

DENVER ROUND TRIP

Rockies and the Old West

Driving Distance: 2200 Driving Miles
Driving Time: 55 Driving Hours Approx
Recommended Trip: 16 Days

- Day 1 Upon arrival in Denver check into a hotel for your first night.
- Day 2 Pick up your motorhome today and start to explore. Denver is the heart of the Rockies and maintains a cosmopolitan atmosphere with an Old Western spirit. Visit the State Capitol or the U.S. Mint before shopping on the 16th Street Mall or restored Victorian Larimer Square.
- Day 3 Head south along the eastern edge of the Rocky Mountains to Colorado Springs, at the base of Pikes Peak, one of the most popular and beautiful resorts in the West.
- Day 4 Continue your drive south via Royal Gorge, where a suspended bridge crosses the gorge 1,053 feet above the river. An incline railway and tramway takes you up and down the spectacular canyon. Then continue south-west to Durango.
- Day 5 Durango has a feeling of the Old West with plenty of restaurants and western bars, such as Diamond Belle Saloon at the Strater Hotel. The steam train clings to the side of the cliffs high above raging river gorges. A fantastic all day return trip to Silverton is included.
- Day 6 At Mesa Verde National Park visit one of the world's largest and best preserved cliff dwellings, inhabited over 1500 years ago. After travel north over Lizard Head Pass to Telluride, scene of the first robbery of Butch Cassidy and the Sundance Kid. Continue to Grand Junction.
- Day 7 Travel into Utah and visit Arches National Park. The eroded arches and red rock canyons, spires and rocks are a spectacular sight. Travel north through the high plateaus to Salt Lake City. Founded by Mormons in 1847. Visit Temple Square, where the Mormon Temple and the Tabernacle Choir are found.
- Day 8 Visit the Great Salt Lake, before heading north through Ogden where the 'golden spike' commemorates the crossing of America by rail. Cross into Wyoming towards the Grand Tetons to Jackson, a town noted for its true Old West atmosphere. See the Jackson Hole Shoot-out, an Old West robbery and capture,

enacted every night in the Town Square.

- Day 9 We will be surprised if you can resist a stetson or belt. Try white river rafting or a river float, ride the aerial tramway and swing through the doors of the Million Dollar Cowboy saloon where the bar stools are saddles!
- Day 10 Today enter Grand Teton National Park, a majestic Alpine landscape of the lakes, glacier forests, canyons and sheer mountains. Just north of the Grand Tetons is the world's first national park, Yellowstone, Mammoth Hot Springs, Old Faithful and Geysers, the Paintpots and Yellowstone Lake.
- Day 11 This day is free to explore the park. There are two loop tours of the park that include all the most famous attractions. The park's visitors centres offer a variety of exhibits and information.
- Day 12 The road to Billings over Colter Pass and Beartooth Pass at almost 11000 ft high is reputed to be 'the most beautiful highway in America'. Visit Red Lodge, an old mining town, before heading into magnificent 'Big Sky' country of Montana.
- Day 13 Travel south-east to the Little Big Horn, the battlefield where General Custer made his last stand. Return to Wyoming via Sheridan and try a scenic detour to view the awesome Devil's Tower. Cross into the Black Hills bound for Rapid City in South Dakota.
- Day 14 Start at the old gold mining town of Deadwood. Walk the streets made famous by Wild Bill Hickok and Calamity Jane. Then head south to the Four Presidents monument at Mount Rushmore. Try a steam train ride on the Black Hills Central Railroad. Afterwards explore Custer State Park where the buffalo roam the breathtaking Needles Highway.
- Day 15 Head south once more into the plains of Wyoming, bound for the state capital Cheyenne. In July enjoy Frontier Days western carnival with rodeo fun.
- Day 16 Today travel south to Denver via Fort Collins. On arrival in Denver return your motorhome and start your trip home