

Colorado Rockies

Featuring National Parks and Historic Trains
September 25 - October 3, 2015



SV **SAGINAW VALLEY**
SU STATE UNIVERSITY

*This trip is offered in conjunction
with Collette Vacations*

Osher Lifelong Learning Institute

Colorado Rockies:

On this OLLI trip you will experience the majesty of the Colorado Rockies, four National Parks, and two historic trains that celebrate the can-do spirit of the Old West. You will marvel at the diversity and majesty of Arches and Canyon Lands National Parks. We will scale Pike's Peak on the world's highest cog railway and climb aboard an 1881 steam train for a journey through the San Juan Mountains. At Mesa Verde National Park you will discover the ancient culture of the Anasazi Indians. Other trip highlights include an Old West adventure filled with traditional cowboy food and entertainment, and spending two nights at the historic Durango Strater Hotel.

Pre-Trip Dinner

We will offer a pre-trip dinner about two weeks prior to departure. You will receive your travel documents and we'll go over trip logistics. A representative from Collette Vacations will be on hand to answer your questions. You will receive a specific date for the dinner at a later time.

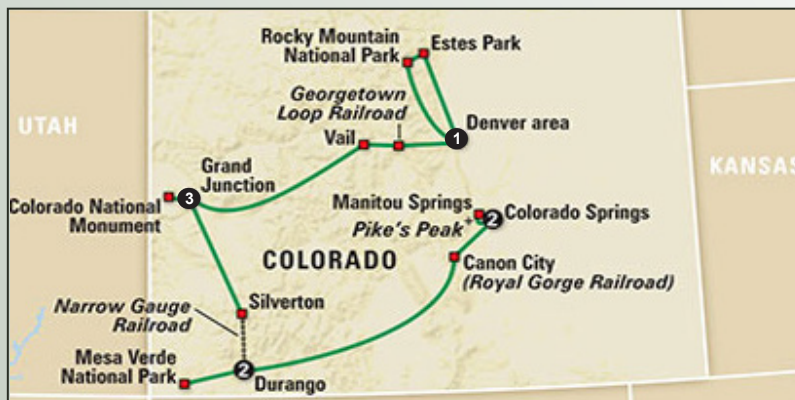
Trip Preview Meeting

Monday, November 10 @ 4 p.m.,
Curtiss 129. You must pre-register
for this meeting by calling the OLLI
office at (989)964-4475.



This Nine-Day Trip Includes

- Round-trip air transportation, airport transfers, and motorcoach transportation to the Detroit airport from SVSU.
- Eight-nights lodging in comfortable hotels. One night in Denver, three nights in Grand Junction, two nights in Durango, and two nights in Colorado Springs.
- Breakfast daily and four dinners including a special farewell dinner on the last night.
- Collette's cancellation waiver and insurance, valued at \$205 per person.
- Pre-trip dinner at SVSU approximately two weeks prior to departure.
- All tours and admission fees as outlined in the trip itinerary.



About Our Lodging

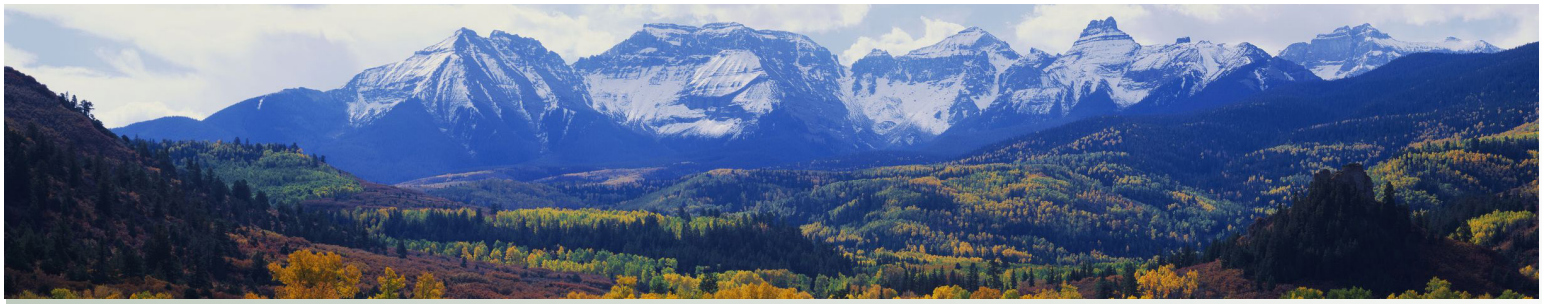
- Day 1: Sheraton Denver Downtown. Just steps from the hotel is the 16th Street Mall, a mile-long promenade of bistros, micro-breweries, shopping and entertainment.
- Day 2 - 4: DoubleTree Hotel Grand Junction. Centrally located in Colorado Wine Country, near Grand Junction attractions and 21 vineyards.
- Day 5 - 6: Durango Strater Hotel. Built in 1887, the historic Strater Hotel (Historic Hotel of America Member) is one of the West's iconic hotels and a prominent downtown Durango, Colorado landmark.
- Day 7 - 8: DoubleTree Hotel Colorado Springs. This freshly remodeled DoubleTree by Hilton hotel is nestled in the foothills of the Southern Rocky Mountains.

Travel Provider: Collette Vacations

Collette Vacations is a third generation, family-owned company headquartered in Pawtucket, Rhode Island with offices in Toronto and Vancouver, Canada; and London, England. Collette's employees are travel experts who are passionate about travel and who strive daily to make your vacation worry-free, fun, and memorable. They offer more than 150 expertly designed, escorted tours spanning 50-plus countries on all seven continents. Founded in 1918, they are the oldest major U.S. tour operator.



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Trip Itinerary

Day One: Friday, September 25

Depart SVSU via motorcoach for your flight from Detroit to Denver. After checking into the hotel, you will have free time to explore the downtown Denver area before joining the group for an included dinner. (D)

Day Two: Saturday, September 26

After breakfast at the hotel, we travel to Rocky Mountain National Park to discover the true meaning of “panoramic.” This celebrated “Roof of the Rockies” offers views of massive peaks and rugged canyons as you experience one of the largest national parks in the U.S. On the way to Grand Junction, enjoy a glorious ride past Vail, Breckenridge and other famous ski areas in Colorado. After checking into the hotel, you will have some free time and dinner on your own. (B)

Day Three: Sunday, September 27

After breakfast at the hotel, we will visit four amazing parks. In Arches National Park, you will see the world’s largest concentration of natural sandstone arches and an astounding variety of geological formations. Our next stop is Dead Horse State Park which contains many spectacular views of deposits of sediments left behind by ancient oceans, freshwater lakes and streams. Next is Canyonlands National Park and the Island in the Sky mesa which rests on sheer sandstone cliffs over 1,000 feet above the surrounding terrain. Our final stop before returning to our Grand Junction hotel is Moab. Since the 1940s, Moab has become a favorite filming site for western movies. Dinner is on your own tonight. (B)

Day Four: Monday, September 28

Our day begins with breakfast at the hotel and then we’re off to visit one of the grand landscapes of the American West - Colorado National Monument. We will travel along the Rim Rock to see a colorful panorama of deep, sheer-sided canyons and high rock towers. Later, we journey to Colorado’s wine country to learn about one of the regions up-and-coming vineyards and sample the fruits of its labors. Tonight, relax and enjoy the company of your fellow travelers at a winemaker’s dinner at a lovely vineyard. (B/D)

Day Five: Tuesday, September 29

After breakfast at the hotel, we drive south to the small mining town of Silverton, a national historic landmark. Hidden high in

the San Juan Mountains, this town blends spectacular scenery, Victorian charm and historic architecture. Then it’s “all aboard” the Durango & Silverton Narrow Gauge Railroad. This 1881 coal-fired, steam-powered locomotive was built to haul silver and gold ore from the San Juan Mountains. The views will be amazing. This evening, after checking into the historic Durango Strater Hotel, we’ll enjoy an Old West adventure filled with traditional cowboy food and entertainment. (B/ D)

Day Six: Wednesday, September 30

After breakfast at the hotel, an incredible day awaits you at Mesa Verde National Park, best known as the home of the ancient and mysterious Anasazi Indians. We’ll visit the fascinating Spruce Tree Cliff Dwellings to see two of the largest cliff dwellings built between 1211 - 1278 by ancestors of the Pueblos. In the evening, there will be plenty of restaurant choices in Durango for dinner on your own. (B)

Day Seven: Thursday, October 1

After breakfast at the hotel, you will enjoy a relaxing ride to Colorado Springs. En route, marvel at the scenery as you depart the San Juan National Forest and pass through the beautiful Rio Grande National Forest, a vast expanse of wilderness. After checking into our Colorado Springs hotel, you will have time to explore the area and have dinner on your own. (B)

Day Eight: Friday, October 2

After breakfast at the hotel, we depart for Manitou Springs, home of Pike’s Peak, the legendary symbol of the 1859 Gold Rush. Embark on a journey aboard the Pike’s Peak Cog Railway, the world’s highest cog railroad, for an 8.9 mile trip to the top of Pike’s Peak (14,100 feet). During the journey, you will see magnificent views and perhaps animals in their native habitat. Later, travel to the Garden of the Gods, on the National Register for Historic Places. You’ll see towering sandstone formations and a wonderful view of Pike’s Peak. Tonight, join the group for a farewell dinner to celebrate a wonderful trip. (B/D)

Day Nine: Saturday, October 3

After enjoying your last breakfast in Colorado and checking out of the hotel, we will head to the airport for our flight to Detroit. You’ll be transferred from the Detroit airport to SVSU via motorcoach. (B)



General Information

Information and Registration

Call the SVSU-OLLI office at 989-964-4475 for further information or to make your reservation. Our office is open Monday - Friday from 8 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.

Trip Insurance

Collette's Cancellation Waiver and Trip Insurance is included in the price of the trip. Should you wish to opt-out of this coverage, your trip price will be decreased by \$205. However, we strongly recommend some type of trip insurance.

Air Details

Our package includes round-trip air from Detroit, air taxes and fees/surcharges. Specific flight information will be provided at a later date.

Activity Level

This tour requires average physical activity. You should be in good health, able to climb stairs and walk reasonable distances, possibly over uneven ground and cobblestone streets. Please note that the tour includes traveling up to high altitudes and may not be suitable for everyone. Please consult your physician should you have any concerns.

Weather Projection

Weather will vary widely depending upon the elevation of the city we visit. Average highs in Colorado Springs in late September are around 70 and averages lows are around 40.

Cancellation Fees:

All cancellations must be made in writing to the OLLI office. If we can fill your spot with someone from a waiting list prior to March 1, you will receive a full refund less a \$30 processing fee and the amount paid for trip insurance (\$205). After March 1, Collette Vacations and the airline's cancellation policies need to be considered.

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Registration

Name _____
(*exactly as it appears on driver's license*)

Date of Birth _____

Roommate's Name _____
(*exactly as it appears on driver's license*)

Address _____

City _____

State _____ Zip _____

Email _____

Home Phone _____

Cell _____

Roommate's Phone Number _____

Trip Costs

- \$2,884 OLLI Members (double occupancy with insurance)
 - \$2,679 OLLI Members (double occupancy without insurance)
 - \$2,944 Non-Members (double occupancy with insurance)
 - \$2,739 Non-Members (double occupancy without insurance)
 - \$700 Single Supplement
- (*Non-member fee includes OLLI membership for 2014-15*)

All prices will increase by \$100 after March 20, 2015. Also, there may be an additional charge for airline imposed tax and fuel surcharges at any time.

Deposit & Payment Schedule

A \$505 deposit holds a spot for an OLLI member, the non-member deposit is \$565. This deposit includes \$205 for Collette Vacation's cancellation waiver and trip insurance. Should you wish to decline the insurance or purchase your own, your deposit is \$300 for members and \$360 for non-members. Your final balance is due by June 1.

Payment Method

Check (payable to SVSU) Amount Enclosed _____
Credit Card: Visa MasterCard American Express Discover
Card Number _____
Expiration Date _____
Cardholder's Name _____

Three Ways to Register:

- Call (989)964-4475
- Fax the registration form to (989)964-2656
- Mail form with payment to:
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7400 Bay Road
University Center, MI 48710