

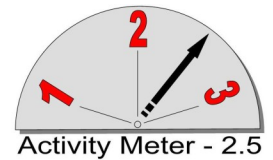


Experience Colorado

8 Days: July 16-23, 2012



This travel package planned and escorted by Deb Harkness.



Come experience 8 fun-filled days with us in the beautiful state of Colorado. Our travels will showcase the grandeur of Rocky Mountain National Park and Royal Gorge Bridge & Park plus all the spectacular sights and attractions in between.

July 16 we pick up in our scheduled departure cities as we travel west to Ashland, NE, to visit the **Strategic Air & Space Museum**. This museum focuses on the United States Air Force Military Aircraft and nuclear missiles. We will have a guided tour of this facility designed to preserve and display historic aircraft, missile and space vehicles. We then travel to our first overnight destination of Grand Island, NE.

July 17 after **breakfast** we pack up our bags and continue our journey west, arriving late afternoon in **Estes Park, CO**, our home for the next 2 nights.

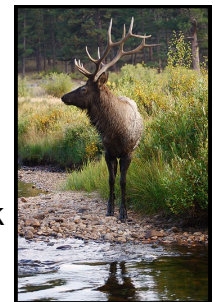
After getting checked in we'll venture to downtown historic Estes Park for an **evening meal** at one of the local favorite restaurants.

July 18 enjoy **breakfast** at the hotel while taking in some of the surrounding beauty surrounding. Estes Park is home to the main entrance to **Rocky Mountain National Park**, and today we'll enjoy a **guided tour** of the park. Rocky Mountain National Park features majestic mountain views, a variety of wildlife and many habitats - from wooded forests to mountain tundra. The Park includes the Continental Divide and the headwaters of the Colorado River. Have your cameras ready for some spectacular photo opps. After returning from our park adventure you'll have free

time to explore downtown Estes Park and see all that this popular summer resort town has to offer.

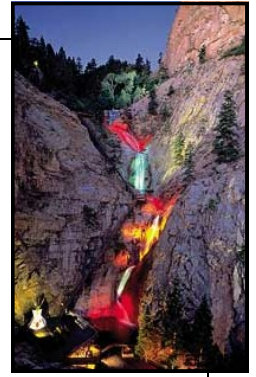
July 19 after **breakfast** it is time to pack up our bags and move on. Today we travel to **Colorado Springs**, our home for the next 3 nights. In addition to the beauty that surrounds Colorado Springs and Pikes Peak, the area has so many spectacular things to see and do. We'll start out today by visiting the **United States Air Force Academy**. The Air Force Academy is among the most select colleges in the United States. After stopping at the Visitors Center for a brief movie highlighting the Academy experience, we will have a **self-guided tour** of the campus. Our stops

will include the **Cadet Chapel**, the most popular man-made structure in the state of Colorado. The 17 spires of this iconic structure soar to more than 150 feet. Also included in the tour will be visits to the **Cadet Field House** and **Falcon Athletic Center & Stadium**. Next, we're off to visit the **Garden of the Gods Park**. Here we'll have a step-on guide lead us on a tour of the park, exploring the scenic splendor of 300-foot towering sandstone rock formations



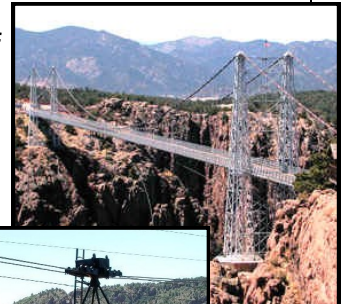
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against a backdrop of snow-capped Pikes Peak and brilliant blue skies. We'll enjoy **lunch** at the park café where you'll be delighted with the view as you dine. After checking into our hotel this evening, we'll travel to **Seven Falls**. Seven Falls is a series of seven cascading waterfalls, totaling 181 feet. Our tour bus will take us into the natural box canyon where steep cliffs surround us. We'll have the opportunity to take an elevator to Eagle's Nest Observation Platform for a fantastic view of the falls. At night colored lights illuminate the different falls, making for a spectacular site. Magical!



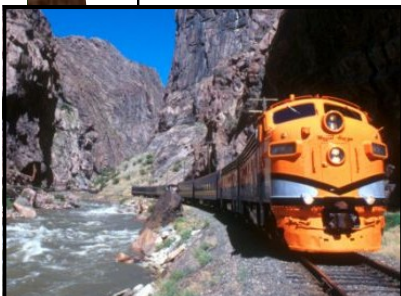
July 20 after **breakfast** we're in for another fun-filled adventurous day! We will take a short ride to Manitou Springs where we will board the **Pikes Peak Cog Railway** for an incredible rail journey to the top of **Pikes Peak**. Along this beautiful trek, the mountainous surroundings provide ever-changing beauty and you're apt to see a variety of wildlife as well. At the top we will have the opportunity to disembark and take in the glorious mountain views before beginning our descent. This Cog Railway Adventure is always a highlight for many travelers to this area. Our fun continues this afternoon as we visit the **U.S. Olympic Training Center** in Colorado Springs. Our **guided**

tour provides the opportunity to view some of the different athletic training facilities throughout the campus: the Sports Center Gymnasiums, weightlifting and wrestling facilities, the USA Shooting Center, the Aquatics Center and much more. Inside the **Visitors Center**, visit the **U.S. Olympic Hall of Fame Rotunda**. We will be visiting this facility just prior to the 2012 Summer Olympics, so it should be an especially memorable visit. Time to head 'em up and move 'em out. We're headed for the Flying W Ranch for an evening full of food and entertainment. The **Flying W Ranch** is a working mountain cattle ranch. We will experience picturesque natural surroundings, an authentic western village and a might tasty **Chuckwagon Supper**. The Flying W Wranglers then top off the evening with their **Western Stage Show**. Supper and show are outdoors underneath the Colorado skies, weather permitting (or in an indoor venue if not).



July 21 after **breakfast** our adventure continues. Today we will be visiting **Royal Gorge Bridge & Park**. If heights don't bother you, walking across the **Royal Gorge Suspension Bridge** is an adventure you're sure to thoroughly enjoy. Your **Park pass** will give you the opportunity to ride the incline **railway**, which is one of the steepest structures ever built. Here, timeless granite walls loom all around as you descend over 1500 feet to the canyon floor. As you gaze up the bridge appears as a delicate ribbon. Your Park pass also will allow you to ride the

aerial tram, gliding above the canyon floor in one of the world's longest aerial trams. Never fear, if heights aren't your thing there are plenty more activities inside the Park. You can visit the **Wapiti Western Wildlife Park** that features a unique combination of native Colorado wildlife in their natural habitat, including bison, elk and bighorn sheep. You will also have ample opportunity to visit the **Mountain Man Encampment** where you'll see Colorado's past come alive with entertainment. Tonight we end our Colorado stay in style - **dining aboard the Royal Gorge Dinner Train**.



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We'll climb aboard one of Colorado's most scenic trains for a journey through the basin of Royal Gorge, following the winding, tumbling Arkansas River deep within the soaring 1,000-foot granite cliffs of Colorado's grandest canyon. While on this 24-mile roundtrip journey we'll experience a delicious 3-course meal, all while riding the rails.

July 22 they say all good things must come to an end and today after **breakfast** we start our journey home. After saying a fond farewell to Colorado we'll travel across **Kansas** and stop this afternoon in **Abilene** to visit the **Eisenhower Presidential Library & Museum** and **Eisenhower Boyhood Home**. To conclude the tour we'll visit the **Place of Meditation Chapel**, which is Eisenhower's final resting place. We continue to Kansas City, MO, our overnight stay.

July 23 after **breakfast** we continue our journey towards home, bidding farewell to old friends & new friends and departing with memories that will last a lifetime.

This 8-day Colorado.....Full of Fun & Adventure package includes: Luxury motor coach transportation, lodging for 7 nights, luggage handling, tickets/admissions to bolded attractions, gratuity for step-on guide, 7 breakfasts, 1 lunch and 3 dinners (meals inclusive of tax & gratuity).

\$1,499 per person, double occupancy

\$1,477 per person with 3 or 4 persons sharing a room with 2 beds

\$1,880 single room accommodations



Deposit: \$149 per person due with reservation. If deposits are not received within 10 business days, reservations may be cancelled without notice.

Balance due: by June 16, 2012

Cancel By: June 16 for penalty-free cancellation

Delayed reservation fee: after June 16, a reservation for this trip requires an additional \$50 per person.

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Scheduled departure cities: Ames, Cedar Rapids, Clear Lake, Coralville, Decorah, Des Moines, Fort Dodge, Newton & Waterloo

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