

# Spring Lake Park Recreation Department

# Colorado's Train Adventure

## July 12-20, 2018

\$1,879/person double occ., \$2,499/person single, \$1,839/person triple occ.



### DAY 1 - July 12, 2018

Our first day of traveling takes us to Topeka, KS where we spend the evening at the **Ramada Convention Center Downtown**. There will be breaks throughout the day to stretch and we will stop for an **included coffee** at the Iowa Welcome Center. Tonight your dinner will be on your own our hotel features three restaurants onsite to satisfy your cravings any time. (Coffee)

### DAY 2 - July 13, 2018

Back on the road again we continue our journey west across Kansas to Colorado Springs and our accommodations for the next two nights at the **Hyatt Place Garden of the Gods Hotel**. You will have an **included dinner** this evening. (B, D)

### DAY 3, July 14, 2018

We are up early today to journey to Canon City for our first train ride on the **Royal Gorge Railroad**. The train takes us along the Arkansas River deep within the granite cliffs of the Royal Gorge, one of the most spellbinding train rides in North America. Then we're off to visit **Royal Gorge Bridge and Park**. Take a stroll out on this suspension bridge which crosses the Royal Gorge and is 955 feet above the Arkansas River. The bridge 1,260 feet long and 18 feet wide with 1292 wood planks making up the walkway. It is the highest bridge in the U.S. While at Royal Gorge you'll enjoy an **included lunch**. Afterwards, we make our way back to the **Garden of Gods where a step on guide** will show us the beautiful sandstone formations up to 300 feet high silhouetted against the backdrop of Pikes Peak. (B, L)

### DAY 4 - July 15, 2018

Today we head up Pike's Peak via the **Pikes Peak Cog Railway**, the highest cog railroad in the world. Via Train, the trip takes about three hours, offering majestic views and possibly even a glimpse of the elusive Colorado bighorn sheep. After an **included lunch**, we head to **Durango**, where you unpack for two nights at the **Best Western Rio Grande** located only two blocks from Historic Main Avenue where you'll find lots of shops and restaurants. (B, L)

## TOUR HIGHLIGHTS

- Royal Gorge Railroad
- Royal Gorge Suspension Bridge and Park
- Garden of the Gods
- Pikes Peak Cog Railway
- Silverton and Durango Narrow Gauge Railroad
- Mesa Verde National Park
- Black Canyon of the Gunnison National Park
- Georgetown Loop Railroad
- All hotel accommodations
- Luggage handling for one bag (when available)
- 13 included meals: 8 breakfasts, 2 lunches and 3 dinners, 1 coffee break
- Deluxe Riley coach and professional driver
- Professional SLP Tour Manager

**\$100/person deposit is required along with completed form to be considered registered.**

**Final payment due May 9, 2018**

**Fees include all hotel accommodations, deluxe motorcoach transportation, activities and meals as indicated, luggage handling for one bag and SLP Escort.**

### CANCELLATION POLICY

*Full refund provided by Spring Park Recreation up to 5-9-18 after that date you must file a claim with Travel Insured International.*

*SLP Recreation has purchased the Group Protection plan from Travel Insured International on behalf of all participants.*

### **DAY 5 - July 16, 2018**

This morning we'll visit **Mesa Verde National Park**. It is the largest archaeological preserve in the United States. The park was created in 1906 by President Theodore Roosevelt to protect some of the best-preserved cliff dwellings in the world. Mesa Verde is best known for cliff dwellings, which are structures built within caves and under outcroppings in cliffs. You'll have time to visit the museum, see the video that is presented every 1/2 hour and walk to one of the structures where park rangers are on site to answer your questions. There is also a book store, art gallery and snack shop located near the museum. From the park we head over back to Durango for lunch on your own and free time to shop and explore **Durango** on your own. (B)



### **DAY 6 - July 17, 2018**

This morning we board the **Durango & Silverton Narrow Gauge Railroad**. This historic train has been in continuous operation between Durango and Silverton since 1882, carrying passengers behind vintage steam locomotives. We travel one way to Silverton. After lunch on your own, we drive the **Million Dollar Highway** to **Ouray, Co.** Here we will enjoy some time in the town surrounded by 14,000 foot mountain peaks. This



afternoon we continue on to **Black Canyon of the Gunnison**, one of America's newest national parks. Our night is in **Montrose** where we enjoy an included **BBQ meal** at our hotel. (B, D)

### **DAY 7 - July 18, 2018**

Today our journeys take us through Colorado to our fourth train ride on the **Georgetown Loop Railroad**. This is a 3 foot narrow gauge railroad and is nestled high in the Rocky Mountain. This a loop that connects Georgetown and Silverplume. The ride is about an hour and 15 minutes. Tonight our lodging will be at the Double Tree by Hilton in Denver. (B)

### **DAY 8 - July 19, 2018**

Today we head out of Mountain Time so we lose an hour as we head to Kearney, NE for our lodging this evening. Before heading to our hotel we will make a stop at **The Archway**. Spanning 310 feet over Interstate 80 near Kearney, Nebraska, The Archway presents 170 years of America's westward movement through detailed displays

and harrowing stories you'll hear as you walk over one of America's busiest interstate highways. Tonight we will have our **included Farewell pizza dinner** and share many stories of our adventures. (B, D)

### **DAY 9 - July 20, 2018**

We head home today thru Nebraska and Minnesota. We'll occupy ourselves with games, DVD's, and music. You'll have plenty of time to chat with your travel companions and new found friends. (B)

**ITINERARY NOTE: Every effort is made to retain the exact itinerary as advertised. Unfortunately, due to circumstances beyond our control, we occasionally have to make changes to the itinerary. Any cancelled activity or hotel will be replaced with an activity or hotel of equal or greater value.**

***Spring Lake Park Extended Tours are planned and escorted solely by Spring Lake Park Recreation Department staff.***

### **TOUR INCLUDES:**

**All hotel accommodations, All park fees, tour activities and admissions as described in the itinerary, Deluxe Riley Motorcoach, Luggage handling for one bag, Professional SLP Tour Manager, meals as indicated in itinerary.**

**Please note: This is a moderate activity tour in higher elevations. Although participants are not required to participate in all activities, in order to get the most benefit from the tour it is encouraged.**

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**FOR MORE INFORMATION CONTACT THE  
SPRING LAKE PARK RECREATION DEPARTMENT  
AT 763-792-7201.**

**\$100.00 deposit due upon registration.  
Final Payment due May 9, 2018**

**Double Occupancy: \$1,879/person  
Single Occupancy: \$2,499/person  
Triple Occupancy: \$1,839/person**

B=Breakfast, L=Lunch, D=Dinner

**EXTENDED TOUR RESERVATION FORM**

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**A deposit of \$100 per person is due upon reservation. Final payment due by May 9, 2018**

Clearly print your full name (first/middle/last) as it appears on your government issued ID.

FIRST \_\_\_\_\_ MIDDLE \_\_\_\_\_ LAST \_\_\_\_\_

NICKNAME \_\_\_\_\_ EMAIL \_\_\_\_\_

ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_

CITY \_\_\_\_\_ STATE \_\_\_\_\_ ZIP \_\_\_\_\_

PHONE \_\_\_\_\_ CELL PHONE \_\_\_\_\_

ROOMING WITH :

First: \_\_\_\_\_ Middle: \_\_\_\_\_ Last: \_\_\_\_\_

Check if address is the same as above

Should you become ill or injured, whom should we contact (not traveling with you): \_\_\_\_\_

Emergency Contact Phone ( ) \_\_\_\_\_

SPECIAL NEEDS: \_\_\_\_\_

TYPE OF ROOM:      Double Occupancy:      \$1,879/person  
                                 Single Occupancy:      \$2,499  
                                 Triple Occupancy:      \$1,839/person

PAYMENT AMOUNT ENCLOSED: \_\_\_\_\_

Please make checks payable to: **Spring Lake Park Recreation Department**

Return form and check to:      **Spring Lake Park Recreation**  
   **1301 81st Avenue NE**  
   **Spring Lake Park, MN 55432**

*Credit Cards accepted with additional 3% charge.*

Cardholder Name (if paying by Credit Card): \_\_\_\_\_

Cardholder Billing Address:      Check if address is the same as above \_\_\_\_\_

Amount: \$ \_\_\_\_\_ Credit Card Number: \_\_\_\_\_ Expiration Date: \_\_\_\_\_ CSC \_\_\_\_\_

Signature—if paying with credit card \_\_\_\_\_

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