

Golden Aspens of Colorado

September 30 - October 7, 2026



Wed, Sep 30

Colorado Springs, CO

Today we set off to experience one of fall's most spectacular displays, Colorado's golden aspens. Mountainsides explode with vibrant yellows and golds as aspen leaves change their colors. We will motorcoach to DFW before our quick flight to Colorado. This makes our quest for color immediate. Another Bilbrey Tours motorcoach will await our arrival and take us to our Colorado Springs hotel, where we enjoy a two-night stay.

Thu, Oct 1

Colorado Springs, CO

Our local guide will join us this morning as we explore the beauty of Colorado Springs, including a visit to Garden of the Gods. Nestled between Garden of the Gods and Pikes Peak, enjoy free time and lunch on your own in Manitou Springs. After lunch, we bundle up and board North America's highest cog railway, Pikes Peak Cog Railway, for our journey to "the top." The historic 9-mile trip to the 14,115' summit of Pikes Peak offers breathtaking views and time to explore at the summit. This evening, we enjoy dinner and a show at the Flying W Ranch. Though just minutes outside of Colorado Springs, the ranch feels like a world apart, offering a true taste of the Old West.

Fri, Oct 2

Canon City, CO

Opened in 2020, the U.S. Olympic and Paralympic Museum recognizes athletes and their stories who have represented Team USA. The museum is home to a complete set of Olympic torches (1936-present) as well as a complete set of Olympic medals. The

(7 days - 6 nights)
*****FLY west / DRIVE**

Highlights Include:

- One-way airfare to CO
- Motorcoach Transportation to TX
- 2 nights Colorado Springs, CO
- 2 nights Canon City, CO
- Gold Belt Aspen Jeep Tour
- Pikes Peak Cog Railway
- Cumbres & Toltec Scenic Train
- Great Sand Dunes National Park
- ProRodeo Hall of Fame & Museum
- Flying W Chuckwagon Dinner Show
- US Olympic & Paralympic Museum
- Garden of the Gods
- Manitou Springs
- **** Altitude 5,300' - 14,115'****

building itself is a marvel as it was inspired by the Guggenheim Museum. This afternoon, we will visit the ProRodeo Hall of Fame and Museum of the American Cowboy. Designed to preserve the legacy of the cowboy contests, this is the only museum in the world devoted exclusively to the sport of professional rodeo.

Sat, Oct 3

Canon City, CO

With cameras in hand, we board our jeeps for 360 degrees of heart-pounding views along Colorado's Gold Belt. Our scenic excursion begins at 5,300' and peaks midway through the trip at 10,000' in the historic gold mining towns of Victor and Cripple Creek. Known as America's Greatest Gold Camp, these towns had over 500 mines which produced over 21 million ounces of gold, exceeding the combined production of the California and Alaska Gold Rushes. We will follow the Cripple Creek and Florence Railroad route, built in 1894, past abandoned mines and a state-of-the-art open-pit gold mine still in use today... the world's 4th largest gold mine! Enjoy a boxed lunch along our way. The descent back to Canon City will follow an old stagecoach road,

ensuring more adventure and spectacular scenery along the way.

Sun, Oct 4

Alamosa, CO

As we depart Canon City, more adventure awaits as we make our way to Great Sand Dunes National Park. Encompassing more than 100,000 acres, originally was designated as a national monument (1932). In 2005 it was established at a national park after a 2000 boundary change and redesignation. The Great Sand Dunes National Park contains the tallest sand dunes in North America (13,604') with the assistance of the Sangre de Cristos mountains. We will stop at the Visitor Center to learn more about this marvel.

Mon, Oct 5

Taos, NM

Today we venture out on one of the rarest, moving National Historic Landmarks as we board the Cumbres & Toltec Scenic Railroad. This 3' narrow-gauge heritage railroad operates on 64-miles of tracks between Antonito, CO and Chama, NM allowing us to steam through mountainsides, just as it has for 145 years. We will wind along steep mountain canyons, high deserts, lush meadows, over trestles, and through tunnels taking in the beautiful colors of fall in the Rocky Mountain West. We will pause at Osier Station for a hearty lunch in the dining hall before continuing our scenic journey for a bit further. Shortly thereafter, we will disembark and board the Bilbrey Tours motorcoach to make our way into New Mexico for our overnight stay in Taos.

Tue, Oct 6

Amarillo, TX

Sit back, relax and take in the stunning scenery of the Land of Enchantment as we motorcoach through New Mexico. Officially adopted in 1999 as the state's official nickname, it reflects New Mexico's breathtaking desert/mountain landscapes as well as its rich Native American and Hispanic culture. "Land of Enchantment" was first used by tourism in the 1930s and appeared on license plates in 1941. As the 5th largest state by area, New Mexico offers varied beauty at every turn. By evening, we have made our way into the Lone Star State.

Wed, Oct 7

Home

As our tour comes to a close, we are reminded of the vibrant colors, rugged terrains, historical sites that have shaped generations. Most importantly, we take home the memories and friends made along the way. As you return home, close your eyes and recall the vivid colors of the **Golden Aspens of Colorado**.

**Thank you for traveling with
Bilbrey Tours!**



Price Includes:

- Deluxe motorcoach transportation from: **Abilene**
- One-way airfare from DFW to COS
- 7-nights hotel accommodations
- Baggage handling for one piece of luggage
- Meals: 1 breakfast, 6 continental breakfasts and 7 lunches or dinners
- Admissions to all included attractions per itinerary
- Services of a tour escort
- Gratuities for drivers and local guides

Cost per person:

\$3095 (2 people per room)

\$3815 (1 person per room)

\$100 deposit due upon booking

Final payment due June 30, 2026

Travel Insurance

An optional Travel Insurance plan is available for purchase on overnight tours through TripAssure. Bilbrey Tours encourages the purchase of a Travel Protection Plan to help protect your investment, your belongings and most importantly you! Bilbrey Tours makes the Tour & Cruise Travel Protection Plans easily available. For complete details and to purchase a plan, follow this link:

<https://atc.tripassure.com/main/?welcome=BILB3262TX>

Cancellation Policy

All cancellations must be reported to Bilbrey Tours, Inc. and TripAssure when the problem causing the need to cancel arises.

Tour Activity Level: EASY 1 2 3 **4** ACTIVE

Luggage tags and a detailed itinerary will be provided 2 weeks prior to tour.