



# Copper Canyon Adventure

*Highlights...*

Tucson • San Carlos • El Fuerte  
Chihuahua-Pacifico Railroad  
Posada Barranca  
Chihuahua • El Paso

## **Day 1: Arrive Tucson, Arizona**

Your Copper Canyon adventure begins with a special welcome dinner - a great opportunity to meet your fellow travelers. *(D)*

## **Day 2: Tucson - San Carlos, Mexico**

Today, learn about the significance of the majestic Mission of San Xavier del Bac, known as the 'white dove of the desert'. Cross the Mexican border near the popular city of Nogales and continue through the beautiful Sonora Desert to the Sea of Cortez. Relax and enjoy San Carlos, where the desert meets the ocean, from your hotel overlooking the beautiful San Carlos Marina. *(B, D)*

## **Day 3: San Carlos**

Enjoy a day at leisure to explore the best of San Carlos. You may wish to shop for ironwood carvings or take an optional half-day fishing excursion. Later this afternoon you may partake in an optional siesta cruise on the Sea of Cortez, followed by dinner. *(B)*

## **Day 4: San Carlos - El Fuerte**

**HToday visit a working pearl farm and learn the history of pearls from the Sea of Cortez.H** A demonstration of the process of cultured pearl production is infused with information about the effort to replenish the gulf with these once plentiful species. In the beautiful colonial city of El Fuerte, you will feel as if you have stepped back in time. This colorful settlement was founded by the Spaniards in 1564, and sits gracefully in the foothills of the Sierra Madre Mountains. Before dinner, Collette guests will be treated to a memorable folkloric show. *(B, D)*

## **Day 5: El Fuerte - Copper Canyon**

**HToday you travel on the Chihuahua-Pacifico Railroad for an awe-inspiring journey that will take you from sea level to almost 8,000 feet via through numerous tunnels and over countless bridges in this unspoiled landscape.H** Your route takes in the most scenic portions of the 25,000 square miles of canyon as you wind past thrilling gorges and expansive canyonlands. You will enjoy lunch and a stunning view upon arrival at your hotel, which rests on the rim of the canyon. *(B, L, D)*

## **Day 6: Copper Canyon**

Experience the Tarahumara's fascinating culture when tribal members perform for you. See their traditional dance, tribal games and a foot race demonstration. Embark on a tour of the area called Divisadero; visit the small church and the balancing rock precariously positioned at the canyon's edge. Take in the spectacular views of the canyon from different locations as you learn more about this amazing area. Later you will have some leisure time to explore this beautiful region. *(B, L, D)*

## **Day 7: Copper Canyon - Creel - Chihuahua**

A fascinating trip through the canyon brings you to the town of Creel, one of the largest and most populated towns in the Copper Canyon, sitting 7,874 feet above sea level. Next, you visit the Mennonite settlement of Cuahtemoc where you will enjoy a homemade lunch before continuing on to Chihuahua. *(B, L, D)*

## **Day 8: Chihuahua - El Paso, Texas**

**HEmbark on a tour of Chihuahua, featuring the home of famous Mexican Revolutionary leader Pancho Villa, a tour of the state capitol building, and many other highlights.H** Later, you cross back into the United States, arriving in El Paso, Texas. Join your fellow travelers this evening for a farewell dinner. *(B, D)*

## **Day 9: El Paso - Tour Ends**

Your unforgettable tour experience of the Copper Canyon comes to an end, but the memories stay with you forever. *(B)*

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