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ITINERARY

10 Day Bus/Train Tour- Mexico's Copper Canyon

Phoenix/Copper Canyon/Phoenix

2018 Dates: Sept 10-19, Oct 5-14
Nov 2-11, Nov 30-Dec 9

2019 Dates: Feb 1-10, Feb 21-Mar 2, Apr 5-14,
Sept 6-15, Oct 4-13, Nov 1-10, Dec 6-15

DISCOVER COPPER CANYON

10 DAYS, 6 CITIES

We cordially invite you to have the opportunity to experience these world-famous canyons--which are some of Mexico's natural, cultural and historic wonders--by a scenic train ride. It has been publicized as "**The most Dramatic Train Ride in the Western Hemisphere**" by The Readers Digest, May 1974. Because this is a remote area it is difficult to access by plane, in addition to our small group offerings, S&S Tours is offering a new 10-day all-inclusive bus tours between Phoenix and Copper Canyon.

Important: This fascinating tour is suitable for those in good health, who are prepared to walk on rocky paths at high altitude (optional walks at 7500 feet elevation), and who have a spirit of adventure to enjoy off-the-beaten-track places. Four complete bus ride days to and from the Canyon (If you have a challenge with motion sickness, please bring your medication for it as we have seat rotation on the bus.) As long as you are prepared for this you will experience a wonderful time! Flexibility and a sense of adventure are key to a successful trip in Mexico.

INCLUDES: 24 meals, 9 nights lodging, first-class train tickets, all non-airport transfers, normal tips (meals, maid, luggage) – excluding guide and driver tips.

DOES NOT INCLUDE: Airfare to Phoenix, tourist card (Approx. \$30), trip insurance, guide and driver tips.

YOUR ITINERARY

DAY 1 – ARRIVE IN PHOENIX ****Exclude this day if not lodging in PHX****

Your adventure begins in Phoenix, Arizona. Transfer from the Phoenix Sky Harbor Airport by a courtesy shuttle to your hotel. Your room is available for check in after 3:00pm. Address: 4300 E. Washington St.

HOTEL: Crowne Plaza Phx Airport **MEALS:** None

DAY 2 – BUS JOURNEY TO SAN CARLOS

Breakfast is at 6:00am. At 7:00am, be ready to begin your bus journey through Tucson and Green Valley to Nogales. Continue on a modern four-lane highway through huge expanses of rangeland and occasional pecan tree orchards. Then journey through the Sonora Desert to San Carlos on the spectacular Sea of Cortez. Arrive in San Carlos around 5:30pm.

HOTEL: Marinaterra **MEALS:** B in Phoenix, L in Santa Ana at Elba's, D in San Carlos.

DAY 3 – BUS JOURNEY TO EL FUERTE

After your breakfast at 7:00am, depart at 8:00am to continue your trip to the picturesque colonial town of El Fuerte, founded in 1564. Famous for being the legendary birthplace of Señor Diego de la Vega, you will meet the charming Zorro at 6:00pm happy hour. El Fuerte has been named a Pueblo Mágico (Magic town) by the Mexican Government because of the plaza's beautifully preserved colonial architecture, and festive, romantic atmosphere. The hotel has a beautiful courtyard full of tropical vegetation, a swimming pool, a hydrotherapy pool, and is well known for its superb cuisine. Arrive in El Fuerte around 5:00-6:00pm.

HOTEL: Posada del Hidalgo **MEALS:** B at Hotel Marinaterra, L in Navojoa, D at Hotel Posada Hidalgo.

DAY 4 – DAY IN EL FUERTE

Today, we visit the Mayo Indian museum. We will explore El Fuerte's rich colonial history through a guided walking tour. This town dates back to 1564 when a settlement was established along the river by the Spanish conquistador, Don Francisco de Ibarra. El Fuerte was the first capitol of the Western State (El Estado del Occidente), which combined the states of Sonora and Sinaloa. This territory extended as far north as the Grand Canyon. Enjoy an optional river float on the El Fuerte River (Approx. \$30/person, min. 4 travelers).

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HOTEL: Posada del Hidalgo

MEALS: B, L, D at Hotel Posada Hidalgo

DAY 5 – TRAIN JOURNEY THROUGH THE CANYON TO CEROCAHUI

After breakfast, transfer to the El Fuerte train station (15 minutes away). Board the Copper Canyon train (The famous Chihuahua al Pacifico Railroad – El Chepe). The train ride is an inspiring journey that took more than 100 years to construct. National Geographic calls it an engineering marvel. Imagine yourself riding a train that will take you from sea level to almost 8,000 feet elevation into the heart of the majestic, rugged western Sierra Madre Mountain Range (25,000 square miles of unspoiled landscape). This is our first day on the train, it is the most spectacular part of the route. Your hotel is a charming Spanish-style lodge with lovely gardens. Enjoy an optional winery tour (Approx. \$15/person).

HOTEL: Misión

MEALS: B at Hotel Posada Hidalgo, L&D at Hotel Misión.

DAY 6 – TOUR TO URIQUE CANYON OVERLOOK

An optional world-class view awaits you today at the top of Urique Canyon overlooking the deepest canyon in the system. It provides the most expansive photo opportunities on the trip. After this tour, a short train ride to the Divisadero Area will take you to the beautiful Hotel Mirador on the rim of the Copper Canyon. This hotel is the very best hotel in all of the Copper Canyon area. The breathtaking view from your balcony is worth the whole trip.

HOTEL: Mirador on the Rim

MEALS: B at Hotel Misión, sack lunch, D at Hotel Mirador

DAY 7 – DAY ON THE RIM

At 9:00 a.m. board the bus for a tour to the Balancing Rock area and walk along the canyon rim. An optional cable ride across the chasm is available (Approx. \$30/person). This is an experience at Copper Canyon that you will not want to miss! If you are adventuresome, there is an optional zip line course which you would pay directly (Approx. \$50 with a one-way cable car ride).

HOTEL: Mirador on the Rim

MEALS: B, L, & D at Hotel Mirador

DAY 8 – BUS JOURNEY TO CASAS GRANDES

Following a 7:00am delicious breakfast buffet, board the bus at 8:00am for your 312-mile journey to the town of Casas Grandes and its famous pottery. On the way there is a pottery-making demonstration in a private home. This pottery is in museums all over the world. Arrive at the hotel around 6:30pm.

HOTEL: Hacienda

MEALS: B at Hotel Mirador, L in Namipique, D in Casas Grandes

DAY 9 – BUS JOURNEY TO PHOENIX

We are on the homeward stretch today. Breakfast is at 7:00am. We depart Casas Grandes at 8:00am. Arrive Phoenix around 6:00-8:30pm. Please do not schedule flights for this evening as there are often delays crossing the border.

HOTEL: Crowne Plaza Phx Airport

MEALS: B at Hotel Hacienda, L in Douglas, Arizona

DAY 10 – DEPART PHOENIX **Exclude this day if not lodging in PHX**

The tour ends after breakfast at Crowne Plaza. Transfer to the Phoenix Sky Harbor Airport by the hotel's courtesy shuttle.

HOTEL: NONE

MEALS: Breakfast buffet at Crowne Plaza

2018 PACKAGE PRICING (2019 PRICES TBA)

DOUBLE	SINGLE	DOUBLE W/O PHX	SINGLE W/O PHX
\$1395	\$1695	\$1310	\$1525