

# Trains, Trams & Trolleys – Adventures of the Great Southwest

Planned & Hosted by Deb Harkness

September 13-22, 2026 (10 days)



Departure Cities: Ft. Dodge, Waterloo, Ames, Ankeny, & Williams

Come join us as we take on an adventure like no other, of the Colorful Southwest! Where fresh air & fond memories are served daily!

~ Durango to Silverton Train ~ Cumbres / Toltec Train ~ Royal Gorge Train

~ Great Sand Dunes National Park Jeep Tour ~ Visit to Albuquerque, New Mexico

~ Sandia Peak Aerial Tramway ~ Trolley Tour of Albuquerque ~ Visit to Santa Fe, New Mexico

**DUE TO THE FACT THAT WE WILL BE AT HIGHER ELEVATIONS FOR A NUMBER OF DAYS, IF YOU HAVE ANY RESPIRATORY OR MOBILITY ISSUES, PLEASE NOTE THAT THIS TRIP MAY BE STRENUOUS AT TIMES.**

## Day 1, Sun. Sept. 13 ..... (D)

Today we start our journey west, as we travel to **Kearney, Nebraska**, for our overnight lodging. We'll enjoy an Italian Buffet at one of the local's favorite places to dine.

## Day 2, Mon. Sept. 14 (B, D)

This morning we'll travel to **North Platte, Neb.**, home of the **Bailey Train Yards & Golden Spike Tower**. Bailey Train Yards is the world's largest train classification yard. You'll get a first-hand view of how they sort, service, & repair locomotives. You'll then take an elevator climb to the 8 story Golden Spike Tower to get a bird's eye view of the massive 2850 acres the yard covers ..... We then continue our journey westward to **Colorado Springs, Colorado**. Tonight you'll have time to get to know your fellow travel mates as you enjoy a hotel 'Happy Hour'.

## Day 3, Tues. Sept. 15 (B)

Today we travel to **Alamosa, Colorado**, home of the **Great Sand Dunes National Park**. It's time for our adventures to begin! To start with, we'll go for a thrilling **jeep tour** of the **Great Sand Dunes National Park**. Come join us as we take our guided jeep into the **back country of Colorado**. Taking in the stunning views of the massive sand dunes rising against a backdrop of snow-capped mountains. Picturesque, to say the least! ..... After a fun afternoon of off-roading, we'll spend the night in Alamosa, Colorado, to get a good nights rest for all of the excitement that lies ahead.

## Day 4, Wed. Sept. 16 (B, D)

This morning we say good-bye to Alamosa, as we travel to **Antonito, Colorado**, home of the **Cumbres / Toltec Scenic Train**. Step aboard this National Historic Landmark for a trip you will never forget! Discover breathtaking Rocky Mountain views and savor the historic charm aboard the **Cumbres & Toltec Scenic Railroad**. Ride into the majestic West and feel the history come alive, as we steam through mountainsides, high deserts, lush meadows & through tunnels, just as they did 145 years ago. .... We then travel to **Santa Fe, New Mexico**, with lodging tonight at the Drury Plaza Hotel, which is located right in the heart of 'old town' Santa Fe. Tonight, you can enjoy a complimentary 'Happy Hour' as you relax in this beautiful historic hotel.

## Day 5, Thurs. Sept. 17 (B, D)

**Santa Fe**, founded in 1610, is not only the oldest state capitol in the U.S., it is the oldest city in New Mexico. It offers a rich history of blending Native American culture. The city is marked by its adobe architecture. This morning you'll have a little free time to roam the **Santa Fe Plaza**, or maybe visit St. Francis Cathedral & other historic landmarks, which are all just steps away from our hotel.....This afternoon we travel to **Albuquerque**, where, upon arrival, we'll have a **trolley tour** of this great historic city. This fully-narrated journey thru Albuquerque tells of its past & present. Hop on board as we explore the sights, sounds & stories that have made this city what it is today. ..... We'll overnight in Albuquerque, where you'll enjoy another hotel complimentary evening meal & 'Happy Hour'.

! When situations arise beyond our control due to covid or any other unforeseen circumstances, Northland Travel and our staff reserve the right to make itinerary changes.

**\$3999 per person  
double occupancy**

**\$4999 per person  
single occupancy**

**\$3749 per person  
triple or quad  
occupancy**

ACTIVITY LEVEL:  
Active, with a  
moderate pace

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**Day 6, Fri. Sept. 18 (B)**

This morning, yet another adventure awaits us in **Albuquerque**! Come with us, as we soar to the top of the highest point of the **Sandia Mountains** on the **Sandia Peak Aerial Tram**, the world's third-longest single-span aerial tram. Offering panoramic views, this tram takes us to the **Sandia Crest** at over 10,000 feet. A sight to behold! ..... We bid farewell to **Albuquerque** as we travel onto **Durango, Colorado** for overnight lodging.

**Day 7, Sat. Sept. 19 (B)**

Today will be another exciting day as we board the **Durango - Silverton Train**, for a truly unforgettable step back in time, as you enjoy a leisure trip back to yesteryear. On our 45-mile train trip from Durango to Silverton, you'll embark on an incredible journey through the San Juan Mountains, you'll experience the iconic Horseshoe Bend, High Bridge, and all of the Animas River Gorge, including all of the spectacular views from the High Line. After arriving in Silverton, we'll disembark off the train & you'll have time to explore this unique little town that began as a gold & silver mining boomtown back in the 1870's....We'll then be met by our motorcoach that will transport us back to Durango, allowing you to have the opportunity to see this beautiful area from a little different perspective than what we seen it from the train. We'll then travel onto **South Fork, Colorado**, for our overnight lodging.

**Day 8, Sun. Sept. 20 (B, L, D)**

All Aboard!!! One more time!!! Yet another train ride!!! This time we'll travel to **Canon City, Colorado** where we'll board the **Royal Gorge Train**. This epic train follows the Arkansas River as it cuts through a high plateau of igneous rocks, forming a spectacular steep walled gorge over a thousand feet deep. Beauty beyond belief! We'll enjoy a nice lunch on board as well. After arriving back in Canon City, we will once again be met by our motorcoach, where we then travel back to **Colorado Springs** for another nights lodging. Here we'll enjoy one last 'Happy Hour' with our friends & travel mates.

**Day 9, Mon. Sept. 21 (B, D)**

Today we begin our trek back towards home, as we travel through Kansas, to our overnight in **Kearney, Nebraska**.

**Day 10, Tues. Sept. 22 (B)**

As we end this memorable journey that we have all just experienced, it has been one we'll never forget. All of the fun adventures, were all unique in their own special way. All while exploring this beautiful land we are proud to call home.

**Your Travel Experience Includes:**  
~Deluxe motorcoach transportation  
~Lodging for 9 nights  
~Tickets, admissions to all listed attractions  
~16 meals

**\*\*Book by March 15, 2026  
for \$75 early  
booking discount!**

**\$600 deposit per person  
due at time of  
reservation**

**Final payment due by  
July 8, 2026**

**Same date for penalty-free  
cancellation**

**Cancellation Terms Without Travel Insurance:**

From receipt of deposit to July 8, 2026 = no penalty  
From July 9-July 30 = 25% penalty  
From July 31-August 13 = 50% penalty  
From August 14-August 31 = 75% penalty  
From September 1-September 13 = 100% penalty

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