



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 – 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. 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. **(LD)**

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 rated by National Geographic as one of the top 10 in the world. Time to relax and visit the Marina shops this afternoon. Dinner this evening at a local restaurant. **(BLD)**

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

\$1,995 *

Per person, land only, double occupancy

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

2023 Departures

Feb. 16, 23
March 2, 9, 16, 23
April 6, 13, 20, 27
Oct. 12, 19, 26
Nov. 2, 9

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, Alamos, 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 (8 breakfast, 9 lunches, 8 dinners)



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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. **(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 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 for the most spectacular train ride in North America, lunch on board 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 – Chihuahua

After breakfast, on board our motorcoach we will transfer through Creel as we descend from the mountains onto the Chihuahuan Desert and the city of Chihuahua, the Capital of the State. Tonight we have dinner at a local restaurant. **(B L D)**

Day 8 – Casas Grandes

After breakfast, we will tour Chihuahua, one of Mexico's most historic city centers. The city's patriotic legacy is evident while

visiting the Government Palace and the Metropolitan Cathedral. This afternoon we depart for Nuevo Casas Grandes. Tonight we have Mata Ortiz pottery demonstration and our farewell dinner. **(B L D)**

Day 9 – 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. Arriving in Phoenix around 7:00 p.m. **(B L)**

PRE & POST TOUR HOTEL

Phoenix

\$235 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.**