

A HISTORY OF RIVALS AMID SCENIC SPLendor

One step aboard the Royal Gorge Route and you'll know you've embarked upon one of Colorado's most treasured scenic railroads.



President Roosevelt at the Hanging Bridge

Our history dates back to the 1870s when two competing railroads, the Denver Rio Grande and the Santa Fe, both worked to build tracks through the Royal Gorge to reach the mining riches further west in Leadville. The only problem was

that the Royal Gorge was a chasm, so deep, over 1,250 feet in places, and tight, only 30 feet at its narrowest point, that there was room for only one set of tracks. An all-out war broke out between the two, along with a legal battle that raged in the courts for almost two years. An attorney's dream come true!

Both the D&RG and Santa Fe built stone forts in the Gorge, rolled rocks down on the men working on the right of way, and threw their tools in the river as they leapfrogged each other. The Santa Fe hired the legendary "Bat" Masterson to assemble a group of men to defend their interests, and soon picks and shovels were replaced by rifles and pistols.

On March 27, 1880, litigation was finally settled when both railroads signed the Treaty of Boston which gave the D&RG access through the Royal Gorge.

For more than 87 years passengers experienced the breathtaking beauty, wildlife, and romance of the rails until passenger train service ended in 1967. Visitors were left high and dry, with no access through the Royal Gorge.

In 1999 the tracks were purchased from the Union Pacific, allowing visitors from around the world to once again experience not only the Royal Gorge, but classic rail service, dining, and entertainment.



The strict "No Fun" policy has been lifted today!



ROYAL GORGE ROUTE RAILROAD – THE SCENIC LINE OF THE WORLD

All aboard Colorado's finest scenic train that takes you on a journey through the spectacular Royal Gorge. This 2-hour, 24-mile round-trip is a visual and culinary feast, combining scenery, wildlife, history, world-class service, and dining options. You will travel by rail deep beneath the towering 1,000-foot granite cliffs of the Royal Gorge, along the tumbling waters of the Arkansas River, where eagles soar, bighorn sheep roam, and cell service is non-existent.

The Royal Gorge Route is more than just a train ride, it's one of Colorado's most popular destination attractions. Each year, more than 100,000 visitors

from around the world join us to experience service aboard our Coach, Vista Dome, Sunshine Falls Bar, Gourmet Lunch, Dinner, Murder Mystery, and Santa Express Trains. Tickets are available at the Santa Fe Depot located at 401 Water Street in Cañon City, Colorado, just 45 minutes south of Colorado Springs and only 2 hours south of Denver. Arrive early to shop in our train and toy store featuring unique Colorado apparel and exclusive railroad collectables.

Call 888.724.5748 or visit
RoyalGorgeRoute.com
SantaExpressTrain.com



UNFORGETTABLE SERVICE & SCENERY

COACH: Experience comfortable seats (unlike the airlines) and full access to our open-air car. Take a trip to our concessions and bar car for lunch and libations, then sit back, relax and listen to the clinkety-clack of the tracks. Don't forget your camera!



VISTA DOME: Glass-topped dome cars offer views of birds of prey soaring the canyon, rafters battling class IV rapids, and the dramatic walls of the Royal Gorge. Breakfast and lunch, as well as a full bar and wine list, are available. Entrées are excellent and prepared fresh to order.



SUNSHINE FALLS BAR & PARLOR CAR: Designed with warm woods, comfortable seating and large plate-glass windows. Full service bar, breakfast and lunch available, all prepared fresh to order.



GOURMET LUNCH: Relax, as our chef prepares your award-winning 3-course lunch. Experience outstanding service and delicious entrées in a luxurious dining or vista dome car while you catch up with friends and family.



GOURMET DINNER: Enjoy choice prime rib, fresh salmon, roasted chicken, or vegetarian fare as you journey through the splendor of the Royal Gorge. Relax in our luxurious dining or vista dome car and yes! you will be able to see this amazing canyon as the lights of our train reveal the Royal Gorge.



2012 Classes of Service • Schedule and Rates

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Class of Service	Adult	Child
Coach <i>Comfortable coach seating. Food and drinks available in concession and bar car. (Children, ages 2 and under ride free on a parent's lap)</i>	\$35.00	\$24.00 <small>(ages 3-12)</small>
Vista Dome <i>Ride in glass-topped dome comfort and enjoy unparalleled views of the Royal Gorge. Order a delicious breakfast or lunch prepared fresh. Full-service bar available. (extra charge)</i>	\$59.00	\$48.00 <small>(ages 3-12)</small> Ages 2 and under ride free on a lap.
Sunshine Falls Bar & Parlor Car <i>Featuring warm woods, custom table seating, large plate-glass windows, and a full-service bar. Enjoy breakfast or lunch prepared fresh to order. (extra charge)</i>	\$45.00	\$45.00 <small>(Min. age 8)</small>
First Class Dining Options	Adult	Child
Gourmet Lunch: 12:30 PM* <i>Extraordinary service, delectable chef-prepared entrées and the breathtaking scenery of the Royal Gorge equal one unforgettable experience. Includes 3 courses.</i> <i>Dining Car</i> <i>Vista Dome</i>	\$69.00 \$99.00	\$49.00 \$79.00 <small>(ages 3-12)</small>
Gourmet Dinner: 6:30 PM* <i>Our chef prepares delicious seasonal entrées on our 3-hour breathtaking trip through the Royal Gorge. Includes 3 courses.</i> <i>Dining Car</i> <i>Vista Dome</i>	\$85.00 \$115.00	\$85.00 \$115.00 <small>(ages 8-12)</small>
Murder Mystery Train: 6:30 PM* <i>Experience a classic "who dunnit" murder mystery while enjoying our award-winning 3-course dinner.</i>	\$110.00	\$110.00 <small>(ages 8-12)</small>
Special Events	Adult	Child
Mother's Day, Father's Day, and Easter Brunches: 12:30 PM <i>Chef-prepared entrées and train ride. Easter Brunch available April 7 & 8.</i>	\$79.00	\$59.00 <small>(ages 3-12)</small>
New Year's Eve Dinner: 6:30 PM <i>Enjoy our delicious 3-course dinner and live entertainment on this 3-hour train ride.</i>	\$99.00	\$99.00 <small>(Min. age 8)</small>

*Select departures throughout the season. Rates, times and consist subject to change without notice.

Colorado's most scenic train travels through the spectacular Royal Gorge canyon on a 24-mile round-trip, 2-hour adventure (3 hours for evening departures).
The Royal Gorge Route's service, scenery and experience are second to none.

Departure Dates	Departure Times
March 17 – May 25 <i>Daily Departures</i>	12:30 pm <i>Coach, Vista Dome, Bar Gourmet Lunch on select departures</i>
May 26 – Nov. 4 <i>Daily Departures</i>	9:30 am*, 12:30 pm, 3:30 pm** <i>Coach, Vista Dome, Bar Gourmet Lunch</i> 6:30 pm <i>Dinner, Twilight & Murder Mystery Trains (select evenings)</i>
Nov. 10 – Nov. 25 <i>Weekend Departures</i>	12:30 pm <i>Coach, Vista Dome, Bar Gourmet Lunch</i>
Nov. 16 – Dec. 26 <i>Santa Express Train</i>	20,000 people ride the Santa Express train annually. It's Colorado's #1 holiday train experience. Schedule below.
Dec. 27 – Dec. 30 <i>Daily Departures</i>	12:30 pm <i>Vista Dome service</i>

*9:30 am departure not available after Oct. 7. **After Sept. 2, the 3:30 pm departure is only available on Saturdays thru Oct. 6.

More Special Events	Adult	Child
Oktoberfest Lunch: 12:30 PM <i>Enjoy German fare, music and beer.</i> Sept. 15 - Oct. 7 - Daily <i>Dining Car</i> <i>Vista Dome</i>	\$69.00 \$99.00	\$49.00 \$79.00 <small>(ages 3-12)</small>
Santa Express Train <i>Ride Santa Express to the North Pole, where Santa awaits! Dinner & bar service available.</i> Nov. 16 - 30: Fri. thru Sun. - 6:00 PM Dec. 1 - 23: Sat. & Sun. at 12:00 & 6:00 PM Dec. 6, 7, 13 & 14 - 6:00 PM Dec. 15 - 26 Daily - 12:00 & 6:00 PM (except Dec. 25) <i>Coach</i> <i>First Class</i> <i>Vista Dome</i>	\$32.00 \$42.00 \$46.00	\$22.00 \$32.00 \$36.00 <small>(ages 2-12)</small>



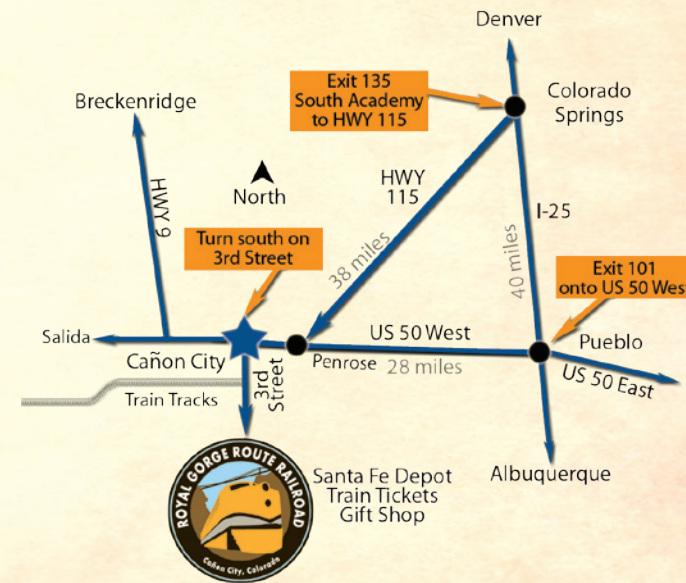
Royal Gorge Route RAILROAD

YOUR TICKET TO RIDE

Since 1879, the Royal Gorge Route, known as the "Scenic Line of the World," has been ferrying passengers along the tumbling Arkansas River, over 1,000 feet below the rocky granite cliffs of the famed Royal Gorge. This is no ordinary train ride, as chef Jeremy Garnett combines the bright, fresh tastes of Colorado to create award-winning entrées on our Vista Dome, Gourmet Lunch, Dinner, and Murder Mystery Trains.

Each year, more than 100,000 visitors from around the world come to experience the Royal Gorge Route. No wonder Colorado's most scenic and luxurious streamliner was recently named one of America's Top Trains.

To purchase tickets to ride the Royal Gorge Route, visit RoyalGorgeRoute.com or call **1.888.724.5748**. For lodging information visit CanonCityColorado.com or stop by the Royal Gorge Welcome Center at 4th and Royal Gorge Blvd. (just north of the train depot), in Cañon City.



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