



## Incredible Copper Canyon of Mexico

*The largest canyon in North America, the Copper Canyon provides a destination unlike any other. For those who love the unusual and seek adventure, the Copper Canyon is the answer. At an altitude of 8000 feet, the mountain peaks are snow-capped in the winter while the canyon bottom remains a tropical climate. The Copper Canyon is home to the least acculturated Native Americans in North America, the Tarahumara Indians, who are semi-nomadic cliff dwellers. The "Train Ride in the Sky" provides the only access to this wilderness and is probably the most dramatic railway journey in the Western Hemisphere as it travels through 86 tunnels and over 37 trestles*

### DAY 1: Fly to Phoenix, AZ

We fly to sunny Arizona and overnight in Tempe. **Radisson Hotel or Similar – Phoenix, AZ**

### DAY 2: Hermosillo, San Carlos

This morning we depart by deluxe motorcoach, crossing the border into Mexico at Nogales and arriving at Santa Ana for lunch. After lunch we depart for Hermosillo where we visit the Cathedral and the Government Palace to view the famous murals depicting the history of Sonora. We arrive in San Carlos this evening and check into our lovely ocean front hotel, our home for two nights. **Marina Terra – San Carlos, Mexico (DCB, L, D)**

### DAY 3: Cruise on Sea of Cortez, Cactus Garden

After a relaxed breakfast we board a private boat for a scenic cruise on the Sea of Cortez as we watch for dolphins, seals, exotic birds and possibly whales. Once again on land, we visit a scenic overlook enroute to the local Cactus Garden. Wander among massive cacti and learn about these fascinating plants. We enjoy lunch at the hotel. There is time to relax and explore the Marina shops. We enjoy a seaside, sunset dinner tonight. **Marina Terra – San Carlos, Mexico (B, L, D)**

### DAY 4: Guaymas Pearl Farm, Alamos, Folkloric Show

We depart San Carlos after breakfast. Our first stop is the Guaymas Pearl

**\$2,149**

*Per person, land only  
double occupancy*

Tour Rating: TAP Deluxe

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March 15, 22,  
October 4, 18, 25

### TOUR HIGHLIGHTS:

- ★ Hermosillo Cathedral & Government Palace
- ★ San Carlos
- ★ Sea of Cortez Yacht Experience
- ★ Guaymas Pearl Farm
- ★ Alamos & El Fuerte
- ★ Spectacular Train Excursion to Copper Canyon
- ★ Tram ride into Copper Canyon
- ★ Casas Grandes
- ★ Paquime Archeological Site
- ★ Mata Oritz Pottery Demonstration
- ★ Pre and Post hotel accommodation in Tempe, AZ is included in cost



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Farm, the first cultured pearl farm in North America. We learn about pearl oyster farming, pearl grading and quality selection. We then travel south through the rich grain farm lands and to the foothills of the Sierra Madre Mountains, arriving in the quaint city of Alamos. This town is a living museum. The cobblestone streets are lined with beautiful Spanish Colonial Mansions. At dinner we immerse ourselves in the local culture as we enjoy a colorful spectacle of music and folk dancing by performers wearing traditional costumes. **Casa de Los Tesorbs, La Mansion or Casa Encantada - Alamos, Mexico (B, L, D)**

**DAY 5: Touring Alamos, El Fuerte**  
After breakfast we enjoy a guided walking tour through the cobblestone streets of Alamos. We visit some fabled mansions that have been restored to their original grandeur. The city of Alamos has been declared a National Historic Landmark by the Mexican Government. Lunch today is at the hotel. We depart for El Fuerte and arrive by early afternoon. We enjoy dinner and entertainment at our hotel. **Hotel Torres del Fuerte — El Fuerte, Mexico (B, L, D)**

**DAY 6: Train Ride in the Sky, Posada Barrancas, Tarahumara Indian Culture Presentation**  
Early this morning we transfer to the

train station and board at 8:00am. This train is known as the most spectacular train ride in North America. We enjoy lunch onboard and we arrive at Posada Barrancas by mid-afternoon. Our hotel for the next two nights is the Hotel Mirador. We enjoy a Tarahumara Indian Culture presentation tonight. **Hotel Mirador — Posada Barrancas, Mexico (B, L, D)**

**DAY 7: Posada Barrancas**  
Today, we can explore the Tarahumara Indian Arts and Crafts, visit the rim of the canyon and enjoy the surroundings. We have an opportunity to board the Copper Canyon Aerial tramway that descends into the Canyon with great views. There is time today for some optional activities: hiking, horseback riding or just relaxing. **Hotel Mirador — Posada Barrancas, Mexico (B, L, D)**

**DAY 8: Nuevo Casas Grandes, Mata Ortiz Pottery Demonstration**  
After breakfast, we transfer to Creel by way of Oteros Canyon. After lunch in Guerrero, we descend from the mountains into the Chihuahuan Desert and the city of Nuevo Casas Grandes. Tonight we enjoy a Mata Ortiz pottery demonstration and have our farewell to Mexico dinner. **Hacienda Hotel — Casas Grandes, Mexico (B, L, D)**

**DAY 9: Casas Grandes, Paquime**  
Before leaving Nuevo Casas Grandes, we visit Mexico's northernmost archeological site at Paquime where the ancient Grand Chichimeca civilization erected their pyramids and adobe multistory apartments. We travel through the plains and cattle country of Chihuahua before reentering the USA at Douglas, AZ. Arrive in Phoenix early this evening. **Radisson Hotel or Similar — Phoenix, AZ (B, L)**

**DAY 10: Departure**  
We depart this morning on our return flight home. **(DCB)**

### TOUR INCLUSIONS:

- ★ 24 Meals: 9 Breakfasts, 8 Lunches, 7 Dinners
- ★ Deluxe Motorcoach Transportation from Phoenix into Mexico
- ★ Airport Transfers
- ★ 2 Nights in San Carlos
- ★ Train Ride into Copper Canyon
- ★ 2 Nights at Posada Barrancas in Copper Canyon
- ★ Fully Escorted
- ★ All Admissions, Meals and Attractions as Listed
- ★ All Gratuities on Included Meals
- ★ Baggage Handling for 1 Suitcase

### Deposit

A deposit of \$300 per person is due with registration. Final payment is due 70 days before departure. Invoices will be sent out prior to final payment. Early registration is encouraged.

**Arrive to Phoenix, AZ by 3:30 PM via Phoenix Sky Harbor (PHX)**

**Depart from Phoenix, AZ after 10:00 AM via Phoenix Sky Harbor (PHX)**

### Cancellation Policy

90-66 days before departure: \$300 penalty; 65 days and less before departure: no refund

**A Valid Passport is required.**

**We offer optional insurance for cancellation, life, health, and baggage.  
We strongly recommend purchase of this insurance.**

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