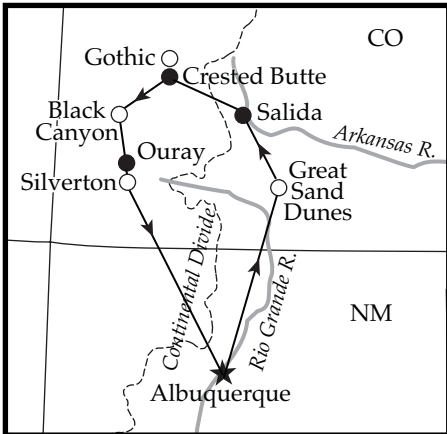


COLORADO MOUNTAINS

with Crested Butte Wildflowers

July 8 - 13, 2012
6 Days



PER PERSON
PRICE:

\$975.00

Double
Occupancy

\$1,325.00
Single
Occupancy

DAY 1 HOME / SALIDA

D

We drive a scenic route into Colorado via Ojo Caliente and Tres Piedras. We stop to see the Great Sand Dunes National Park, 30 square miles of sand up to 750 feet high. At the top of the San Luis Valley we cross Poncha Pass and continue to Salida on the Arkansas River where we lodge one night.

DAY 2 SALIDA / CRESTED BUTTE

CB

Our local guide introduces us to the history and charm of Salida's downtown area, the largest historical downtown district in Colorado with blocks of Victorian buildings. At the Salida Museum, we see exhibits of the pioneering, railroading, and mining history of this area. We drive over 11,312-foot-high Monarch Pass to the resort town of Crested Butte where we begin our celebration of the Wildflower Festival with a guided Crested Butte Gardens walk. We lodge three nights at the Grand Lodge in Mt. Crested Butte at an elevation of 9,378 feet.

DAY 3 BRUSH CREEK

B

With a local guide we hike along Brush Creek, a beautiful undisturbed area with lovely wildflowers near Crested Butte. This afternoon is free time to enjoy the ambiance of downtown Crested Butte where restored Victorian buildings now house shops and restaurants. Bench sitting on Elk Avenue is a favorite activity. A zip line option is available for the more intrepid to release their inner Indiana Jones.

DAY 4 GOTHIC / CHAIR LIFT RIDE

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We drive to Gothic (elevation 9,485) which was a mining boom town in the 1880s. Now it is home to the Rocky Mountain Biological Laboratory (RMBL), one of the world's premier field stations studying high-altitude ecosystems. Researchers from the RMBL show us their work in this beautiful setting. Back near our hotel we ride the chair lift up the ski mountain for spectacular views. We have some free time for last minute shopping or hiking.



This was Sun Tours' Mystery Tour in 2010

Here are some comments:

"Wonderful tour! 3 nights in one place was great! Flexible schedule with great choices and even had time to rest. All the guides were knowledgeable and full of spirit and excitement about their fields. A perfect summer tour."

"The mountain scenery is so gorgeous you'd almost believe you were in Austria or Switzerland. I would go again and take a friend."

"This was a fantastic tour—peak time for wildflowers and the mountains were gorgeous!! We really got to stretch our legs on several beautiful walks with guides who were both knowledgeable and fun."

"It is obvious that Sun Tours makes every effort to provide a memorable experience. There was a little more walking than we're accustomed to but having the option to "opt out" of activities assured our stamina wasn't overly taxed."

DAY 5 BLACK CANYON / OURAY

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At the Black Canyon of the Gunnison River, one of the narrowest clefts in the earth's surface, we peer into the depth (2,700 ft.) of dark Precambrian rock. We continue to Ouray where we ride a mine train 3,350 feet horizontally into the Bachelor/Syracuse Mine and learn about mining from a real miner. We also visit Ouray's Box Canyon waterfalls and the Ouray County Museum. We lodge one night in Ouray.

DAY 6 SILVERTON / HOME

CB

We leave Ouray and travel the Million Dollar Highway to Silverton where a local guide leads us on a walking tour. We leave the cool mountains behind and return home.

BE ADVISED: We lodge three nights at an elevation of 9,378 feet. We will be taking guided walks with small elevations gains.

TOUR PRICE INCLUDES:

- Transportation by Deluxe Motorcoach
- 5 Nights' Lodging at Excellent Hotels
- 3 Breakfasts, 2 Cont'l Breakfasts, 2 Lunches, 1 Dinner
- Admission to All Listed Attractions
- Baggage Handling at Hotels (for one piece)
- Your Professional SUN TOURS Tour Director
- All Taxes and Tips for Included Items

DEPOSIT: \$50.00 Per Person NOW Holds Your Place

FINAL PAYMENT DUE: February 16, 2012

CANCELLATION FEES:

- NoneThrough February 16, 2012
- \$50.00February 17 - March 15, 2012
- \$250.00After March 15, 2012

Cancellation Insurance is Recommended