

# COPPER CANYON MAZATLAN...*The Trip of a Lifetime*

**10 DAYS (16 Meals) \$1,499 PER PERSON\***

*A trip for the adventurous!*

*One of the very few passenger trains left in all of Mexico. Goes all the way through the Canyon from West to East. Plus spend two nights in a romantic ocean view room at our beach front hotel in Mazatlan. Ride the "World's Most Scenic Railroad". Catch rare glimpses into the lifestyles of the Tarahumara Indians! Spend an unforgettable night right on the Canyon rim - a canyon four times larger and 1,462 feet deeper than our own Grand Canyon. You will love this tour! Not necessarily strenuous but there are extreme changes in altitude. You should be in good health, ready for adventure and able to "go with the flow".*



**DAY 1** - Cross into Mexico traveling from the low lands of the Rio Grande Valley to Torreon for your first night in Mexico. **Overnight** at the **Hampton Inn** in **Torreon**.

**DAY 2** - After your **included breakfast**, continue to **Durango**, a real John Wayne type of town where many western movies have been filmed. Afternoon tour of some of the Mexican movie sets and the downtown area. Visit the 300 year old cathedral built in 1695. **Overnight** at the **Hotel Plaza Vizcaya** in **Durango**. **B**

**DAY 3** - Today we're off to the Pacific Coast Town of **Mazatlan**. Cross the Continental Divide enjoying picturesque but rugged scenery. Arrive in Mazatlan, the most important commercial fishing port on the Pacific. Spend two nights in our **beach front hotel**. **Overnight** at the **Luna Palace** in **Mazatlan**. **B, PL**

**DAY 4** - **City tour** of **Mazatlan** including the American and Canadian **retirement area**, **sightseeing** and **shopping** along the oceanfront with picture stops along the way. Free time to shop in the local downtown market or relax on the beach as you enjoy an afternoon and evening at leisure. **Overnight** at the **Luna Palace** in **Mazatlan**. **AB, L**

**DAY 5** - Sleep a little later or take a stroll on the beach before our departure. A new super highway paralleling the coast speeds you through the **state of Sinaloa** and a rich **agricultural belt**. Arrive into **Los Mochis** where wide streets and swaying palm trees remind one of South Texas. Please pack the items you anticipate using in the canyon in a carry on bag. Be sure to pack snacks for tomorrow's train sometimes arrives a little late to our destination. There is a dining car on the train, but sometimes it is just better to be prepared. **Overnight** at the

**Hotel Santa Anita** in **Los Mochis** or in **El Fuerte**.

**AB, L**

**DAY 6** - Early this morning, board the train for an exciting ride through **86 tunnels** and over **39 principal bridges**. An **extraordinary variety of scenery** assaults the eyes - cactus covered plateaus, mountains thick with coniferous forests grow among the copper colored rocks of the Canyon. **Dress in layers** as you will rise from sea level to about 8,000 feet in elevation at **Divisadero**, our lodging for tonight. After a light lunch, we suggest that you rest awhile before exploring the area. **Your hotel sits right on the rim of the Canyon** affording you a most awesome view. Watch the changing colors of the sunset from the dining room windows as they reflect radiant hues on the canyon walls. **You may want to bring binoculars!** **Overnight** at the **Hotel Divisadero Barrancas** in **Divisadero**. **CB, D**

**DAY 7** - The Copper Canyon system is home to one of the largest Indian groups left in Mexico, the **Tarahumara**. These isolated nomadic people are known as the world's fastest runners and are said to be able to outrun a deer. Explore the area visiting **Balancing Rock** and a **Pioneer Home**. The train, affectionately call "El Chepe" comes by again around 2:00pm to take us to Creel, the eastern gateway to the canyon. Between Divisadero and Creel, the train makes a 360 degree turn around itself - Don't miss this engineering feat called **El Lazo**, **seen only from the train** Soon we arrive in **Creel**, a lumbering town so typical of the wild, wild west that you might expect John Wayne to come around the corner at any time. Soon we arrive in **Creel**, a lumbering town so typical of the wild, wild west that you might expect John Wayne to come around the corner at any time. **Overnight** at the **Best Western Lodge** at **Creel**. **B, L, D**

**DAY 8** - Visit the local museum and the Mission Store, proceeds from which assist the local hospital. Mid morning departure for Chihuahua driving through the Mennonite country. Stop at a local store selling all types of farming hardware including Chihuahua cheese before we stop for your included lunch. **Overnight** at the **Quality Inn San Francisco** in **Chihuahua**. **B, L**

**DAY 9** - **Chihuahua**, meaning dry place, was built on the river flowing down the hills of the Sierra Madre Occidental. The city has figured prominently in the history of silver mining, cattle ranching and in the colonial and revolutionary involvement of Mexico. Visit the **Cathedral** and the home of that hero (bandit?) Pancho Villa. This afternoon transfer to the airport for your flight to Monterrey for your last night in Mexico.. **Overnight** at the **Gran Ancira** in **Monterrey**. **B**

**DAY 10** - **Monterrey, the Sultan of the North, is the third largest city in Mexico**. Enjoy your included breakfast before our panoramic tour of this industrial city. Depart mid morning for the Rio Grande Valley with a deeper appreciation for the engineering skills of the 1960's and the men who forged a railroad through the sky. **B**

## PRICE PER PERSON

Single - \$1,759  
Double - \$1,499  
Triple - \$1,469

## DEPARTURE DATE

February 20, 2017

**\*PLUS the Mexican visa fee**

**PASSPORT OR PASSPORT CARD REQUIRED**

Departs from **Brownsville** at 6:00a.m.; from **Harlingen** at 6:30a.m.; from **Weslaco** at 7:00a.m.; from **Mission** at 7:30a.m.; or from your park with a specified number.

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