

## 2023 Colorado Springs

# OPTIONAL TOURS FOR SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 17 THE OPEN DAY

*These independently operated tours must be booked by you on or before June 30, 2023.  
Please do not delay with your decision and sending in your booking deposit.*

All the optional tours are 4 hours (morning departure from the reunion hotel) without lunch, except for the Royal Gorge Train. For that tour, departure time would be 10:15 and the return would be 4:30 pm. The cost of lunch is included.

Each of the four optional tours listed below is based on one minibus/guide per tour with a 30 minimum - 35 maximum passengers. If the minimum is not reached the tour may be cancelled and a refund will be made back to you.

**Tour 1** - Air Force Academy, Garden of the Gods Park, Historic City Tour: **\$64.00 per person**

**Tour 2** - US Olympic and Paralympic Museum, Garden of the Gods Park, Historic City Tour: **\$85.00 per person**

**Tour 3** - Seven Falls Tour, Penrose Heritage Museum, Garden of the Gods, Manitou Springs mineral spring tasting and walking tour: **\$84.00 per person**

**Tour 4** - Royal Gorge Train and lunch: **\$189.00 per person**

### **Tour Descriptions:**

#### **Historic City Tour (Tour 1 and 2)**

A Civil War General and railroad man was riding on the roof of a stagecoach on a clear moonlit night when he saw and fell in love with the majestic 14,115-foot Pikes Peak within the barren Front Range of the Rocky Mountain chain. Where there was no town, he built one that flourished once gold was found in the late 1800s. Drive the streets lined with miner's mansions! Hear and see the city's history now in its 152nd year!

#### **Garden of the Gods (Tour 1, 2 and 3)**

Voted the #1 city park in the nation! It is a registered National Natural Landmark. The drive through provides photo ops of towering sandstone formations with the majestic Rocky Mountains and Pikes Peak as a backdrop. Hear the history of the park and surrounding area throughout the drive. Shop for that perfect Colorado souvenir or enjoy a snack at the state's oldest and largest Trading Post.

#### **US Air Force Academy (Tour 1)**

Set in a scenic region at the foot of the Rocky Mountains and situated at an altitude of 7,163-feet, stands the youngest of the four service academies. Among the stops on the campus are a Scenic Overlook, a B-52 Bomber, and the Visitor Center where you can shop, view exhibits and watch a short film that highlights the first years' experience of a cadet. Watch the skies above for gliders and parachutists.

#### **US Olympic & Paralympic Museum (Tour 2)**

The museum opened in 2020. The 5-floor interactive museum is filled with displays of Olympic medals, torches, equipment, costumes and a Hall of Fame. The tour ends with a short film and gift shop.

#### **Manitou Springs (Tour 3)**

This quaint turn-of-the-century Victorian village has many examples of historic architecture. Steep hillside houses on narrow winding streets with magnificent views all add a visual interest. The village was

incorporated in 1876 as a health resort. Tourists still flock to the area to drink and bathe in carbonated water naturally infused with minerals. Each water spring has a different taste depending on the type and percentage of minerals collected as the water travels up through limestone caverns. (A drinking cup would be provided.)

### **Penrose Heritage Museum (Tour 3)**

This view at your own pace museum showcases up close over 30 fabulous carriages, original Western artifacts and race cars that competed in the famous international hill climb to the top of Pikes Peak.

### **Seven Falls (Tour 3)**

Enjoy a short tram ride through the narrow canyon to the seven in one-mile-high waterfall. Stairs or an elevator can be used to get to the top where you can view the entire seven distinct waterfalls from across the canyon. A set of stairs are also available immediately alongside the seven falls allowing you to feel the mist. Each waterfall has a separate name.

### **Royal Gorge Train (Tour 4)**

Ride through the narrow canyons forged by the Arkansas River while enjoying a breathtaking view of the river and the famous suspension bridge 1,000 feet overhead! Vary your view from inside seats to open air cars! In viewing the canyon, President Teddy Roosevelt described it as "The trip that bankrupts the English language!" Departure is firm at 10:15 with a 4:30 return. Lunch included.

**Please either email or phone leaving a name, telephone number and email address so that the tour company can let you know your deposit check has been received. *The mere receipt of the deposit check does not confirm that the tour will happen as we must reach the minimum number.***

Reply email: [Glenda.Baumann@pprtours.com](mailto:Glenda.Baumann@pprtours.com)

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