



Crested Butte

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for views of the old silver mining town and the Collegiate Range behind. Then to Buena Vista where we are on top of the world. This is Big Sky country with rolling prairie and those deliciously derelict abandoned ranch houses that beg us to pause and record their story. Too soon, our week is coming to a close as we arrive at the Clarion Hotel near the airport.

Day 8 (October 2) Flights home today: Book your return flights for anytime today. The hotel provides a free hot breakfast and airport shuttle. Thanks for joining me—see you next year in San Francisco! You'll find my field notes from the trip to help you identify your images at www.mytb.org/cuephoto



Your guide Don Lyon

GENERAL INFORMATION and CONDITIONS

RESERVATIONS & PAYMENTS: A \$500US per person deposit and a signed application is required to confirm any reservation. Balance of payment is due 60 days prior to departure. Visa and Mastercard are accepted for deposits.

CANCELLATION POLICY: Minimum cancellation fees, shown below, are in addition to any non-recoverable deposits made to suppliers and are based on the number of days prior to departure that we receive written notice of cancellation. More than 120 days--\$200. 60-120 days--\$500. Less than 60 days--50% of Land Costs or per person fixed operating costs plus non recoverable deposits, whichever is greater. Within 30 days, 100% of Land Costs is forfeited.

CANCELLED EXPEDITIONS: Close-Up Expeditions retains the right to cancel any trip which does not have the stated minimum number of participants. Deposits will be refunded. Deposits collected for Expeditions cancelled due to events beyond our control will be refunded minus unrecoverable expenses.

EXPEDITION COSTS INCLUDE: unless stated otherwise in the brochure, Accommodations based on two people sharing one room. Meals--not included. Land Transportation by vehicles appropriate to group size, expedition goals and local availability. Sightseeing and Admissions--as indicated in the brochure. Baggage and Personal Equipment: Handling of one medium size suitcase, not to exceed 27" X 21" X 9" (or combined dimensions of 57") and 45 lbs is included. Guides may refuse to carry luggage exceeding these limits. Hand-baggage and camera equipment should be of a size convenient to carry and be kept with you in the vehicle without inconvenience to others, and is entirely the responsibility of the client.

SMOKING & CELLPHONES are not permitted in Vehicles and at group meals.

GUIDE SERVICES & PHOTOGRAPHIC INSTRUCTION: The services of your CUE leader are included from arrival at the Meeting Point on Day One, terminating on the last day as indicated in the brochure. Photographic advice and instruction is included on a group basis and individually as time permits.

EXPEDITIONS COSTS DO NOT INCLUDE: items of a personal nature such as beverages, laundry, tips for special services, excess baggage charges, gratuities to guides and drivers and expenses due to events beyond the control of Close-Up Expeditions.

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COLORADO ROCKIES

September 25–October 2, 2011



Maroon Bells reflections

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After the PSA Conference-- Group limited to 7. Led by Don Lyon.



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Mesa Verde's Cliff Palace

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Once you've tasted the Rockies in autumn--frosted with snow and lined in gold--you can't get enough. Join guide, Don Lyon for a week of photographic fun after the PSA Conference in Colorado Springs. Group size is just seven in our large Ford Van. Excellent accommodations--great companions!

7 Day Tour Cost	\$1937.
Meal budget	\$280.
Total	\$2217.

Tour price (minimum 6) includes accommodations (twin basis), transportation, admissions as described, and services of your photographic guide. Limited single rooms are available for a supplement of \$370.

Our Itinerary

Day 1 (September 25) Colorado Springs to Mesa Verde National Park: Depart Doubletree Conference Center at 9AM. We have a long and scenic drive to the far southwestern corner of Colorado. Mesa Verde is home to the most awe-inspiring cliff dwellings built 12th-15th C. We make regular stops for pictures along the way. Far View Lodge—2 nights.

Day 2 Exploring Mesa Verde Park: We'll be out early to visit the overlooks in the best light. Perched under im-

mense overhanging sandstone cliffs Spruce Tree and Cliff Palace Ruins are marvelous to behold. Timing is key to creating good images here. Your guide has led many trips to Mesa Verde, including PSA trips and will see that you are able to dramatically capture these Anasazi masterpieces.

Day 3 Mesa Verde to Ouray: Our route takes us up the Million Dollar Highway from Durango to Silverton and Ouray. You'll agree that the views are certainly worth a million bucks as we follow along the rushing Animas River with the magnificent San Juans on either side—many over 14,000 feet elevation. The plan is to capture the old Silverton-Durango steam train as it passes by, all smoke, steam and shiny railroad cars. Durango, Silverton, Ouray and Telluride have gussied themselves up like dance hall girls for our visit. The false fronts, wooden sidewalks and cigar store Indians remind us that all were boom towns sprung up in a hurry back in 1858 when gold was discovered in “them thar hills”. Bring your suit for a restorative soak in the hot springs.

Best Western Twin Peaks Lodge and Hot Springs—2 nights.

Day 4 Ouray, Telluride and the San Juans: From 7811' Ouray we climb into the back country for mountain vistas and old mining sites such as Yankee Boy Basin. In the afternoon we'll drive through Ridgeway where the John Wayne True Grit was filmed. Near Dallas Summit we have the iconic view of 14,150' Mt. Sneffels—fresh snow on top, golden aspens and spruce green conifers covering her flanks. We'll take some time to explore the back streets of boom town Telluride, too—looking for color amongst the gold rush bits and pieces left from 1875. The 1891 Sheridan Hotel and Opera House were a bid for respectability. Butch Cassidy robbed the bank of \$30,000 in 1898. A gondola ride takes you high above the town for a great view.



Mt. Sneffels with aspens

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Day 5 To Aspen via Crested Butte: We hurry on up to Crested Butte this morning and spend our time north of Gunnison selecting images of ranches, bountiful meadows with sleek horses and picturesque scenery on the back side of Maroon Bells. The town of Crested Butte has retained its vintage look better than most so we can capture the flavor of the old west as it really was. Aspen forests along Kebler Pass Road to lost-in-time Paonia before arriving in 7907' elevation Aspen and our convenient inn. Mountain House Lodge—2 nights.

Day 6 Maroon Bells and Aspen: We'll be the first visitors in the morning to capture reflections of the glacier carved faces of the aptly named Maroon Bells. Groves of golden aspen invite you to explore and make your own discoveries—possibly hiking to higher lakes for more intimate views or concentrating on the macro world of leaves and patterns in nature. The road back to Aspen follows the frothy river, snow melt from the reddish peaks and outlet of Maroon Lake--its-self created as a glacial tarn. There will be time to explore the streets of Aspen, looking for images or bargains, then an evening run back up into the mountains.

Day 7 Aspen to Colorado Springs: We cross over the Continental Divide once again driving over 12,095' Independence Pass to Leadville—well worth exploring