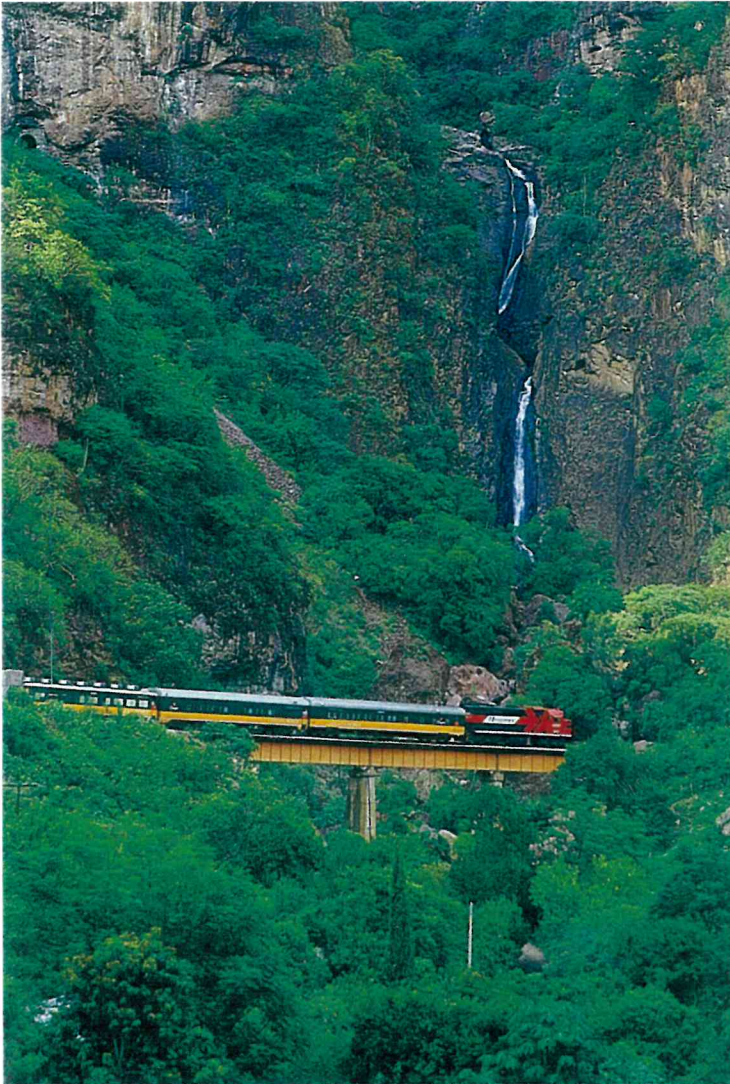


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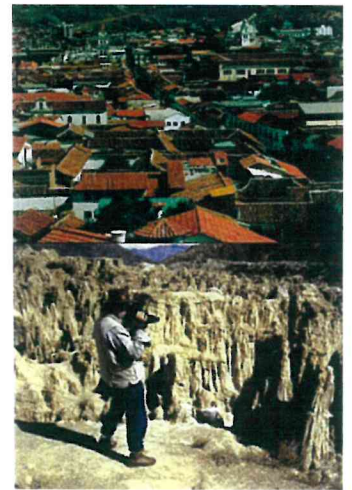
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ALL THIS IS INCLUDED:

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- Tour of colonial El Fuerte
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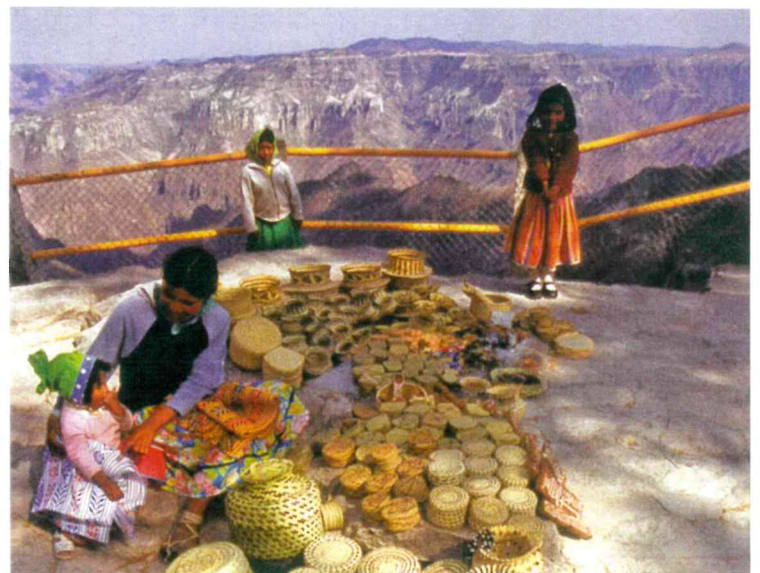


Learn about the shy Tarahumara Indians at the Copper Canyon

"All aboard!" From El Fuerte, travel in 1st class comfort aboard the sleek *Chepe* train, passing waterfalls, lakes, and rivers and 39 bridges



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Mexico's Spectacular Copper Canyon, Colonial Towns, Artist Colonies, and Sea of Cortez Cruise

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A.C.T.'s escorted tour of northern Mexico features a **"Train Ride In the Sky"** into the magnificent **Copper Canyon**; a **scenic private boat cruise** on the shimmering **Sea of Cortez**; the colonial city of picturesque **El Fuerte**; an intimate meeting of the **Tarahumara Indians** whose way of life has not changed in 1000 years; an optional **tramway ride** descending over 4500 feet into the Copper Canyon; and demonstrations of **Mata Ortiz pottery in Casas Grandes**. All this plus **21 meals, deluxe motor-coach in Mexico** and *more!* Includes transfers from Coachella Valley to Phoenix before and after Mexico.

DAILY ITINERARY

B=breakfast L=lunch D=dinner

April 6: Palm Springs/Phoenix, AZ. Drive by motorcoach from Palm Springs and Palm Desert today to Phoenix. Your hotel is near restaurants and bars and colorful Old Town, Scottsdale. **Comfort Suites Scottsdale**

April 7: San Carlos, Mexico. Cross the border into Mexico at Nogales and travel south to the small town of Santa Ana for lunch. Then, journey through the Sonora Desert to San Carlos on the azure Sea of Cortez. **Marinaterra Hotel & Spa (B,L,D)**

April 8: San Carlos/Sea Cruise. Board a private boat this morning for a **scenic cruise on the spectacular Sea of Cortez--**a highlight of the day! Watch for turtles, pelicans, dolphins, sea lions, and whales. Afternoon and evening at leisure. **(B,L,D)**

April 9: San Carlos/El Fuerte. After breakfast, journey to picturesque **El Fuerte, "Gateway to Copper Canyon,"** with a stop en route in **Navajoa** for lunch. El Fuerte has been named a *Pueblo Magico* (magic town) by the Mexican government because of the plaza's beautifully preserved colonial architecture and festive, romantic atmosphere. Famous for being the legendary birthplace of Senor Diego de la Vega, you will meet the dashing **Zorro** at 6:00 happy hour. **Hotel Posada del Hidalgo (B,L,D)**

April 10: El Fuerte/Train Ride Into Copper Canyon (Posadas Barrancas). Explore El Fuerte's rich colonial history through a **guided walking tour this morning**. Founded in 1564, El Fuerte was the first capital of the Western State, which combined the states of Sonora and Sinaloa.

Amazing vistas await you mid-day when you board a railcar and begin the **astonishing journey on the Chihuahua al Pacifico "Chepe" Railroad**, considered one of the most dramatic train journeys in the Western Hemisphere. Your "train ride in the sky" takes you into the Copper Canyon, **four times the size of the Grand Canyon**. The rail line, an engineering marvel, took almost 100 years to build in this very difficult and rugged terrain. After traversing 86 tunnels and 39 bridges, you will disembark at **Posada Barrancas**, on the rim of the Copper Canyon. In the late afternoon, meet the reclusive **Tarahumara Indians**, a semi-nomadic tribe whose ancestors lived for generations in the canyon's caves. Learn about their natural remedies and view the tribe's **unique baskets** and striking crafts. Dinner together at the terraced cliff-side hotel. **Hotel Mirador (B,L,D)**

April 11: Copper Canyon. After a leisurely breakfast, board the coach for a **tour to the Balancing Rock** area and walk along the canyon rim. An **optional cable ride** across the chasm is available, and if you are *really* adventuresome, there is also an **optional zip line course**. Afternoon at leisure to explore. Breakfast, lunch, and dinner included at the hotel **(B,L,D)**

April 12: Mata Ortiz Pottery/Nuevo Casas Grandes. Depart Posadas Barrancas and drive to the **village of Namipique**, where we stop for lunch. Afternoon demonstration of **Mata Ortiz Pottery**, one of the finest and most innovative ceramics in the world. **Farewell dinner in the town of Nuevo Casas Grandes** on our last night in Mexico. **Hotel Hacienda (B,L,D)**

April 13: Casas Grandes/Phoenix/Scottsdale AZ We are on the homeward stretch today, with a drive past large saguaro cacti and pecan orchards. Lunch in **Agua Prieta** before re-entering the United States. **Comfort Suites, Scottsdale AZ (B,L)**

April 14: Phoenix/Coachella Valley/Palm Springs Your memorable tour ends this morning as you board your motorcoach after breakfast and return to Palm Desert and Palm Springs, arriving in the afternoon. **(B)**

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Reservation Request

Ten days, April 6-15, 2025

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➤ **\$2395 early bird price,*** per person based on double occupancy, including transfers from Palm Springs and Palm Desert to Phoenix, where tour begins. First Class Mexican hotels listed or equivalent, all with private bath; 24 meals, including breakfast, lunch, and dinner in Mexico. Comprehensive guided sightseeing tours as described in itinerary aboard deluxe, air-conditioned motorcoach with toilet. Private yacht cruise on the Sea of Cortez. First Class Ferromex "Chepe" train from El Fuerte to Posadas Barrancas (Copper Canyon). Luggage handling and meal tips. Single Supplement: \$695.

Please reserve space for the following person(s):

Legal, Passport Name(s) _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Telephone _____ Cell phone number: _____ Emergency contact/number: _____

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RESERVATIONS, PAYMENT AND CANCELLATIONS:

A deposit of \$600 per person is required at the time of booking. *All cancellations are subject to a \$300 per person A.C.T. administrative fee. Final payment due February 1, 2025.* Cancellations made less than 60 days prior to departure will be penalized full deposit plus any additional fees levied by ground operators and A.C.T. in accordance with their regulations, penalties, and out of pocket expenses (non-refundable deposits, telephone calls, cables, etc.). *Late final payment subject to immediate cancellation of reservation; reinstatement subject to availability and price increase.*

***Early bird price of \$2395 effective until October 1, 2024 After Oct. 1, the program price increases to \$2495_{ppdo}**

HOTELS: Per person prices are based on two persons sharing a room with two beds plus private facilities at indicated Mexican hotels or similar, rated 4-stars (the best hotels in the canyon system). **Single supplement: \$695**

INCLUDED: From select pick up points in the Coachella Valley, deluxe motorcoach tour to Phoenix, AZ and to Mexico's Sea of Cortez and colonial towns. All hotel taxes, hotel portorage (one bag per person), and related service charges at the properties listed or equivalent; sightseeing tours and private yacht cruise on the Sea of Cortez as described on itinerary; 24 meals, including breakfasts, lunches, and dinners in Mexico. A.C.T. escort throughout (with 20 or more participants). English-speaking Tour Manager in Mexico. First class express train tickets from El Fuerte to Divisadero, Copper Canyon.

NOT INCLUDED: Gratuities to guides, bus drivers; any meals, snacks and beverages including wines, liquors, and mineral waters that are **not** included in program. Passports (required—check the expiration date). Items of a personal nature; travel insurance. Optional tours not included in program.

IMPORTANT: This fascinating tour is suitable for those in good health and who are prepared to walk on sometimes uneven surfaces and who have a spirit of adventure. Regretfully, our company's insurance carrier prohibits participants needing wheelchairs and/or scooters. Highest elevation on the trip is at Copper Canyon, 7,500 feet--about the same as Lake Arrowhead, CA or the tramway station atop Mt. Jacinto in Palm Springs. While the highways featured in Mexico are well paved, four full days of bus rides are included (with rest stops, of course)--If you have a challenge with motion sickness, please bring your medication, as well as pillows, inflatable neck rests, etc. Travel comfortably!

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My signature below indicates I have read the above terms and conditions and wish to be included on the trip. My check in the amount of \$600.00 per person is enclosed, or credit card info provided.

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✓ Signature (2nd person) _____ Date: _____

Name of cardholder _____ Card type (VISA, Discover, MasterCard) _____

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