

Colorado History by Train – Denver to Glenwood

1 graduate semester credit

April 8-9, 2023

Cost \$510. Includes train ticket, hotel in Glenwood, Tram and Cave Tour & tuition.

Cost without credit \$455.

Day 1; Meet at Amtrak Station in Denver at 7:15 a.m.

Train departs at 8:05 a.m. Narrative on the train will include historical and ecological sites as we climb the steep mountain passes and burrow beneath the continental divide. Explore Colorado Railroad History: the engineering feats of David Moffat and William Palmer, railroad wars, and the rails race to the mining camps. Discover how the frenzied need for steel rails issued in Pueblo's steel mills, southern Colorado's coal mines, and migrant workers straight from Ellis Island. Learn the history of Winter Park, Fraser, Granby, and ranching in Middle Park. Can you spot the tiny rooms of the Japanese Internment Camp in Frasier? Do you know the history of Frasier's Experimental Forest high on Byer's Peak? The route follows the Colorado River from Granby through stunning Gore and Glenwood Canyons. Learn the fascinating geology of the canyons. The train arrives in Glenwood at 2:00 p.m.

Check into our hotel and then depart for the Tram and Cave Tour. Learn the chemistry of caves and identification of formations within a cave. After such a busy day, we can relax by soaking in the soothing water of Glenwood Hot Springs and learn the myths of the Ute Indians, who believed the waters held magical healing powers. Learn the history of the springs and of the old Glenwood Hotel that is built by the side of one of the largest natural hot springs pools.

Day 2: The train departs from Glenwood at 10:23 a.m. During class time this morning and train time, we will learn about the settling of Glenwood Springs, the coal seam fires in Red Mountain, the Storm King Fire of 1994 where 14 fire fighters lost their lives, and construction of the million dollar highway through Glenwood Canyon. Other fascinating issues include the grandfather water rights of the Shoshone Power Plant, water wars of the west, and ecological issues with the 165 dams along the Colorado River drainage. Also experience the fascinating geology in Glenwood and Gore Canyon, complete with faults, folds, and intrusions