



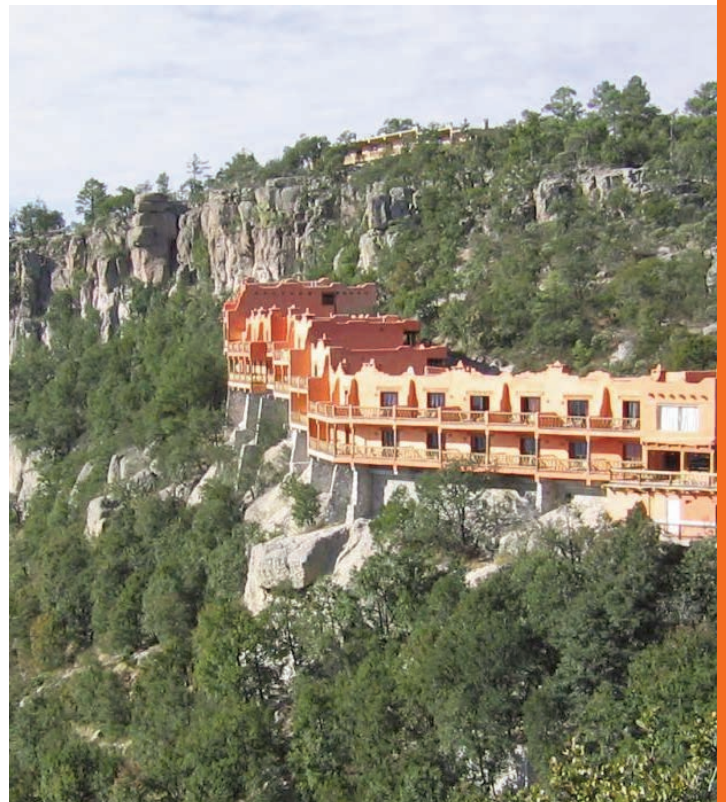
Mexico's Copper Canyon

February 2023

Exact dates to be announced



A journey through the Copper Canyon is truly a must for all passionate travelers. Immerse yourself in the vibrant culture of the area while you travel through the most beautiful towns of northern Mexico. Combining riveting adventure with a reprieve from the demands of the modern world, the Copper Canyon offers a gorgeous setting for a memorable escape. Carved from the legendary Sierra Madre mountain range in the state of Chihuahua, a colossal network of six interweaving canyons make up the Copper Canyon. Five times the size of the Grand Canyon, it is teeming with wildlife, natural beauty and is home to Mexico's Tarahumara Indians, the least acculturated Native Americans in North America who are semi-nomadic cliff dwellers. The "Train Ride in the Sky" is one of the most dramatic railway journeys in the Western Hemisphere, as it travels through 86 tunnels and 37 trestles. Join us on this once-in-a-lifetime experience.





COPPER CANYON

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HOME OF THE TARAHUMARA INDIANS

DAY 1

Fly to Phoenix

Fly into Phoenix Sky Harbor Airport where you will be met and transferred to the Embassy Suites. A reception and orientation is included at the hotel.

DAY 2

Travel across the border to Mexico's Casas Grandes



UNESCO WORLD HERITAGE SITE PAQUIME

Breakfast is included at the hotel. Depart for Copper Canyon. Just over the border, we will stop for lunch in Puerto Palomas. Travel through the Chihuahuan Desert to reach the city of Nuevo Casas Grandes. Visit México's northernmost archeological site at Paquimé, where the ancient Gran Chichimeca civilization once thrived. Tonight we have a Mata Ortiz pottery demonstration and our welcome dinner. (B,L, D)



MATA ORTIZ POTTERY

DAY 3

Divisidero and the Copper Canyon



TWO NIGHT STAY IN A CANYON VIEW ROOM AT POSADA BARRANCAS

This morning after breakfast, we will leave the high planes of the Chihuahuan Desert and head for the Sierra Madre Mountains, home of the reclusive Tarahumara (Raramuri) people. Travel through Creel and over the Continental Divide along the way. As we gain altitude, you will see the landscape changing from rolling hills into rugged mountains. Arrive at Posada Barrancas where we will be checking in for a two night stay at this spectacular location overlooking the Copper Canyon. You'll enjoy a short nature walk around the canyon rim and a presentation about the Tarahumara culture. Dinner is included in the hotel's dining room where floor to ceiling windows offer one of the most incredible views. (B, L, D)

DAY 4

Free day at Posada Barrancas — optional Aerial Tram Ride over the Canyon



COPPER CANYON AERIAL TRAM

Today we have a relaxing day planned to enjoy the views and watch the Tarahumara Indian weave their world famous baskets, as well as other local arts and crafts. An optional opportunity to board the new Copper Canyon aerial tramway is planned, allowing us to descend halfway into the Canyons and experience great views. This day promises to be one of the most memorable as you experience the quiet solitude of being on the rim of the remote and vast Copper Canyon. (B, L, D)



TARAHUMARA INDIANS AT POSADA BARRANCAS



DAY 5

Train ride through the Copper Canyon to El Fuerte

After breakfast overlooking the canyon, we'll transfer to the train station, as the conductors calls for "all aboard" at 9:00am. The Chihuahua al Pacifico railway, "Chepe," provides impressively unique access into Copper Canyon country and is considered one of the most scenic railroads in the world. On its 420 mile run, this engineering marvel goes through 86 tunnels and over 32 bridges, passing spectacular scenes of Mexico's mountain interior, the Pacific coast, and every type of landscape in between. The "Train Ride in the Sky" is one of the most dramatic railway journeys in the Western Hemisphere. Lunch onboard the train is included as we snake our way through the spectacular Copper Canyon enroute to El Fuerte. We arrive in El Fuerte by mid-afternoon where we'll check in to our hotel located in the heart of this charming city. This evening, immerse yourself in the local culture with folk dancing by performers in traditional costumes. (B, L, D)



TRAIN RIDE THROUGH THE COPPER CANYON

DAY 6

Alamos



ALAMOS

We will depart El Fuerte after breakfast, stopping in route for a home-hosted lunch in Navajoa before continuing on to the quaint city of Álamos. 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 costumes. (B, L, D)



LOCAL CULTURE IN ALAMOS

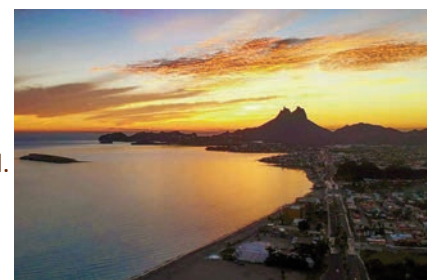
DAY 7

Alamos and San Carlos



COLONIAL MEXICO

Enjoy a guided stroll through the cobblestone streets, visiting some fabled mansions that have been restored to their original glory. The city of Álamos has been declared a national historic landmark by the government. Lunch today is at the hotel. Next we travel north past the foothills of the Sierra Madre mountains and through rich grain farmlands. Arrive in San Carlos Bay by sunset with dinner at the hotel. We'll enjoy a two-night stay in the beautiful coastal village. (B, L, D)



SAN CARLOS

DAY 8

San Carlos and the Sea of Cortez

After a relaxed breakfast, we board a private boat for a scenic cruise on the Sea of Cortez. Keep a lookout for dolphins, seals, and exotic birds such as the blue-footed booby and the magnificent frigatebird. This morning we will also visit the Guaymas Pearl Farm, the first cultured pearl farm in the Americas. Here you will learn about pearl farming, pearl grading, and quality selection. Afterward, we will visit the Mirador Escénico en route back to the hotel. The Mirador is rated by National Geographic as one of the top ten ocean views in the world. Lunch at the hotel with time to relax and visit the Marina shops. One more dinner in Mexico is included this evening at the hotel as we share photos and memories of our Copper Canyon experience. (B, L, D)



SEA OF CORTEZ CRUISE



HERMOSILLO

DAY 9

Hermosillo and travel back to Phoenix

This morning, we depart back to Arizona. Travel through Hermosillo the capital of the State, visit the Cathedral and the Government Palace to view the famous murals depicting the history of Sonora. Continue to Santa Ana, where we stop for lunch before reentering the USA at Nogales, AZ arriving in Phoenix around 7:00pm. Check into the Embassy Suites for our last night together (B, L)

DAY 10

Homeward Bound

After a leisurely morning and breakfast at the hotel, we'll return to Phoenix Sky Harbor airport for our flight home. (B)

TOUR INCLUDES:

- Roundtrip airfare between Los Angeles and Phoenix
- 9 nights hotel accommodations
- Rail journey on the "Chihuahua al Pacifico" railroad through the Copper Canyon
- UNESCO World Heritage Site Paquime
- Marine excursion on the Sea of Cortez
- Aerial Tramway in the Canyon
- Folkloric and Educational Programs
- Sightseeing in Hermosillo, Álamos, El Fuerte, Copper Canyon, and Casas Grandes
- Fully escorted and narrated by a bilingual guide
- All gratuities
- Mexican Visa entry fee
- 24 meals including ALL MEALS INCLUDED WHILE IN MEXICO (7 breakfasts, 8 lunches, 7 dinners and 2 additional breakfasts at the Embassy Suites in Phoenix)



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Travel Protection is additional and highly recommended.



THE COPPER CANYON of Mexico

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information when it becomes available.**

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