

# GRAND CANYON, ALBUQUERQUE BALLOON FIESTA

## 9 Day Rail/Motorcoach Tour

Oct. 2-10

**\$1879 Double**  
**\$1849 Triple**  
**\$2239 Single**

Amtrak Coach Seat\* Chicago-Flagstaff  
Albuquerque-Chicago  
Verde Canyon, Grand Canyon Railroads  
3 Events Albuquerque Balloon Fiesta  
Albuquerque Old Town, Santa Fe Tour  
Petrified Forest, Painted Desert  
10 Meals, Earn \$45 "Travchecks"

*\$300 per person due at booking. Final payment due Aug. 14 after which cancellation fees apply.*

**Days 1-2: Southwest Chief.** Home pickups take us to Chicago Union Station for the afternoon departure of Amtrak's westbound *Southwest Chief*. A reclining coach seat\* is yours for the night. The diner offers full meals, or buy snacks in the Sightseer Lounge as Southwest scenery rolls by. After mid-evening arrival at Flagstaff, AZ, we transfer to the new Drury Hotel and unpack for three nights.

**Day 3: Verde Canyon Railroad.** Enjoy a continental breakfast before we ride through Oak Creek Canyon to Sedona, AZ. At Clarkdale, we board the Verde Canyon Railroad. This train includes open-air cars for viewing sheer rock walls and wildlife. Tonight we enjoy dinner at a local restaurant on Route 66. (CB,D)

**Day 4: Grand Canyon Railway.** After the hotel's breakfast we ride to Williams, AZ, and board the Grand Canyon Railway for the 65-mile diesel ride to Grand Canyon Village. There's free time for lunch and chasm gazing before our motorcoach tour along the South Rim. Return to Flagstaff via the Cameron Trading Post for dinner. (CB,D)

**Day 5: Petrified Forest, Albuquerque.** We leave Flagstaff after breakfast and head east to Petrified Forest National Park with a scenic drive through the Painted Desert. In Albuquerque's historic Old Town we unpack for three nights at the Rio Grande Inn, where we also have dinner. (CB,D)

**Day 6: Balloon Fiesta, Santa Fe.** It's up and out early for the pre-dawn glowing kaleidoscope of our first hot air balloon ascension. Later we head to Santa Fe to see sights including the Loretto Chapel and the Palace of the Governors. After free time on the Plaza, we return via the new Rail Runner commuter train. (B,L)

**Day 7: Balloon Fiesta, Albuquerque.** Hot air balloons come in many different shapes and we see them at this morning's liftoff. A guided tour of Albuquerque precedes an evening at the Fiesta's Glowdeo, a fascinating forest of glowing, tethered balloons. (B)

**Days 8-9: Southwest Chief.** Breakfast is included at the hotel before a mid-morning transfer to Albuquerque's new station for Amtrak's eastbound *Southwest Chief* and the scheduled 25-hour ride back to Union Station then transfers home. (B)

*\*Private sleeping car rooms are offered at additional cost and include meals on Amtrak. Call Mid-America for details.*



# LAKE SUPERIOR CIRCLE

## 9 Day Motorcoach Tour

Sept. 9-17

**\$1789 Double**  
**\$1759 Triple**  
**\$2099 Single**

Apostle Islands, Historic Bayfield  
Madeline Island Cruise, Tour  
North Shore Scenic Railroad  
Split Rock Lighthouse State Park  
Soo Locks Cruise  
Mackinac Island Carriage Tour  
Houghton Lake Dinner Cruise  
18 Meals, Earn \$45 "Travchecks"



*A valid passport or passport card is required for this tour into Canada.*

**Day 1: Wisconsin Northwoods.** Starting with home pickup we begin our journey to the Wisconsin Northwoods. Following lunch on the way we reach Ashland, WI, for dinner and accommodations overlooking Lake Superior's Chequamegon Bay. (L,D)

**Day 2: Madeline Island Tour, Duluth.** Madeline Island is the largest of the 21 in the Apostle Islands National Lakeshore. Our motorcoach goes on the

ferry boat to Madeline for a narrated tour and a stop at the museum. Returning to Bayfield, WI, we continue along the lakeshore to Duluth, MN, and the Lake Superior Maritime Visitors Center. Dinner and the night at the Radisson Hotel. (CB,L,D)

**Day 3: North Shore Railroad.** Ride the shore of Lake Superior aboard the North Shore Railroad this morning. Back on the motorcoach we drive the North Shore Scenic Byway. Visit the Split Rock Lighthouse, one of the nation's most photographed, before we reach the Grand Portage Casino Resort for the night. (CB)

**Day 4: Thunder Bay, Ontario.** We cross the Canadian border and visit Fort William Historical Park. This replica stockade re-creates the lives of the trappers, traders and native Ojibwa. Unpack at the Prince Arthur Waterfront Hotel for the next two nights and dinner. (B,L,D)

**Day 5: Kakabeka Falls.** On a narrated tour of Thunder Bay we see local gardens. In outlying areas see 128-foot Kakabeka Falls and the Terry Fox Scenic Outlook with its Lake views and monument to the Canadian amputee athlete. The balance of the day is at your leisure. (B)

**Days 6-7: Ouimet Canyon, Amethyst Mine, Soo Locks Cruise.** We continue on the Trans Canada Highway around Lake Superior with stops at Ouimet Canyon, 328 feet deep, and an amethyst mine. Overnight in Wawa, Ontario, before crossing back into the U.S. at Sault Ste. Marie for a boat ride through the Soo Locks. Overnight is in Sault Ste. Marie, MI, with dinner at Studebaker's Restaurant. (2B,2D)

**Day 8: Mackinac Bridge, Island.** After crossing the Upper Peninsula and the Mackinac Bridge we take a 20-minute hydrofoil ferry ride to quaint Mackinac Island. No cars are allowed here, so we tour by horsedrawn carriage. Back on the mainland, enjoy a sunset dinner cruise and the night at Lake Houghton. (CB,D)

**Day 9: Robinette's Apple Haus.** On the way home our lunch stop is at Robinette's Apple Haus in Grand Rapids. Shop their gift barn for fresh fruits, pastry and hard ciders to take on your transfer home. (CB,L)

*Final payment due July 24 after which cancellation fees apply.*