**COLORADO PEAKS AND PINES** 



# Day 1: Journey Begins to North Platte, NE

Your adventure begins as you travel west toward the towering silhouettes of the Colorado Rockies. Watch as fields give way to rolling plains and, eventually, to the first hints of the mountains that will define this journey. It's a perfect day to settle in, unwind, and begin forming the friendships that so often become one of the greatest treasures of travel.

# Day 2: North Platte, NE to Westminster, CO

This afternoon, you'll arrive at the *Estes Park Visitor Center* before ascending the *Estes Park Aerial Tramway*. as the tram rises above the treetops, the world opens up—emerald valleys, rugged peaks, and the shimmering outline of Estes Park below. At 8,708 feet atop *Prospect Mountain*, take in awe-inspiring 360-degree views of *Rocky Mountain National Park* and the legendary Continental Divide. The crisp alpine air and sweeping scenery create a moment you'll long remember.

### Day 3: Westminster, CO to Colorado Springs, CO

Experience the raw beauty of Colorado on an open-air **Foothills & Garden of the Gods Jeep Tour**. Travel dusty backroads and hidden pathways, venturing to scenic overlooks few visitors ever find. Hear stories of ancient geology, local wildlife, and frontier history as you visit Helen Hunt Falls and other natural landmarks. Later, explore the iconic **Garden of the Gods Trading Post**—bursting with regional artwork, handcrafted Native American jewelry, specialty foods, and unique Colorado finds.

#### Day 4: Colorado Springs, CO to Canon City, CO

Today's adventure takes you deep into the dramatic landscapes of the **Royal Gorge**. Your **Royal Gorge Jeep Tour** winds through rugged terrain before delivering you to the world-famous **Royal Gorge Bridge**—a thousand feet of nothing beneath your feet and the **Arkansas River** carving through the stone below. Then, glide across the canyon in an aerial gondola, soaring 2,200 feet above one of the most striking geological wonders in the West. The views are sweeping, silent, and nothing short of breathtaking.

# Day 5: Canon City, CO to Alamosa, CO

Begin with a guided exploration of historic *Cañon City*, including a private tour of the stately *Gibbon Mansion*—rich with craftsmanship, elegant woodwork, and the grandeur of Colorado's early boom years. Next, board the *Royal Gorge Route Railroad*. This spectacular rail journey hugs the rushing Arkansas River on one side while sheer granite walls tower nearly 1,000 feet overhead on the other. Relax in your seat, savor the scenery, as the canyon reveals its beauty curve by curve.

### Day 6: Alamosa, CO to Colorado Springs, CO

Start your morning at the *Great Sand Dunes Visitor Center*, where the story of North America's tallest dunes comes to life through exhibits and film. From shifting sands to snow-capped peaks, it's a place where nature feels vast and untamed. In Colorado Springs, step into the world of athletic excellence at the *U.S. Olympic & Paralympic Museum*. Cutting-edge displays, interactive exhibits, and inspiring athlete stories showcase the determination, innovation, and heart behind America's greatest competitors.

#### Day 7: Colorao Springs, CO

Arrive in charming Manitou Springs and explore the *Manitou Cliff Dwellings*—preserved under a natural sandstone overhang. Wander through ancient rooms built more than 800 years ago, gaining a window into Puebloan life and culture. This afternoon, ride the *Monarch Crest Tramway* to over 12,000 feet in elevation, where sweeping views of the Sawatch Range and Continental Divide stretch to the horizon. Tonight, head to the beloved *Flying W Ranch and Chuckwagon Dinner*, where Western charm, hearty chuckwagon dining, and lively musical entertainment create an evening of pure Colorado hospitality.

#### Day 8: Colorado Springs, CO to Westminster, CO

All aboard the **Broadmoor Manitou & Pikes Peak Cog Railway** for a ride to the summit of one of America's most iconic mountains. The ascent—through forests, alpine meadows, and rocky switchbacks—culminates at 14,115 feet, where the world feels impossibly wide. Later, delve into the stories of courage and innovation at the **National Museum of World War II Aviation**. Restored aircraft, rare artifacts, and engaging displays make this a powerful tribute to the people who shaped aviation history.

#### Day 9: Westminster, CO

Step back into the 1880s aboard the *Georgetown Loop Railroad*, a scenic narrow-gauge journey weaving through high-country forests, dramatic trestles, and historic mining towns. It's a nostalgic ride through Colorado's early boom-era land-scape. This afternoon, visit the *Buffalo Bill Museum & Grave* atop Lookout Mountain. Explore artifacts from Buffalo Bill's Wild West Show, learn about his extraordinary life, and take in stunning views of the plains and Rockies—exactly where he wished to be laid to rest.

# Day 10: Westminster, CO to Grand Island, NE

As you begin your homeward journey, enjoy time at the **Buffalo Bill Ranch State Historical Park**. Wander through his preserved home, explore the barns and outbuildings, and view authentic memorabilia that paints a vivid portrait of the legendary frontiersman's daily life and larger-than-life legacy.

#### Day 11: Grand Island, NE to Home

Before reaching home, take a guided tour of the *National Music Museum* in Vermillion. With over 1,000 instruments—from rare violins to cultural treasures—it's a dazzling finale to your journey. Return home this evening with memories filled with mountains, history, adventure, and the spirit of the American West.



Activity Level: Very Active Traveler		
10 Breakfasts 1 Dinner		
Occupancy	Price Per Person	Credit Card Price
Double Triple Quad Single	\$3,794 \$3,426 \$3,241 \$4,886	\$3,946 \$3,563 \$3,371 \$5,082



# **High-Altitude Advisory**

Travelers with heart or lung conditions, severe anemia, or pregnancy, should consult a doctor before visiting high elevations like 14,115 feet (Pikes Peak). Anyone with a history of altitude sickness is at higher risk. Due to thinner air and lower oxygen levels, guests may experience headaches, dizziness, or nausea. More serious altitudeillness can occur if symptoms are ignored. To reduce risk, acclimate at lower elevations, stay hydrated, avoid strenuous activity, and descend immediately if symptoms worsen.