

COPPER CANYON SPECIAL

...a Train Ride  Through the Sky

7 DAYS (11 Meals)

\$719 PER PERSON*

The Copper Canyon is four times larger than our own Grand Canyon. Ride the "World's Most Scenic Railroad." Enjoy spectacular views...See an extraordinary engineering feat - The Lazo - when the train makes a 360 degree turn around itself.



DAY 1 - Cross into Mexico and travel west over a divided highway to **Monterrey** and on to **Saltillo**, the mile high city. Continue to **Torreón**, a center for cotton farming. **Overnight at the Hampton Inn in Torreón.**

DAY 2 - After breakfast, sit back and listen to tales of **Pancho Villa** and his men, **Los Dorados (the Golden Ones)** as we head for **Chihuahua**. See the cathedral directly behind our hotel. Tonight, relax as you dream of all the exciting times ahead. **Overnight at the Quality Inn in Chihuahua.** **B**

DAY 3 - Hope you had a good nights sleep, for it is up and at 'em bright and early. Our train, affectionately called "El Chepe" by the locals, departs Chihuahua at 6:00am. Estimated arrival to **Creel, The Gateway to the Copper Canyon** is scheduled for 11:20am. Enjoy an **included lunch** at the Lodge. Then begin our exploration of this beautiful area including the **Valley of The Mushrooms** where giant rocks are shaped like huge mushrooms. Limited time before dinner to **explore Creel**, a John Wayne type of town. **Overnight at the Best Western Lodge in Creel.** **CB, L, D**

DAY 4 - Enjoy breakfast before our charter bus whisks us away to the **Continental Divide**, naturally called **Divisadero** on the maps. Our hike through the pine forests along the Canyon Rim affords tremendous views of the canyon. Watch for the **local Indian dancers** performing typical dances accompanied by a musician playing on a home made violin. Indian women and even little children are patiently weaving **beautiful baskets** from yucca leaves. There will be free time for a **ride (optional, not included in cost)** on the **Teleferico** - opened in late 2010- a short ride that takes you from rim to rim with **magnificent views of the canyon**. Enjoy a light lunch before we board the Chepe to take us back to Creel. Watch for **El**

Lazo where the train makes a 360 degree turn around itself as it wends its way through the mountains. **Overnight at the Best Western Lodge in Creel.** **B, L, D**

DAY 5 - After breakfast, depart for the **Mennonite area** visiting a local hardware store that sells that wonderful Mennonite cheese. Continue to Chihuahua where we visit the home of **Pancho Villa**, now a museum. The ambiguous **Pancho Villa** is sometimes called a **hero**, sometimes a **Robin Hood** and sometimes a **bandit**, depending on who is talking about him. See the car in which he was riding when he was ambushed and killed. Time permitting, we will see the **State Capital Building** and the cell where **Father Hidalgo, the Father of Mexico's Independence** was held prisoner before being shot and beheaded. **Overnight at the San Francisco Quality Inn in Chihuahua.** **B**

DAY 6 - Today we turn toward home as we depart for **Parrás**, an oasis in the desert and famous for their candies - they are to die for. Tonight we celebrate at our Farewell Dinner as we recall our amazing tour to the Copper Canyon. **Overnight at the Rincon del Montero in Parrás.** **B, D**

DAY 7 - Visit the oldest winery in the Americas before we depart for the **Rio Grande Valley** passing through **Saltillo**, also known as the adobe city. In the older sections of the city, hand made adobe bricks peak through the stucco. Visit the sarape factory and the Cathedral of Santiago. Last chance to buy pan de pulque before we continue to the border. **B**

PRICES PER PERSON*

Single - \$1,019
Double - \$ 719
Triple - \$ 699



DEPARTURE DATE

Feb. 15, 2018
Mar. 3, 2018
Nov. 11, 2018

Currently there is **No Charge** for the Mexican Visa on land tours of 7 days or less.

PASSPORT 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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