



Incredible Copper Canyon of Mexico

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 8,000 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.

DAY 1: Phoenix — Tucson — Nuevo Casas Grandes

Morning departure from Phoenix / Tucson, AZ. 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 archaeological site at Paquimé, where the ancient Gran Chichimeca civilization once thrived. Tonight we have a Mata Ortiz pottery demonstration and our welcome dinner. **(LD)**

DAY 2: 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 to Posada Barrancas and enjoy a short nature walk around the canyon rim and a presentation by your Tour Manager about the Tarahumara culture. Dinner and overnight. **(BLD)**

DAY 3: Posada Barrancas

Today we have time to view and interpret Tarahumara Indian arts and crafts, visit the rim of the canyon, and

\$1,895 *

*Per person, land only
double occupancy*

*does not include pre and post hotel nights. Options on back.

2022 Departures

Feb. 14

Sept. 26

March 14, 21

Oct. 10, 21

April 4, 18

Nov. 7

TOUR INCLUSIONS:

- ★ Deluxe motorcoach round trip from Phoenix / Tucson
- ★ UNESCO World Heritage Site Paquime
- ★ Rail journey on the "Chihuahua al Pacífico"
- ★ Fully escorted and narrated
- ★ Marine excursion of the Sea of Cortez
- ★ Aerial Tramway in the Canyon
- ★ Folkloric and Educational Programs
- ★ Sightseeing in Hermosillo, Álamos, El Fuerte, Copper Canyon, and Casas Grandes
- ★ Porterage (1 suitcase per person)
- ★ Taxes and Gratuities (Driver & Escort are not included)
- ★ Mexican Visa entry fee
- ★ 7 nights hotel accommodations
- ★ ALL MEALS INCLUDED (7 breakfast, 8 lunches, 7 dinners)



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enjoy the surroundings. Opportunity to board the new Copper Canyon aerial tramway, allowing us to descend halfway into the Canyons and experience great views. There is time today for some optional activities or just relaxing. **(B L D)**

DAY 4: El Fuerte

In the morning, we transfer to the train station, boarding at 9:00 a.m. for the most spectacular train ride in North America. Lunch onboard the train. We arrive in El Fuerte by mid-afternoon. This evening, immerse yourself in the local culture with folk dancing by performers in traditional costumes. **(B L D)**

DAY 5: 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.

Overnight in Álamos. **(B L D)**

DAY 6: San Carlos

Today take a guided walking tour 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. **(B L D)**

DAY 7: San Carlos

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, 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. Farewell dinner tonight with your fellow travelers. **(B L D)**

DAY 8: Tucson/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 7:00 p.m. **(B L)**

PRE & POST TOUR HOTEL

Phoenix

\$175 per room night
(1 or 2 passengers)

Tucson

\$150 per room night
(1 or 2 passengers)

Round trip airport transfers, taxes and breakfast.

Deposit

A \$200 deposit per person is required at booking. \$100 of the deposit is fully refundable up until 30 days prior to departure. \$100 is non-refundable.

Arrive day ahead of tour to Phoenix, AZ by a Phoenix Sky Harbor (PHX) or Tucson International Airport **(TUS)**

Depart day after tour from Phoenix, AZ via Phoenix Sky Harbor (PHX) or Tucson International Airport **(TUS)**

Cancellation Policy

30 days prior to departure — full refund (less \$100 of deposit); Between 29 days and 72 hours prior — 50%; Less than 72 hours to departure — 100% penalty; No refunds for any unused portion of the tour

A Valid Passport is required.

**We offer optional insurance for cancellation, life, health, and baggage.
We strongly recommend purchase of this insurance.**