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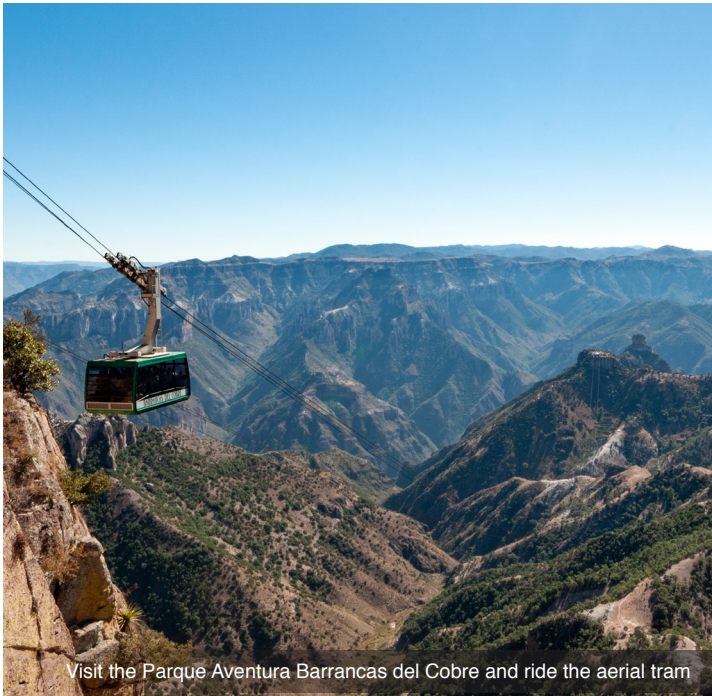
## Railroading through Mexico's Copper Canyon

featuring Two Nights at the Hotel Mirador

Departure Date: March 12, 2024



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Visit the Parque Aventura Barrancas del Cobre and ride the aerial tram



**DAY 1 Arrive in El Paso, Texas:** Welcome to El Paso, Texas, the town that hugs the Rio Grande River and serves as a natural border with Mexico. Upon arrival you will be transferred to the hotel. At 6:00 p.m. meet your Tour Manager for a cocktail reception and get to know your traveling companions at a welcome dinner. **Meal: D**

**DAY 2 Travel to the City of Chihuahua:** After an early breakfast, cross the Rio Grande River and enter Mexico. Cross the Chihuahuan Desert, the largest in North America, and pass the silica sand dunes of Samalayuca before stopping at Villa Ahumada. Enjoy the famous Burritos with asadero cheese and beef during lunch at the historical El Torreón. Later, arrive in beautiful Chihuahua, more than three-centuries old and once the capital city of Mexico. Then, your Tour Manager conducts a narrated walking tour of the city's Historical District. Tonight, enjoy an included dinner at the hotel. **Meals: B, L, D**

**DAY 3 Posada Barrancas and the Hotel Mirador:** This morning, leave the high plains of the Chihuahuan Desert behind and head for the mountains of the Sierra Madre. Make a stop in Mennonite country where the hard-working Mennonites have transformed the desert into fertile farmland. Enjoy a light lunch at a Mennonite camp and visit a traditional Mennonite store. Then continue to the mountains known as the Sierra Tarahumara and home of the reclusive Tarahumara (Raramuri) people. Arrive at Posada Barrancas to the canyon-side Hotel Mirador which features terraces and offers views overlooking the Copper Canyon. During the afternoon enjoy a short natural walk around the canyon rim and a Tour Manager-led presentation about the Tarahumara Culture. **Meals: B, L, D**

**DAY 4 Copper Canyon:** Today, enjoy unparalleled views of the three canyons which make up the Copper Canyon. Four times larger than the Grand Canyon, this region offers spectacular vistas of pristine mountain wilderness. Visit the "Parque Aventura Barrancas del Cobre" where you will climb aboard an aerial tram with spectacular views of the canyon. For those who wish an optional zip lining adventure is available for purchase. After lunch at the park restaurant, the afternoon is at leisure or enjoy a visit to Tarahumara dwelling with the Tour Manager.

**Meals: B, L, D**

**DAY 5 Railroading in Mexico's Copper Canyon:** After an early breakfast, board the train for a breathtaking journey into the Copper Canyon. Considered to be one of the top scenic rail journeys in the world, the descent into the Copper Canyon from the top of the Sierra Madre, offers you views of cascading waterfalls and sheer canyon walls which give way to rolling hills and tropical farmlands. Palm, banana, papaya and mango trees dot the countryside. Enjoy lunch on the train. In the afternoon, arrive in the picturesque colonial town of El Fuerte. Enjoy a short walking tour before dinner at the hotel. **Meals: B, L, D**

**DAY 6 The Mayo Indians and Alamos:** This morning after breakfast, depart El Fuerte for the village of Capomo to learn about the way of life of the Mayo Indian. Hear about their indigenous culture, natural medicines and celebrations. Then, cross into the state of Sonora and stop at Navojoa at the heart of one of the most productive agricultural regions in Mexico. Here you will visit a local home and have an included lunch. Continue on to the colorful old Colonial town of Alamos where manorial residences are now converted to small hotels.



Travel by rail through Mexico's awesome Copper Canyon

A delicious dinner and live performance entertainment brings a close to the day. **Meals: B, L, D**

**DAY 7 Alamos to San Carlos:** Begin the day in Alamos with a guided walking tour with the Tour Manager. Tour through the city's historical sites and visit some of the private residences. Return to the hotel for lunch before departing for San Carlos on the coast of the Sea of Cortez. Known for its pretty marina and fabulous beaches, San Carlos is a sun worshiper's paradise.

**Meals: B, L, D**

**DAY 8 San Carlos:** Enjoy a leisurely breakfast at the hotel. Then, board your local cruise vessel for a narrated cruise on San Carlos Bay. In this region where the desert meets the sea, the bay cruise showcases the region's wildlife, flora and fauna. Lunch today will be hosted poolside and a relaxing afternoon or perhaps take an optional trip to the Mabe Pearl Farm and learn how pearls are grown and harvested and stop at the Saguaro and Pipe Organ Cactus Desert Forest to see these incredible plants up-close. **Meals: B, L, D**

**DAY 9 Hermosillo and Phoenix:** Have your passports ready for the return to the USA today. First, a rest stop is made at the Plaza Zaragoza in the city of Hermosillo, the capital of the state of Sonora. You will enjoy your included lunch today in Santa Ana before crossing back into the US at Nogales. Continue to Phoenix where your final overnight and farewell dinner await.

**Meals: B, L, D**

**DAY 10 Travel Home:** Following breakfast a transfer is available to Phoenix's Sky Harbor International Airport for flights out today. **Meal: B**



## Tour Highlights

- 26 Meals: 9 breakfasts, 8 lunches and 9 dinners
- Round trip airport transfers
- Spend one night in the colonial city of Chihuahua with an included narrated walking tour of the Historical District
- Enjoy a light lunch at the Mennonite Community Camp
- Spend two nights on the rim of the Copper Canyon at the beautiful Hotel Mirador
- Visit the Parque Aventura Barrancas del Cobre and ride the aerial tram for spectacular views of the canyon
- Be among Mexico's Tarahumara Indians
- Travel by rail through Mexico's awesome Copper Canyon featuring spectacular views
- Learn about the indigenous Mayo Indians in the village of Capomo
- Spend one night in the colorful old Colonial town of Alamos and enjoy a delicious dinner and live performance entertainment
- Spend two nights in the sun worshiper's paradise of San Carlos, located on the Sea of Cortez
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- Visit Hermosillo, the capital of Sonora and have lunch in pretty Santa Ana

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Hotel Mirador is built on the edge of a canyon and has breathtaking views

## HOTEL ACCOMMODATIONS

- Day 1** – Wyndham Airport Hotel, El Paso, Texas
- Day 2** – Hotel San Francisco, Chihuahua, Mexico
- Days 3 and 4** – Hotel Mirador, Posada Barrancas, Mexico
- Day 5** – Posada del Hidalgo, El Fuerte, Mexico
- Day 6** – La Mansion Hotel or Casa Encantada Hotel, Alamos, Mexico
- Days 7 and 8** – Marinaterra Hotel, San Carlos, Mexico
- Day 9** - Phoenix Wyndham Airport Hotel, Phoenix, Arizona

Rooms for the night before and after the tour are available. Cost for a room in El Paso is \$289, and in Phoenix is \$269, tax and breakfast included.

## Travelers Protection Plan (TPP) – \$299 per person land only

This nonrefundable fee waives all cancellation fees when we are notified of cancellation one day before the tour departs. If you must leave the tour early due to personal illness, illness or death of a member of your immediate family, TPP guarantees full refund for any unused services after the departure of the tour. Other benefits include medical expenses for illness and injury, emergency transportation, 24 hour hotline, and lost or stolen baggage assistance. Return air transportation is included ONLY if your air tickets were provided by Mayflower Cruises & Tours. If you purchase the optional Travelers Protection Plan (TPP), you will be refunded all payments, including deposit amount, less the TPP premium amount.

### Cancellation Charges Without Traveler's Protection Plan (TPP)

- 121 days or more prior to departure: Deposit Amount
- 120 days until the day of departure: 100% of tour cost
- No refund on unused portions of the tour

Exclusions: Mayflower Cruises & Tours reserves the right to alter its refund and cancellation policy when a substantial amount of cancellation or postponement of travel is attributable to: conditions resulting from an act of God, natural or man-made disaster, fire, government action, civil disorder, war, hostilities between nations, or unavailability of transportation through no fault of Mayflower Cruises & Tours.

Tour Date	Per Person Twin	Single Room add
March 12, 2024	\$3,499	\$799

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