- Admissions to all included attractions per itinerary
- Services of a tour escort
- Gratuities for driver and local guides

**Cost: \$1559 per person (2 people per room)
\$1969 per person (1 person per room)**

**\$50 deposit + \$128 insurance (optional)
due upon booking**

Final payment due June 22, 2010

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