

ALKI TOURS PRESENTS

Mexico's Copper Canyon By Rail



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Here's How Your Trip Will Unfold....

Day 1: Phoenix, Arizona

Welcome to Phoenix. Upon arrival, transfer on your own to our lovely hotel. At 6 pm, mix and mingle with your tour director and fellow travelers at our Welcome Reception.

Meals: Welcome Reception

Day 2-Phoenix - San Carlos

Let the grand tour begin as we cross the border into Mexico. See San Xavier del Bac Mission, the White Dove of the

Desert. This 18th century mission is known for its striking architectural blend of Moorish,



Byzantine, and the Jesuit priest and explorer who founded San Xavier del Bac. Inside see Father Kino's Mausoleum. Spend the night tonight watching the sunset at the Plaza Hotel in San Carlos Bay.

Meals: Lunch & Dinner

Day 3-San Carlos

All aboard a fabulous yacht excursion into the Sea of Cortez-Mexico's Galapagos. The Sea of Cortez' maritime desert environment shelters a number of rare endemic species of flora and fauna found nowhere else. Cruise past uninhabited islands with exotic tangles of cacti and succulent



landscapes. In

the early afternoon, depart for Alamos. Along the way, travel through the agricultural heartland of Sonora. Tonight celebrate with a traditional "welcome cocktail" and a Mexican fiesta with the region's best singers and dancers. Ole!
Meals: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

Day 4- Alamos

We will depart San Carlos after breakfast. Our first stop will be at the Guaymas Pearl Farm, where you will learn about pearl oyster farming, pearl grading and quality selection. Next we travel to the foothills of the Sierra Madre arriving to the quaint city of Alamos. This evening immerse yourself in the local culture at



dinner with a colorful spectacle of music and folk dancing by performers in traditional customs. **Meals: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner**

Day 5-Alamos-El Fuerte

Buenos Dias! Today enjoy a colorful walking tour through the cobblestone streets visiting some fabled mansions that have been restored to their original glory. The city of Alamos has been declared a national historic landmark. Tonight stay in El Fuerte, a quaint colonial town on the Fuerte River. Take a fascinating indian tour before checking into our hotel for the night.

Meals: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

Day 6-El Fuerte-Copper Canyon

All aboard! The excitement begins as you board our private rail car and travel the famous Chihuahua-al-Pacifico route into the wilds of the Sierra Madre Mountains. The route is rated



one of the most scenic train routes in the world featuring views of titanic cliffs, small villages and vast canyonlands. Four times the size of the Grand Canyon, this is one of the most dramatic panoramas in the world. Man's greatest engineering feat within this defiant geography is the railroad which traverses it. Almost 100 years in the making, the tracks climb from sea level to nearly 8,000 feet, crossing some of the highest bridges in the world and 87 tunnels including a mile long, 360 degree spiral! Arrive in Divisadero mid-afternoon. Enjoy this peaceful setting and spectacular canyon views for the next two nights.

Meals: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

Day 7-Copper Canyon

Discover more of the canyon and its inhabitants with a mid-morning walking tour to the cave dwellings of the Tarahumara



Indians, one of the most isolated tribes in North America. The rugged countryside has preserved the ancient culture and traditional lifestyle of

these interesting people. Enjoy a demonstration of their local dance and see the sport that has earned these simple farmers



international recognition-barefoot, long distance running. There is time today for some optional hiking or horseback riding. Enjoy another night of spectacular beauty in the heart of the canyon.

Meals: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

Day 8-Copper Canyon-Casas Grandes

After breakfast, we're off to the mountainside village of Creel where the Tarahumara, traditionally dressed in vibrant-colored clothing, sell their handmade art and souvenirs. Visit the cultural museum to learn how the natives have managed to maintain their heritage, or browse for mementos at the Mission Craft Store. Next we'll descend from the mountains to sea level, all in one spectacular day. Tonight sit back and relax at our lovely hotel in the city of Casas Grandes. Spend the evening with your fellow passengers at the farewell dinner.

Meals: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

Day 9-Paquime

Take a trip back in time this morning while visiting Paquime, Mexico's northernmost archaeological site. This is where the ancient Gran Chichimeca civilization erected its truncated pyramids and adobe multi-story apartments. Travel through the plains and cattle country of Chihuahua before re-entering the United States. Arrive in Phoenix by early evening.

Meals: Breakfast, Lunch

Day 10: Phoenix

The last day of your holiday includes breakfast. Take a moment to reflect on the exciting memories you'll cherish forever. Please schedule your flight home for after 12 pm.

Meals: Breakfast

Its Included:

- Deluxe motorcoach transportation from Phoenix
- Reserved rail car on the Chihuahua Al Pacifico
- Yacht excursion on the Sea of Cortez
- **20 meals includes:**
 - 7 breakfast
 - 7 lunches
 - 6 dinners , including a farewell dinner
- All sightseeing as mentioned
- Fully escorted and narrated so you won't miss a thing!

Cancellation Policy

75 Days prior to departure Full Refund

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75% Refund

60-41 Days prior to departure: 50% refund

40-31 Days prior to departure: 25% refund

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Information regarding a variety of travel insurance policies are available upon request. We recommend that sufficient insurance be purchased to cover the possibility of lost or damaged baggage, accidents or illness.