

MEXICO'S COPPER CANYON

**March 23, 2026
9 Days 18 Nights**

**From: \$1,995 pp/double
\$2,325 pp/single**

Copper Canyon, the largest canyon in North America is home to the least acculturated Native Americans in North America, the Tarahumara Indians, who are semi-nomadic cliff dwellers.

The "Train Ride in the Sky" is one of the most dramatic railway journeys in the Western Hemisphere, as it travels through 86 tunnels and 37 trestles.

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Itinerary

Day 1 | Phoenix – Nuevo Casa Grandes

Depart Phoenix, cross the border into Mexico. Bienvenidos! Arrive at the archaeological site of Paquimé, a UNESCO World Heritage Site. View the maze-like adobe remnants and the ceremonial mounds. Walk by the House of the Cross, and the House of the Serpent. Visit with potters from the village of Mata Ortiz.

Day 2 | Chihuahua

Travel to the city of Chihuahua, capital of the State, which played a pivotal role in the Mexican revolution. Tour the downtown "Centro Histórico", viewing Plaza de Armas, cathedral and State Capital Building.

Day 3 | Posada Barrancas

Tour the Historical Museum of the Mexican Revolution, once the home of the revolutionary Pancho Villa. Drive to Posada Barrancas on the rim of the Copper Canyon, stopping for lunch en route. Arrive at the hotel for dinner and overnight.

Day 4 | Aerial Tram into the Copper Canyon, Tarahumara Indians – Posada Barrancas

Join the discussion this morning on the interpretation of the unique Tarahumara Indian arts and crafts. Visit the rim of the Copper Canyon. Board the aerial tram that takes you across the canyon, descending almost 4,500 feet into the center to experience its grandeur. Learn about the geological forces that created the seven individual canyons, collectively known as the Copper Canyon or Barrancas del Cobre.

Day 5 | Scenic Train Ride – El Fuerte

Depart Posada Barrancas aboard a railcar and begin the journey on the Chihuahua al Pacífico railroad. Descend into the foothills of the Sierra Madre Mountains to El Fuerte, traveling from almost 7,500 feet to sea level, while passing through numerous tunnels and over soaring bridges with panoramic views.

Day 6 | Navojoa, Travel to Alamos

Depart El Fuerte and head to the native Mayo village of Navojoa. During a home visit, learn about the Mayo Indians and their culture. Witness ceremonial dances accompanied by traditional native instruments and participate in a tortilla making demonstration. Travel through the farmlands of the Sierra Madre mountains to Álamos. Dinner tonight is highlighted by a music and dance cultural presentation.

Day 7 | Walking Tour in Alamos, San Carlos

Take a morning stroll of Los Álamos with a local guide. After lunch, travel through the rich farmlands of Sonora before arriving in San Carlos for dinner and overnight.

Day 8 | Cruise on the Sea of Cortez, Pearl Farm

Board a boat for a scenic cruise on the Sea of Cortez. You may see turtles, pelicans, dolphins, or even sea lions. Take a tour of the Guaymas Pearl Farm. Continue to Mirador, a viewpoint over the Sea of Cortez.

Day 9 | San Carlos – Phoenix

Depart early and along the way, stop at Hermosillo. View the colonial Cathedral and the Government Palace, Continue through the Sonoran Desert before you reenter the USA through Nogales, Arizona.