

Colorado River Trips LLC

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Schedule 2011-2012

- 1. Tales and Trails of Colorado Ghost Mines - Fairplay** October 1 -2, 2011 1 semester hour graduate credit. \$140. with credit. \$90. without credit. Capture gold fever as you explore mines, mills, and ghost towns near Fairplay. Peer through broken window frames and trek twisted rails in Leavick. Creep softly through Alma's past looking for the legendary Silver Heels. Let the timberline mines and the railroad history of Como ignite your imagination. Relive the fortunes, dreams and disasters of Colorado mining history.
- 2. The Majestic Sangre de Cristos - Ghost Towns and Geology** October 8-9, 2012 - 1 credit hour - \$140 with credit - \$90 without credit. The Sangre de Cristo Mountains tower above the Wet Mountain Valley, hiding secrets of gold, silver, volcanoes and ghost towns amid some of the most spectacular geology in Colorado. Explore a hill that was 97% silver and learn the lives of the people who mined it. Discover evidence for the Ancestral Rockies, the Rio Grande Rift, an ancient volcano, and the immense beauty of the Sangre de Cristo Mountains.
- 3. Ghost Towns by Cross Country Ski** February 18-19, 2012 - 1 credit hour - \$140 with credit - \$90 without credit. Cross country ski back in time to the days of the Colorado gold and silver rush. Relive the extravagance and demise of Baby Doe and Horace Tabor, tour the Leadville Mining Museum and the Healy House. Listen to the snow blowing softly amid the ruins of Oro City and California Gulch. Cross country skiing or snowshoeing experience not required.
- 4. Belize - Coral Reef Splendor and Maya Ruins in the Jungle** March 24-31, 2012- 5 credit hours - \$2510. includes airfare, tuition, lodging, ground transportation and journey to Tikal, Guatemala. \$1600. without tuition or airfare. Submerge yourself in the shimmering, colorful world of the Belize coral reefs. Explore coral fish as they change sexes, groom each other, and develop complex relationships of symbiosis. Remember your dream of being an archeologist? Come wander with us into the land of the ancient Mayans, with their extravagant architecture, rituals, and games. Experience Belize, brimming with life and mysteries.
- 5. Volcanoes and Ruins of New Mexico** April 28 - 29, 2012- 1 hour credit- \$140 with credit - \$90 without credit. Experience the volcanoes of New Mexico and the Bandelier ruins of the ancient Pueblo Indians who tunneled their homes into volcanic tuff cliffs. See the youngest volcanic fields in the continental U.S., with cinder cones, a massive caldera, radial dikes, and more. Discover the Rio Grande Rift, which causes the volcanoes, as North Americas is being stretched apart. Also learn the history of southern Colorado coal mines and labor wars and tour the site of the Ludlow Massacre.
- 6. Picketwire Dinosaur Tracks by Mountain Bike** May 5-6, 2012- 1 credit hour- \$140 with credit - \$90 without credit. Mountain bike 13 miles round trip to see a fossilized Jurassic beach containing over 1300 dinosaur tracks, some big enough to sit in. This important site showed scientists that dinosaurs were herding animals. Search the sandstone cliffs for petroglyphs of the ancient ones. Tour Bent's Old Fort and see stage coach ruts on the Old Stagecoach Trail. Learn Colorado history from the Jurassic to the Dust Bowl.

7. Hawaii – Volcanoes Born of Fire - Coral Reefs - Life Extravagancia June 18- 27, 2012– 5 credit hours - \$3010. with credit - \$2800. without credit. *Includes airfare from Denver, but airfare may vary slightly.* Explore Hawaii's Big Island - the newest land on earth. Tiptoe across Kilauea's active volcano caldera. Step gently through a'a' and pahoehoe lava flows. Gaze upon molten lava flowing to the sea (if Pele, Goddess of Fire) is with us. Explore the fascinating telescopes at 13,000 feet on the summit of Mauna Kea. Then submerge into the shimmering brilliance of the coral reef life extravagancia. Help conduct biodiversity and environmental impact research. Snorkel or dive experience not required.

8. Grand Canyon River Trip – The Ultimate River Adventure July 5- 11, 2011 - 3.5 credit hours - \$2,765. with credit - \$2,600. without credit. View the stunning geology of 2.2 billion years of earth history as you white water raft through some of the world's most famous rapids. Descend into the world of strata sculpted by the mighty Colorado River. Includes 6.5 days of white water in a motorized raft, helicopter ride out of the canyon, flight on a twin engine plane, tips, sleeping pack, motel the night before the trip and food. This is the ultimate river trip.

9. Green River Trip - Majestic Journey from Glaciers to Gorges July 18 - 28, 2012 5 hours credit. \$1810. with credit. \$1600. without credit. **Discover river headwaters, geysers, mud pots, and mountains while exploring Yellowstone and the Grand Tetons. Follow the Green River from its mother snowfields in the Wind River Range through the beautiful Flaming Gorge and into the sandstone cliffs of Dinosaur National Monument. Whitewater raft and canoe through convoluted canyons and gaze upon dinosaur bones and Fremont Rock Art while conducting authentic environmental research.**