

CRUISE The Rockies XVI UPDATE August 8, 2016

Hello Fellow PT Cruisers,

We are just under two weeks away from another wonderful, fun filled Cruise the Rockies. We are so happy you are coming, if this is your first cruise with us WELCOME if you're a returning veteran, WELCOME BACK!

Below is some general information to make your preparations easier:

PLEASE ensure your Cruiser is CAPABLE of making this a safe trip for you, we will be driving on MOUNTAIN ROADS so

PLEASE MAKE SURE YOUR PT (or other cruising vehicle) is SAFE, complete your general maintenance before you come!

Make sure you have good sturdy brakes, good tires, wipers, check all your fluids (washer, oil, transmission) make sure your air conditioning works and everything else you can think of.

If you have them bring your 2-way radios (we always use Channel 2), lawn chairs to park your tired bottom and also have your maps with you (included in your goodie bags) your GPS or whatever else you deem necessary.

For your own comfort, BRING plenty of water, sunscreen, bug spray, jackets and/or sweatshirts (it can get cold up at higher elevations) and whatever else you want to be comfortable. Colorado weather changes very fast so it could be sunny one minute but snowing the next! Be prepared.

If you are arriving **Wednesday the 10th**, there are no specific activities planned as we officially kick off on Thursday the 11th, however if you are coming in that night before we will definitely socialize at the hotel that evening.

Registration will be first thing THURSDAY morning the 11th from 7:30 a.m. to 9:00 a.m. during breakfast hours in the hotel lobby (or a designated conference room at the hotel), we will have signs notifying you where we will be. The first cruise will be our Celestial Seasonings Tea Factory tour and we will be departing the hotel at 9:15 a.m. SHARP to head to Boulder, CO. We need to be at Celestial Seasonings no later than 9:45 – 10:00 a.m. to check in for our tours which will begin at 10:30 a.m. the second tour is 10:45 (there are only 40 people allowed on each tour so we will be broken up into separate groups). While you are waiting for your tour you will be welcome to sample many of their delicious teas.

After the tour we will have lunch in the Celestial Seasonings café. They will be sending us a menu a week ahead of time and it will be forwarded to you as soon as we receive it. They have multiple choices, (including vegan, gluten free) and most lunches are \$10 or less (self-pay). You will be on your own (either eating or shopping at their outlet store) until we depart at 1:00 p.m. to head to the National Oceanic Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) tour, home of the atomic clock and other interesting items.

If you are going on the NOAA tour you MUST have a State or Federally issued ID (Driver's license, military ID card, passport, etc.) to be able to get into the tour. No exceptions are allowed! This is a federal government facility and these are their rules. If you do not want to go on this tour, you may instead go to the Leaning Tree Card museum (just north up the road a bit from Celestial Seasonings) it holds a lot of the beautiful artwork shown on their nationally famous cards (it's free) or you can head back to the hotel on your own (or do your own thing). **IF YOU PLAN ON GOING ON THE NOAA tour, please send me your names and the number of people ASAP via email.** I need to send them a list of who's coming by Monday the 8th .

Thursday evening at approximately 6:00 p.m. we will be having a picnic in Thompson park in Longmont at 4th and Bross. Parking is all around the perimeter of the park, you will need to bring your chairs and something to drink. Dinner will be provided, simple picnic fare, grilled and fried chicken, sides and such. There will be no vegan or gluten free options. If you have dietary restrictions you may want to bring your own food. This is a change to our itinerary posted to the web, we will update the web shortly. If you still wish to go to Niwot for the concert instead, you may. We discovered after posting this concert info that the parking situation was not conducive to a lot of PT Cruisers and very crowded with people.

Friday August 12th

We will be departing the hotel between 7:30 a.m. and 8:00 a.m. for our big cruise up to Estes Park, Colorado. Once we're in Estes, you can choose to stay and play in the town of Estes Park (Elevation 7522 Ft.) or continue on cruising through Rocky Mountain National Park (RMNP) up over Trail Ridge Road; the highest continuous paved road in the United States. The peak elevation is 12,183 Ft. we will then cruise on to Grand Lake, Colorado and have lunch at one of the many restaurants and you can then check out this lovely town.

You may also opt to cruise just part of RMNP and return to Estes Park for more tourist fun. NOTE: **There are fees involved in getting into the National Park**, the park info can be found here: <https://www.nps.gov/romo/planyourvisit/basicinfo.htm> If you already have a National Parks Pass, please bring it with you.

[Basic Information - Rocky Mountain National Park \(U.S ...](#)

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Rocky Mountain National Park. While certain roads and facilities may be closed, the park is open 24 hours a day, 365 days a year.

ALSO a reminder this can be a little bit of an anxious drive with no guardrails in many places, if you are prone to oxygen issues, have COPD, other respiratory problems or are afraid of heights, etc. you may elect to opt out of this part of this cruise and stay in Estes Park.

In the evening you are welcome to go to the Left Hand Brewery or do anything you wish for dinner. We will always be socializing at the hotel in the evenings.

Saturday August 13th

We will cruise to Nederland, CO through Boulder Canyon then onto the Peak to Peak Hwy. to Blackhawk, CO we will then have lunch and stay and play (gamble) in Blackhawk or Central City OR if you wish some folks will Cruise up to Georgetown, CO to the Georgetown Loop Railroad. Coach fare is \$25.95 per person. Railroad info is here: <http://georgetownlooprr.com/schedule-fares>

IF YOU REALLY WANT TO DO THIS RAILROAD TOUR PLEASE BOOK YOUR TICKETS AHEAD ONLINE! This is a Saturday and weekends tend to sell out quickly! Those attending the train tour will be taking the 1:35 p.m. train from Georgetown/Devil's Gate returning at 2:15 p.m. from Silver Plume. Someone will then lead you back to Longmont you can return at your own pace from these events.

Saturday evening is planned at the hotel, it will be our Car Show we will also have dinner for you and we will have games, music and fun!

Sunday August 14th

Sunday morning we will have a farewell breakfast at the Egg & I, on 2055 Ken Pratt Blvd. (just across from the hotel). If you are planning on coming to breakfast please email me so I can put you down, I need to let them know how many are coming no later than Friday August 12th,

Remember your participation in any and all activities is voluntary, if you have something you would rather do or go see please feel free to!

If you have any questions, please contact us: Cindy and Pat Liles 720-308-0113 or ck_liles61@msn.com or Rick and Patty Conine at silversurferc09@msn.com

Once again please let us know if you're planning on attending the NOAA tour as soon as possible and make your reservations for the train trip as well!

See you very soon, cruise safely!

Cindy and Pat Liles & Rick and Patty Conine
Your Colorado PT Cruiser Club Chairpersons