

## Mexico's Copper Canyon - All Inclusive 8 Days, 7 Nights Motorcoach / Rail Tour

**Departing from Saddlebrooke November 1, 2018 our2**

The largest canyon complex in North America, a destination unlike any other! For those who love the unusual and seek adventure, the "Barranca del Cobre" is the answer. At an altitude of 8000 feet, the mountain peaks are snow-capped in winter while the canyon bottom remains at tropical climate. Here's the home of the semi-nomadic cliff dwellers, the Tarahumara Indians, the least acculturated Amerindians. Experience one of the most dramatic rail journeys in the western hemisphere, on a rail line that took 100 years to complete. Travel with us and enjoy the majestic beauty of one of the world's most unique destinations.



### Tour Breakdown

#### DAY 1 – Phoenix - Tucson - San Carlos

Morning departure from Phoenix / Tucson, AZ. Crossing the border into Mexico at Nogales. After a short drive, we arrive at Santa Ana for lunch. From there, we are on our way to Hermosillo, where we visit the Cathedral and the Government Palace to view the famous murals depicting the history of Sonora. Arrival in San Carlos Bay is by sunset at our hotel for the night, the Marinaterra Resort. Welcome to Mexico reception hosted by your Tour Director before dinner. (L D)

#### DAY 2 - San Carlos

After relaxed breakfast we board a private boat for a scenic cruise on the Sea of Cortes - keep a look for dolphins, seals and possible whales, also exotic birds as the blue-footed booby and the great blue heron. After we return we will visit a scenic lookout point en route to the local Cactus Garden. Wander among massive cacti and learn about these fascinating plants. Lunch by the pool side hotel. Time to relax and visit the Marina shops. This afternoon we depart for our seaside, sunset dinner (B L D)

#### DAY 3 – Alamos

We will depart San Carlos after breakfast. Our first stop will be at the Guaymas Pearl farm, the first cultured pearl farm in the Americas, here you will learn about the pearl oyster farming, pearl grading and quality selection. Next we travel south through the rich grain farm lands and to the foothills of the Sierra Madre arriving to the quaint city of Alamos. A living museum, the city cobblestones streets are lined with beautiful Spanish Colonial Mansions. This evening immerse yourself in the local culture at dinner with a colorful spectacle of music and folk dancing by performers in traditional customs. Overnight at Casa de Los Tesoros, La Mansión o Casa Encantada (B L D)

#### DAY 4 – El Fuerte

After breakfast take a guided walking tour through the cobblestone streets, visiting some fabled mansions that have been restored to their original glory. The city of Alamos has been declared a national historic landmark by the government. Lunch today is at the hotel. Depart to El Fuerte arriving to El Fuerte by early afternoon. Dinner and a great entertainment at the hotel. (B L D)

#### DAY 5 – Posada Barrancas

Early in morning, we transfer to the train station, boarding at 8:00 a.m. for the most spectacular train ride in North America, lunch onboard the train, we will be arriving at Posada Barrancas by mid-afternoon. Your hotel for the next two nights is the Hotel Mirador. Tarahumara Indians culture presentation. (B L D)

#### DAY 6 – Posada Barrancas

Today we have time to view and interpret Tarahumara Indian arts and crafts, visit the rim of the canyon and enjoy the surroundings and the opportunity to board the new Copper Canyon aerial tramway, allowing us to descend to the Canyons and experience great views. There is time today for some optional activities: hiking, horseback riding or just relaxing. (B L D)

#### DAY 7 – Casas Grandes

After breakfast, on board our motorcoach we will transfer to Creel via Oteros Canyon. After lunch in Guerrero, we descend from the mountains onto the Chihuahuan Desert and the city of Nuevo Casas Grandes. Tonight we have Mata Ortiz pottery demonstration and our farewell dinner. (B L D)

#### DAY 8 – Tucson / Phoenix

Before leaving Nuevo Casas Grandes, we visit Mexico's northernmost archeological site at Paquime, where the ancient Grand Chichimeca civilization erected their truncated pyramids and adobe multistory apartments. We travel through the plains and cattle country of Chihuahua before reentering the USA at Douglas, AZ. Arriving in Phoenix around 7:00 p.m. (B L)

#### Included With Tour:

- Deluxe Motorcoach round trip from Phoenix / Tucson
- Pre tour briefing in Phoenix hotel
- Hosted welcome reception in San Carlos
- Group picture (one per reservation)
- Reserved rail car on the "Chihuahua al Pacifico"
- Fully escorted and narrated
- Marine excursion of the Sea of Cortez
- Aerial Tramway in the Canyon.
- Folkloric and Educational Programs
- 7 nights hotel accommodations
- ALL MEALS INCLUDED (7 breakfast, 8 lunches, 7 dinners)
- Sightseeing (Hermosillo, Alamos, El Fuerte, Copper Canyon, Creel and Casas Grandes)
- Portage (1 suitcase per person)
- Taxes and Gratuities (Driver and Escort are not included)
- Mexican Visa entry fee

\*\$200 per person deposit due by June 1, 2018

**Saddlebrooke Hiking Club Exclusive!**

#### Saddlebrooke Price Per Person:

Double: \$1,350  
Single: \$1,650

