



# Blue Sky Adventures

"The Experts in Philmont Travel!"

## DELUXE PLUS ADVENTURE Colorado

### Day 1

- Arrive in Denver by 11:00 AM and rendezvous with your Blue Sky Adventures tour guide. We will be waiting for you and will get you underway as soon as possible. With your Blue Sky Adventures water bottle in hand, it's time to get acclimated!
- Your guide will be with you all day to make sure everything is fun and happens as planned. The guide will bring Colorado "alive" with stories of local legends, history and culture. This is the difference maker on a Blue Sky Adventure.
- Lunch - A Scout is Hungry! We will have a bag lunch waiting for you on the vehicle. This gives you the flexibility to overcome potential travel delays and helps ensure ample time for sightseeing on your arrival day.
- We are on our way to Morrison, Colorado just west of Denver to visit the world-famous Red Rocks Park and Amphitheatre.
- If you think Red Rocks Park is just a beautiful place to see a concert, think again! Around you are 868 acres of deer, fossils, pines and prairie, geological wonders and spectacular vistas. At 6,450 feet above sea level, Red Rocks Park is a terrific place to begin your acclimation!
- We will hike the 1.5 loop trail and explore the Red Rocks Amphitheatre. This is a geological phenomenon! The only naturally occurring, acoustically perfect amphitheatre in the world. From Sting and The Beatles, to opera stars and U2, every artist aspires to play on this magical, spiritual and emotional stage.
- Time permitting, we will make a 1 hour stop at the Air Force Academy for a tour of the visitor center and chapel.
- Time for a break with snacks and cold drinks for all!



- Check in to the beautiful Marriott Hotel in Colorado Springs where there's lots to do. Indoor & outdoor pool, gift shop, business center, fitness room, basketball, ping pong, corn hole, and more!
- Spend the afternoon poolside or play basketball with your crew and other Scouts from all over the country--this is some Scout trip!
- Dinner at the hotel is good food and lots of it! An "all you can eat", Scout friendly buffet!



## Day 2

- Hot, all you can eat full breakfast buffet - eggs, sausage, fresh fruit and more!
- Experience one of nature's true wonders, the Garden of the Gods!
- First, see the exciting 15-minute film at the Visitor Center. Then, we will do a terrific hike from Kissing Camels to Balanced Rock! See Gateway Rock, the spectacular Central Garden, Scotsman Rock, Siamese Twins, and more!!
- Lunch and a visit to the charming town of Manitou Springs. After you eat, enjoy 45 minutes of free time to explore the shops, mineral springs, and tourist attractions in this historic western town.
- Take a ride up the world-famous Pikes Peak Highway! Relax and watch in wonder as you climb to 14,115 feet above sea level to the summit of America's favorite mountain - Pikes Peak. Your trip will take you through four life zones from lush high plains to fragile alpine tundra. You'll pass cascading streams as you wind through a steep canyon of gigantic boulders and tall pines towards your destination well above tree line. It's possible to see four states, the snow-covered peaks of the Continental Divide, the cities of Denver, Manitou Springs, Colorado Springs and the historic gold camps of Cripple Creek and Victor. You'll enjoy fantastic rock formations, spectacular vistas and breathtaking cliffs!
- At the summit, participate in an optional 20-minute hike on the Barr Trail at over 14,000 feet. Not only will you see tremendous views, but also this is a great way to help your body get acclimated for Philmont!
- Enjoy a delicious dinner!
- Evening spent enjoying the hot tub and pool at the Marriott!



## Day 3

- Hot, all you can eat full breakfast buffet - eggs, sausage, fresh fruit and more!
- Review your homebound departure day pick up procedures and get your Blue Sky Adventures "give-a-ways and advisor tips" to make your trek even better.
- All aboard the Blue Sky Express! You will be at Philmont by 10:00 AM.

## **Departure Day**

- Depart Philmont on the 7:30 AM Blue Sky Express. Exact departure time may change based on our transportation schedule.
- Lunch! Enjoy a meal you don't have to mix with water!
- Arrive DIA by 1:30 PM. **Departure flight must leave after 3 PM.**

Note 1: The full day one itinerary is based on arrival in Denver before 11 AM. Arrivals after 11 AM will visit the Air Force Academy in lieu of Red Rocks. Arrivals after 2 PM will skip the Air Force Academy.

Note 2: We can substitute Garden of the Gods climbing program for Garden Hike on morning of Day 2. Please see Ultimate Adventure for details on climbing program. There is a \$50 surcharge for climbing.

