PIKE’S PEAK COG RAILWAY TOUR
(see map inside brochure)

1. Departure: 8:00am, Sunday, 6-8-08
   Adam’s Mark Hotel (Sheridan Hotel)
   1550 Court Place
   Denver, CO 80202
   303-893-3333

2. Tour Stop #1: 9:15am - 9:45am
   The Garden of the Gods
   Visitor and Nature Center

3. Tour Stop #2: 10:10am - 10:40am
   The Pike’s Peak Cog Railway Terminal
   Manitou Springs, CO 80829
   719-685-5401

4. Pike’s Peak Cog Railway: 10:40am - 1:50pm
   Train ride to the summit of Pike’s Peak
   (Lunch will be provided)

5. Tour Stop #3: 1:50pm - 2:00pm
   Return to the Cog Railway Terminal
   Bus back to the hotel

1. Arrival: 3:30pm
   Adam’s Mark Hotel (Sheridan Hotel)

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**ALITUDE SICKNESS**

In Colorado, most of us just get used to it, but the high altitudes of the Rocky Mountains does affect some visitors. Denver is the “Mile High” city, at 5280 feet above sea level. The summit of Pike’s Peak is 14,110 feet above sea level.

**SOME BASIC SYMPTOMS**

- Sustained dizziness or light-headedness
- Sustained elevation of heart rate
- Persistent cough
- Persistent headache

In most cases, these symptoms will go away by going back to lower altitudes. Most visitors do not suffer altitude sickness during the short duration of the Cog Railway tour.

*If you have a history of severe cardiac or respiratory problems, it is suggested that you do not ride the Cog Railway to the summit. You are still welcome to come with us to see the beautiful Front Range of Colorado.*

**OUR TOUR...**

...begins at the hotel at 8:00am (1). After a short trip down the “Front Range” of the Rocky Mountains, we will visit “The Garden of the Gods” (2). We will board the “Pike’s Peak Cog Railway,” at 10:40am (3). This will take us to the summit of Pike’s Peak (4). We will have lunch and then take the train back to the station (3), where we will take the bus back to the hotel (1).

(Additional points of interest may be visited if time permits. Schedule may be changed without notice.)

**PIKE’S PEAK**

Pike’s Peak is a granite mountain, raised by the uplift of two continental plates. It was cut from the loose rock by glacial advance and retraction almost 11,000 years ago. Since then, rivers and snow runoff have carved the deep crevices and ravines.

In 1803, President Thomas Jefferson authorized the “Louisiana Purchase.” He sent Zebulon Pike to determine the southwestern border of the region. Lt. Col. Pike called this mountain the “Grand Peak.” Pike attempted an accent in 1806 but was turned back by the legendary Colorado weather. The first recorded accent is in 1820 by Dr. Edwin James. It soon became a marker on the trail to California, spurring the phrase “Pike’s Peak or Bust.”

In 1858, a camp was set up in the current location of Denver. The settlement of Colorado Springs was formed in 1871 and, five years later, Colorado became a state thus being known as the “Centennial State.”

The “Pike’s Peak Cog Railway” was completed in 1890.

Each year, Colorado hosts the “Pike’s Peak International Hill Climb,” a car race to the summit. The 12.5 mile race is the second oldest race in the United States (The oldest is the Indy 500). While the official race began in 1916, people have been racing up the mountain since 1902. The fastest time in 1916 was 18 minutes and 24 seconds. In 1995, Shawn Hendricks completed the race in 9 minutes and 34 seconds in a stock Dodge Stealth.

**THE GARDEN OF THE GODS**

Rufus Cable is credited with naming the sandstone formations in 1859, although archaeological finds indicate that it has been visited for over 3300 years.

Today, the national park is visited by tourists and rock climbers. The “kissing camels,” a rock formation that resembles two camels touching lips, is a popular destination for both. Trails through the park include other formations such as “The Balancing Rock,” “The Hogback,” “The Siamese Twins” and “Steamboat Rock.”

Visitors are warned to watch out for rattlesnakes and loose rocks. Climbing of any sort requires a permit.