

## **Explore**

# New Heights

### **Pikes Peak**



What a view... from the top of Pikes Peak.
America the beautiful indeed!

Named after Lt. Zebulon Pike who first ventured upon it's majesty, a view from Pikes Peak inspired Katherine Lee Bates to write "America the Beautiful". Standing 14,110 ft above sea level, Pikes Peak offers a breath-taking view of Colorado Springs with Kansas and New Mexico sitting on the horizons. Pikes Peak has been used as training grounds for the Army and Air Force, and has offer campers and climbers an adventurous time.

On our last tour in October we chanced upon unseasonal weather with 85°F at the base of the mountain and a -20°F chill factor at the summit. As we traversed the COG rail to the top, a young women from Michigan, dressed in

T-shirt and shorts, donning no more than a wool blazer for an outer covering, exclaimed to me that a ~20°F wind-chill was nothing, as others showed signs of hypothermia...so be prepared accordingly! Layering your clothing works best!

Situated in a very active tourist region, the area offers places of

interest to satisfy most everyone's taste. Our itinerary offers three interchangeable tour groups, two levels for the physically adventurous and the third for the admirers of nature.

Something for everyone is included.

#### **Itinerary 2008**

Monday April 21st
Week long camping or

Trek Pikes Peak or COG rail to the summit, Iron Springs Chateau with a vaudeville olio

Tuesday April 22nd

Royal Gorge in Canon City -Tour the gorge or Four Corners Rafting

Wednesday April 23rd

Garden of the Gods

Horseback Riding or

Rock Climbing or

Michael Gormen's

Magic Town,

Miramount Castle

continued on back...



A view of Colorado Springs from the summit of Pikes Peak.

Itinerary continued from front...

#### Thursday April 24th

Cave of the Winds

#### <u>Friday April 25th through</u> <u>Saturday April 27th</u>

Overnight Camping *or* Fossilbeds in Florissant, Cripple Creek / Gold Mine

#### Saturday April 27th

Manitou Cave Dwellings, Seven Falls, Dinner at the Belmont Hotel

#### Sunday April 28th

Religious accommodations are available before we venture back into our own civilizations once again.



It's several energized tour packages wrapped up into one, allowing travelers to alternate between groups or simply camp on Pike Peak. It's your choice, be adventurous today and see the world from new heights!

Next Month we feature our tour to Lomnicky Stit in Slovakia!



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